

Point Reyes National Seashore  
Tomales Point Area Plan  
Public Scoping  
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Comment Letters 12,001–16,000

**Correspondence ID: 12001**

Please free the elk and allow them access to the resources they need and deserve.

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. This is unacceptable and must be corrected.

**Correspondence ID: 12002**

Please remove the 3-mile fence trapping Tule elk on the Tomales Point peninsula. 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. This is not acceptable park management.

**Correspondence ID: 12003**

Please give the elk an opportunity to get to water by removing the fence. All of us humans need to take care of our fellow creatures.

**Correspondence ID: 12004**

Please remove the fence that confines native tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The elk are dying of apparent starvation and lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by National Park Service to prevent elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12005**

Please remove the fence that restricts the movement of the Tomales Point herd of tule elk. This fence has prevented elk from traveling throughout their natural habitat and accessing food and water, leading to the preventable deaths of hundreds of these vulnerable animals.

The ranchers who want to keep the elk confined want the government to use public resources maintaining their massively cruel and environmentally destructive industry. The entire ranching industry is based on raping cows and stealing and murdering their babies so that people can then drink cow breast milk. This is not a good reason to sentence hundreds of elk to painful and drawn out deaths.

Please reconsider this cruel policy.

**Correspondence ID: 12006**

Please open the fence.....it is completely inhumane to starve and withhold water from any living creature!!

No different than if they were in a concentration camp until they die or died.

**Correspondence ID: 12007**

Remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 12008**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Give the elk back their land.

**Correspondence ID: 12009**

Please consider the highest good for Tule Elk in your actions

**Correspondence ID: 12010**

I would support the fence removal to allow the elk to be free to roam the land.

**Correspondence ID: 12011**

Please allow these elk to move onto good feeding ground. Are we, as a species so convinced that we have a right to anything and everything on our planet?

**Correspondence ID: 12012**

Please take down the fences. The animals need to be free.

**Correspondence ID: 12013**

Please do all you can to help save these beautiful majestic animals that are starving to death! Thank you! Elizabeth McMahon

**Correspondence ID: 12014**

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**Correspondence ID: 12015**

Remove the Fence, Please! These are living wild animals who need the food and water to survive! They are to be treated as residents of Nature and not as inanimate objects to be ignored! Please have practical compassion and allow them access.

Thank You! Veroune Chittim

**Correspondence ID: 12016**

As educated and humane people you are (I hope), looking for a solution to provide water and food to all the animals in the park must be a priority. That is the reason why we, citizens, pay entrance and parking!!!

It is inconceivable, and inhumane, to keep those beautiful animals, like native tule elk, to be imprisoned in a small area, and left without food and water, provoking the death of 152 els. You

must let them roam free and live the lives they deserve. Remove the fence and let the Tomales Point Elk herd FREE! It is HUMANE!

**Correspondence ID: 12017**

The ELK were there first and now they have be imprisoned on their own land. They were meant to roam boundlessly and man has contained them and condemned them to die. That is so not right.

**Correspondence ID: 12018**

Lets feed and water these animals. We have ruined their space so its the least we can do for them.

**Correspondence ID: 12019**

Hi, As a long time visitor to Tomales pt, bay and pt Reyes, I am glad you are finally taking action to protect the native species Tule Elk and not dairy cattle. The National Park Service should not allow dairy or any other non-native species grazing rights in a National Park--its a disgrace. We need to protect and enhance the tule leek population a and if necessary they can be culled for food or translocated to maintain other coastal California grasslands. Thanks for finally doing something

**Correspondence ID: 12020**

I can't imagine many things worse than a slow death due to starvation and lack of water. Please take down this fence and do all you can to help these beautiful animals. Albert Schweitzer said it simply: "Reverence for Life". Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12021**

Please remove the fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12022**

I strongly urge you to remove the fence at Tomales Point. Enough elk have senselessly died. In addition, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. This is an obvious decision.

Thanks for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 12023**

What pro-destruction, anti-wildlife person(s) proposed killing members of two free-roaming elk herds? confining part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence? That is completely unacceptable. NOT your mission.

You are not there to appease livestock owners. Climate patterns changing mean a struggle for existence. It means more droughts. That has already had deadly consequences. Unable to roam and forage naturally, confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition. That result is counter to what we the people as a whole (not an unsustainable monied interest) ask of you. Do not restrict them. Do not kill them.

Save them. Help them. Protect them.

Finally, I hear that the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. Do it! Stand up to short-sighted, selfish livestock owners who only want their profit margins up. Free the elk

and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it. We count on you to do your job honorably.

**Correspondence ID: 12024**

Point Reyes is a protected National Seashore and no place for commercial agriculture. The Tule Elk were there long before ranching and help to maintain the native ecosystem as opposed to ranching which is extremely destructive, trampling native plants and contaminating streams with toxic levels of nitrogen which harm coastal habitats. Removal of fences and creating a plan for cessation of all commercial agricultural activities on Point Reyes is long overdue. Please help preserve this beautiful and wild place for the citizens of United States and the world.

**Correspondence ID: 12025**

Please remove the fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. The elk living on that land should be allowed to graze on the land and have access to water. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 12026**

Remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12027**

Please remove the fence for the elk! Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12028**

Please remove the fence that is keeping native tule elk confined to Tomales Point. Allow them to roam free and live the lives they deserve - not die of starvation. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply, spreads disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Protect tule elk, not BIG AG.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12029**

The Tule elk must be protected. They should live in an area that is safe, and is also appropriate for their way of life.

**Correspondence ID: 12030**

FREE THE ELK!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12031**

Please remove the fence and allow the elk the chance to survive. Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12032**

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**Correspondence ID: 12033**

Please protect the habitat for the Tule Elk. These are majestic animals. This land should not be used for agricultural grazing.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this very important matter

**Correspondence ID: 12034**

We are so much better than this... we are the most intelligent and powerful of the species, (although the animals have all the sentience that they need to be aware and feel all that we feel,) and yet... we abuse our guardianship of life .... Please do all you can to help the change all that is needed.

**Correspondence ID: 12035**

The National Park Service should take immediate action to preserve the Tomales Point elk herd. The area set aside for them is too small and needs to be enlarged. In the short term they need to be provided with additional water and food.

**Correspondence ID: 12036**

Help the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 12037**

Protect the tule elk not the animal cruelty meat- industrial complex. Please permanently remove the fence so the tule elk can eat.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Erin Berry

**Correspondence ID: 12038**

Please protect these beautiful animals.

**Correspondence ID: 12039**

Immediate attention needs to be addressed by anyone of authority and the power to do so regarding the inhumane malnourished cruelty being imposed on the elk by removing the fence restraining them from living the life they are meant to have exposure to with access to proper nutrition.

These are Gods creatures and not ours and people are expected to comply with that and provide all animals of the world with that protection and compassion.

It does take those who have been educated in the areas of respect and responsibility in order to understand the world outside themselves and respond appropriately.

Many are hoping there is someone within this organization who has the ability to step up and will for doing what's right.

Thank you

Mari Olthoff

**Correspondence ID: 12040**

If you people fenced these animals in so they cannot graze outside that area, you NEED TO RELOCATE THEM SO THEY DON'T STARVE! YOU DID IT TO THEM; YOU NEED TO FIX

THE PROBLEM. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out how to relocate animals. In typical USG form, you take an action without thinking it through completely, and the animals suffer your stupidity.

Get your heads together and come up with a humane solution for a problem YOU caused. Unless you're all democraps . . . in which case there has never been a solution provided to a problem you created in the first place

But give the animals a break. DO WHAT'S RIGHT AND HUMANE FOR A CHANGE.

**Correspondence ID: 12041**

Please remove the fence preventing the elk from grazing.

**Correspondence ID: 12042**

Please don't starve the Tule Elk. Give them access to water. The farmers are not taking care of the natural habitat. Cattle contaminate the water supply

**Correspondence ID: 12043**

Let the deer roam free to graze and drink naturally in their habitat. Take down the wall you built

Mirella Boladian

**Correspondence ID: 12044**

The point is that the Elks are starved to protect cattle? But which of them are the invasive species? The Cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 12045**

Please remove the fence confining the elk herd at Point Reyes National Seashore. These animals need to be able to roam. It is dismaying to read the number of animals who have died as a result of the confinement.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12046**

NPS remove the fence that is keeping the Tule Elk confined where by they are unable to obtain the water and other sources needed for survival. They deserve the right to live. I oppose any form of fence that does not permit free movement.

**Correspondence ID: 12047**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes wildlife. Any area plan should not interfere with native animals and wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 12048**

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**Correspondence ID: 12049**

To whom it may concern,

As a conservationist, it is imperative that archery hunting be allowed. Relocating elk is very expensive and stressful on the animals and has a fairly moderate success rate. There are plenty of tule elk in the state of California. Biologists know the exact carrying capacity of Tomales point. The health of the animals is important to maintain. Once they have bred to the carrying capacity, the animals need to be put to consumptive and not allowed to starve and suffer needlessly or to simply go to waste. Tomales Point is an ideal location for an archery hunt that could generate a fairly substantial amount of money to be able to feed and care for the animals in difficult times. Many herds of tule elk are managed in this manner in the state of California. Biologists can determine which animals to harvest. For example, they could either hunt, mature bulls, spike bulls, or cows to help keep the capacity at a healthy standard. In addition, elk meat is an amazing source of protein that is natural, and Grassfed thereby increasing the health of those that consume it.

Thank you for taking my comment.

Sincerely, Daniel Epperson.

Frequent visitor of the majestic Tule Elk of Tomales Point

**Correspondence ID: 12050**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. William T. Wondolowski

**Correspondence ID: 12051**

Please allow the elk to graze. It's unbelievably cruel to keep them from their food source. How would you feel if someone did that to you? Please do the right thing and let them live their lives peacefully.

**Correspondence ID: 12052**

Water is a need for every living being. Nature demands water for life. How dare you interfere by not allowing a living creature to meet his god given requirement for water. What are you made

of to be able to think you should refuse this basic need for life to any living creature. You are only the Park Service, not a god, no matter what you may think! Denying water to animals is disgusting and cruel. Their deaths are on your head. Stop these heartless actions immediately.

**Correspondence ID: 12053**

Please allow the Tule Elk free range of Point Reyes historical range, take down the fences causing elk fatalities, and limit the cattle ranches severely encroaching on the elk!!!!!!!!!!!!11

**Correspondence ID: 12054**

Remove the fence for the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 12055**

For Gods sake tear down the fence that's killing our beautiful Tule Elk. These rare unique and gorgeous animals are priceless treasure that belongs to all of US! No welfare ranching for those ranchers cows!!! Give the land back to the Elk as God and nature intended. Unacceptable! You are being part of the problem not the solution! Tear down that fence, Anything less is pure evil!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12056**

Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Cattle deserve so much better.

**Correspondence ID: 12057**

You must remove the Tomales Point peninsula 3-mile-long fence you've erected with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing on nearby seashore land. Not only is this encouraging a poor use of all and (grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water), but cruel: The problem has become so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd and allow them to roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 12058**

It is important to consider the natural world when making decisions such as water allocation.

Meat production greed should not take needed water from wildlife. This is especially true as consumers become aware of the environmental detriments meat-production poses. People are increasingly embracing nature over greed.

The consumer trend of less meat consumption will continue and as such this water theft situation needs to be re-evaluated!

**Correspondence ID: 12059**

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I would like to politely remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

All animals are equally important. Wildlife depends on natural resources and should not be subjected to being forbidden to access those natural resources. It's cruel and inhumane. All animals deserve to be protected and given the opportunity to live as nature intended and not be negatively impacted by the human race.

**Correspondence ID: 12060**

Hello there,

I just wanted to post a comment in favor removing the fence separating the elk from the seashore land nearby.

Thank you for your time,

Courtney Barton

**Correspondence ID: 12061**

Please remove the fence for the sake of the animals. We are their voice. Please help them survive. Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12062**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. As your website says:

'Point Reyes National Seashore remains the only National Park unit where tule elk can be found.'

However the fence erected by NPS is causing many animals (more than 100 last year alone) to die of starvation or lack of fresh water.

Please remove the fence to allow these magnificent animals the possibility to be free-roaming as your website says and allow them to save their own lives when resources are scarce.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12063**

I urge NPS to remove the fence at Point Reyes National Park preventing the tule elk from grazing the shoreline. It's inhumane!! Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12064**

cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Save Tule Elk!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12065**

no cattle on NPS land

**Correspondence ID: 12066**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank for for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12067**

Please remove the Tomales Point fence. We've seen how humans adversely affect God's Earth and His creatures. We must allow "Mother Nature" do what she does best, for the good of humans and animals.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12068**

I'm sure you are aware many millions of us are requesting the fence be removed so the Elk can once again thrive and survive. Using this land for cattle grazing is unethical and causes many problems including pollution. As a human species we do not have the right to fence in helpless animals and force them to starve. Humanity is becoming more compassionate please be part of this compassion.

**Correspondence ID: 12069**

Kindly remove the (blockade) fencing, so these animals can peacefully feed...thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12070**

Please remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 12071**

Please remove the fence from around the elk

**Correspondence ID: 12072**

You must do whatever it takes to allow these Elk to live their natural lives in their natural habitat

That means no fence preventing them from fresh water and food.

The fence should never have been erected to begin with.

**Correspondence ID: 12073**

Please don't let these elk die from lack of water... take down the fences!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12074**

WHY IS IT THAT EVERYONE WANTS TO MURDER THE WILDLIFE AND WHY IS IT THAT ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT PROTECTING THE WILDLIFE FROM BIG GREEDY CORPORATIONS AND TROPHY HUNTERS AND MORONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND DISGUSTING RESEARCH LABS AND FARM FACTORIES AND FUR FARMS AND PUPPY MILLS DON'T ALL ANIMALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO A LIFE AS WELL AS YOU DON'T ANIMALS DESERVE TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY AND LOVE AND CARED FOR AND FEEL SAFE NOT BRUTALIZED AND TORTURED AND CRUEL AND USUAL PUNISHMENT AND EXPLOITED AND MURDERED FOR PROFIT OR ANY OTHER REASON BETWEEN THOSE DISGUSTING MURDERING MORONS RESPONSIBLE DESERVE TO BE THROWN SO FAR UNDER A PRISON CELL FOR LIFE PROTECT AND SAVE THE WILDLIFE AND OCEAN LIFE FROM THESE MURDERING MORONS

**Correspondence ID: 12075**

In regards to the Tomales Point area, please remove the fence ASAP. The elk population is suffering and dying due the existing fencing. I urge you to take a compassionate and humane stance on this issue and take the fence away so that these beautiful creatures can enjoy a free and peaceful existence in their natural surroundings. Let's get rid of a manmade obstruction in their lives.

**Correspondence ID: 12076**

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**Correspondence ID: 12077**

Please remove THAT fence and let the elk live.

**Correspondence ID: 12078**

For years, native tule elk horrifically confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of starvation and a lack of water. This CANNOT CONTINUE! These beautiful animals are imprisoned at the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. They are meant to graze on land that we HUMANS unfortunately continue to steal and damage. The isolation and starvation of these precious iconic elks has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone!

PLEASE BE A HERO IN THE EYES OF YOUR CHILDREN, FUTURE GENERATIONS and MOTHER EARTH's CHILDREN and REMOVE THE FENCE. THE ELKS DESERVE TO ROAM FREELY, GRAZE HEARTILY and HEALTHILY and LIVE LIFE FULLY LIKE WE HUMANS DEMAND WE HAVE A RIGHT TO DO. DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE IT DONE UNTO YOU.

**Correspondence ID: 12079**

Please help God's animals

**Correspondence ID: 12080**

Take down the damn fence. If you know that these animals are starving, take away the cause

of the problem. You can't let these animals go without food or water because you think they MIGHT DAMAGE something. Take down the fence and let them live. EASY PEASY. Why did that require a SURVEY?!

**Correspondence ID: 12081**

Why are we leading elk to starvation? Do what must be done.

**Correspondence ID: 12082**

Please do everything possible to remove that fence and let this wonderful little animals be free again

**Correspondence ID: 12083**

Please allow endangered tule elk and other wildlife to roam freely on national park land. Confining them with fences, or otherwise inhibiting their natural migrations, could compromise their survivorship and is inherently wrong. Cattle ranchers and other special interests should not be allowed to impose their will on land set aside for the enjoyment of ALL people.

**Correspondence ID: 12084**

Elk yes. Cattle, no. They are an invasive species and habitat destroyers. There's more than enough private rangeland in the US. My taxes should not be spent destroying precious public land for private greed.

**Correspondence ID: 12085**

Remove the fence. You are guilty of starving these animals to death

**Correspondence ID: 12086**

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I am urging the NPS to remove the fence.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12087**

Please assist the elk and supplement their food. It is the only humane thing to do.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12088**

Please ensure that America's animals, have free range and access to food and water. We are the caretakers of this planet. Let's manage our resources and nature as is necessary for all inhabitants. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12089**

Please take down the fence and allow the animals basic food and water supply.

Starving them and letting them die of thirst is cruel punishment.

The animals roamed the land before us taking it from them.

Please find it in your heart to help them

Thank you very much

**Correspondence ID: 12090**

Remove the fence and allow the animals access to water and food.

**Correspondence ID: 12091**

Please immediately remove the fence. I remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12092**

Please use common sense and remove the fence, these poor animals are starving.

**Correspondence ID: 12093**

Please choose Alternative B with a cattle exclusion fence installed to exclude all cattle from the Point Reyes National Seashore.

I am a great fan of our National Parks, and it dismays me to no end that these important and majestic areas are being used to graze livestock. Please end this practice throughout the National Park system. Wildlife needs this habitat, and we all need to conserve, repair and protect our natural areas in this era of climate change.

Please exclude cattle from the Point Reyes National Seashore and choose Alternative B to allow the Tule elk to roam freely throughout the park and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 12094**

Please tear down that fence. What are you doing killing native elk, just so cattle can destroy the land? This just not make sense. Protect the elk, don't condemn them to a confined life with death being the end result. Is money really worth it?

**Correspondence ID: 12095**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Lindsay Vurek

**Correspondence ID: 12096**

Remove the fence. Every animal deserves to have water. Don't you?

**Correspondence ID: 12097**

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Please do the humane thing and remove that 3 mile stretch of fence! We humans have to stop feeling like we are superior to other species and learn about ways to coexist. Instead cruel decisions have been enacted which have been killing off the deer.

Please do the right thing!!!

Sincerely, Gayle A'Harrah

**Correspondence ID: 12098**

REMOVE THE FENCE!!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12099**

please do anything other than let the animals starve to death, so cruel, if you must, cull them and share the meat with people who go hungry, like 7% of the US population does every day. Culling is an aberration as well, but better than allowing the animal to starve to death, and understandable if you can feed people with the meat, or even other animals. Get creative, the world needs the food.

**Correspondence ID: 12100**

PLEASE protect the Tule Elk.....NOT Big Ag. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12101**

Dear Sirs/Madams... writing today to urge the NPS to remove the fence. May I please remind you that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please take right action and remove the fence. By removing the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd, they will have a chance to roam free and live the lives they deserve. Thank you for your attention in this critical matter.

**Correspondence ID: 12102**

Remove fencing so the Elk can graze and survive.

**Correspondence ID: 12103**

cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12104**

remove those fences. wildlife should always take priority over big business and your responsibility should be with the nation's wildlife and not catering to business interests.

do your job please!

**Correspondence ID: 12105**

I am a local resident who regularly visits Point Reyes to hike and birdwatch. I love seeing the tule elk run and graze. I'm writing to urge you to remove the fence which prevents the elk from roaming. The fence cuts off access to important feeding grounds; as a result, in drought years elk often die from starvation. These deaths are easily preventable. Point Reyes is a park created to be a sanctuary for native animals - it should be protecting to elk, not killing them. I believe the park has a moral duty to remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12106**

Do the humane thing & remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk

**Correspondence ID: 12107**

Take that fence down and send it the southern border. Get some use out of it.

**Correspondence ID: 12108**

These majestic animals need help to continue in their natural habitat. Please aid them with proper space, water and food. Future generations will benefit from their survival.

**Correspondence ID: 12109**

Allow tule elk to get food and water.

**Correspondence ID: 12110**

Please remove the fencing at Tomales Point in Point Reyes in order to save the starving and thirsty elk! I understand 152 elk died in 2020 alone! Animal grazing is hard on the land but cattle, bison, sheep and other species all contribute to this problem and they are not sequestered where they cannot access water and food. PLEASE LET THESE ELK ROAM FREE AND IF YOU NEED TO CULL THE HERD, DO IT WITH COMPASSIONATE MEANS!

**Correspondence ID: 12111**

I'm disgusted to learn that innocent wildlife are perishing because of actions taken by the NPS. Greed and ignorance are destroying our planet! Do the right thing. Remove the fence immediately.

**Correspondence ID: 12112**

Please stop Please I urge the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12113**

Please remove the fence so these animals will have access to food.

**Correspondence ID: 12114**

This is so important, please do what is in the Elks' best interest for their best life!

**Correspondence ID: 12115**

Please remove the fence to let the elk have access to water and grazing it is cruel to full them through starvation.

**Correspondence ID: 12116**

Please remove the fence and allow the Elk to roam free and have access to water and food supply.

**Correspondence ID: 12117**

Please take down the fence. It is unnecessary and inhumane. Also, Cattle do not belong on this land due to the destruction that they can cause this ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12118**

Remove the fence! Save the deer.

**Correspondence ID: 12119**

Please remove the fence that's blocking the Tule elk and causing their starvation. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12120**

Please, stop starving these Elk. Dirty water and no food how horrible is this.

**Correspondence ID: 12121**

I am so grateful for the opportunity to express my heartfelt support for the removal of the elk fence within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I am gravely concerned about the health and ongoing welfare of the Tule Elk in our National Park, given the current status of the fence. The Tule Elk are a treasured species and an integral aspect of the beauty of the Point Reyes National Park. I implore you to protect the Tule Elk by removing this fence as expeditiously as possible. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this urgent matter.

**Correspondence ID: 12122**

I am requesting that the Park Service remove the fence that is containing the elk herd so that these animals can roam freely and regain their health naturally. The well being of the elk should be the priority for the Park. When I visit Point Reyes, I want to see healthy wild tule elk, not livestock!

Thank you.

Laura Gorman

**Correspondence ID: 12123**

I urge you to remove the fence. Remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12124**

I respectfully request NPS remove the fence confining the Tomales Point native elk herd. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula in Point Reyes National Seashore by a 3-mile-long fence erected by NPS with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. Over 150 elk have died because of this! Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. PLEASE help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve!



Thanks you, Cindy Grimes

**Correspondence ID: 12125**

Hello. Thanks for inviting public comments.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 12126**

The Tomales Point in Point Reyes are public lands. These lands are meant to be for the public not an individual who raises cattle for profit.

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water and primarily benefits the firm/individual by increasing their profits. They make more money at the expense of the greater good and your primary mandate. I, my family, friends, neighbors are all vegetarian and do not eat meat. You are intentionally starving and killing these beautiful Tule Elk. Remove the fence at the very least to allow these animals to graze and reach water. Please do not sacrifice the Tule Elk and the the greater population for a couple people to make more money off cattle who they eventually kill as well. NPS's mission is to "preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. Starving and destroying the native land and Tule Elk so a few can make more money is wrong and is completely against your mission. Future generations and the public will not be inspired and awed by the beauty of the land and Tule Elk if you have intentionally killed them by starving them to death.

**Correspondence ID: 12127**

Please remove the fencing confining Tule Elk to a small portion of the territory they naturally need, in order to thrive. I understand that many of the elk have died since the fencing was

installed. It seems only right that the needs of wildlife should be considered, and provided for, especially within a National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 12128**

You need to remove the fence. How dare you deprive animals food and water so Ag can feed and water their livestock. All animals deserve to live. How would you feel know there was food and water, but not be allowed to have it. To starve animals is an horrible abusive act of evil.

**Correspondence ID: 12129**

These animals deserve the right to roam free as they would normally. They shouldn't be confined to an area where they can't survive.

**Correspondence ID: 12130**

Save our lands

**Correspondence ID: 12131**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 12132**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12133**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12134**

Hi Madam/Sir,

We need to ensure that our wildlife has a safe future in years to come. These animals deserve a chance, not big Agriculture.

I love this country and I want that my children and their kids can enjoy the beautiful landscape, diversity of fauna and flora throughout America.

Thanks

Nage

**Correspondence ID: 12135**

To Whom it May Concern:

Please remove the fences at Pt Reyes so that the Tule Elk may roam free and live. Wildlife belongs in Pt. Reyes unlike cattle who, through no fault of their own, decimate the ecosystem, contaminate the water supply and spread disease. Huge quantities of water are wasted and it is just cruel and wrong for the elk to be deprived of their habitat and must suffer from starvation and die.

Please.

**Correspondence ID: 12136**

remove the elk fence, free the tule elk

**Correspondence ID: 12137**

FREE the Tule Elk. Get the cows off our public lands where they don't belong.

**Correspondence ID: 12138**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water

**Correspondence ID: 12139**

Please remove the fence enclosing these Elk. This is not fair. Allow them to roam and live.

Thank you

Ann Mansfield

**Correspondence ID: 12140**

Please remove the fencing that restricts the Tule Elk population. These animals should be allowed to thrive in their wild environment. Please delete this policy so that they will have adequate water and food....something every wild population should have.

Thank you for your consideration of these remarks.

**Correspondence ID: 12141**

Please free the tule elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it. I have visited this region and many Californians want it preserved for the native animals.

**Correspondence ID: 12142**

The elk deserve to be left alone to thrive on this public land. They should be treated the same as any other native animal living in a designated national protected area. Cattle interests should

be a secondary consideration as that is a private operation. The elk belong to all of us, please look out for the collective interest of the people!

**Correspondence ID: 12143**

i just don't understand how humans treat the animals of this planet! I'm so sick of people telling me not to get so worked up about these things -- they're just animals! Well, we are all animals of this planet! The human race as a whole, has no regard for any animal on this planet -- and this definitely includes human.

What is so bad in trying to help these beautiful creatures?! Don't the people up there have any feelings inside them? This is just so cold and says a lot about these people!

As Gandhi said " The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way it treats its animals." Well, we are not great! We can't even treat each other right!

This world is so broken. We need to all do good -- no matter how small a deed it may appear to be. Every living creature on this planet has a right to be here. Who are humans to judge otherwise.

Do you part to make this world better -- before its too late for everyone!

Don't be a waste of oxygen!

**Correspondence ID: 12144**

Please remove the fence at Tomales Point at Point Reyes National Seashore, so that the beautiful tule elk can roam free and stop dying of starvation and thirst. If you do not remove the fence, then it is clear your intent all along has been to kill them off.

**Correspondence ID: 12145**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12146**

It is important to remind the powers that be of the truth and that is cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water, not to mention adds copious amounts of methane into our atmosphere.

**Correspondence ID: 12147**

Please allow the animals to run free as they are meant and remove fences and obstacles...

**Correspondence ID: 12148**

DON'T FENCE THEM IN !!!!!!!!! REMOVE THE FENCE !!!! THEY NEED WATER TO LIVE !!!!!

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

DON'T FENCE THEM IN !!!! REMOVE THE FENCE !!!! LET THEM LIVE !! THEY NEED WATER !!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12149**

I've recently become aware of some things that are deeply disturbing about how native elk have been managed at Point Reyes. I've listed my thoughts below:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, which will remove the elk-killing fence and allow them to roam free as nature intended.

It's horrifying to just allow confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in national parks.

I appreciate that there is a lot of public support for removing the elk fence. It's unnatural for fences to be in wilderness areas. Once this has been removed, the elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. A rancher's cattle should not be a priority over our native wildlife. This natural environment and its wildlife should be protected, restored and preserved to provide enjoyment of these lands for all of us and our future generations.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter!

**Correspondence ID: 12150**

Please take the fence down so tule elk don't starve.

Thank you, Jan Snedegar

**Correspondence ID: 12151**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the Tomales Point elk herd.

Please remove the fence and let them roam free.

It is well known that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and waste massive amounts of water.

Thank you, Debbie Dossey

**Correspondence ID: 12152**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. aline Roaux

**Correspondence ID: 12153**

It's time to get rid of the fence, so these elk can roam free the way nature intended! Cattle grazing on federal lands is ridiculous: wild animals have more of a right than cattle which certainly does greater harm to the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12154**

this fence NEEDS to be removed immediately so no additional animals are left to starve and suffer a horrible death. Logic should dictate and see that this is necessary to save the animals!

**Correspondence ID: 12155**

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Sincerely, Miss Brooks Hansen

**Correspondence ID: 12156**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

**Correspondence ID: 12157**

For years, native tule elk horrifically confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of starvation and lack of water. This CANNOT CONTINUE! These powerful animals are imprisoned at the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. This is stupid since they are NATURALLY MEANT TO GRAZE!. Isolated & starving, at least 152 elk have died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone!

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE. THE ELKS DESERVE TO ROAM FREE, GRAZE and LIVE LIFE FULLY!

**Correspondence ID: 12158**

The Tule Elk should not and must not starve or have no access to clean water. Their lives are important. What ever other interests are using the food and water must be dealt with in a responsible manner. Leaving a native species die of thirst and starvation is totally unacceptable and needs to be remedied immediately. I have read about their neglect for a long time. Something must change in their favor! The meat industry should not monopolize their habitat. Their lives and well being is worth much more than the profits of the meat industry. The meat industry should not be allowed to take over all the land. That is WRONG!

**Correspondence ID: 12159**

Please consider either removing the barrier keeping the elk from getting food or rehoming them on a different range area. No animal deserves to die of starvation because they are fenced in with no alternative of securing food. This is totally inhumane and we have lost far too many elk already.

**Correspondence ID: 12160**

What is more important ?

Private use of " public" land ,

Or the responsible management of these

" public" lands .

**Correspondence ID: 12161**

Please do not harm animals

**Correspondence ID: 12162**

Please stop this

**Correspondence ID: 12163**

To whom it may concern,

Please take down the fence that prevents the elk herd to have access to food and water. Their current declining numbers is a grim forecast for what will happen to them if the fence remains in place. Please give them a chance to live.

Respectfully,

Filippos Vlachostamatis

**Correspondence ID: 12164**

I am a native of Marin County and have visited Point Reyes National Seashore several times. My parents took us there before it was a national seashore. We need native tule elk much more than cattle. Please make management decision that protect the elk and allow them to increase in number.

**Correspondence ID: 12165**

If what PETA says is true regarding isolating wild elk so they cannot access food and water, then anyone of good conscience would remedy the situation by removing the artificial boundary that denies them survival. Please heed and let the wild ones live.

**Correspondence ID: 12166**

There needs to be a reassessment of the access to water and grasses that The Tomales Point Area leaves available to the Elk who are dying from the lack of. This is not a proper way to meet the necessities of the wildlife that should be one of your main considerations.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR FOR QUICKLY RECTIFYING THIS SITUATION,

JeanMarie Vinecourt

**Correspondence ID: 12167**

The facts speak volumes. REMOVE the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12168**

Ref: Tomale Point Elk

While I understand that the NPS has an intrest in confining the elk to cetain grazing areas, it must do so humanely. Hence, the fence that currently confines them should either be removed, or food brought in from the outside to prevent the horrible deaths from starvaton.

**Correspondence ID: 12169**

Please remove the fence that is blocking elk from life-sustaining food and water! Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and diseases, and wastes massive amounts of water.

There are humane alternatives. Please stop animal cruelty!

**Correspondence ID: 12170**

I am happy to be able to comment on the NPS's alternative plans for Tomales Point and the Tule Elk. Though I write from New Jersey, I am very familiar with Tomales Point from when I was a graduate student at UC Berkeley and frequently visited Point Reyes for birdwatching. In particular, for the Tomales Bay Christmas Count (then typically with the second most bird species reported in the nation) I hiked before dawn from the McClure's Beach parking lot to Tomales Point to see Harlequin Ducks, Black Oystercatchers and Surf-birds, and thousands of Brandt's Cormorants rounding the point at dawn. No trail then, in the 1960s (and of course no Tule Elk).

I endorse Alternative B, which would remove the fence constraining the elk and let them range freely over the Point Reyes peninsula, with much more ability to find forage and water (from streams running down from the forested areas). Is Abbott's Lagoon fresh, brackish or



salt? I've always wondered. If fresh it would be a great resource for the elk. The cattle ranches also have various man-made ponds as a resource for cattle and potentially for elk.

The Park service should seek to gradually eliminate the cattle ranching, competition of the elk with which presumably is the reason for the fence. The Point Reyes National Seashore is now fifty years old; it was always anticipated that the cattle ranching would be gradually eliminated from the park, and I am surprised that so much still exists. The intention of the park was for "the maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment" of Point Reyes. The park provides excellent habitat for the remaining Tule Elk to live free, from Tomales Point to Limantour Estero. Cattle are not the natural fauna of Point Reyes, and should take second place to the elk.

You might retain the supplemental water supplies, just in case the droughts get still worse; but in general allowing the elk to range more widely should provide for their needs.

The question may arise, what if the elk population increases to the total carrying capacity of the park? The natural answer is, then some will die in drought years, as presumably some did before Europeans came to California. But they will not die because limited by a fence; and they should not be limited by any culling.

**Correspondence ID: 12171**

To whom it may concern:

The Tule Elk at Reyes Point are starving. These wild animals should be protected. Remove the fence separating them from cattle. Remove the cattle-they do not belong at that location. The survival of wild animals should take priority over cattle who do not belong at that location. Pay the owners of the cattle for their loss and

release the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12172**

Please remove the fence at Tomales point peninsula to allow the elk to get food and water. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12173**

Remove the fence and let the Tule Elk roam free, stop their suffering, starvation and death.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

**Correspondence ID: 12174**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting my official comment for you to remove the fence that is killing the native Tule Elk.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

The future is lab grown meat and veganism and I am tired of corporations and evil people exterminating native species because they lack desire to change and evolve and care about nothing, but themselves.

Sincerely,

US Constituent

**Correspondence ID: 12175**

Dear Sirs:

It seems that everyday, I am begging some big organizations to help save innocent animals. The True Elk are beautiful animals that are unrightfully being starved to death, all for the grazing of cattle. They are denied of water unless it rains and fresh grass. They are dying because of the lack of these basic needs. Needs that they cannot access because they are fenced inside of a death trap. That is considered animal cruelty in my eyes.

Cattle are a huge source of this worlds water and air pollution. They ruin grasslands and therefor ruining a part of an ecosytem each time they feed.

Believe me, I understand they are a food source, but we must learn to share land with the wild, not deprive the wide so that cows can feed.

We need to start making the right decisions to work together with wildlife. Wildlife saves ecosystems, that is part of their instincts. The right choice would be to take the fence down. Let them free to survive on their own.

Please think about our world and the opinions of the People. The People also need to be listened to. We are this society.

Thank you

Judy

**Correspondence ID: 12176**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tomales Point Area Plan.

I support the NPS Proposed action of removing the 8-foot fence that confines the herd in the elk reserve (Alternative B). Our national seashore should prioritize wildlife and healthy ecosystems.

Please ensure that cattle do not enter the wilderness area once the fence is removed. Please also take steps to protect the elk from Johnes's disease (transmitted to them by the cattle/manure).

The planning area presents an opportunity to inventory and improve coastal prairies, as well as restore habitat for threatened and endangered species. Please expand the interpretive offerings in the planning area to highlight Coast Miwok history and artifacts.

Thank you, Sarah

**Correspondence ID: 12177**

Please take down the fence and allow the Elk to roam beyond in search of food and water, your tactic is killing them. Why do you allow this year after year? Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and diseases, and wastes massive amounts of water. Tule Elk do not have a chance if this system continues, it's cruel to the Elk and unfair. Choose the Elk! Please bring down the fence. It's a National Park, they were there 1st. Please don't let us down. The reputation for dying Elk is staining the beauty of the Park and its purpose.

Thank you for considering taking down the fence. Please do it.

**Correspondence ID: 12178**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd asap!! We must not interfere with nature.

**Correspondence ID: 12179**

I'm writing to urge the National Park Service to remove the fence that restricts tule elk to grazing on the Tomales Point peninsula. They need grazing access on nearby seashore land.

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. I'm concerned about the severity of the problem and the deaths of elk on Tomales Point.

I understand that the NPS is now considering removing the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd, and encourage you to do so. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Regards,

Mary Salome

**Correspondence ID: 12180**

This is hell on earth for these beautiful mammals.. Please allow them to live. Without this agony. No access to water.. Hardly at all. Starving to death and dying a thirst. Can you imagine putting yourself in that position? It is heinous.

**Correspondence ID: 12181**

Hello, please help remove the fence and help protect wildlife!! Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12182**

Please remove the fence so that these beautiful animals can be allowed to survive.

**Correspondence ID: 12183**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long FENCE erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Please, get rid of that fence! remove it, take it down, and let these animals graze free!

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12184**

please protect all animals especially these beautiful creatures ,its what God wants. Man must do the right thing for all animals we must take care of them with love

**Correspondence ID: 12185**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12186**

Please remove the fence that is causing the Tomales elk to starve to death. The ecosystem would be in much better balance with fewer cattle grazing and allowing the elk to survive as they are kept in check by predators and natural selection whereas cattle are bred by humans.

**Correspondence ID: 12187**

Protect the open space & all of the creatures who live there. Our environment is very important to our Well being & Mother Earth. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12188**

Please remove fence. Starvation is a terrible way to die. My question is - if they are starving to death WHY aren't supplies sent to them to prevent starvation

**Correspondence ID: 12189**

Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12190**

Please choose Alternative B "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Parks should always prioritize wildlife over cattle and ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 12191**

I urge the NPS to remove the fence that for years has confined native tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. The elk are dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12192**

Please don't decimate the critical habitat to only raise and murder cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 12193**

Please remove the fence and allow the elk to roam free. Cattle ranching is destroying our ecosystem, contaminating the water with feces and bacteria, and wasting our limited water supply!

Please act now!!! Thank you!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12194**

I am speaking in support of our beautiful Tule Elk on Tomales Point. Why do you support a fence that causes 120+ elk to die in such a short time? California and Marin Counties...where I live...are WRONG to do this to the land the Tule Elk have always inhabited. I am ashamed that this has been allowed and is not stopped. Our county is nature wise, our taxes are high in order to respect nature. What is going on here?

I ask you to correct your bad fence decision before more of our precious Tule Elk die at your hands.

Thank you in advance for correcting this foul fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12195**

Please remove the fence confining the native tule elk at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. The deaths of these beautiful animals in past years because of their lack of access to grazing land is unconscionable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard F Bernal

**Correspondence ID: 12196**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 12197**

Please take down the fence so that the starving elk may feed freely. Cattle grazing devastates ecosystems, ruins the water with fecal material and is unsustainable. Thank you for caring.

**Correspondence ID: 12198**

Please remove the fence so the Tomales Point elk herd is able to roam as needed.

**Correspondence ID: 12199**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Cattle grazing is destroying this iconic spot.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12200**

Because I Care

**Correspondence ID: 12201**

The elk were here first, we were not. Why does humankind feel that they have the right to fence in or control wildlife. We are the ones who have taken over their lands. We are the greedy ones. Wildlife and humans can live together peacefully and effectively. Time and time again, we have gotten rid, shot, hunted, contained wildlife just to serve our purposes of egotistical wants. The Native Americans were right in the way they hunted by taking only what they needed and using every last bit for something. They lived in harmony with nature and wildlife. But, alas white man did them in too.

We humans can learn a lot by living in harmony with nature and giving back to nature.

Let the elk roam so they as a species can survive and regrow their herd. The elk are an integral part of the ecosystem and they need to play their part so that the earth can get in balance again.

Haven't we as humans already made thousands of species go extinct because of our greed and wanting everything for ourselves? Don't make the elk a part of the vanishing species list or the extinction list. Learn to live in harmony with nature.

**Correspondence ID: 12202**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12203**

Please save the elk!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12204**

Please, NPS... we are asking you to remove the fence.

I am sure you are aware that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Natural wildlife deserve to be protected.

**Correspondence ID: 12205**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water.- contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

I urge the NPS to remove the fence remembering that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve!

**Correspondence ID: 12206**

Get rid of all cows on Point Reyes. Allowing cow grazing is nothing more than the support of welfare ranchers.

Support the Tule Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12207**

I respectfully request that the NPS follow through with its proposed plan to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd in Point Reyes National Seashore. For years these beautiful animals have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water, and you have the opportunity now to allow them to roam free and live the lives they deserve. It would be to your credit in years to come to say that this happened on your watch.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12208**

This is horrible and that dang fence should be ripped down to allow the beautiful animals a chance to live by having a place to graze and drink.

**Correspondence ID: 12209**

Dear sirs and Madams,

152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone for the sake of cattle grazing which only serves to decimate ecosystems, contaminate the water supply with fecal bacteria, spread invasive species and disease, and waste massive amounts of water.

Please remove the fence for good!

Thank you, Michelle Ognjanovic

**Correspondence ID: 12210**

NPS please remove the fence. Please be reminded that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12211**

Dear NPS at Tomales Point, Point Reyes National Seashore:

Point Reyes is certainly a national treasure that is like none other. I have been coming here for since the 1970's always to see the beauty of Tomales Point trails and the wild Elk roaming free. Fencing them in is not the answer.

There is too much emphasis on protecting cattle for someone profit while horses, wolves, coyotes and now Elk are suffering for it.

There must be a better conservation way to help the elk survive also.

And you are the ones to do it. Please support them - they need a voice.

Thank You

DH Kingsley

**Correspondence ID: 12212**

How can these elk be allowed to starve with grazing land within easy reach? All of this to prevent competition with cattle and to what end? These elk were there long before cattle. Absurd.

**Correspondence ID: 12213**

Please be kind to animals and all living creatures and treat them humanly and with compassion.

**Correspondence ID: 12214**

This fence that surrounds the Tule Elk is cruel.....these are wild animals and you are starving them to death. Why not just let them be wild, most likely they would not threaten the cattle grazing on parkland, the elk would just move on somewhere else.....The bigger question is why are cattle allowed graze on land that is public space???

**Correspondence ID: 12215**

God loves You.

**Correspondence ID: 12216**

Please let these animals have the life that the, by letting them roam free and live!

**Correspondence ID: 12217**

Please remove the fence. cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water



supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12218**

STOP MALTRAITANCE ANIMALE...

**Correspondence ID: 12219**

The fence absolutely should be removed in order to keep our precious elk alive and healthy.

**Correspondence ID: 12220**

Please follow through with Tomales Point Area plans to remove the fence which will give the elk access to food and water which they desperately need.

Thank you, Deanna Bowling

**Correspondence ID: 12221**

NPS needs to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Public lands should be managed for wildlife and the MAJORITY of US resident tax payers, NOT for a minority of ranchers who game the system

**Correspondence ID: 12222**

Remove the fence that prevents elk from living a normal healthy life.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12223**

Please remove the fence for the Tule elk, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12224**

Please remove the fence!! Don't let them starve! That is cruel!!

**Correspondence ID: 12225**

Please remove the fence. Do the right thing.

**Correspondence ID: 12226**

Please remove the fence now! Animals deserve a voice!

**Correspondence ID: 12227**

remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12228**

As a supporter of parks and wildlife - the elk should be given top priority over cattle leases

**Correspondence ID: 12229**

As a former Northern California resident, I strongly urge you to remove the fence. These native creatures should have the opportunity to roam throughout Point Reyes. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 12230**

Please strengthen the survival of the Tule elk by removing the 3 mile fence at Tomales Point that blocks the elk's access to the grazing land they need.

**Correspondence ID: 12231**

Please promptly remove the 3-mile-long fence that has confined the native tule elk for years. In 2020 this fence caused the death of 152 elk. Permitting cattle in this area drastically ruins the environment. Return this area to the natural way it once was over a century ago.

**Correspondence ID: 12232**

Those elk do not deserve another death notice. They must have access to fresh water and be able to hunt for food.

They need to roam free as nature intended, for they were here before this land was settled by those on the Mayflower.

Please allow them the common decency of nourishment and fresh water to drink. They did nothing wrong.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12233**

Please continue with your proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please let the elk roam free. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12234**

The elk are part of the natural environment. The beef industry is not. Please protect the elk, not the profits of the cattle ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 12235**

Hello,

I urge the NPS to remove the fence that prevents Elk from grazing. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Sincerely,

Blake

**Correspondence ID: 12236**

I'm writing to speak for the elk entrapped by the 3-mile fence at Tomales Point. It takes only a shred of empathy to imagine what those elk are going through because of you. They are waiting to die a slow death. Remove that horrible man-made barrier and allow nature to take its course. You know that when humans interfere, things turn sour as in this very case. Be able to say you did the right thing and take down that fence. I'm finding it hard to believe that any of us have to ask for this. Knowing that the elk would starve, you should never have put the thing up in the

first place. But since someone did, you all should have torn it down immediately. Now that they are dying, I'm not sure what you're waiting for. Tear down that fence!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12237**

Please don't let the elk starve.

**Correspondence ID: 12238**

Greetings,

I urge the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please consider removing the fence.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12239**

do the right thing!

**Correspondence ID: 12240**

These beautiful elk will be allowed to starve for the sake of hamburger on the hoof? These animals deserve to have this fence taken down. I, for one, am sick of hearing about Western grazing rights.

**Correspondence ID: 12241**

Please remove the fence in Point Reyes National Seashore which is preventing the elk herd from obtaining sufficient food and water and ultimately causing their deaths. Elk are important to the ecosystem and magnificent animals.

Thank you for considering this and please implement this change.

**Correspondence ID: 12242**

I am urging the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. REMOVE THE FENCE!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12243**

Please let the elk roam as God intended them to. I pray that you can understand and remove the barriers that prevent them from more food and happiness.

**Correspondence ID: 12244**

Remove the fence and let wildlife, including elk, roam free. Wildlife belongs on this land, livestock does not. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. And, thanks to the NPS, cattle also kills off Tule elk and other native species. Take the fencing down!

**Correspondence ID: 12245**

You realise cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12246**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am urging you to remove the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd and other animals from grazing the nearby seashore land. Choosing cattle grazing over the elk is a policy that decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. The elk should be allowed to move freely as they want to.

Thank you,

Elisabeth Maxwell

**Correspondence ID: 12247**

Please remove the fence. Starving elk have every right to be on the land their land to graze. Cattle are for human luxury. The world must make changes in priorities and consume a mostly plant based diet allowing the natural world to resume and help to save this planet.

**Correspondence ID: 12248**

Please complete the incredibly important act of removing the fence in Tomales Point which is causing tule elk to be deprived of food and water. With our planet changing as rapidly as it is, these gentle animals deserve the chance to survive as much as any other creatures. Please don't let conservation efforts turn into a death sentence for these animals and, therefore, defeat their intended purposes. This would be cruel, inhumane, and so very disappointing. Please do the right thing. Thank you very much!

**Correspondence ID: 12249**

Please remove the Tomales Point peninsula 3 mile fence.

Native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water which the ill conceived, fence prevents them from accessing

**Correspondence ID: 12250**

Please stop the terrible situation and take down the fence. There is so much wrong with this situation that at this point taking down the fence is the least that can be done to correct this man made atrocity.

**Correspondence ID: 12251**

Please remove that horrible fence that blocks the elk from entering the Tomales land from them. The elk are dying of starvation. Please don't keep this horrible situation to continue. Take down that fence.!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12252**

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE !!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12253**

Please remove the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd!

Let them roam free! Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12254**

Please remove the fence at Tomales Point peninsula.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12255**

Please remove any barriers preventing these beautiful animals--created by our Divine God--from getting much needed water and food to survive--Animals are always left struggling to SURVIVE!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12256**

We have a moral obligation to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12257**

You have no right to sentence these beautiful, majestic elk to death by starvation. Your job is to protect American lands and animals on those lands. Instead, you just say "to hell with that" and fence off land with food and water so these elk can live. You seem to be under the impression that Americans don't care about these animals and I'm under the impression that you're playing God. It seems that you have let your power go to your head and just don't care. Why would you do this? Is money exchanging hands for you to keep that bleeping fence in place? That's usually the case - or someone knows someone else and they have a vested interest in keeping the elk off that land so your agency carries through with the fence and innocent elk die. If I had my way, there's a lot of federal agencies that would be shut down because it seems very few of you do the jobs you're supposed to be doing.

**Correspondence ID: 12258**

I believe that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas where wildlife should reign free, not domestic cattle, and therefore the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's animal abuse to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, in a national park where wildlife should be free and catered to, not domestic cattle that make money for the owners.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Ranchers making money off of the park must be ended.

Please remove the elk fence that is deadly to the wildlife there, to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12259**

I was shocked to learn that over the years the tule elk have been dying due to the fact that they

are confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore by a fence that was erected by the National Park Service.

The tule elk are native to the area and they are dying of starvation. Meanwhile, allow cattle to graze is killing our ecosystem, contaminating our water supplies, and wasting tremendous amounts of water .

Please remove the fence. It is unethical to allow the native animals to die slow and painful deaths.

Thank you, Melody Paris

**Correspondence ID: 12260**

Please remove the fence and provide for the elk's continued existence. Stop playing God-- return the land to these animals.

**Correspondence ID: 12261**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove fencing and allow elk to naturally roam free.

The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Sentencing native elk to death due to thirst and malnutrition, is unacceptable, especially in a national park. Since elk are endemic, they should be given priority for use of this habitat. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 12262**

Please remove the fence! These majestic animals deserve to be able to roam freely. This fence is not helping, it's hurting!

**Correspondence ID: 12263**

Please remove the fencing for the Tule Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12264**

Please remove the fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore to allow the protected tule elk enough territory to feed. We've lost too many of these majestic animals. It's time for the National Park Service to step up to save these iconic creatures.

**Correspondence ID: 12265**

Thanks to listening to the public and offer to tear down the elk-killing fence. Please select Option B to protect native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Just was at North Cascades National Park (my #51!) and on the drive there saw at a herd of probably around 50 elk. Amazing! Here's to national parks, America's best idea!

**Correspondence ID: 12266**

Please remove fences that are killing and starving wildlife and the Tule Elk herd.

**Correspondence ID: 12267**

Please take care of the animals

**Correspondence ID: 12268**

Please remove the fence for our elk. Remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12269**

Please protect our national parks

**Correspondence ID: 12270**

I'VE NO IDEA WHY YOU ARE STARVING THESE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS TO DEATH. THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A REASON FOR IT THAT HAS ANY MEANING. PLEASE ALLOW THEM THEIR FREEDON & REMOVE THAT FENCE. THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ROAM FREE & ENJOY THEIR LIVES. I'S SO SICK WHAT THE HUMANS DO TO THE ANIMALS.

**Correspondence ID: 12271**

I strongly support tearing down the elk-killing fence currently in place and letting the elk roam free. Elk numbers must be allowed to expand.

**Correspondence ID: 12272**

Please treat them with respect and allow them to exist the way the want to with adequate food and space.

**Correspondence ID: 12273**

Please remove the fence.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12274**

The elk deserve better. cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12275**

I support removing the fence wholeheartedly.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12276**

Please move the fence so that the elk have ample space to thrive-Please-Please-Please!

**Correspondence ID: 12277**

Dear NPS, I am writing about the proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. This is a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Please NPS, remove the fence. I would like to remind you that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Cows are a non-native

species and they should not take precedence over our native Tule Elk! Cattle farms can exist in other places, they don't need to take over the natural elk habitat. Lastly, please make sure the elk have food and water so they're not starving to death. That's the least that you can do for them until this issue is resolved.

Thank you, Evelyn Isaak

**Correspondence ID: 12278**

Please save these beautiful animals.

**Correspondence ID: 12279**

Please remove the fence so that these beautiful elk can graze.

**Correspondence ID: 12280**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12281**

Please make sure that we take care of the elk. We need to address this problem head on and give it our immediate attention.

God bless you and your work and devotion to God's animals.

Yours in Christ,

Father Douglas Michael, M Div., MA, MSN, RN

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**Correspondence ID: 12282**

Please consider removing the fence along Tomales Point peninsula so the tule elk can roam free and feed themselves.

**Correspondence ID: 12283**

Please remove the fence so that the elk can feed themselves. They are a part of our wildlife heritage and should be well taken care of.

I have seen these elk in that setting and it was a spectacular sight.

**Correspondence ID: 12284**

Save the Tul Elk. DO NOT SAVE BIG AG! MONEY MUST NOT TRIUMPH OVER THE LIVES OF ANIMALS PERIOD! Pretty Simple, huh!

**Correspondence ID: 12285**

Please don't promote the cattle that are helping promote climate change at the expense of the Tule Elk! They deserve extra consideration because they do not harm anything.



**Correspondence ID: 12286**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. THIS CANNOT CONTINUE!

I hike and visit there often and it is so disturbing this is happening. Please take down the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12287**

Please remove the fence causing the Elk to die of starvation and lack of water. This is so cruel.

Sincerely, Peggy Rogers

**Correspondence ID: 12288**

I have only my opinion, without expertise, that the animals were on this earth first, and they deserve to be allowed to have their habitat.

Humans can adapt, our most prominent cause is economic, whereas the animals' cause is for their lives.

And once the wilderness is gone, human life (too) will be forever diminished.

**Correspondence ID: 12289**

Surely something can be done to help these magnificent animals. A lot of different species are dying out because of man's inconsiderate attitude.

**Correspondence ID: 12290**

Please take down the fence let the elks roam it is their land.

**Correspondence ID: 12291**

I am horrified to learn that you are starving those majestic animals on purpose for whatever? No creature for no reason should suffer like this. Stop the nonsense and take that fence down immediately!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12292**

Please take down the fence so the elk stop dying and can roam free. Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12293**

Please remove the fence and stop the senseless starvation of these beautiful elk. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12294**

Please remove the fence that prevents tule elk from roaming free as they were meant to do. Too many are dying from starvation and lack of water. The way in which we treat the animals of earth is a measure of our level of civilization.

**Correspondence ID: 12295**

The Tule Deer/Elk situation has been and still is the subject of much discussion. People have appreciated and protected them. for decades. Cattle grazing in this area is detrimental to the habitat.

Please take the fence down.

I sincerely hope the right decision is reached.

**Correspondence ID: 12296**

To whom it may concern,

Please help preserve the elk population and remove the fence. These beautiful creatures deserve to continue to roam free. And as we all know grazing cattle decimates ecosystems and contaminates water and it is also a large waste of water.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Deborah Jennison

**Correspondence ID: 12297**

Hello,

I am urgently asking the NPS to remove the fence so that Native Tule Elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore keeping these beautiful animals from grazing the nearby seashore land.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

And in this case, is senselessly killing the native, beautiful Tule Elk.

Please remove the fence and help restore and rebalance our ecosystem.

Bru Muller / Aina Dumlao

**Correspondence ID: 12298**

Please take down the fence. They should not be confined to starve.

**Correspondence ID: 12299**

Please remove the fencing and allow these beautiful creatures a chance to roam free as nature intended. Humans are guardians and protectors of nature, not wardens.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Suzanne Katifedenios

**Correspondence ID: 12300**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Please remove this fence and allow the elk to graze and get water freely.

**Correspondence ID: 12301**

I am disappointed in the death of these innocent elks. I am pleading and urging the organization to put an end to the deaths and put measures in place to save the species and their environments.

**Correspondence ID: 12302**

Please remove the fence keeping native tule elk confined at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. Too many of these beautiful animals are dying of starvation and lack of water. Grazing cattle decimate ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. These animals deserve better.

**Correspondence ID: 12303**

Our earth was meant to be shared by all living things. These beautiful elk deserve their share. We need to do a better job of taking care of our planet and all of the living things on it so our children can inherit and take over taking care of it. Let's be an example for them to follow. We are blessed to live in such a gloriously beautiful planet.

**Correspondence ID: 12304**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. JANUSZ MAKKA

**Correspondence ID: 12305**

Please to remove the fence for the Elks. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12306**

Remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12307**

Free Point Reyes Tule Elk.

Stop appeasing livestock owners. Tule elk need all the help they can get and they need the barriers to come down. Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

These animals deserve to live free in their own land.

Tear down the barriers now.

**Correspondence ID: 12308**

Allowing cattle ranchers to use public lands for grazing their money-making organisms, at the expense of the natural animals whose lives support healthy environments, is helping to destroy our country and the planet. It is time for our government agencies to do the jobs for which they were created, and stop subsidizing wealthy individuals and corporations whose only goal is to enrich themselves further regardless of how much damage they cause. It's time that considerations other than money were used by our government.

**Correspondence ID: 12309**

Remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 12310**

Please remove the fence and help the elks remain free.

**Correspondence ID: 12311**

Why on earth are these magnificent creatures being restricted? They are not like cattle or horses. They need to be able to roam a lot more freely. They absolutely do not deserve to be treated like this. Please, for the love of God, remove the fence. Why was it even put up in the first place? TAKE IT DOWN! Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12312**

I find it very hard to believe that a fence is still standing while the elk are dying because it exists

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Please remove the fence so that the elk will be able to access sustenance and live

**Correspondence ID: 12313**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Please let the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12314**

Please remove the fence, so the elk can roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 12315**

I support removing the fence so that the elk can roam freely, as they should have always been allowed to.

if the fence was placed on behalf of cattlemen and/or cattle, I would remind you that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Your job is to protect and maintain the wildlife, the natural park settings, etc. not interfere on behalf of ranchers or cattle. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12316**

This is not only appalling..allowing animals to suffer..it's inhumane..indecent and a disgrace. No one person or agency has the right to play God. Utterly shameful.

**Correspondence ID: 12317**

Please remove the fence

I actually heard that elk have enough food and water but are lacking a mineral

Also in my own state park (Cloudland Canyon) we are not allowed to go swimming or wading

And the former assistant manager said it was because the cows are polluting the water with flesh and brain eating amebas

There is a cattle farm literally right next to the park

**Correspondence ID: 12318**

Please protect this natural resource.

**Correspondence ID: 12319**

Please remove the fence and protect the Tule elk! Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12320**

Please immediately remove the fence that keeps animals from reaching food and water. It is outrageous that your department needs to be told to do something to remedy this situation.

**Correspondence ID: 12321**

cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12322**

Remove the fence! You have confined the native tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore for too long! They are dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land.

“The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.”

What in God's name are you doing to these poor creatures. Jesus christ, if you are not going to take the fence down then provide for these animals!

**Correspondence ID: 12323**

Please remove the fence!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12324**

We have to advocate for the animals. We are their voice. Please listen and do the right thing

**Correspondence ID: 12325**

Hello,

Please remove the fence. These animals are a valuable national resource. They must be preserved. We have certainly learned what happens to wildlife when it is not properly looked after. We as a Nation and World can't afford to disregard their welfare.

Thank You

Marion Louck

**Correspondence ID: 12326**

Please allow these beautiful animals to graze. Remove the fence. It is unimaginable to stand by and do nothing.

**Correspondence ID: 12327**

Please remove the fence for the elk. They are dying and suffering because they cannot find food or water.

**Correspondence ID: 12328**

Please remove the fence confining native tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. These beautiful animals are dying of starvation and lack of water at an alarming rate since they can't graze at the nearby Seashore land. These animals deserve better.

**Correspondence ID: 12329**

Please remove fence and give them a chance!

**Correspondence ID: 12330**

Please remove the fencing that is containing the elk in Tomales. Micromanaging nature is not a solution. I'd suggest removing cattle from public lands and allowing native animals free range.

**Correspondence ID: 12331**

NPS please remove the fence, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12332**

ELKS ARE STARVING SO PLEASE TAKE OFF THAT FENCE PLEASE!!

The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Please notice this:

PETA have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve!!

so hear them and let elks chance with Petas idea please!

**Correspondence ID: 12333**

Please help these poor animals..

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12334**

Please move forward with the proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Their lives are of value and should be treated as such.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12335**

PLEASE SAVE THE TULE ELK!

TAKE DOWN THE FENCE!

OR, RELOCATE ALL THE ELK TO AN ELK-FRIENDLY LOCATION.

PAUL HERBST

HOUSTON, TEXAS

**Correspondence ID: 12336**

Dear Park planning,

Since I heard the NPS is taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. I must make a comment on this.

I would like to respectfully remind and request that the fencing trapping the Tule Elk needs to be removed.

We all care about these elk.

I would remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

These elk need to have access to the area!

This makes no sense- so many Elk have died for no reason! Please!

We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

So please remember, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence! Finally! Please follow Thru and do it as soon as possible!

Thank you for your kind assistance on this subject,

Sincerely

Gina Comin

**Correspondence ID: 12337**

Research suggests that the native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water due to a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land saved for cattle grazing, resulting in the deaths of 152 elk in 2020 alone.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. I urge the PRNS to put native species ahead of big agriculture and remove the fence.

It is crucial that the fence be removed and the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 12338**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Iori Weller

**Correspondence ID: 12339**

Please remove the three mile fence at Tomales Point in the Point Reyes National Seashore. The Elk herd contained by the fence are dying. There is not enough water and food in the confined area to allow the herd to survive. As with most people, observing native animals is much more pleasant than to see cattle grazing.

Cattle are horrible for the environment. They are not native and cause a lot of damage to waterways and fields. This not true of native species which enrich the ecosystem. Grazing cattle on public property should not take a higher priority than native species trying to survive. Cattle contaminate water with fecal bacteria, spread invasive species and disease. The amount of water needed to grow cattle is astronomical.

Please take down the fence and allow the elk to live and remain in their native ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12340**

remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.



**Correspondence ID: 12341**

Please remove the fence Thank You Regards Michael J. Sisko

**Correspondence ID: 12342**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. lori weller

**Correspondence ID: 12343**

I find it appalling that the NPS are knowingly allowing these beautiful creatures to parish on your watch. This has been going on for far too long and needs to stop. What message are you sending to others about t your service. Let them go or provide for them. Now.

**Correspondence ID: 12344**

WILDLIFE IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR PLANET!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12345**

Please remove the Tule Elk killing fence, which due to cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

This cruel practice supported by the cattle industry has gone on for far too long. Our beloved tule elk were here first and need protection!

**Correspondence ID: 12346**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Chris Horton

**Correspondence ID: 12347**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Je soutiens l'alternative B préférée du National Park Service pour la réserve de wapitis de Tomales Point Tule à Point Reyes National Seashore, afin d'enlever la clôture et de libérer le plus grand troupeau de wapitis de Tule du parc. Les clôtures et les animaux confinés n'ont pas leur place dans les unités des parcs nationaux.

De plus, veuillez annuler officiellement le règlement actuel du plan général de gestion autorisant l'abattage (« abattage ») des wapitis dans les deux autres troupeaux, car les troupeaux peuvent se mélanger lorsque la clôture est enlevée. Je m'oppose à toute « gestion » mortelle de tout animal sauvage dans nos parcs nationaux.

Enfin, le wapiti de Tule du littoral ne peut être libre, sain et sécuritaire tant que les exploitations bovines privées ne sont pas retirées, car ils exposent les wapitis aux bactéries fécales dans le sol, les cours d'eau et les étangs, ainsi qu'aux maladies du bétail transmises par le fumier, y compris la paratuberculose. Le NPS lui-même cite une étude de 1979 qui a révélé que la moitié des ranchs laitiers du parc étaient infectés par la maladie de Johne. Les exploitations bovines privées n'ont rien à faire dans nos parcs nationaux.

Je remercie le Service des parcs nationaux d'avoir demandé et pris en considération les commentaires du public sur cette question très importante.

Sincerely, Mrs.C chisleine comtesse

**Correspondence ID: 12348**

Please help the elk!!

**Correspondence ID: 12349**

Please remove the fence !

**Correspondence ID: 12350**

Take away the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12351**

To the National Park Service,

Tule Elk are starving and so many have died... Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point Elk herd.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Taurie Kinoshita-Logue

**Correspondence ID: 12352**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please support the elk and wildlife. Don't let big AG continue to like your pockets so that you look the other way. It needs to be fair for all living beings to have access to food and water not just the people that abuse animals for profit.

**Correspondence ID: 12353**

Please remove the fence that is confining native tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. They are dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Please remove the fence. Remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12354**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Catherine Krug

**Correspondence ID: 12355**

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**Correspondence ID: 12356**

Please remove the fencing that keeps the Elk from finding much needed food and water. Please do this as soon as possible so we don't lose more lives unnecessarily. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12357**

Please remove the Tomales Point fence so that the elk can survive!

**Correspondence ID: 12358**

End the cruelty of keeping the elk from the food and water they need to survive. It is your responsibility as stewards to protect wildlife, not torture it.

**Correspondence ID: 12359**

Please allow the Tule Elks be free!

**Correspondence ID: 12360**

Take the fence and allow the native tule elk roam the way nature intended. Fencing them and preventing them from obtaining nutrients to sustain life is cruel.

**Correspondence ID: 12361**

Please remove the fence at Tomales Point that prevents the tule elk from grazing on the nearby land. Hundreds of elk have died of thirst or starvation because of the fence's existence. These beautiful animals should not be killed because of the wealth of cattle ranchers who want their cattle to graze on the land. Cattle ranching harms the environment by contaminating the water supply, spreading invasive species and wasting tremendous amounts of water. The environment of Tomales Point should be allowed to support the tule elk, a species that has occupied the area far longer than the cattle herds.

**Correspondence ID: 12362**

Our prayers have been answered and hopefully some lives saved. Please remove the fence that prevents the Tulin Elk from roaming so they will have access to water and food and will not continue to die from thirst or starvation. The sooner the better! Thank you, Eve Watson

**Correspondence ID: 12363**

Please remove the fencing confining the Tomales Point elk herd. They are dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. We have a crucial opportunity to help these beautiful elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Be GOOD STEWARDS of God's loving animals. This severe inhumane treatment must not continue. Use your position God has placed you in to HELP in His efforts to SAVE His loving animals the Good Lord has given a place to have a GOOD & LOVING LIFE allowed for His animals in this world.

Thank you kindly

Mrs. Norma Wilkie

**Correspondence ID: 12364**

Let these animals be able to roam free. Take the fences down. These animals were put here for a reason. Let them be animals as they were created to be. Be humane not cruel.

**Correspondence ID: 12365**

Please remove the fence on the Tomales Point land. The cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please restore this land and remove the fence and allow the elk to roam free. California loves it's wildlife and those elk are beauties to behold.

**Correspondence ID: 12366**

REMOVE THE FENCE!!!

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12367**

Please do the right thing by these creatures of God..

**Correspondence ID: 12368**

These animals should not be starved.

**Correspondence ID: 12369**

Please extend their grazing area. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12370**

Please remove the barrier that is depriving the elk from getting water. They deserve to graze and wander just like any other animal.

**Correspondence ID: 12371**

Can we please stop appeasing livestock owners at the expense of native tule elk in Point Reyes National Seashore? Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. This land should be for native wildlife, not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. It's time to protect native wildlife and restore the ecosystem at Point Reyes National Seashore by removing the elk fence.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

Warmly,

A concerned citizen and visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 12372**

Please save our tule elk from extinction. It's the circle of life and they need to be preserved for the next generations to enjoy. Please consider our plea for the voiceless. Their lives matter too!

**Correspondence ID: 12373**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife-not for the cattle destroying it. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12374**

Please help the Tule Elk! They deserve to be here with us!

**Correspondence ID: 12375**

Please remove this senseless fence and save our Elk ! Please

**Correspondence ID: 12376**

Please NPS remove the fence so the elk can eat and survive.

I appreciate your efforts.

Suzanna

**Correspondence ID: 12377**

Dear Park Service,

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes.

Thank you, John McLain

**Correspondence ID: 12378**

Help the elk

**Correspondence ID: 12379**

Please fight for option B of this plan, the one where elk are allowed to be unrestricted and are not kept behind a fence. There shouldn't be cattle in the park in the first place, it's a national park, not a farm. The elk won't be able to thrive and survive due to being blocked from moving around to find water and food, especially during drier times of the year. The elk should not be killed or restricted because they are roaming their own habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 12380**

Please remove the 3 mile long fence that is keeping native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore, and allow them to graze on seashore land. The elk are dying in alarming numbers due to lack of water and food. I am thrilled that the NPS is taking notice and considering removing the fence. Please do so! The tule elk belong in this area and deserve to live their lives there freely, with access to the land for grazing. Cattle grazing, on the other hand, decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Thank you for allowing the public to comment on this important issue.

**Correspondence ID: 12381**

Remove the fence and all the elk to freely roam. This is far more important than protecting a couple of cows

**Correspondence ID: 12382**

Take down the fence save the Elk

**Correspondence ID: 12383**

WHY are Tule Elk dying??

Get the grazing cattle that contaminates the water OFF public lands meant for the survival of species Luke Tule ELK!!!

DO YOUR JOB!!

**Correspondence ID: 12384**

Please please take down the fence and allow the Tule Elk to roam free. This land belongs to the Citizens of the United States. The cattle for-profit businesses leasing OUR land must not be allowed to consign these magnificent Tule Elk (almost totally extinct less than 50 years ago!) to horrible deaths so that they can reap profits from killing cows. This is immoral and barbaric, and is in total opposition to the purpose of our National Parks. The approx. 300 Tule Elk at Tomales Point are locked into 2000 acres and are at risk of starving again, while the 6,000 cows have over 38,000 park acres to roam around and despoil.

The fence MUST come down!!

**Correspondence ID: 12385**

Please, please remove the fence! It's the right thing to do!

Thanking you in anticipation.

**Correspondence ID: 12386**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please remove the fence so the elk can roam on the land they live on. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. We are suppose to be moving to a more eco way of living and the currant plan that allows cattle on this land does not support what the tax payers want from our government agency's. The people are looking to hold agency's accountable for their actions in helping to preserve our wildlife as they are quickly disappearing. The current plan supports disaster for the elk. Please support a more humane and environmentally friendly solution for the elk and our planet.

Regards,

Susan Printy

**Correspondence ID: 12387**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Now that you are finally considering the impact of the fence, I hope that the NPS will remove the fence. Please think of the impact that removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. It is your opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Please do this for the herd!

Thank you very much!

**Correspondence ID: 12388**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

please remove the fence and let the Elk roam free.

Thank you, Rosina Harter

**Correspondence ID: 12389**

Please protect the tule elk; they desperately need food and water that the reservation isn't providing. Don't let any more elk die; they need your help.

**Correspondence ID: 12390**

Please help feed them.

**Correspondence ID: 12391**

Free the Tule Elk! Your fence is a death sentence for them. Please find a humane solution to this travesty against nature..

Suzy Juncker

**Correspondence ID: 12392**

Please move forward with the proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

Please help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12393**

I have read about the Tule Elk and saw them in person several years ago. I am appalled that NPS does not recognize their welfare over cattle. Do the right thing and allow them full range of the area. Do a buy out of the land needed to protect them. I'm happy to contribute.

**Correspondence ID: 12394**

Please remove the fence and allow the elk to roam free as they were intended. Cattle grazing tends to decimate ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, wastes tons of water and spreads invasive diseases.

**Correspondence ID: 12395**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.



**Correspondence ID: 12396**

Thanks for your consideration in removing the Elk Fence for all the good reasons you are accepting in these public comments!

Also thanks for your service

**Correspondence ID: 12397**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve! Please, NPS, remove the fence! Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. This is bad for human and non-human animals alike.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Bundy, Esq.

animal law attorney

**Correspondence ID: 12398**

To Whom It May Concern,

Please free the elk at Tomales Point so that they can graze and flourish. I'm very upset to know that many of them have died of malnourishment in the recent past. Please let them be free to survive.

Sincerely, Jenny H. Kobold

**Correspondence ID: 12399**

Please remove the fence so the Elk can get

there food .

They are starving please have a kind heart and

open the fence .

Thankyou

Phyllis milliken

**Correspondence ID: 12400**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 and that is unacceptable. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, wastes massive amounts of water, and is one of the primary contributors to climate change (and all of the climate

devastation we are seeing increase on a daily basis). We need less land allotted for cattle, not more.

**Correspondence ID: 12401**

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Based upon these legal mandates, I respectfully urge that you take down the fence which currently are in place, and contributing to the deaths of wildlife on our public lands, which are unnecessary and in fact, a blight on the record of the agency entrusted with preserving that wilderness and its rightful inhabitants. Point Reyes National Seashore Park was created for protecting our indigenous creatures, not for the profit of private ranchers, wrongfully utilizing public resources for private gain. It is time to end leases to ranchers, and let the intended native ruminants enjoy the grazing there, per the charter of the National Seashore.

It is a positive step that your agency has listened to the public, and is receptive to removing the elk fence; mistakes from the past need to be addressed, and that applies to institutions as well. To that end, please support Plan B “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.”

After removing the elk fence, the herds should be roaming free, and not subjected to the stressors of hazing or harassment.

**Correspondence ID: 12402**

Please have a heart! There needs to be shared and not just given to the highest bidder who can buy their way. Please do the kind and humane action. Animals are just trying to survive and should be given the chance to do so. They are innocent creatures that deserve the chance to survive.

**Correspondence ID: 12403**

I urge the you to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. All animals have the rights to water.

**Correspondence ID: 12404**

I ask you to remove the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd.

The three-mile-long fence prevented the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Elk are native to this area. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

I urge you to remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12405**

free the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12406**

Hay woke people I thought you were for the environment. The Elk are part of the environment. To live they need water, so for the environment tear down the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12407**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will enable the removal of the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam. The Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's a radical departure from good wildlife management principles, and ethically depraved, to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling for any reason that is not derived from principles of sound and ethical wildlife management.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 12408**

PLEASE remove the fence confining the Tomales Point Elk herd - please let them roam free to live the life they deserve. Animals are NOT ours!!

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12409**

I lived in the Bay Area for 40 years. Please do not let these grand animals starve.

**Correspondence ID: 12410**

I ask the NPS to remove the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd.

The three-mile-long fence, erected by the National Park Service, has prevented elk from grazing on nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that in 2020, 152 elk died on Tomales Point. Elk are native to the area. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

I urge you to remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12411**

Please remove the fence in Point Reyes National seashore, please protect elk and not big agriculture. Nature. Parks. Elk. Cows. Wait, one of those doesn't fit there, it's the cows.... Elk are dying because of this fence. How is that protecting wildlife and nature? National parks were created to ensure the wild can retain its beauty and be accessible for generations to come. Don't be a sell out, you get plenty of tax dollars. Just because someone tosses you a few coins, you let cows graze on National park land?! Make it make sense... do the right thing. Take the fence down.

**Correspondence ID: 12412**

I encourage the Park Service to allow more access to public Seashore lands by the local Tule

Elk. Seems like they have been too confined and suffered from lack of food and water. Commercial grazing interests may have been given a priority here, given the fence. The elk and probably the entire ecosystem deserve better natural conditions. Please help the elk. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12413**

There is a clear problem regarding your decreasing native elk population. And the sad part is there is a clear solution within the removal of the fence as well. So the bigger issue at hand is the lack of compassion and tolerance that there has been thus far.

**Correspondence ID: 12414**

Hello: Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please remove the fence so the Elk can have food and water. They are dying in humanely and needlessly. Please help them. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12415**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

We need to protect our wildlife ...remove the fence now.

**Correspondence ID: 12416**

Please take down the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12417**

Here are the reasons to remove the fence.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12418**

I cannot understand why this cruel fence ever was thought to be appropriate!!!! It most certainly is NOT APPROPRIATE and is KILLING innocent elk in a most INHUMANE UNNECESSARY WAY!! WHY!!??? PLEASE TAKE THE FENCE DOWN NOW!!!! PLEASE TAKE THE FENCE DOWN NOW BEFORE MORE ELK SUFFER AND DIE!!!! THIS IS TRAGIC.

**Correspondence ID: 12419**

Please protect the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 12420**

Starving elk to protect cattle is inhumane. Why is the NPS protecting cattle by providing grazing land, and not native elk? I request that the 3-mile fence be removed to allow the elk to graze.

**Correspondence ID: 12421**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

However, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. The NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. I am taking this crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve by submitting my comments to you.

I urge you to please remove the fence. I will remind you that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12422**

Please help the Elk survive. I cannot understand how so many humans are the cruelest animals

on earth. We all deserve to live side by side in this world. Thank you if you take time to read comments.

**Correspondence ID: 12423**

Please protect and conserve Tomales Point, it's a valuable part of an ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12424**

Please do remove the fence confining the elk herd at Tomales Point. It's unethical to keep these poor animals confined like that, especially when the consequences have proven so obviously dire.

**Correspondence ID: 12425**

Native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been starving and lacking water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem is that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Please remove the fence

confining the Tomales Point elk herd and allowing the elk to help them roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 12426**

While I am not a California resident, my father is from Point Reyes. I'd like to voice my support for the proposed Alternative B, which I believe will allow the wildlife of this area to best thrive. In a natural park/protected area, I believe that the wellbeing and support of wildlife should be prioritized over that of livestock. Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 12427**

Please end this cruel and inhumane practice and remove the fences so these animals can live free like they should have every right to.

**Correspondence ID: 12428**

Please don't kill elk. Please cut back grazing lands as needed to preserve indigenous wildlife rather than factory farms. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12429**

This is really shameful, letting those beautiful elk die. Why don't you get rid of the dairy farms nobody, nobody and I mean nobody goes to point Reyes national seashore to see dairy cows they go for the elk and the beauty that surrounds it. just makes me sick knowing that these beautiful animals could be saved and you want them dead.

**Correspondence ID: 12430**

Save the parks & the animals who live there!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12431**

Protect the Tule Elk, not the meat industry! We know that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. This is a very easy decision to make for the Elk. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12432**

Pease stopp the exploitation of animals. The earth needs them .

**Correspondence ID: 12433**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Please see comments;

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank You for taking action! Together we can protect the ecology and wildlife of our National Seashore!

In solidarity,

Richard Balducci

**Correspondence ID: 12434**

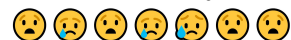
I vote for the Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12435**

These poor animals are being pushed to their limits.....WE ARE the ones invading their homes they need to have some consideration and we are responsible for helping to protect and perhaps relocate half the herd to another area where they can live in comfort and have the grazing , water and space they need to survive.

I realize this may be expensive, but it is not fair for us to ruin their lives just to make a few greedy people comfortable.

So much of our natural wildlife is having an extremely difficult life because we have ruined their habitat and they no longer have the space to live , roam and raise their families..



**Correspondence ID: 12436**

Please do not fence off elk from food and water needs. they are starving!

THERESA CARTER

**Correspondence ID: 12437**

To stand by and watch animals starve because of a fence is unbelievable and egregious!!! Get that fence removed NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Anyone associated with the decision to install the fence should be ashamed they stood by and watched these animals starve to death.

**Correspondence ID: 12438**

PLEASE remove the fencing in Tomales Point Area that prevents Tule elk from grazing and access to water!

It is of utmost importance to maintain the natural ecological balance in this critical area.

Thank you for your responsible action on this matter.

With appreciation,

Denise Dietz

**Correspondence ID: 12439**

Please remove the fencing and allow the elk to roam so they aren't being starved in what is basically a prison

**Correspondence ID: 12440**

Please don't allow these beautiful elk to starve and die of thirst. Please look in your hearts. This is so cruel please remove the fence. Please so many have died already. It's horribly cruel.

**Correspondence ID: 12441**

Please please take down the fence. Let these majestic animal live. How heartlessly they are being treated. Please help release them from this enclosure

**Correspondence ID: 12442**

cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12443**

To deprive these beautiful animals of water is heartless and cruel.

**Correspondence ID: 12444**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Protect the elk not Big Agricultural. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12445**

I am writing to ask that you stop killing the Tule elk and give them back the habitat that you have taken from them. I just read that more of them have died from starvation, and others die because you have removed their water, which I was told had been remedied. It is inhumane and unconcionable to starve helpless/trapped animals and deprive them of water. What would you do if someone took your water away and your food source? I don't understand. I am told that cattle are involved, which sends up a red flag. You must take action and let these animals live where they belong.



**Correspondence ID: 12446**

Please take down the Pint Reyes National Seashore's Tomales Point Elk fence and let the elk and other critters roam and get water!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12447**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12448**

Please do the right thing and help remove that fence which violates the natural rights of innocent beings.

**Correspondence ID: 12449**

We need to protect our water supply, we need clean healthy for humans and native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 12450**

Please let the Tomales Point Elk Herd roam free and live the lives they deserve. Please remove the fencing.

FYI - Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please do the right thing for these Elk.

Thank you.

Susan Fanning

**Correspondence ID: 12451**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water...

Please work with the natural laws of Nature, tule elk live much in harmony with the eco-system of Pt. Reyes than the innocent invasive species of cattle..

Short term profit over life is over compromising the health of a living plant, is non-sustainable and a very “tired old story..”

Thank for honoring my comments,

Carol S Bostick

**Correspondence ID: 12452**

Please take down the fence that is causing apparent starvation to the beautiful elk. What a tragedy. Thank you for your consideration.

Diane Rich

**Correspondence ID: 12453**

Please remove the fence so the elk can roam free. I am tired of cattle ranchers dictating where they want to graze, what animals should suffer and/or be killed, as a result of their desires. People should be eating less beef anyway due to the methane release from the cattle interfering with climate change.

**Correspondence ID: 12454**

The barriers to elks need to come down. This is a National Seashore where flora and fauna are protected. Dairy Farmers are not a protected class. The Elk come first.

Please take down the fences.

**Correspondence ID: 12455**

Hello -- please accept this comment in support of removing the fence restricting the Tomales Point tule elk from grazing. As a previous resident of California and repeat visitor to Tomales Point, I believe the beauty of the place would be enriched by the elk being allowed to graze freely, and I do not support restricting wildlife in ways that leads to their starvation. Thank you for your consideration. Shannon Wills

**Correspondence ID: 12456**

Please take whatever steps are necessary to prevent the starvation of more elk. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12457**

Help these Precious wildlife

**Correspondence ID: 12458**

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However, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. The NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Please submit a comment by September 25 urging the NPS to remove the fence. Remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Peta is asking us to take action and contact you to please remove the fence and allow the Elk to access the shore

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12459**

Save ur wildlife, not for profit livestock

**Correspondence ID: 12460**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Protect Tule elk, NOT BIG AGRICULTURE. By removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Allowing the Tomales Point elk herd to graze and optain water to survive.

**Correspondence ID: 12461**

Hello

I was born and raised in beautiful CA. The tule elk are amazing! Please take down the fence so they can roam and thrive. They are wild creatures that we need to protect. Ranchers should not have priority. Everyone can work together to discover solutions. We can't just kill animals for the sake of money. Please have compassion and take down the fence. I know you will do the right thing.

Thank you, Joan Castle

**Correspondence ID: 12462**

Please remove the fence and let the elk roam free!

**Correspondence ID: 12463**

As a preferred option, I support removing the fencing installed to corral Tule elk. Too many are starving and lack access to adequate water supplies. The fence also impedes the elks' movement in their natural habitat. Please remove the fence ASAP.

In the meantime provide adequate forage and water since NPS constrained these elk to begin with. Please do the compassionate and humane actions. Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12464**

Tthe Pint Reyes National Seashore's Tomales Point Elk fence should be removed to let the elk and other herbivores and carnivores roam and have access to water they need to survive. Trucking water in during dry months is not sustainable and is costly..

**Correspondence ID: 12465**

This fence SHOULD HAVE BEEN taken down a LONG TIME AGO. These WELL DESERVING ELKS and ANY ANIMAL DESERVE WATER and food. ANYONE DESERVES WATER and

FOOD AND SHOULD NOT BE DENIED. These beautiful animals are a GIFT FROM GOD! Here's a thought: why don't we DENY YOU WATER?? Ooohh, YOU wouldn't like that would you?? 152 ELKS have died in 2020 ALONE!! Isn't THAT ENOUGH for YOU to STOP THIS???? Not to mention grazing cattle decimates the ecosystem! YOU are the National Park. YOU SHOULD and NEED to BE CONCERNED for the WELFARE of the ANIMALS WELL-BEING and GUESTS!! Contaminating the water supply with fecal bacteria, wasting massive amounts of water(NOT VERY WATER CONSCIENCE OF YOU, HUH??), and invasive species and diseases are spreading!!! DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT THAT??? THINK ABOUT IT!! ACT UPON IT!! DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12466**

Please remove the fence. Elk need to roam. The Elk in Jackson Hole, Wyoming are fed hay all winter, and provided with water. Elk must not suffer for as easily fixed a problem as a wrongly placed fence. PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE NOW.

-- Kate Decker

**Correspondence ID: 12467**

Please remove the fences where for years, native Tule elk have been confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. They have been dying of obvious starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk have died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

I urge you to approve this move immediately.

Thank you, Veronica Myers-Fuqua

**Correspondence ID: 12468**

I think my country's federal agencies should let wild tule elk roam, always free from any enclosure or confinement. The elk should not be subjected to culling or harassment of any kind. The welfare of America's wildlife, especially wildlife in our national parks, should be protected, never managed for the benefit of private entities or in the commercial interests of ranchers or any other individuals or corporations. Elk are an important part of North America's ecosystems and natural heritage, cows are not. Choose Alternative B, remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12469**

I urge you to remove the fence that is confining the Tule elk herd to Tomales Point. They need to be able to roam free to get food and water. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 12470**

Please remove the fence and let the elk roam freely. Restricting their territory is causing starvation and unnecessary suffering. This is an opportunity to right an action with unintended and deeply negative actions. Please remove the fence and improve the well-being and chance for survival of these beautiful animals.

**Correspondence ID: 12471**

To whom it may concern: Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Thank you for your consideration

**Correspondence ID: 12472**

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**Correspondence ID: 12473**

Please remove the fence at Tomales Point to allow the Tule Elk freedom to graze rather than starving to death.

That is just too cruel and inhumane. Thank-you, Bea Linn, Hayward Ca.

**Correspondence ID: 12474**

Take down the fence keeping the elk in the preserve. The public overwhelmingly wants to see elk reproducing and living in open spaces. In a democratic society, the interests of the majority of the population are paramount to the interests of a handful of ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 12475**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Protect Tule Elk, Not Big Ag!

**Correspondence ID: 12476**

Please take down the fence and let the Tule Elk roam free!!

**Correspondence ID: 12477**

remove the elk fence.

remove the ranchers.

restore point reyes national seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 12478**

Good afternoon,

I kindly urge you to consider removing the fencing and allow the elk to roam free. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 12479**

Please help these animals, let them roam free. They have been suffering for too long due to nothing of their doing, they need to be free to roam and freely feed and drink. Stop keeping them penned in, they have more right to roam freely in this area than anyone else.

**Correspondence ID: 12480**

I support maintaining the elk populations and the ecological balance native to the land, rather than allow industry, capitalism, and bottom lines that disregard environmental impact to further degrade the planet.

**Correspondence ID: 12481**

Protect not confine the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12482**

Please remove the fence that prevents elk from grazing on seashore land. 152 elk have died in 2020 alone due to starvation and lack of water. Please allow them to live their lives naturally.

**Correspondence ID: 12483**

Please consider relocating these beautiful creatures are tearing down that fence. They do not need to suffer from lack of water or food. This is abhorrent at best.

**Correspondence ID: 12484**

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Please remove the fence in Tomales point in Point Reyes!

**Correspondence ID: 12485**

Protect the Thule elk herds! The National Park Service is there to protect our lands and wildlife in our publicly protected areas. Do your job; protect the elk herds. That you would fence in the elk to the point that they die of thirst and starvation is a travesty. Tear down the fence and let the elk roam free, without hazing, culling or harassment. If private cattle are being grazed on public property, the land and wildlife of the public property should come FIRST and be protected first. Public land belongs to ALL of us, not just to the ranchers and cattle companies. They should not be dictating how our public lands and wildlife are treated. It is not your job to protect the cattle being grazed by private companies on public land. The National Parks Service's job is to protect these public areas, lands and wildlife, for all of us, the public. Do your job!

**Correspondence ID: 12486**

It isn't fair to these beautiful animals

**Correspondence ID: 12487**

I lived in Sacramento for one year and Stockton, CA for 15 years. I loved seeing the Tule Elk and they should remain as they are. Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,". It is not natural to have the penned up behind a fence. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Please remove the fence and free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended.

Please remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12488**

this is outrageous, a public campaign should have been totally unnecessary to be humane to wildlife. Help these animals reach their traditional grazing grounds and remove the man-made obstructions created for the comfort of humans.

**Correspondence ID: 12489**

Hello. please let these beautiful animals roam free there were a wonderful gift from God and let's keep them free so many animals have lost so much of there land & trees let's try to give back alittle.

**Correspondence ID: 12490**

Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

OUR National Parks mission must be to first protect the wildlife that rely on natural resources like the Tule Elk do and not to be an extension of private ranches. Living in Northern California, I have long appreciated the efforts to protect the Elk and have been appalled to see what has transpired in Marin County. You now have the opportunity to right this wrong. Keep out the cattle, let the Elk roam and breed. Put measures in place to never allow cattle and fencing to interfere with the health and growth of our Elk in Marin County. End this travesty now. Thank you. MFSchroyer

**Correspondence ID: 12491**

Save these beautiful animals and keep them safe. They need to be protected and cared for just like any other animal.

**Correspondence ID: 12492**

Don't let them starve

**Correspondence ID: 12493**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. I don't want my elk destroyed for burgers. Please remove the fence.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12494**

These majestic and beautiful elk need their space to roam and find their food to graze.

Please help them do that by taking down and not building a fence to limit their lives. We are not the innocent ones. They are.

We must help them survive. They already face fear and humans trying to shorten their life span.

Please do the right thing here . OMG. For once, do the right thing.

Carleen

**Correspondence ID: 12495**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Audrey Liverant

**Correspondence ID: 12496**

I am in favor of the National Park Service removing the fence. For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Please help the native tule elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12497**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Juanita Carter

**Correspondence ID: 12498**

The Thule elk at Point Reyes/Tomales Point have been un-naturally confined, and the results have been illness and premature death to beneficial animals. I request that the fencing that confines these elk be permanently removed for the benefit of the natural environment as well as the species itself. Thank you.



**Correspondence ID: 12499**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Barb Delia

**Correspondence ID: 12500**

Native tule elk have been cut off from needed food and water and have been dying at alarming numbers due to the fence erected by the NPS. The elk population behind the fence dropped from 540 to 286 in 2015, then 221 more elk died by 2020, and another 25 percent died more recently. The Point Reyes National Seashore belongs to all Americans, not just to ranchers who profit from its use. The NPS must protect the Seashore and its wildlife by putting an end to commercial ranching at Point Reyes like it was supposed to do decades ago.

An additional aspect regarding the fence and the favoring of ranchers over native species is that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please protect the tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12501**

Im sending you this note, urging the NPS to remove the fence. Remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12502**

Please take down the fence that restricts the tule elk from access to water and food. I find it almost impossible to believe that the starvation of these animals is known and this horrendous behavior on the part of the National Parks Service continues.

These animals do not deserve this cruel, inhumane treatment.

STOP KILLING THESE ELK NOW!

**Correspondence ID: 12503**

I support the removal of the fencing keeping the Tomales Point elk in. This is causing them to

starve, due to lack of area to forage and have access to drinkable water. Please, do not let them suffer and perish.

**Correspondence ID: 12504**

Get rid of the fence-why would you deliberately starve animals to death. It's long past time that we stop catering to ranchers with their destructive cattle and support native wildlife who actually belong on this land.

**Correspondence ID: 12505**

We need to preserve wildlife. The senseless killing of these animals is unacceptable

**Correspondence ID: 12506**

Restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park should be a priority, and providing a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches is a must. A wildlife-friendly fence could be constructed to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point once the tall elk-proof fence is removed. Better yet, give the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by removing the livestock entirely.

**Correspondence ID: 12507**

Please remove the fence so the elk can go back to their natural habitat of grazing and having access to water.

**Correspondence ID: 12508**

Do that which is just, righteous, and long sighted.

**Correspondence ID: 12509**

I urge you to remove the fence that confines Elk to a small area which is causing harm & death to these animals. All life needs sufficient water & food to survive. Please come up with a way to save this beautiful species & to protect the the area of seashore you wish to protect. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12510**

The National Park Service was a highly respected part of our Federal Government System at one time. Unfortunately, the only "news" I seem to receive about NPS these days pertains to animal kills and/or lack of animal welfare on Park grounds. When did your mission become so misguided? I think I know the answer to that question.....!!

Animals are being killed off at alarming rates under your current policies and our current administration. The fence you built at Tomales Point is just one more example of your Department's actions at the behest of private citizens/special interests.

Parks were founded for enjoyment and appreciation by US citizens, and others, in experiencing the wilds of our beautiful country, NOT to facilitate the killing of animals within our Parks.

Take the fence down PLEASE and stop catering to special interests. Your salaries are paid by US Tax Paying Citizens!! The Citizens do NOT WANT animals dying and/or being killed as a result of your pandering.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12511**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria,

spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. There has to be other options that will leave this herd intact and safe.

**Correspondence ID: 12512**

National Park Service,

The Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where Elk live.

However, Instead of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners which is outrageous.

This is NOT private property.

Additionally, instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

The public outrage is justifiable. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for opening up comments on the and for for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence

**Correspondence ID: 12513**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12514**

I support removing the fence confining the Tomales Point Tule elk herd. The elk need and deserve the freedom to thrive. As native wildlife found only in California their well-being should be protected.

**Correspondence ID: 12515**

The Tule elk are native to the Pt Reyes seashore and should be able to roam free and increase the herd. These beautiful animals are being displaced and left to die for cattle. This is unacceptable on public land and any land for that matter. I have lived in Marin County for more than 30 years. I have often gone to Pt Reyes and West Marin to see the elk. These majestic animals should not be suffering due to the very people who should be protecting them. Alternative B, the Unconfined Elk Herd, is the only humane option. The private cattle ranches are destroying our National Park and Wildlife. This is completely wrong. This is public land. I am a member of the public who often goes to the Point Reyes National Seashore

Thank you for listening.

Elaine Mont-Eton

**Correspondence ID: 12516**

Please remove the fence so the elk don't starve to death. Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12517**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 12518**

The Park Service should hang its collective head in shame over this tragedy!

I recommend Alternative B - removing the current "elk fence".-

I also recommend removing the dairy cattle, cleaning up the pollution in the water, and getting rid of the various garbage dump sites that the “ranches” have been using.

For years, this National Seashore has been used for commercial dairy enterprises - NATIONAL SEASHORE!

Its far past time to clean up the garbage, pollution and cow manure and allow this to actually BE a National Seashore!

**Correspondence ID: 12519**

Please remove the fence for the sake of the Tomales Point Tule elk. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12520**

Please remove the fence so these elk can survive and not starve or have die from lack of water. Cattle grazing contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water, per Peta. Please do all that you can to save these beautiful animals from an early death.

**Correspondence ID: 12521**

Big Ag can fall off the face of the Earth

into the fiery Abyss of Hades!!

Remove the fence and let our wildlife roam

as they have since Creator put them on this planet,

eons ago!!

**Correspondence ID: 12522**

Please consider the following:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12523**

Please support the Tule Elk as opposed to the livestock owners. Don't we have enough of them?

**Correspondence ID: 12524**

What is wrong with you people?? Perhaps we should fence you in to die a slow death?? Sounds like a great idea to me, you sick SOBs.

**Correspondence ID: 12525**

Removing the elk fencing will deplete the areas natural resources for the areas ranches. This will mean a decrease in wholesome dairy products across the state. Wholesome organic pastured dairy is already so hard to come by.

**Correspondence ID: 12526**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by the 3-mile-long fence intened to prevent them from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

I favor the removal of the fence and the opportunity of the elk to graze in this area.

Thanks, Edwin Colberg

**Correspondence ID: 12527**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. I urge the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12528**

Please remove the fence. While cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. They elk must be able to return to their natural habitat. I understand they are starving. Please do something about this now..

**Correspondence ID: 12529**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Julija Merljak

**Correspondence ID: 12530**

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE!!

**Correspondence ID: 12531**

Please stop using animals as food when that cruelty is unnecessary

**Correspondence ID: 12532**

We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12533**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Please to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12534**

As a physician and member of the NPCA, I was surprised to learn that the NPS was not

protecting the wild animals and the ecosystem for the area of the Point Reyes National Seashore. Please remove the fence that prevents the natural grazing of the elk in the area.

The National Park Service should be leading the way in preserving our natural areas and not simply protecting economic interests.

**Correspondence ID: 12535**

Please remove the fence so that the tule elk can graze and roam as nature intended. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12536**

Elk like any other animal in the national parks are WILD! So they should be treated that way which is not happening with the fences. They are starving and dying because of them. They should be removed immediately without hesitation now!!

I would think the National Park services would not do such a reprehensible thing to fence in these animals causing them such horrible deaths in starving and withholding water from the Elk and any other animals affected by your acts to stop them from roaming in the WILD that should not happen.

Upon finding out about this happening just makes me as a US citizen and animal environment lover, had to speak up immediately. I implore the NPS to remove these fences as fast as humanly possible!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12537**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Stephanie Hankey

**Correspondence ID: 12538**

Please remove the fence that confines the elk at Tomales Point.



**Correspondence ID: 12539**

Please allow the tule elk at Point Reyes to live their wild life, unfenced. We taxpayers do not owe cattle owners a living at their expense.

**Correspondence ID: 12540**

Please remove the Tule Elk Fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The NPS mission is to "preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."

Right now, the livelihoods of Tule Elk are impaired by the fence - it prohibits them from foraging, nurturing the landscape as an essential part of the ecosystem, and simply finding natural fresh sources of water. Hundreds have died due to lack of water and proper forage as reported by the National Park Service.

It is surprising and saddening as a visitor to learn about this fence, and disheartening as a taxpayer to know that this fence is damaging the quality of native flora and fauna, and instead protecting for-profit dairy and cattle business on taxpayer land.

Please take down this fence, and give the Tule Elk of Point Reyes the freedom they deserve. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12541**

This is a disgrace. No excuse whatsoever. Brutal and inhumane.

**Correspondence ID: 12542**

We, along with many other individuals and organizations, feel these beautiful animals need a solution fast. It is cruel and inhumane to allow them to starve and thirst to death. Relocation would be the best idea, but there are other solutions as well. Please consider this and consider it quickly.

Thank you, Sondra York

Board member

The Animal Crusaders of Texas

A 501c3 nonprofit organization

**Correspondence ID: 12543**

Please promote better health for all animals on Tomales Point.

**Correspondence ID: 12544**

Please remove the fence for the Tule Elk and stop letting cattle graze there. This area should be for wild animals like the Tule elk. Where else can they go?

**Correspondence ID: 12545**

Hello,

Please, remove the fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore that is preventing native elk from accessing the food and water they would naturally rely on. Allowing ranchers to

utilize this land not only restricts usage for native animal populations but contaminate the land and water making it unsuitable for this wildlife. This is senseless and in need of attention.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12546**

Please take down the fences for the Tule Elk!

I SUPPORT the ALTERNATIVE that REMOVES the elk fence!

RESTORING and REWILDING Point Reyes National Park should be a priority, and providing a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches is a must.

A wildlife-friendly fence could be constructed to KEEP the CATTLE OUT of Tomales Point once the tall elk-proof fence is removed. It's so important to give the Tule Elk UNRESTRICTED ACCESS from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by REMOVING the LIVESTOCK ENTIRELY!

Let the Tomales elk roam freely across the rest of the National Seashore and mingle with the free-roaming elk herds. WATER TROUGHS would NOT be needed IF the elk could reach water sources throughout the Seashore.

Thank you for helping the Tule Elk and supporting the alternative to take down the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12547**

I urge the NPS to remove the fence that keeps the Tule Elk from roaming freely. It seems outrageous that we go out of our way to support cattle ranching at the expense of our wild animals when cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please take down the fence so that the Tule Elk can roam freely once again.

**Correspondence ID: 12548**

I am writing to urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area."

The fence must be removed and elk must be able to roam free.

It is unacceptable to prioritize cattle over wildlife, especially in a national park!

Point Reyes must honor the charter of the National Seashore, which states that wildlife and the ecosystem must be protected.

Please listen to the overwhelming majority of the public and remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12549**

Please remove the inhumane fence trapping the tule deer at Point Reyes, and allow them to feed and water on their natural habitat unrestricted by the demands of cattle farmers. The deer were there first, they have a right to humane living conditions.

**Correspondence ID: 12550**

Save these elk! It's ridiculous that you think they can sustain themselves on that fenced off small amount of area and have sufficient food and water to sustain themselves! The public wants these animals to survive. And they have a right to exist. Tear down that fence and provide additional food to get them back on their feet! Asap. Don't wait till it's too late!

**Correspondence ID: 12551**

Please allow wildlife to be the priority not dairy farming and cattle grazit.

**Correspondence ID: 12552**

STOP this is cruel ...enough is enough.

**Correspondence ID: 12553**

These beautiful animals need to roam free and thrive, not be denied water and food sources

**Correspondence ID: 12554**

The Tule Elk are special and need to be treated/provided for in a way that recognizes it. To build a restrictive fence which keeps them from being able to provide for themselves within a sustainable ecosystem is nothing less than animal abuse. In a natural ecosystem Elk move around freely, as they do where I live in the mountains of Southwestern Colorado. It is a special joy to watch a herd or two of elk graze over my valley meadow during the Winter, where the snows are not as deep as in the higher country and food is easier to find.

If the NPS cares about these special Elk, you will find a way to provide the ecosystem (which may be somewhat large compared to what they have access to now) so that they will be able to provide for themselves and be able to survive in a healthy way. They are marvelous beings.

Thank you, Dr. Richard L Steele

**Correspondence ID: 12555**

Please remove the fence at Tomales Point peninsula in Point Reyes National Seashore that's preventing elk from grazing.

**Correspondence ID: 12556**

Dear National Park Service,

RE: Tomales Point Area Plan

I'm writing to urgently request that you protect Tule Elk, not Big Ag.

These beautiful animals deserve to live their natural lives without the artificial boundary.

All wildlife is struggling to survive as humans take more and more space from them.

Please proceed with removing the fence that contains them. Respect for all our beloved wildlife these days is everything.

Thank you, **Correspondence ID: 12557**

Please remove the fence and save these elk. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12558**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 12559**

Please let these elk live in peace. They are supposed to be protected, not starved and separated from water. Please let them live their lives.

**Correspondence ID: 12560**

Let these beautiful animals roam free. Their species were on this planet long before you were. You are only making extinction more real.

**Correspondence ID: 12561**

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12562**

Please remove the fence allowing the elk to roam freely on a large area.

**Correspondence ID: 12563**

PRNS should be for natural wildlife, not domestic cattle. Please protect this beautiful area.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12564**

Please remove the fence and let the Tule Elk be protected

**Correspondence ID: 12565**

You are killing a spices !

**Correspondence ID: 12566**

Please help the Tule Elk and make Point Reyes a more environmentally friendly place. Livestock have to place in other beings' homes.

**Correspondence ID: 12567**

Dear National Park Service,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed plan to remove the fence confining the native tule elk at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. For years, these magnificent animals have suffered from apparent starvation and a lack of water due to their restricted habitat, which is largely the result of the three-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS). It is imperative that we take this opportunity to rectify the situation and allow these elk to roam free and live the lives they deserve.

The severe consequences of keeping the tule elk confined are evident in the alarming death toll. In 2020 alone, a staggering 152 elk died on Tomales Point. This is a tragedy that cannot be allowed to continue. The fence that was originally constructed with the intention of preventing the elk from grazing nearby seashore land has clearly proven to be detrimental to their well-being.

Furthermore, it is crucial to highlight the negative environmental impacts associated with cattle grazing, which the current fencing promotes. Cattle grazing not only decimates ecosystems but also contaminates water supplies with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. These consequences are in direct conflict with the preservation and protection goals of the National Park Service.

By removing the fence, we have an opportunity to address these pressing issues and make a significant positive impact on the Tomales Point ecosystem. Allowing the native tule elk to roam freely will help restore the natural balance of the area and enhance the overall health of the environment.

I urge the NPS to prioritize the well-being of these magnificent animals and the preservation of the ecosystem by swiftly moving forward with the plan to remove the fence. This decision will not only benefit the native tule elk but also uphold the principles of conservation and responsible environmental stewardship that the National Park Service represents.

Thank you for considering my comments, and I hope to see swift action taken to ensure a better future for the Tomales Point elk and the entire Point Reyes National Seashore ecosystem.

Sincerely, Isabel Mateus

**Correspondence ID: 12568**

Free the Tule Elk! We need all our animals!

**Correspondence ID: 12569**

NPS ,

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Theodore Johns

**Correspondence ID: 12570**

With roughly about 600 Point Reyes Tule Elk remaining in the Pt. Reyes National Seashore, the National Park Service has the opportunity and the responsibility to protect and care for these wild animals. This is the only national park for these elk. There is no need to protect cattle ranching, nor is the Park Service bound to protect private enterprise within the parks.

We have entered a time when there is no escaping the daily extinction of wild animals. The National Park Service can step in to help as many parklands remain home to wild animals as it can. Ranchers may need to have smaller herds, if private land is not available. Killing off wild species so ranchers can continue to use public lands is, at this point in our understanding of ecological and sustainable practices, insanity.

Thank you for thinking carefully about the practices we now need to put in place to protect our future.

**Correspondence ID: 12571**

Please save the Tule Elk, please stop them from starvation. Please remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12572**

I say this with the upmost respect for those wishing to do the right thing and not continue to let these or any other animals suffer. It's a terrible shame that we even need to request what should have been done long ago.

Please get them access to water and nourishment until the fence can be removed.

Most respectfully, Jeff Schulman

**Correspondence ID: 12573**

As you are aware, the 3-mile-long fence built by the National Park Service (NPS) prevents the native Tule elk from grazing the seashore land. As a result, these elk are starving and dehydrated with 152 elk dying in 2020 as a result on being confined to Tomales Point.

Happily, the NPS is now considering removing the fence which would allow the elk to roam freely and live a natural life.

Elk, unlike cattle, do not harm the ecosystems by grazing. Cattle herds contaminate the water supply with fecal bacteria. Elk do not. Cattle spread invasive species and disease. Elk do not. Finally, cattle herds waste enormous amounts of water. Elk do not.

I would like to go on record supporting the fence removal by the NPS in the Tomales Point Area Plan.

Thank you, Gretchen Roberts

**Correspondence ID: 12574**

Hello, as a regular visitor to Pt. Reyes N.S., I ask you to support the recommendation to remove the fence and allow the Tule Elk have access to adequate food and water. These magnificent

animals deserve our protection which INCLUDES the ability to find food, water and shelter - especially as we see our climate changing, getting warmer and dryer.

You are stewards for these and many, many other animals and I ask that you take this to heart and allow the Tule Elk to roam as they are able and as they used to, not so long ago.

Thank you, Paul Kep

**Correspondence ID: 12575**

Please stop killing the elk with painful starvation and dehydration; let them roam freely to feed and rest. Please find your humanity and compassion for the tender creatures.

**Correspondence ID: 12576**

Humans we have been encroaching on animals' territory almost everywhere and at greater speed.

To take down the fence and allow the elk in the Tomales Point area roam and graze more freely is a small act but can make a big difference in halting wildlife suffering and decimation of a species. Furthermore, protecting the elk, and other creatures, must be part of the National Park Service purpose.

Respectfully, Lorraine Zenka

**Correspondence ID: 12577**

Please remove the fence, thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12578**

Please remove the fence, thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12579**

PLEASE remove the fence so the Elkhart can run Free!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12580**

Thank you for listening to the public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

We are in the midst of a wildlife extinction and the future well being of the lives of our children and grand children are dependent on the decisions we make now.

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for taking public comments on this decision,

Susan Roberts

**Correspondence ID: 12581**

GD Intended those Elks to live freely. You are having cattle trespass. You are ungdly fencing them in.

There is no need to raise cattle for food.

GD has provided food for humans without this cruelty.

SET THE ELK FREE TO ROAM. REMOVE THE FENCES.

During the World Wars we see pictures of humans

Starving to Death, while cruel humans are getting fatter.

**Correspondence ID: 12582**

Please help these poor animals. They deserve better!

**Correspondence ID: 12583**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

**Correspondence ID: 12584**

Please remove the fence for the elk. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12585**

These beautiful creatures need to be taken care of with whatever it takes & they need. Make sure they come first !!

**Correspondence ID: 12586**

You need to remove the fences and allow these rule elk to roam free. THEY are the owners of this land, not the government. They belong to native Indian traditions. 152 animals died be cause of your bureaucratic cruelty. ENOUGH!!! REMOVE THE FENCE AND ALLOW INDIGENOUS, TRADITIONAL

AMERICAN INDIAN ELK TO ROAM FREE!!! As an American citizen...I DEMAND IT!

**Correspondence ID: 12587**

When animals are starving or dying of thirst it seems obvious that the fence needs to be removed.

Why am I even having to contact you to do what is right?

The Park service should be helping, not only those visiting the parks, but also the wildlife.

Please remove the fence as soon as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

**Correspondence ID: 12588**

Please remove fence containing native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. They have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please let these majestic animals roam freely without fences obstructing their natural way of life and keeping them from the food and water they need to survive.



Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12589**

Please removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

Thank you, Sara Hufford

**Correspondence ID: 12590**

It is not only unethical to deny wildlife access to water it is criminal. Point Reyes is a national park - public land. Why is the park service permitting ranching interest to dictate who and who cannot access water.

I urge you to remove the fence. What this county can no longer afford is cattle roaming on and destroying public lands.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12591**

Please remove the fence. We need more good in this world and especially animals

**Correspondence ID: 12592**

cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12593**

I am not against eating meat or a vegan, but native species have a right to survive and not be fenced in to starve. Please remove the fence for Tule Elk. The ranching industry and big agriculture have enough

money and land to find better solutions.

**Correspondence ID: 12594**

Please help them from starving. It's horrible death.

**Correspondence ID: 12595**

Please take down the fence and let the elk roam free. They cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12596**

Starving elks are not a good sight for tourists. You are the stewards and caregivers for these animals. I will not book travelers to your state if this problem continues. And I will be emailing my 5,000 person list with this information and ask them to email their contacts!

**Correspondence ID: 12597**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point tule elk herd ASAP, as they are being deprived of food and water resources by having to live in such a small area. Please note that Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water; their needs are not greater than the native Tomales Point tule elk herd's needs and the elk are much likely less destructive than cattle.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter!

**Correspondence ID: 12598**

Please provide for the Tule elk to have the needed resources to successfully survive and flourish.

**Correspondence ID: 12599**

Please remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12600**

Please take down the elk fence. Let visitors enjoy seeing these wonderful animals!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12601**

The Pierce Point trail has been my favorite hiking trail for many years. Part of my delight in is watching the Tule Elk. I have sat for many hours gazing at their elk activities. Please, please tear down the fence so that they move freely, and so that harsh weather will stop killing them.

**Correspondence ID: 12602**

If so many animals have been dying in such a short time AND YOU KNOW WHY, it amazes me that you need to get opinions on whether to remove the fence or not. It is a no brainer! Humans erected the fence - now take it down and learn to manage the animals another way!

**Correspondence ID: 12603**

Removing the fence near Point Reyes will help this important herd of elk that lives there, and prevent more unnecessary deaths. Please remove the fence!

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12604**

Please take down the fence that confines the tule elk to an area insufficient to feed them. If this cannot be done, then there must be regular culling of the herds to prevent starvation.

**Correspondence ID: 12605**

Please remove the fence that is keeping the Elk from getting to grazing lands, resulting in the starvation of many.

As many people are, I have greatly reduced the amount of beef I eat because it is unhealthy for humans to consume beef, and because of the tremendous strain on the planet caused by cattle.

Cattle not only spread disease, but they use far more than their share of water. When I read that 1500 gallons of water are used to produce 1 lb. of ground beef, I almost entirely cut ground beef off my grocery list. Cattle also contribute a lot to the greenhouse gases that are wreaking havoc with our planet.

The Elk deserve to roam free and have a chance at life too.

Do the right thing and remove the fence! A carcass of a starved Elk is not a pretty picture! We cannot continue to pretend decisions like this have no consequences. The Elk and the Planet beg to differ!

**Correspondence ID: 12606**

Please do the right thing and remove the fence. I have yet to see a reasonable justification to not do so. The elk have suffered enough.

Phillip Grob, MD

**Correspondence ID: 12607**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12608**

Please take down the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd. They are dying of starvation and dehydration. They need to be able to roam for food and water. Take the fence down.

**Correspondence ID: 12609**

Please remove the fencing at Tomales Point Area and allow the Tule Elk free range. Starvation must be a terrible way to suffer and die.

Please do the right thing!!

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12610**

Please take down the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd. They are dying of starvation and dehydration. They need to be able to roam for food and water. Take the fence down.

**Correspondence ID: 12611**

save the elk. provide food and water and take down the fence. No cattle only elk in Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 12612**

Remove the cattle and the fence to let the elk graze naturally in our national park.

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**Correspondence ID: 12613**

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**Correspondence ID: 12614**

Please free the elk. It is about time. How dare we give the rights to farmers who have been grandfathered in to use the land for profit and to raise milk and beef. This only destroys our environment.

Thank you for doing the right thing!

Cheers,

Christine

**Correspondence ID: 12615**

When I was growing up in northern California, my family and I spent quite a lot of time in that area as we were friends of the Zetterquists (the lighthouse keeper) and also climbed down cliffs for abalone. We loved watching the Tule elk and admired them. They were there first and

deserve to be able to live out their lives on the land that always supported them. Remove fences. PLEASE. They deserve better from humans who are late-comers.

**Correspondence ID: 12616**

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**Correspondence ID: 12617**

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Therefore, I urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12618**

I STRONGLY, VEHEMENTLY SUPPORT MEASURE B TO TAKE DOWN THE FENCE to allow Tule Elk to roam free! It is not fair to them that humans have very really caused the emergent, serious and HORRIBLE climate change that is creating suffering for living creatures. Either way, no matter what, they deserve to be able to roam free and finding drinking water as much as humans should be able to. And definitely have more rights to that land than cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 12619**

Remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12620**

Protect the Elk not the Cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 12621**

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**Correspondence ID: 12622**

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**Correspondence ID: 12623**

Dear NPS,

As citizens of the North Bay, and as avid hikers, my husband and I have for many years enjoyed hiking the trails of the Tomales Point area. Seeing the ocean and the wildlife that has long thrived in this area has always been thrilling, but witnessing the herd of Tule elk gathered along the trail has evoked a unique and special experience of reverence for these magnificent animals and their place in the natural environment.

However, the moment we became aware that a fence was to be installed at the request of cattle ranchers, which would knowingly, negatively impact the ability of the Tule elk to access their only sources of food and water, and that no remedial measures would be implemented to take care of the herd's basic needs to ensure their well-being and survival, we were extremely appalled and angered! We were further angered when our petitions against the installation of this fence, and the reckless, selfish, and irresponsible policy behind it, went purposely unheeded. Since then, we have been following ongoing reporting about the negative consequences this fence has had on the health and survival of the Tule elk herd. We have been further horrified to hear that significant numbers of these elk have needlessly died from starvation and thirst, simply because they are blocked by this fence from accessing their sources of food and water! And that absolutely nothing has been done to help them.

In our view this is an unconscionable abuse of power at the expense of these innocent animals, all in the name of greed and profit for a few ranchers. Meanwhile, does any conscious citizen really need to remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water, including in drought-stricken California, while contributing mightily to global warming? And that the NPS's ongoing support for this industry in the Tomales Point area is occurring at a time when the natural environment and its native wildlife are already under constant assault by devastating heat, wildfires, and drought?

Therefore, our fervid request to the decision makers at the NPS is this: PLEASE drop your excuses and rationalizations for keeping this fence! Resurrect your conscience, find your compassion, act from your Heart, and REMOVE THIS FENCE immediately! Use the power you have been entrusted with to restore the ability of these magnificent gifts of Nature in the Tomales Point area--this herd of Tule elk--to survive and thrive in their chosen home.

There can be no other choice.

**Correspondence ID: 12624**

It is imperative that the fencing impairing the ability of the Thule Elk be removed. It is appalling that this condition has been allowed to continue so long! Malfeasance at its worst!!

**Correspondence ID: 12625**

As Aretha sang - FREEDOM!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12626**

NPS

Please remove the Tomales Point fence and let the tule elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

We all know that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water so this fence should be removed immediately to let the native animals live the life they deserve.

Thank you, Dawn Carter

**Correspondence ID: 12627**

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The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Please, please please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please take down the fence

**Correspondence ID: 12628**

Please let the elk roam free. They're starving.

**Correspondence ID: 12629**

Please, please, please help these fine creatures ie. the elks. People enjoy them, but not when they are

sick. There are other places where the cows can graze, the elks WERE THERE FIRST. The cows are

all about money, and people are not interested in looking at them. Do not spoil the view.

Our duty right now, is to protect the planet and protect its creatures right now, with global warming.

Frances Plunkett.

**Correspondence ID: 12630**

please remove the fence that is destroying the tule elk. the cattle destroy the landscape. you are taking bribes at the expense of the elk. cattleranchers should not have priority

**Correspondence ID: 12631**

Please remove the fence at Point Reyes National Seashore. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12632**

Please stop protecting the interests of cattle farmers who continue to destroy the environment around them. Protect the elk who truly belong on their land. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12633**

Please remove fence to allow elk to roam freely. It's not natural to confine any animal from roaming. Show your humane side and love for all living creatures by letting them live free as nature intended

**Correspondence ID: 12634**

Please take down the fence so the Elk can get enough to eat and drink.

Thank you -

David A. Burr

**Correspondence ID: 12635**

I am writing to you today to give consent for the removal of the Tomales Point Reyes Seashore fence that will support the Elk Species Community that lives there so that they may have access to the resources that they need for life.

**Correspondence ID: 12636**

Please remove the fences, we shouldn't hinder other lives because of cattle crazing. And cattle grazing causes so much damage to the ecosystem. Breaks my heart to hear that they are dying from starvation and dehydration.

Thank you, Amy

**Correspondence ID: 12637**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Bob Hollie

**Correspondence ID: 12638**

Please take down the fence so the elk can have normal lives and not die of starvation.

**Correspondence ID: 12639**

Clearly native wildlife including the elk should have priority use of this NPS land. They need maximum flexibility to move and adapt under the increasingly stressful conditions. Cattle must have lower priority. Cattle numbers here are not sufficient for an economic base in any case. Support this native wildlife species please. That's what NPS is supposed to be all about!

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Sincerely, Mrs. Hollie Hollon

**Correspondence ID: 12641**

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Sincerely, Dr. Patricia Kerstner

**Correspondence ID: 12642**

Free the Elk. Your confinement of these animals is criminal

There is NO GOOD ENOUGH REASON and will NEVER BE To allow the suffering of ANY Non human life. Your participation regardless of title is a crime and an atrocity to our environment. Please stop your participation, excuses, promoting and allowing the suffering of animals. You should all be in prison for your involvement and Thats being lenient.

**Correspondence ID: 12643**

I am a long time supporter of the NPS but extremely disappointed in its decisions and actions at Point Reyes.

Please, remove the 3-mile fence the NPS has erected containing the NATIVE tule elk herd to the Tomales Point peninsula, leading incredible numbers to die painfully of inadequate access to water and food. It is the cattle farming that decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water - not the native elk. NPS did not agree and has no obligation to endlessly grant extensions for activities that destroy the land and endanger native wildlife; it does on the other hand have a duty to preserve and restore this beautiful wilderness.

Please take this critical opportunity to do the right thing, in line with the mission of NPS, by removing the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12644**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Julia Nation

**Correspondence ID: 12645**

Please just remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12646**

Stop this on-going and sustained murder of Tule Elk!

**Correspondence ID: 12647**

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Sincerely, Dr. Stacey McRae

**Correspondence ID: 12648**

Please help the Elk roam free as nature intended. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12649**

The park is also responsible to safeguard those residents with 4 legs - please remove the fence on behalf of the elk and if 152 of the island population on the other side of the fence that you are supposedly protecting dies, maybe put the fence back then...

**Correspondence ID: 12650**

Remove the fence immediately!!! The hell is wrong with you!!!?????

**Correspondence ID: 12651**

Dear NPS,

I urge you to remove the fence that keeps our beautiful Elk resource from grazing and having access to water at Tomales Point.

The cruel starvation and water deprivation that they suffer as a result of being fenced off is a stain on our country and our National Parks Service.

Please remove the fence and let them roam their natural habitat.

Thank you.

William Anderson

**Correspondence ID: 12652**

I strongly urge the NPS to remove the cruel fence that is starving out the Tule elk. Let me remind the NPS that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Cattle are never a natural species - they are invasive. Allow the tule elk the freedom that all wild animals need and deserve. The NPS must listen to the wishes of the American public and stop pandering to livestock interests.

**Correspondence ID: 12653**

Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water with fecal bacteria, which spreads disease, and water is wasted.

Thank you for your consideration

**Correspondence ID: 12654**

We need to protect our wild animals...that is, we need to protect our native animals. We do not need to subsidize and "protect" grown men who are ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 12655**

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**Correspondence ID: 12656**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

- The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.
- Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.
- It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.
- Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.
- Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."
- Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you!

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**Correspondence ID: 12658**

I urge the NPS to remove the fences and to remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12659**

Please stop starving the Tule elk. Allow them to roam free and remove the fencing.

Animals the generational family ranchers have been over staying there welcome long since I was a kid born and raised here in 1964.

They had decades to look for a new location. Cattle grazing does not belong on the point Reyes national seashore.

Jennifer Coleman

**Correspondence ID: 12660**

Please remove the fence that is holding back tule elk in a confined area that is detrimental to their health and well-being. Native animals are meant to roam freely and migrate and is critical to their survival.

**Correspondence ID: 12661**

Please remove the fence which is currently killing the elk.

Cattle grazing:

- decimates ecosystems
- contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria
- spreads invasive species
- spread disease
- wastes massive amounts of water.

Surely the elk can't have anything like that kind of impact. Let them live. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12662**

Save the animals.

**Correspondence ID: 12663**

Please keep the farms within the Point Reyes NP they are a vital asset to the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12664**

What the heck are you guys doing? Can't you see that you screwed up? You need to take that fence out forthwith and come up with another solution.

Gee whiz I can't believe that this was your solution.

**Correspondence ID: 12665**

I'm urging the NPS to remove the fence. I'd like to remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thanks in advance for doing the moral thing,

**Correspondence ID: 12666**

NOW is the time to REMOVE the fence.

Why?

Because cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water

**Correspondence ID: 12667**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Free the ELK!

**Correspondence ID: 12668**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12669**

I am urging the NPS to remove the fence. Please keep in mind that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12670**

Please allow the indigenous Tule elk to roam free (sans any fences) at Point Reyes National Seashore. Instead, remove all the invasive cattle and livestock. The 'welfare' cattle ranchers with their environmentally deleterious dairy cows and livestock should have no place in this beautiful national park and, as such, should be extirpated from this seashore gem forthwith. Sixty-two years of landscape degradation by these excessive methane-generating bovines is long enough. Time to remove them and allow the native wildlife to re-wild the whole park.

Thank you, David Walker

**Correspondence ID: 12671**

I writing to help the Tule Zelma survive-writing to urge the NPS to remove the fence. Remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12672**

Please stop the greed and help animals from starvation and clean water access. Humans are not the only living beings that live in this planet, we need to make sure other living beings have right to access clean water, we need to stop consuming planet resources nonstop, and start leaning to share with other sentient beings.

**Correspondence ID: 12673**

Common Sense !

**Correspondence ID: 12674**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Bonnie Hughes

**Correspondence ID: 12676**

NPS,

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

The elk are dying because they don't have enough food and water!

They were there FIRST - before the cattle!

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12677**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12678**

Please remove the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12679**

Please, please, let the tulle elk roam free by removing the fence. Give them a chance to thrive and survive.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this.

Angela S.

**Correspondence ID: 12680**

Please remove the elk fence.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12681**

Please allow these animals back into their territory to roam free and get the water they need. You are killing them off with these restricted areas. This was their land first, not cattle. We don't need the cattle. They deserve the land and its resources. This is a horror and tragedy that needs to end.



**Correspondence ID: 12682**

Elk need your consideration... cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12683**

I'm appalled these beautiful animals are still being held prisoner. It's past time to either set them free or find a way to take care of them.

**Correspondence ID: 12684**

The Park Service must remove the fence entrapping the Tule Elk and causing abusive starvation of these native animals. Overgrazing cattle has led to pollution and disastrous environmental problems. The Elk are native , not invasive.

Free the Elk now.

**Correspondence ID: 12685**

please kind sir, remove the fence and let the elk roam free as God intended. too many have died already, please help them. God bless you all and i hope you all have a very blessed week as you remove the fence. thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12686**

Please protect the native Tule elk and remove the fencing that confines them. This is inhumane and cruel and serves no purpose. Cattle contaminate the watershed and destroy the natural environment and yet they are not restricted. I ask you to consider a fair and balanced approach. Thank you for your time and attention.

**Correspondence ID: 12687**

I am writing to urge you to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd so the elk can roam free and live the lives they deserve. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. In addition, confining the elk has led to starvation for several of them, so please remove the fence.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12688**

This is so sad. Pls help them. Georgia Malone

**Correspondence ID: 12689**

Please remove the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd, causing them starvation and lack of access to water. Help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 12690**

Please remove the fence and help the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12691**

Dear National Park Service,

As a concerned citizen and conservative outdoorsman, I am writing you regarding the Tomales Point Elk population that has been restricted to a much smaller area of the park than is feasible, given the numbers

of Elk currently populating that area.

Please consider removing or relocating the fence restrictions so as to allow improved grazing of these

magnificent animals.

Or relocating some of the Elk to another area.

Thank you for any improvement you may make regarding the Elk population at Tomales Point.

Regards,

Mark McCullough

**Correspondence ID: 12692**

For the sake of the native tule elk, please consider removing the 3 mile long fencing that has been erected near the seashore of Tomales Point in Point Reyes to keep them just from grazing in certain areas. I'm sure the unintended consequences of the actions of the National Park Service must be regrettable to the agency. The beautiful elk have been dying increasingly from this decision with the toll amounting to 152 in 2020 alone. Please be a friend to these innocent animals by removing the fencing. They are starving and dying of thirst due to these actions.

Thank you!

Bonnie Tincup

**Correspondence ID: 12693**

Hello,

Restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park should be a priority, and providing a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches is a must. A wildlife-friendly fence could be constructed to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point once the tall elk-proof fence is removed. Better yet, give the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by removing the livestock entirely.

Regards,

**Correspondence ID: 12694**

Please allow the elk to roam free. Let me remind this agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12695**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free..

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 12696**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.. Let the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12697**

It is unconscionable that so-called "livestock" have been given priority to indigenous animals at Point Reyes. Please do the right thing by removing the fencing, relocating cattle (an invasive species) from this National Park and allowing Tule Elk to flourish.

**Correspondence ID: 12698**

Remove the fencing on Point Reyes that separate the elk. The cattle must also be removed as per the agreement that paid the ranchers for the land in the past. Please remove cattle from our land.

Sincerely, Stephan

**Correspondence ID: 12699**

I'm writing to urge the NPS to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 12700**

Please allow tule elk of Tomales Point to live unfenced. Anything else is a cruel death for them as the confining environment has become toxic.

**Correspondence ID: 12701**

Please remove the fence so these native animals can rightly graze on the land that belongs to them, not cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 12702**

Please remove the fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore so that the tule elk can move about to graze so they do not starve while fenced in on the peninsula. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12703**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Image of a group of elk

However, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. The NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 12704**

THIS IS A DISGRACE

REMOVE THE FENCE, CRUEL

**Correspondence ID: 12705**

Please, simply remove the fence. Because it's the right thing to do.

**Correspondence ID: 12706**

There is no logical reason to restrain these creatures of God. Their natural instincts and tuition allows them to exist without limitations enforced with domesticated animals. Additionally, this alternative is much more humane than limiting their final demise to "forced starvation". They are not a threat to humanity of the same magnitude as those of our own species.

Please remove the barriers so they can try to live naturally in their habitat thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12707**

Please allow these majestic animals roam the land freely.

After all, they are entitled to this land as much as we humans who certainly do more damage to our ecosystem than they do.

Please protect them. Save their lives

Thank you and God Bless.

**Correspondence ID: 12708**

Dear NPS

Please please remove the fence immediately which is confining the Tomales Point elk herd. The elk are starving and dying. Be reminded that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Sincerely

Jan Phelps

**Correspondence ID: 12709**

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE ASAP!!!!

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Sincerely

Geoffrey Saign

**Correspondence ID: 12710**

Please sleep good at night , think if you did not have water!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12711**

I'm disgusted by the way the park service has treated the elk. I hope your organization will finally let the elk have access to water

**Correspondence ID: 12712**

The tule elk were nearly driven to extinction already, thanks to human interference. The few left are being confined by fences in a drought-afflicted area where they are now being driven to extinction through starvation. Enough is enough! Remove the fences and let the tule elk have a chance for survival. National Parks should put a priority on protecting their wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 12713**

Please remove the fence confining the native tule elk of Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. The elk are dying from starvation and dehydration because the limitations on their freedom to enjoy grazing on nourishing grasses and drinking fresh water. Their survival depends on the fence being removed and this must be done post haste.

Additionally, I would like to remind the agency representatives that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts about these issues. Your time and anticipated cooperation are greatly appreciated.

**Correspondence ID: 12714**

It amazes me how many people or arms of our government have lost a simple acknowledgement of humanity. These creatures should not be starving because of a decision made by someone to confine them away from a food source. It is cruel and inhumane and the fence should definitely come down. I hope that you can see the importance of being kind.

**Correspondence ID: 12715**

Give the animal water

**Correspondence ID: 12716**

As tax payer and someone who sits CA often, I implore you to protect the Point Reyes Tule Elk population. Our wildlife our rare and precious. Cattle farmers can reduce their herd size to cut pollution and graze only on their private land, not public land. Please cut down the elk fencing and allow these animals to thrive in and adapt to our changing climate which is devastating so many species.

Please say NO to cattle ranchers and YES to the defenseless Point Reyes Tule Elk!

Thank you-

Cynthia Dietzmann

**Correspondence ID: 12717**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd that doesn't let these native animals graze and get to water sources. .

This fencing allows cattle grazing that destroys ecosystems, fouks the water supply with cow feces, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes tons of water.

We've seen other places what poor management of natural lands results in. Please change the current plan and remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12718**

Please remove the fence. I've been there, twice, and well aware of the situation. As at least one organization has stated, eliminate the cattle.

This area is for wild animals, not for humans to use for their greedy ways, as I often say. We've wreaked far too much havoc on our planet.

**Correspondence ID: 12719**

Please remove the fence that is confining the Tomales Point elk herd. This will enable the elk to roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Sincerely, Mark R Freeman

**Correspondence ID: 12720**

Please remove the fence keeping Tule Elk contained in Tomales Point. They do far less damage than the cattle whose grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Containing the elk where they are starving to death is inhumane!!

**Correspondence ID: 12721**

Cows do not have the right to displace any animal. Take down the fence period!

**Correspondence ID: 12722**

Please allow the elk to roam freely. This is how it was intended.

**Correspondence ID: 12723**

Please remove the fence so these majestic creatures can nurture themselves. It is the humane and proper thing to do. They deserve to live as well as the rest of us.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12724**

As we all know Pt. Reyes is a National Park. The Tule Elk is a strong attraction to our National Park. Why should these animals be limited to such a small fenced-in area? The farms are not in the interest of the visitors. It is the Tule Elk, the Elephant Seals, Coyotes, Bobcats, and all kinds of birds.

I was out photographing the Tule Elk when I witnessed two bulls who were on the other side of the fence with the cows. They were bugling painfully. These animals are being kept from living their lives as nature planned. What right do we have to do this to them? You don't see this happening in the Grand Tetons or Yellowstone.

Build new trails, and maintain the ones we have.

My heart breaks for these animals. The farms only take up space to create a mess of maniere and toxic waste. Even human toxic waste from what records show from some of the farms and

ranches. Put more pressure on the farmers. There is plenty of land for the farms but the farms can also move...

Let the Tule Elk live out their lives without starving to death or dying from dehydration.

I'm begging you!

Patty

**Correspondence ID: 12725**

Please allow the elk to roam freely. This is how it was intended.

**Correspondence ID: 12726**

Please remove the Tamales Point Fence that is keeping elk from food and water. I understand that over 100 elk have already died because of this fence. I also understand that the fence is designed to keep cattle in and elk out. Urge cattle owners to graze somewhere else because natural wildlife meant to be there is threatened.

**Correspondence ID: 12727**

Dear NPS:

Remove the fence, please. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and diseases, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you, Gen Esson

**Correspondence ID: 12728**

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, clara zahadek

**Correspondence ID: 12729**

The point is: save human and all animals in the world. Thanks good people. God with us.

**Correspondence ID: 12730**

It's a shame!

**Correspondence ID: 12731**

To whom this may concern,

-I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

-I think it's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

-Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

-I don't think private cattle operations are appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

-Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for taking time to read my comments

Regards,

KN

**Correspondence ID: 12732**

Please, please remove the fence and let those poor animals out. They deserve better treatment than that.

Sharon

**Correspondence ID: 12733**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.



I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Kathleen Manchester

**Correspondence ID: 12734**

Why do so many federally employed agencies do somuch damage when they are hired to protect nature, the land and its animals????

FIRE THEM! Let nature be nature before there is nothing left for our children's children to see!!!

I have been donating \$ to the Nation Park Service and its calendars I don't want or need, to preserve nature, But, now I find out they are killing nature's animals.

BLM should also be fired tor killing wild horses and selling them for meat!

It is no wonder there is so much violence in the world,,,,it starts here I am ashamed.!

**Correspondence ID: 12735**

Have mercy. Please remove the fence!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12736**

While we are presently experiencing 6th Mass Extinction of biodiversity, a humane effort is implored to minimize the unending loss of species. Fencing in the Elk with the consequences of starvation is cruel to say the least. A rational effort should be in place to save these beautiful animals. Thank you!

Albert Schweitzer (1875 - 1965): "Man has lost the capacity to foresee and to forestall. He will end by destroying the earth."

**Correspondence ID: 12737**

Please remove the fence and allow the elk to move as God intended.

**Correspondence ID: 12738**

Please take down the fence and let the elk live a free life. Thanks

**Correspondence ID: 12739**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B of the Tomales Point Area Plan. It's unacceptable for the Park Service to confine native elk, leading to death from dehydration and malnutrition. Stop protecting private cattle operations and honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations". Please protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem by removing the elk fencing.

**Correspondence ID: 12740**

Hi- the Elk only want what each of us would want- some water to drink and some food. They eat grass and stuff like that- they re not going to eat the old lady's cat, Little Timmy on his way to school or a bear. Removing a manmade barrier is not a tough scientific item to contemplate-

take down the fence. See what miracles will happen and make things right with eh world. Who exactly is complaining about the Elk- what is their stake in this? I live in a rural area and I have deer, geese, ground hogs, a variety of birds, fox, coyotes and the like in my yard daily. I like them, they like me. We cohabitant. I am not a uneducated fool- I have a BSBA, MBA and a PHD and also retired after 25 years from the US Navy, having command of a warship at sea. This requires nothin more than the courage to do what we are asking and you know is right. So do it- do it for the kids who will grow up in a city devoid of nature ad one day be able to venture away from the city and by chance will spot an elk. Just imagine!. I worked in Richmond Virginia for 3 years and drove past the Defense Logistics Agency every day dn on most days I could see the Elk that live inside the fence line there- a gift to the US Govt from the family who owned the land and gave it for taxpayers use as long as the Elk were allowed to live and roam free on the land they were born on. Why is that any different? The local people, me as well, were proud to have them and to say we are ensuring they are safe and allowed to live.

<https://www.dla.mil/About-DLA/News/News-Article-View/Article/1668430/the-elk-of-defense-supply-center-richmond/>

From an environmental perspective, Parrish said, the team considers it “an honor” to have the elk at DSCR. “We are the only [Department of Defense] facility to have a regulatory permit to exhibit the elk. We take this responsibility very seriously — not only for the care and well-being of the elk but also because of their historical significance and meaning to the installation and its employees.”

Please let the Elk have food and water.

**Correspondence ID: 12741**

Hello,

Please make sure that elks have plenty room to roam around and to have the opportunity to enjoy nature. They need to have access to food and water.

Thank you for all you can do for them!

Sincerely, Judy Critzer

**Correspondence ID: 12742**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment” within Point

Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12743**

I urge you to remove the fence that has trapped the tule elk. Animals have died because of this fencing. As a native of the Bay Area, I've been able to enjoy this part of the coastline many times. Now it sickens me to know what has been going on there. There are so many ecological reasons to remove the fencing not only that it's the right thing to do and it's what we citizens want.

**Correspondence ID: 12744**

Good Evening,

I'm writing to ask you to take down the fence that prevents the Tule Elk from grazing. As you know, they are starving. While cattle grazing decimates ecosystems and contributes to the pollution of water, they are not contained in fenced areas and left to die. Raising cattle uses an incredible amount of water, much more than is used by wildlife, and yet we continue to utilize procedures that make no sense in our appetite for beef. What we really should be cultivating is an appetite for the appreciation of the natural world. Please let the Tule Elk live. It is the right thing to do. If we lose our wild creatures, we lose the balance in our lives.

Thank you, Rose

**Correspondence ID: 12745**

Dear National Park Service:

I was concerned and saddened to hear that native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

I kindly but strongly urge to please allow the elk to roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Thank you, Jenn G.

**Correspondence ID: 12746**

I urge you to consider removal of the fence on the Tomales Point Peninsula that is having a negative impact on the elk herds in the region, confining them to a limited area instead of allowing them to roam freely. 152 elk of died in 2020 alone. In addition, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and and wastes massive amounts of water. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 12747**

PLEASE remove the fence preventing tule elk from the very sustenance and water they need to live. These animals are native to the area, cows are not!!!! Like so many places, cattle grazing have destroyed the land and water supply. Bring this land back so there is a chance it can support the natural wildlife!!

**Correspondence ID: 12748**

I am writing to urge you to remove the fencing in Tomales Point and save the lives of the Elk that have been slowly starving there. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by the 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS), which has caused them to starve and dehydrate. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. As opposed to the Elk that live there naturally, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please remove the fence and allow these beautiful animals to roam, rather than introducing cattle that could damage or destroy the ecosystem at Tomales Point.

**Correspondence ID: 12749**

The treatment of these beautiful elk is horrifyingly cruel.... they have been living there for yrs and are now being murdered so dairy farmers can abuse their own animals and make even more money. The world is moving away from animal abuse and the elk need to be able to roam freely and live their lives in peace.

**Correspondence ID: 12750**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Under this mandate, the

agency is obligated to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12751**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do the RIGHT THING - for us and for all future generations.

1. Permanently remove the Tule Elk Fence and let the native herds roam free.
2. Ensure that cattle (and other domestic animals) do not enter the wilderness area once the 8 ft. fence has been removed.
3. Support restoration of habitat for all wildlife within the planning area
4. Address fire management practices to maintain healthy ecosystems and natural processes
5. Restore natural coastal prairies
6. Assess climate-related impacts on water resources and native vegetation

7. Encourage public access to new trails - provide camping and other activities that integrate the planning area into a parkwide trail network

8. Enhance and improve education efforts for the public, re the Tomales Point elk and their critical (and beautiful) role in the ecology of the Point Reyes peninsula.

Thank you very much!

**Correspondence ID: 12752**

Shame on you for keeping these Tule Elk starving! What is wrong with the officials? Where is the ethics that you should be run by? Is this just another ploy from the tiny pro-hunting "club" that has weaseled its way into public positions to just wait and look for the opportunities to slaughter more wildlife in their "happy killing-days" parties that everyone knows they engage in. Or should I say "YOU" engage in?

Why would you allow these elk to starve otherwise? Shame on you.

**Correspondence ID: 12753**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

I urge the NPS to remove the fence. Please know that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12754**

For the NPS to use tax-payer dollars to murder the tule elk is an abomination! REMOVE THE FENCE!!! Cattle grazing: 1) decimates ecosystems, 2) contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, 3) spreads invasive species and disease, and 4) wastes massive amounts of water. AND it is the direct reason for the deaths of 152 elk so far. The NPS should be protecting our wildlife, not enabling cattle farmers to dictate whether others live or die!! Do better for this country!

**Correspondence ID: 12755**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the

maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12756**

Are you going to sit by and let the elk starve while you all stuff your faces?

**Correspondence ID: 12757**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Catherine Galvin

**Correspondence ID: 12758**

Please take down the fence. These beautiful animals are being starved. How incredibly cruel this is!

**Correspondence ID: 12759**

We have a responsibility to be the advocates and voice for innocent lives who cannot protect themselves or stand up for themselves. The greatest privilege is to use your freedom of speech for those who do not have a voice. Please, do the right thing. These animals need our help.

**Correspondence ID: 12760**

Remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 12761**

I wholeheartedly agree with the plan to remove the fence and allow the Tomales Point elk herd access to water and grazing land. Please proceed as quickly as possible.

**Correspondence ID: 12762**

Please remove the fence immediately and save the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12763**

Dear NPS

tule elk from grazing nearby seashore land. They need the additional nutrition this area offers. The death of 152 elk in 2020 alone due to apparent starvation and a lack of water is an inhumane and must stop. Please remove the fence and let these beautiful creatures survive.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Respectfully

Sharon Pacchiana

**Correspondence ID: 12764**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Jane Murphy

**Correspondence ID: 12765**

My comment got cut off. I am resubmitting it.

Dear NPS:

Please remove the 3-mile-long fence that is preventing the beautiful native elk from grazing nearby seashore land. They need the additional nutrition this area offers. The death of 152 elk in 2020 alone due to apparent starvation and a lack of water is an inhumane and must stop. Please remove the fence and let these beautiful creatures survive.

Thank you for your assistance with this critical issue.

Respectfully,

Sharon

**Correspondence ID: 12766**

Please remove the fence so the elk can roam freely and hopefully resolve the current issues with starvation and dehydration. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12767**

cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12768**

Protecting Elk is important to me.

**Correspondence ID: 12769**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12770**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. For years, NATIVE tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Please do the aware and correct move by removing this fence once and for all.. Thank you! Jacqueline Skill

**Correspondence ID: 12771**

THIS IS HORRIBLE LETTING OVER 152 OF GODS INNOCENT CREATURES DIE STARVING TO DEATH BY PUTTING UP A FENCE THESE ANIMALS CAUSE NO HARM TO ANY HUMANS, SO FOR THE LOVE OF GOD TAKE THAT FENCE DOWN AND HOW WOULD YOU PEOPLE LIKE IT IF THAT WAS YOUR FAMILY STARVING. AND REMEMBER ONE OTHER THING THESE DEAR ANIMALS HAVE NO SIN BUT PEOPLE ARE BORN WITH SIN, AND SO HELP ME GOD THERES A HEAVEN AND THERES A HELL, LET THESE DEAR CREATURES LIVE A LIFE OF PEACE, LOVE, COMPASSION, WITH ENOUGH FOOD AND WATER, TO SUSTAIN THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THEIR NEW BORN, NO ONE



SHOULD HAVE TO STARVE IN OUR WORLD, BECAUSE OF GREED AND NO COMPASSION, THANK YOU, JAMES A LEP

**Correspondence ID: 12772**

As a moderate meat-eater, I would rather see elk herds survive than have federal lands devoted to cattle grazing. Private land only should be used for that purpose. Meat (beef) is not necessary for human survival, and the production of it causes more harm than good to the environment. I advocate for allowing the native species of any animal to prosper without hindrance, especially if there is only a 3-mile fence causing the opposite situation. This country has long-abused wildlife and the natural environmental order of things. The national park service should be trying to right these wrongs, especially when the wrong is simply for a commercial enterprise that produces steak and burgers. I would like to see the tule elk herd allowed to graze in its natural habitat with an unencumbered right to roam.

**Correspondence ID: 12773**

I think Alternative A is the best option for the time being

**Correspondence ID: 12774**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12775**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point Elk herd. Save the Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12776**

Everything deserves to be free!

**Correspondence ID: 12777**

Please remove the fence so the elk can live free, roam and survive. Please allow these majestic animals to live. Thank you so much!!

**Correspondence ID: 12778**

Greetings,

I fully support removing the "Elk Fence" at Point Reyes thus allowing the elk to have access to the full Point Reyes peninsula. I also support ending the practice of allowing dairy farms to graze their cattle on National Park lands. If the practice of allowing cattle to graze on public lands (to the detriment of endemic species, both flora and fauna) was a compromise made to enable the establishment of PRNP, I feel that the time for that privilege to come to an end is long overdue. The dairy farms have had ample time to find alternatives to the use of PRNP lands to subsidize their operations.

Please take down the "Elk Fence" and end the practice of allowing cattle grazing to damage the ecology and environment of Point Reyes National Park. I have been visiting PRNP since before it became a National Park and am amazed by its beauty, its unique example of a northern California coastal ecological community, and its many areas with wilderness characteristics. Cattle do not belong there, elk do.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bill Gardner

**Correspondence ID: 12779**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

We need to allow the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk to happen. These Elk are our native living treasures. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Tricia Bastian

**Correspondence ID: 12780**

It is unconscionable to deliberately starve and eliminate water from the Tule Elk that have roamed there..unfenced! Please do take all fences DOWN. NPS has huge black eyes for behaving so cruelly to these animals. Make it right..do the right thing now.

**Correspondence ID: 12781**

Please take down the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12782**

Please help

**Correspondence ID: 12783**

Dear National Park Service,

I was saddened to hear that native tule elk have been confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service and, as a result, have been dying of starvation and a lack of water. I urge you to remove the fence so that these beautiful animals may survive and even thrive.

Thank you, Lynn Maikke

**Correspondence ID: 12784**

Please remove the fence, and allow the Elk to move and graze freely. I wouldn't want to be responsible for causing such suffering and death, especially not to support an inhumane industry. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12785**

Please take the fence down that is confining the Tule elk. There are so very few of them left and they need to be protected and prioritized - not the ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 12786**

Please remove the fence that is confining, and therefore causing the starvation of, elk on Tomales Point. We must do everything we can to protect our beautiful wildlife and allow them to graze where it doesn't cause detrimental issues. When I travel West in NM, I enjoy seeing the beautiful elk in the mountains, along with their young.

Thank you,

Jami Shaver

**Correspondence ID: 12787**

Please remove the fence so the elk can roam free and have the life they deserve. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12788**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

I'm relieved to learn that your agency is considering removing the restrictive fence. I implore you to take this critically important humanitarian action. I strongly urge your agency to do so. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12789**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Leslie Pinilla

**Correspondence ID: 12790**

Free the elk! This island should not be keeping the tule elk hostage. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition! Please respect the people's wishes to allow the elk to roam free. Private cattle operations are not appropriate in National Parks anyway.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12791**

Please remove the Elk fencing from Point Reyes National Seashore & support Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." The local populations of Elk should be protected & given access to water. They should be given priority over cattle, as they are the native species & once free to roam should be allowed to maintain their own populations, without input from cattle industry, culling or otherwise. I used to work for state parks, and I believe your priority should be the native species & ecosystems, not catering to cattle ranchers.

Thank you for your time & for listening to the public outcry regarding Tule Elk,

Sincerely, Ahna-Kristen Backstrom

**Correspondence ID: 12792**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that

found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Leslie Billings

**Correspondence ID: 12793**

Hello.. I have been following this story for years and I'm finally hearing that you might take down the fence that is killing the Tule Elk

I couldn't be happier.. please do the right thing and respect, restore and return this land back to the Tule Elk.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12794**

Remove the fence, before anymore Tule Elk die please! Starving these animals by fencing them from grazing is inhumane. I'm sure tourists do plenty of damage to the seaside, try fencing tourists in. Thanks

**Correspondence ID: 12795**

I can't believe this is an issue to be debated.

The Elk "live" on this disputed property. They should be "free" to have an available water source. The Elk represent the beauty of California- at least what it used to be. To deny water, and thus kill the Elk, would be a crime committed by all who had the power to prevent this travesty but chose to do nothing.

**Correspondence ID: 12796**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12797**

Please help these starving elk by removing the fence confining the Tomales Point herd so they can eat and drink!

**Correspondence ID: 12798**

I've been to Point Reyes and seen these elk., I was surprised there was enough land for these herds to survive. They are wild and free as they are meant to be. Since we've decimated so much of their habitat, we ought to let them roam free where they are still found. Cattle can eat and roam almost anywhere, the elk don't have that luxury. You should not fence them in and you should relocate some animals instead of culling them.

**Correspondence ID: 12799**

Hello:

Please remove the fence surrounding the Tomales Point Peninsula. In 2020,

152 elk died of starvation and due to lack of sufficient access to water. The suffering of the elk was never taken into account when constructing the fence, the NPS was influenced only by big

AG. I'd like to remind the NPS that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, wastes massive amounts of water, and is the number one contributor to global warming. Kindly consider my request.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12800**

Please remove the fence, and allow the elk their right to exist.

Thank you

John

**Correspondence ID: 12801**

I strongly support Alternative B: "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area (NPS Proposed Action)" for the following reasons:

- a) Tule Elk have always been a primary ungulate species in California and their recovery must be supported to the fullest extent possible, especially in protected natural areas where they once thrived.
- b) No National Seashore, Monument, Park or Forest should prioritize tourism over any wildlife, period. It's a disgrace that our National nature preserves are constantly under attack by subsidized meat, energy, timber or tourism. The National Park+ system has an abysmal record in this regard. Buffalo, sheep, elk and all other ungulates deserve protection more than fast food chains.
- c) The Global warming tsunami is arriving and our National Seashores, Monuments, Parks and Forests are a last hope for nature to survive. Nature must be the priority throughout the national system now, right now.
- d) Human overpopulation is as much of a threat as any other yet these few hundred elk are struggling to get by. That is out of balance and it's up to the national nature system to do all that it can to protect them.

I support No Fences for Elk and keep the cows Out.

**Correspondence ID: 12802**

PLEASE PLEASE IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY I AM APPEALING TO YOU TO REMOVE THE FENCE THAT IS STOPPING ELK FROM GRAZING. IT IS TOTALLY UNETHICAL TO PREVENT ANIMALS FROM GRAZING IN ORDER TO KEEP ALIVE.

ALL LIVES MATTER PLEASE WE NEED TO LIVE AND LET LIVE PLEASE

FROM A DESPERATE VERY CARING

BEVERLEY STEWART

**Correspondence ID: 12803**

Please remove the fence so the Elk can graze before any more starve to death, Please Please! Cattle are a problem with grazing, polluted run off and methane gas. We have to allow our natural animals to thrive. I cannot bear the thought of starving animals, especially when it is a

man made event that causes the starvation. We humans are to be guardians to the animals not cause their death. I am vegetarian since 1999. I simply cannot eat animals anymore. Thank you in advance for doing the right thing and removing the fence for the Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12804**

I am very concerned about the elk that are starving

**Correspondence ID: 12805**

I am writing regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan and I overwhelmingly support the option that removes the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12806**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please remove the fence and allow the native tule elk the ability roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Please do not let more tule elk starve to death.

**Correspondence ID: 12807**

Please remove the fence so these precious animals will not starve and not have access to clean water. Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12808**

The Tule Elk are being starved to death. This is not only not right, it is NOT acceptable. We have the responsibility to make it possible for nature's animals to be taken care of as well as we take care of cattle.

The fence that is keeping the Tule Elk from grazing ground and water needs to be removed IMMEDIATELY! Letting the elk die from lack of food and water is horrendous and totally non-acceptable.

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE NOW.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12809**

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE - IT IS KILLING THESE ANIMALS. THANKS

**Correspondence ID: 12810**

Having visited this are, having seen the situation the wildlife must live under, knowing what the National Park Service's real job is my comment is: remove the fences and restore the elk

habitat. It's time the Park Service move into the future. It's time the Park Service takes their job to heart and start saving the last best places.

**Correspondence ID: 12811**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. David Milner

**Correspondence ID: 12812**

To whom it may concern,

I want to express my strong support for the campaign to remove the National Park Service's (NPS) fence from Tomales Point, which currently prevents the native Tule Elk from grazing, in their natural habitat, through large parts of the Point Reyes National Seashore. For more than ten years, I've visited Tomales Point to see the Tule Elk, multiple times each year, and their presence in the area is an enormous part of what makes the Point Reyes National Seashore such a special place.

According to its mission, the NPS "preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations". Erecting a fence to serve the interests of just a few cattle farmers at the expense of an endemic species is a betrayal of this mission.

While the Tule Elk are a vital part of the Point Reyes ecosystem, cattle farming operations on the peninsula harm endemic species, produce methane emissions, pollute the water supply with fecal bacteria and waste massive amounts of water, which is especially concerning given California's long battle with statewide drought conditions.

Biologists and conservationists have been keeping close track of the Tule Elk population and since the fence was first erected -- confining the Tule Elk to the northern tip of the peninsula without adequate access to fresh water or land to graze on -- hundreds of them have died, far exceeding the numbers experts would expect to see in a healthy population, in an area with virtually no natural predators. Just like humans, other animals need the opportunity to flourish and carry out their evolved behaviors (like grazing and searching for fresh water sources, unimpeded), and as long as the fence remains on Tomales Point, the Tule Elk cannot do that



and populations will continue to dwindle. I hope the NPS will act quickly to remove the fence and prevent more avoidable deaths.

According to the NPS' own "Tule Elk: The Return of a Species" report, in the early 1800s, nearly 500,000 Tule Elk lived in large herds in open grasslands throughout California, but by 1870 hunters and cattle farmers had killed so many of these amazing animals, that they were thought to be extinct. The Tule Elk's incredible recovery is one of the few examples of a resilient species coming back from the brink of extinction and it is our responsibility to ensure that the history of driving endemic species to extinction does not repeat itself.

Hunters and farmers may have been able to claim ignorance then, but no one can make that claim now. We know that our decisions have the power to wipe out entire species, but we have the opportunity to make different decisions, more thoughtful, responsible, and compassionate ones, that protect animals, preserve the environment, and ensure that future generations inherit a healthy, biologically diverse world.

Please, tear down the fence and protect the Tule Elk!

**Correspondence ID: 12813**

I have been following the plight of the Tomales Point elk herd for a number of years now, and am very concerned about their future. I fully support and encourage removing the existing fence and allowing the elk to roam free. The concerns about elk grazing are so minor compared to the damage cattle are allowed to do to environments. I can't believe that your agency has allowed so many elk to literally starve to death, and this must end. Please remove the fence and set the Tomales Point elk free!

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

My best,

Candace Mix, MSN, RN

**Correspondence ID: 12814**

Please remove fence @ Tomales Point @ Point Reyes. The elk deserve to live/survive

**Correspondence ID: 12815**

There is nothing positive that will result from this action. Please let them be natural and expand the preserve. It would be criminal to contain them.

**Correspondence ID: 12816**

Remove the fence that is killing innocent animals in a most cruel manner. It's the right thing to do!

**Correspondence ID: 12817**

Please approve a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. This is a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 12818**

I am writing to urge you to please remove of the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd. These elk are dying of starvation and lack of water- 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020

alone. Please let them roam free. It's time people stop trying to interfere with nature and let wildlife be wildlife, before there aren't any wildlife left. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12819**

Please move the fence. We have enough animals, insects, fish and other animals going extinct. Where does it stop? Why can't we wake up and see the damage we are doing to our planet and everything that lives on it

**Correspondence ID: 12820**

Omg enough is enough! Take the god damn fence down you IDIOTS!!! This is not rocket science people. This is very simple. You've already watched over 100 animals die because you put up a freaking fence and cut off their water supply. What is that happened to each one of you. Why don't you think about that? Anybody that had anything to do with putting up a fence and not thinking about the ramifications of what it's going to do these poor animals, should be thrown in jail. So why don't you people start to get your head out of your ass, and take the damn fence down! It is really that simple! Let these poor animals live their life just like you want to live yours. Unfortunately too many people nowadays don't care about anything except themselves. So why don't y'all try to get over yourselves, and start thinking about the animals, and help them out before you wipe them all out! My God all they're trying to do is survive! WAKE UP! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12821**

Please take the fence down, they deserve to be able to get to food and water, they deserve to live and be free. People destroy their habitats and then they wonder why they are coming around our homes and then everyone wants to complain. They were here first, so Please remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12822**

Every creature deserves care and basic needs met 🙏🍄❤️

**Correspondence ID: 12823**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Theresa Rodriguez

**Correspondence ID: 12824**

I strongly urge you to remove the fence at Tomales Point and allow the Tule Elk to roam freely. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. The cattle themselves are an invasive species; the elk are native. Please do the right thing and set the elk free. It is unconscionable that they have been left to starve and die of thirst! Remove the fencing!!

**Correspondence ID: 12825**

I had the occasion to visit Point Reyes several years ago. It is a place like no other I have traveled to in my lifetime. As a designated National seashore that includes the wildlife therein should be protected as much as the land. Some of the wildlife, the Tule elk, are threatened because it appears to me you are putting the ranchers needs before the preservation of the seashore and wildlife. Tule elk are natural occupants of the area, cattle are not. The alternative to allowing unnatural occupants would be to have the national park service NOT put up a fence and let elk be elk and move within an unconfined area. Basic wildlife management should be to do no harm to wildlife which lives within the designated park area. To put up a fence to confine elk is unnatural and ultimately would be devastating and deadly to the Tule elk.

The so-called elk fence should be immediately removed and the elk should be allowed to be the free-roaming animals they are. Have we not learned that upsetting the ecological balance with animals puts them at risk? There are too many instances where humans have tried to "contain" animals and control where they roam with devastating results. Messing with the Tule elk is a tragedy in the making.

Can we not let them roam and not be fenced in like the cattle should be? Cattle do NOT belong in the Point Reyes area for any purpose. To allow cattle would be quite contrary to the legislation which controls Point Reyes. Any violation of the PR legislation is unlawful, you know it and so do I.

Leave Point Reyes National Seashore as ecologically pure as possible. Remove the fence and leave the Tule elk and other natural occupants alone.

Thank you for taking my points in consideration. Again, leave the Tule elk alone; remove the fence; do not allow cattle into the Point Reyes National Seashore area and keep the area as natural as the intent of the legislation demands.

Sherri Wiegman

**Correspondence ID: 12826**

Hello, as a young person who cares a lot about protecting our beautiful ecosystems, I thank you for all that you do to safeguard the integrity of these incredible wild places. Especially if I may, I ask you to do what you can to work with local communities and wildlife to ensure that we protect local wildlife populations from harm. We can all do our part, to protect these incredible and special wildlife species. I think that The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for your time and consideration. Together we will protect wildlife for decades to come. Take good care.

**Correspondence ID: 12827**

Please remove the fence preventing the animals from more space, available food, and freedom.

**Correspondence ID: 12828**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Deborah Pelter-Laman

**Correspondence ID: 12829**

Please remove the fence and allow the tule elk to roam free. Thank you very much!

**Correspondence ID: 12830**

" Remove The Fence."

**Correspondence ID: 12831**

Please remove the fence because the cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the

water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12832**

How cruel are you people??? These animals are starving thanks to your poor decisions.

Remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12833**

Please remove the fencing and allow the Tomales elk herd the freedom they so deserve.

In addition, this will help other species and vegetation to thrive the way God intended.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.

**Correspondence ID: 12834**

Please, National Park Service,

Don't let the Elk die from thirst.

Please reconsider your decisions to allow them access to water and necessary food.

As a local resident of Monterey Peninsula, I adore the nature and animals here as they are what make it so beautiful.

Thank you again,

Palma C.

**Correspondence ID: 12835**

Who the hell is responsible for these innocent animals dying for no fucking reason? The humans who should be looking out for the elk need to be starved, given no water and left for dead. This is why I fucking hate people.

**Correspondence ID: 12836**

remove the fence. Remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12837**

Please do what is just! Allow the Elk food and water! Open up the fencing to let them roam freely!

Thank You!

**Correspondence ID: 12838**

National Park Service should choose Alternative B known as Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area and afterwards free roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing, and harassment for any reasons

**Correspondence ID: 12839**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply

with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12840**

Please take down the fence

These majestic creatures are starving and dying

It's inhumane

Please remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 12841**

I am in support of restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park.

Livestock is not included in this vision.

My ultimate goal is to give the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay. To do this, livestock would be completely removed. A step-wise approach might be to first provide a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches. Remove the elf-proof fence and in its place construct a wildlife-friendly fence to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point. Then, soon thereafter, remove the livestock completely and allow the actual restoration and rewilding to commence.

Private ranchers are free to operate on private property. They do not have a right to use our fragile public lands. It is a privilege and that privilege can be revoked when that use puts other values at risk, as it does in this case. Public land is held in trust for the public good and to me that means protecting land, water, wildlife, soils, air and other fragile resources so they can do the job of bolstering our lands' ecosystems for the benefit of all life. It does not mean that for-profit interests have free rein to extract all that they can from our public lands.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12842**

Remove the fence. God intended them to be free. Remember GOD our father who gave us these beautiful creatures to take care of and humans have done nothing but hurt his animals. I'm ashamed of my brothers and sisters who have abused and destroyed GODS gifts. Please do the right thing. The right thing and easy thing are never the same thing.

**Correspondence ID: 12843**

Nice little attempt to scare people away from commenting. I pay your salary. I never authorized the use of my money to starve animals to death. I can't say what I want to say because there'd be 15 black SUV's pulling up outside my house.

My father was a navy vet and he taught me to cuss. Just let your imaginations run wild and know, deep in your nonexistent souls that it's all directed at you What, are they grazing 2 blades of grass a month that your owners want?

**Correspondence ID: 12844**

Dear National Park Service,

First, I'd like to thank you for your tireless work to preserve and protect threatened animals, plants and habitats.

I recently learned about the Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. I learned that they are confined to a very small area to feed and drink, often causing their death during draughts. This seems so unnecessary, since there is plenty of room to allow the Elk to thrive if the 8-foot high fence at Tomales Point was removed. I am asking you to choose Alternative B (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area) and remove the lethal Elk killing fence. I believe that we do not need to preserve land for cattle operations. We have enough room in this country for cattle. It is irresponsible to allow the few Elk that remain to die off.

Thank you for your help,

Mashelle Jansen

**Correspondence ID: 12845**

I strongly encourage you to remove the fence-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service. I understand why the fence was initially put up but there has been a severe and dramatic negative consequence, So many Tule elk have starved and also had no lack of water. This will continue to happen unless the fence is taken out.

Please remove the fence and let these beautiful animals live with access to resources. Let's do it before more die.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michelle Jorgensen

A concerned citizen

**Correspondence ID: 12846**

Please remove the fence and save the lives of these innocent animals!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12847**

Move the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12848**

NPS to Whom It May Concern,

I respectfully request the NPS to please remove the fence confining Tomales Point elk herd to save tule elks from starvation leading to death. Wildlife needs to roam freely in the wild to find food to survive. Please be reminded that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

I'm an animal lover and it breaks my heart to learn the fence confined tule elks from finding food and thus they, 152 tule elks, succumbed their beautiful lives to starvation to death in 2020 alone. It was unbearable, cruel and inhumane to do that to these beautiful innocent elks as we are a nation to stand up for animal rights and have compassion to protect preserve and help save helpless innocent animals. Tule elks deserve to live life roaming freely in the wild to stay alive. Please have some compassion towards wildlife. I visited many national parks in the USA Canada and Europe. The wildlife are magnificent, beautiful and they gave us so much joys for

generations to come to enjoy them. Please help protect and save their lives. It is not easy to survive in the wild so don't starve them to death by putting up fence. Thank you so much from bottom of my heart.

**Correspondence ID: 12849**

please save the wildlife and take down the fence!!

**Correspondence ID: 12850**

I have spent some years visiting Tomales... it was before the Tule elk had recovered. It would have been magnificent to see them. I am sure there can be some negotiation with the livestock people to fix this situation.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12851**

WHEN will you STOP supporting BIG AG, and realize we do NOT need to breed animals for food while our wild animals suffer and die??? It is unconscionable behavior to deprive the elk of sustenance and water where they roam. It is despicable our government does these cruel things with our tax dollars, only to support the corporate giants who raise more poor animals to be slaughtered. It is time the US government realized cattle ranching is unnecessary, polluting and inhumane. Our wild animals struggle to find a way to survive, while greedy agribusiness and corrupt government officials sanction these absurd actions. It is shameful and must not continue. Time to come into the 21st Century, where we now KNOW cattle raising contributes to pollution, climate change, disease, and is extremely cruel. SAVE OUT ELK and DO YOUR JOBS!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12852**

Please save the elk by removing the fence that is there for the cattle grazing. Thanks so kindly.

**Correspondence ID: 12853**

Please let the elks roam freely and remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12854**

Please remove the fence that cuts the Tule elk off from their water supply. They are native to the area and should be protected.

Meanwhile, cattle are not native to the area and can be moved elsewhere. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

The elk need freedom of movement. They should not be starved to death and denied water. Please remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12855**

I support removing the fence (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 12856**

Please remove the fence at Point Reyes National Seashore. Fencing disrupts access to food and water as well as migration patterns. It is lethal, as evidenced by the number of elk that



have suffered a slow death as a result of starvation or dehydration. The elk have just as much right to freedom of movement, freedom to live, as any other animal (including humans).

**Correspondence ID: 12857**

On behalf of the elk, please remove the fence. I am speaking up for the voiceless elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12858**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Rachel Ptacek

**Correspondence ID: 12859**

Please remove the fence that is keeping the tule elk at Point Reyes away from the seashore.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12860**

Please remove the fence... cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12861**

Free the elk and protect Point Reeves for native wildlife. NO FENCE!

**Correspondence ID: 12862**

Please commit to saving these beautiful animals before it is too late. Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12863**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12864**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Marley McDermott

**Correspondence ID: 12865**

It makes me sad to think our Washington officials would block our beautiful elk from food & water. I always thought those state departments were to protect our wildlife. It makes me sick to think so many of these beautiful elk DIED due to this nasty fence. PLEASE change this policy (or action) and let these animals roam free as God intended. Thinking that ANYONE would do this to a majestic wild animal is ABSOLUTELY WRONG. Since they are animals they have no recourse against you & these killing plans. I beg you all to REMOVE THAT KILLING BARRIER!! Thank you from me & the animals.

Bonnie Heimbigner

**Correspondence ID: 12866**

Remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12867**

Fence obviously needs to come down since the Elk need food and water. Who needs to make the decision or find the Elk an alternate source of water?

**Correspondence ID: 12868**

Restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park should be a priority, and providing a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches is a must. A wildlife-friendly fence could be constructed to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point once the tall elk-proof fence is removed. Better yet, give the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by removing the livestock entirely.

**Correspondence ID: 12869**

Please remove the fence confining the elk. Do the right thing for nature and don't starve these elk. We can do better!

**Correspondence ID: 12870**

These majestic animals must be saved. The fence has created a long slow agonizing death for them. Please do the humane thing and remove the fence. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12871**

Our public lands belong to the native creatures that inhabit it. It should not be free for cattle and livestock. Take down fences for the wildlife and limit non native species access.

**Correspondence ID: 12872**

I am writing to request that the 3 mile long fencing at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore be removed. This obstruction is causing the native Tule elk to be deprived of grazing and water, evidently resulting in starvation and death of these animals. While the elk are natural residents in this area, cattle grazing is damaging ecosystems and contaminating water sources.

Please remove this obstacle in order to restore the balance of nature to Tomales Point and save the lives of the native Tule elk.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

**Correspondence ID: 12873**

Elk at Pt. Reyes need proper attention. Excessive mortality is not necessary and can be prevented.

**Correspondence ID: 12874**

It's ridiculous.

**Correspondence ID: 12875**

The fence needs to be removed asap. Let these beautiful elk live on the land that was theirs to begin with. We are Shepard of all God's creatures. It's time to show it.

**Correspondence ID: 12876**

To Whom It May Concern,

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. I urge you to remove the fence. Please let these beautiful animals roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Sincerely, Dr. Stephanie Clark

**Correspondence ID: 12877**

I strongly support Alternative B with the unconfined elk herd, and fence removal.

I have hiked at Pierce Point Ranch many times, walking all of the way to Tomales Point. The Tule Elk have always been an important part of that hike, striking even at a distance with their remarkable antlers. The addition of a spur trail and improvements to the historic site would contribute greatly to the enjoyment of visitors who can't walk the trail to the Point. There are a lot of visitors who could enjoy an overlook. Vault toilets would be a good addition.

I think limiting camping and beach use is a good idea to protect this wild and beautiful area. It will also lessen fire risk. The Pierce Point Ranch is a very windy area, great for hiking, and best early in the day. It is one of my favorite hikes.

There is a real need to manage the invasive plants. The last time I hiked there, wild radish was thick near the Point. But in the areas with natives, there were lots of caterpillars and butterflies.

Please support Alternative B, remove the fence and let the Tule Elk roam for our enjoyment and theirs!

Thanks,

Pam Hemphill MD

**Correspondence ID: 12878**

Depriving the Tule Elk of food and water is extremely inhumane. As a tax paying citizen I want my dollars used for animals that have little impact on the environment where as the ranchers in the north western US are allowed to have hundreds of thousands of cattle destroy our prairie lands with no regard for the environmental impact those animals have on our public lands. It's basically a travesty that these elk are dying due to poorly misguided governmental oversight. Where's that oversight for the cattle destroying our grass lands.

Free the Tule Elk to live with adequate food and water.

Shame on the government!

**Correspondence ID: 12879**

As a Bay Area resident who has often visited Point Reyes to see the majestic Tule Elk, I am horrified and so disappointed in the NPS for artificially keeping wildlife from natural water and food sources for the benefit of the meat industry's profits. Part of your job is to protect wildlife and it is our responsibility as humans to protect natural habitats and animals —especially when we are aware of a problem, and clearly when it is caused by humans and businesses. You're actively facilitating the death of wildlife and it is shameful. Ranchers' profits should never come before wildlife. Additionally, it must be pointed out that cattle grazing ruins ecosystems, contaminates water supplies, spreads disease, and wastes massive amounts of water, which we clearly cannot sustain given our ongoing water crisis.

Allowing more harm to come to the Tule Elk is not only unconscionable, but unsustainable, and another example of humans choosing not to think long term or think about the big picture. We have the ability and therefore the responsibility to see our harmful impacts on this ecosystem, and these Tule Elk, and a narrow window to finally do the right thing as the more powerful species. We (and you) must start acting as stewards, not ignorant bullies. There is a simple solution and action I urge you to take to do the right thing- remove the fencing and allow these animals to roam free, as they naturally would, so they have the chance to survive and this ecosystem can begin to heal.

**Correspondence ID: 12880**

Hello!

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Also, please note that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12881**

Please tear down the fences & allow the elk to live wild & free. Don't let the ultra rich cattle owners & their outdated & controlling ways dictate your decisions. Do what's right & protect the wild elk & their legacy. America, after all, is the land of the free & the home of the brave. Do what's right to preserve that legacy for all.

**Correspondence ID: 12882**

First of all, thank you for listening to the public's support to remove the elk fence at Point Reyes. Please choose Alternative B and allow the elk to roam free instead of supporting cattle over the wildlife that actually belongs there. If it's a wilderness area, there should be no fences and no cattle.

The fenced-in elk die of malnutrition and thirst, which is unacceptable and inhumane. After removing the elk fence, please do not subject them to hunting or harassment. This is unacceptable.

Please do not allow cattle operations in this area, as it directly opposes the concept of wild places remaining wild and leaving these natural scenic areas for not only current generations, but future generations, as well. We've lost enough already. Don't cause our children's children to lose more. Remove the fence and the cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 12883**

It is not natural to prevent them from

Eating and roaming. Please remove the fence and let the elk live

**Correspondence ID: 12884**

All that I really want is protect and keep safe the wild word.

**Correspondence ID: 12885**

Please help save lives of these animals not continue to let them keep dying. You have the power to make a change and difference.

Thank you for your time

**Correspondence ID: 12886**

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this wonderful and important opportunity of restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park. A wildlife connectivity corridor is the way to ensure cooperation and a calm environment for all parties involved. What a stellar idea! A wildlife/cattle-friendly fence could be constructed to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point once the tall elk-proof fence is removed, which is the heart, soul and priority of this plan.

Kiddos to the National Park Service!

Sincerely, Patti McCrory

**Correspondence ID: 12887**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12888**

Please protect the Tule Elk and remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12889**

Please remove the fence confining the Tómales Point Elk herd. And as a reminder, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12890**

Please remove the fence confining the elk herd.

**Correspondence ID: 12891**

Please stop the murder of these beautiful animals in such a cruel, heartless manner so cattle producers can be allowed to ruin the land for more money. If the renters of public land cannot share and maintain resources for the benefit of wild animals as well as "money" animals then the renters are the ones who should leave the land. We must preserve something for the future or there will be no future.

**Correspondence ID: 12892**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12893**

Dear Sirs:

Please treat Elk humanely

Thank You.

**Correspondence ID: 12894**

Please stop this insane treatment of these beautiful animals.

They all deserve better.

**Correspondence ID: 12895**

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Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12896**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honour the charter of the National Seashore. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park

Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 12897**

Please allow these beautiful animals to do what they need to survive.

Respectfully DO THE RIGHT THING please!

**Correspondence ID: 12898**

Dear NPS,

Please free the Tule Elk and tear down fences! No animal agriculture in our national seashore!! Rewild and eliminate use of herbicides, please.

**Correspondence ID: 12899**

Tear down the fences. The elk should have priority over the destructive cattle that do so much damage to the creeks, marshes and meadows of the park, a place that is supposed to be for the people, not wealthy ranchers who have benefited from a decades long handout.

Peter Anderson

**Correspondence ID: 12900**

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**Correspondence ID: 12901**

Please help free the Tule Elks by removing the 3 mile fence. It has been hurting the Tule Elks for almost a decade.

**Correspondence ID: 12902**

Take down the fence and let the elk live. stop the cattle grazing if it interferes with the elk habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 12903**

Please remove the Tomales fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12904**

Please remove the fence and quit starving these animals.

**Correspondence ID: 12905**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.



The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 12906**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Removing the elk fence will protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12907**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Linda Fausey

**Correspondence ID: 12908**

Park Planning Point Reyes:

I have hiked and spent a lot of time at Point Reyes. My company also formerly brought small groups of tourists to visit the area.

It was a great feeling when the private oyster “farms” were finally removed from the Park. Now another instance of private dairy cows utilizing public land is impacting the Park and specifically the local elk herd. When will the government realize that public park lands should not be auctioned off to private entities for cattle grazing? It just does make sense for a myriad of reasons.

Quit letting local yahoos influence decisions that are destructive and fail to protect lands that ostensibly are so valuable they have been designated as parks.

Regards,

Harry E Antoniou

**Correspondence ID: 12909**

Dear National Park Service,

Please choose for Point Reyes the “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area” alternative. This will prioritize the freedom of elk. Livestock should not be prioritized in a wilderness area like Point Reyes.

I have a particular love of the Point Reyes area as I grew up very near it. I believe that there were elk there when I was growing up. I would love to see them run free again. We need to treasure our remaining wilderness areas, particularly those near large metro areas.

Thank you for your wonderful work,

Alexandra Hopkins

**Correspondence ID: 12910**

N/A

**Correspondence ID: 12911**

Please remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 12912**

Please remove the fence and let the elk live the life that God intended.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12913**

to let these magnificent native animals die out while saving beef cattle's egregious behavior.

**Correspondence ID: 12914**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your time

Frank Rouse

**Correspondence ID: 12915**

Let the elk roam free. We need more wilderness and less big agriculture in this country.

**Correspondence ID: 12916**

Please remove the fence asap in order for the wild elk to roam free and live a healthy normal life. They deserve to be able to eat & drink and Not die from lack of their basic rights!

Thank you, Ellen Hall

**Correspondence ID: 12917**

I'm a taxpayer. I demand you choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". Remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free at Tomales Point.

**Correspondence ID: 12918**

Please keep the regenerative farming going. This is what we need to sustain the human population in disease free states. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12919**

Please save these precious animals.

Can you imagine dying from dehydration?

That has to be a horrible death for any living creature. Please do what is right by these animals.

They deserve to live a life free from pain and suffering. They don't get choices like we do.

They can't go get a job and provide food and shelter for themselves.

They rely on us humans for compassion and mercy.

You have the power to make changes for animals and do what is right.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12920**

I would like to advocate for the removal of the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd. For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS)

with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. In 2020, this confinement resulted in 152 elk dying on Tomales Point. As if this justification was not enough, there is abundant evidence that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates water supplies with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive quantities of water.

Thank you for taking this into serious consideration while reviewing the Tomales Point Area Plan.

**Correspondence ID: 12921**

To The National Park Service,

I am writing to you to request that you take immediate action in removing the fence that is confining the Tomales Point majestic Elk herd. They face repeat starvation, and lack of water if the fence is not taken down. These beautiful creatures must have the lives they deserve in order for their survival.

Sincerely,

Carol Nelson

**Correspondence ID: 12922**

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However, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12923**

Take the fence down and provide food and water to these elk.

**Correspondence ID: 12924**

I am writing about the tule elk that have been confined to an area too small for their survival, all to benefit ranchers. They do not have enough to eat or drink. For their survival their traditional grazing Ara needs to be restored. It begins by removing the fence confining them and keeping cattle out of their range.

**Correspondence ID: 12925**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

**Correspondence ID: 12926**

why does it seem like our government is being coerced and manipulated by the meat industry and their lobbyists? less people eat meat than ever before, and yet you are choosing to give away precious land & water for more cattle grazing? California can do better. make a point of allowing the elk to roam free and show the rest of the world that California is unique and guiding the way to preserve the animals that are native to the lands. It makes me angry to know that

our public lands are being given over to big industry so they can waste water and make a mess with the cows for their own profit. Please make a plan to change this. thank you. Chrissy McCormick

**Correspondence ID: 12927**

I'm writing to urge you to remove the fence blocking the Tule Elk... which fence has caused a large number of deaths of these beautiful animals.

**Correspondence ID: 12928**

I firmly believe that the fences confining the tule elk should be taken down: as the original occupants of Tomales Point, they are entitled to a full share of its resources.

**Correspondence ID: 12929**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Leigh Platte

**Correspondence ID: 12930**

Just two weeks ago I hiked the Tomales Bay Trail and was privileged to see a large group of female Tule Elk, one magnificent male with a full rack of antlers, and a teenager whose horns were just beginning . It was was wonderful to see them. I also enjoy seeing them in the fields along the road to Drake's Beach. I remember, though, the year when many of them died of thirst because the fence put up by the park service denied them access to water, and local people who tried to help by bringing troughs to fill with water were threatened.

I see now that there is a proposal to remove the fencing, and I heartily support it. It makes no sense that all the efforts that have been made over the years to reintroduce these animals could be negated by this kind of neglect.

I strongly urge you to go through with this proposal and allow these iconic animals to roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 12931**

Please remove the fencing and let the elk run free to access food and water. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12932**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Steven ADCOCK

**Correspondence ID: 12933**

Please free the tule elk and protect wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 12934**

I understand that the NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please remove this fence!

Thank you, Pat Buchanan

**Correspondence ID: 12935**

Free the tule elk, they are a national treasure! End the private use of national park territory by individuals who are responsible for air and water degradation.

**Correspondence ID: 12936**

Wild animals aren't meant to be contained. What gives people the right to keep them from grazing land that belongs to them. I can't believe 159 of these animals had to die before your considering taking down the fence. Sometimes I wonder if humans have any brains at all.

**Correspondence ID: 12937**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12938**

Please take down the fence in the Tomales Point Area to allow the elk, who are starving to death, access to sustenance. To continue to restrict access is to create a building up of an environmental disaster due to upsetting the area's natural environmental cycles. Every animal has a role to play in maintaining the earth's eco system and when we inhibit or disturb that, it affects us all, animals and humans alike.

**Correspondence ID: 12939**

Please take down the fence for the elk. Thanks 🙏

**Correspondence ID: 12940**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tomales Point Area Plan.

As a Californian who is passionate about the restoration of our native ecosystems, I support Alternative B. Tule Elk are native beings with large territories who should naturally roam free. They, along with the Coast Miwok people are some of the original inhabitants of Tomales Point, not cows. If anyone should be put behind a fence it should be the cows. And really, there should be no cows or private operations there at all.

Please support the revival of Tule Elk, the Tribe and this beautiful coastal landscape by choosing Alternative B. Returning the land to their care is paramount to our cultural and ecological healing and learning how to live in balance and respect on this magnificent land.

**Correspondence ID: 12941**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12942**

Let's be kind to our defenseless elk friends and share the earth's food that they so desperately need.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 12943**

I fully support the removal of the elk fence. With climate change now in full swing we must do all we can to preserve what can be saved. Cows and milk/meat production is all over the world. The Point Reyes seashore is a national treasure.

**Correspondence ID: 12944**

Please remove the FENCE and let the elk live freely and have access to water and food.

**Correspondence ID: 12945**

Please help the elk

**Correspondence ID: 12946**

Please remove the fence that is causing starvation among the Elks. They deserve a home, habitat, water and food. Please. Thank you, Rita Rooney

**Correspondence ID: 12947**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely, Artineh Havan



**Correspondence ID: 12948**

Please allow the perfect balance of nature do it's job in this situation instead of allowing unnatural circumstances destroy the landscape, balance, and the welfare of many plant and animal species.

**Correspondence ID: 12949**

Feed the elk. Save them.

**Correspondence ID: 12950**

In regards to the proposal to take down the elk fence at Point Reyes National Park.

I would like to see the fence come down as long as it doesn't allow the state to mess with private property. Some of these ranches represent generations of hard working families and their employees. Let those sparsely populated and historic ranchers and farmers erect their own fences if they choose. They have property rights and they provide dairy to us.

Then open that choking perimeter and let the elk roam throughout the rest of that beautiful peninsula.

But remember folks, they already killed a historic oyster farm on the other side of Drakes bay. Real consequences for that farm and its immigrant employees.

Oysters are natural sustaining water filters!

Inform yourselves on the reach of the state on this measure before you pull the trigger.

**Correspondence ID: 12951**

You have trapped these innocent elk and caused many deaths! I can't even express what an inexcusable travesty this has been. The remaining elk-the ones that survived the starvation & drought, deserve to be set free immediately!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12952**

Please remove the fence at Tamales Point that is holding back elk from accessing proper food and water. Confining the herd only contributes to disease and starvation. It is also counterproductive to a healthy biome. That you.

**Correspondence ID: 12953**

Restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park should be a priority, and providing a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches is a must.

A wildlife-friendly fence could be constructed to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point once the tall elk-proof fence is removed. Better yet, give the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by removing the livestock entirely.

I hope you take the voters of California seriously.

Thank you,

Terri

**Correspondence ID: 12954**

This is protected, public land that the animals must have the ability to roam on. Blocking them

from a food source is not only cruel, but against what the parks are designed for. Take down the fences and removed the posts completely.

**Correspondence ID: 12955**

Please remove the fencing at Tamales Point which prevents tule elk from access to water and grasslands when depleted in their area. We shouldn't be allowing the suffering and deaths of these animals. We have enough of our wildlife under stress due to climate change without putting up roadblocks to saving wildlife whenever we can. Please remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 12956**

I am writing as a private citizen who has visited Tomales Point when I lived in California. I understand how difficult these decisions are and that Mother Nature is not always kind. However it seems it would be kinder to simply kill the elk than to allow them to starve to death, to dehydrate....Please, either take down the fence or find ways to locate these beautiful elk to place where they have better odds of survival.

Respectfully,

Kate Reeve

**Correspondence ID: 12957**

Free the elk wtf!?????? Free them now!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12958**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12959**

Used to live in San Francisco and can't understand why you are not protecting the natural inhabitants of Pt. Reyes. They are a treasure and must be able to spend their lifetimes there forever.

**Correspondence ID: 12960**

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**Correspondence ID: 12961**

Please tear down the fence so starving, drought stricken

Tule elk can live as nature intended. Cows cannot always

be first on the totem pile. Billions of cows and a few starving

elk. Please listen to your inner self, the one of goodness

and common sense. Help my tule elk survive and multiply.

Virginia Knapp

**Correspondence ID: 12962**

It's time to tear down the elk-killing fence, not appease the livestock owners. The tule elk must be allowed to roam and forage naturally as they once did. No killing.

**Correspondence ID: 12963**

this is appalling. Our wildlife should be able to live on their land with water. To fence them off from the water because cattle are allowed to roam this area is totally unacceptable. This was brought up about a year ago and I am shocked that nothing was done then to accommodate these animals. Let's correct this problem now before they die.

**Correspondence ID: 12964**

Please do more to protect native animals.

**Correspondence ID: 12965**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Jim Hewett

**Correspondence ID: 12966**

Please free the elk!. Our wildlife must be cherished at this critical time. We are in the midst of the 6th mass extinction, which is occurring faster than any others. The wildlife is integral to their environment, it is they who create our healthy eco-systems. I grew up in Napa, then lived in Sebastopol & Santa Rosa. I often hiked at Point Reyes on the weekends, as those were my favorite hikes. Please listen to your hearts. The wildlife are having a difficult time as it is with climate de-stabilization & human over-population. We SO need our wildlife. People and animals need each other, even if from a distance. Thank you for allowing my voice to be heard.

**Correspondence ID: 12967**

Dear Administrator Gunn,

I'm writing to encourage you to prioritize the welfare of the wild Tule Elk herd and ALL other wildlife over the needs of herds of farm or ranch animals. I feel it's about time we stop giving away environmental space to private corporations/individuals for private gain.

Thank you, Pam Murphy

**Correspondence ID: 12968**

I believe that livestock should not take priority over native wildlife. A national park should be protecting the native wildlife, not confining it and risking death and malnutrition for the wild elk, just to appease the livestock owners. Fences do not belong in a national park, and once the fence is removed, the elk should be left to live naturally and in peace, and not subjected to culling and harassment.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem!

Thank you for listening to public comments about the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 12969**

I respectfully request that you consider and act upon removing 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land.

Historical annals are full of incidents and peril of animals who have paid the ultimate price with their lives because of man's controversial decisions. Decisions that harmed the very environment and species it sought to protect.

Please help the Tule Elk survive as a species by no longer denying them water and forestation to thrive. They were here long before humans entered their land, and hopefully they will be if we allow them to survive.

Sincerely, Melanie Kowalski

**Correspondence ID: 12970**

Please remove the fence confining elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. Not only has this fence created cruelty, other consequences of elk confinement are also currently occurring. Thank you for your consideration for these animals and the environment.

**Correspondence ID: 12971**

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We are liable and shame on us for not caring

**Correspondence ID: 12972**

This is not mngmnt... the fence is a killer. Remove it now.

**Correspondence ID: 12973**

Please remove the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk from grazing near the seashore. They are perishing from starvation & lack of water. Thank you for your compassion.

Sincerely,

Dyan Vandino

**Correspondence ID: 12974**

Please approve the proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. These elk deserve to be able to roam free!

**Correspondence ID: 12975**

I urge you to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12976**

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This must end. It is cruel and unacceptable. The elk belong there, it is their home. time to remove the fencing!

**Correspondence ID: 12977**

I support Alternative B.

**Correspondence ID: 12978**

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Finally, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups and many letters and emails from people such as me, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. At last, there is a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. I urge you to remove the fence immediately. It is time for the native tule elk to be returned to their natural habitat so they may live and thrive in peace.

As you are aware, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12979**

Please remove the fence for elk that are dying on Tomales Point. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 12980**

No animal should die, in this state, to keep any land pristine for humans!

Feed and water the beautiful creatures God gave us and hope you are still welcome in heaven with the elk!!

**Correspondence ID: 12981**

Protect the tule elk who live in Point Reyes National Seashore, NOT THE COWS.

We have more than enough cattle, and more than enough people who still do not recognize or admit how much they are hurting the environment - and the animals themselves - by eating their body parts.

PROTECT THE TULE ELK.

**Correspondence ID: 12982**

These beautiful elk should be free to roam naturally.

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 12983**

Remove the fence and let the elk live their lives. It is morally bankrupt to simply fence off natural land that they were born to. Have we not learned our lesson?

**Correspondence ID: 12984**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Janine Vinton

**Correspondence ID: 12985**

Please remove the fence and allow the Tule Elk to roam freely. There are few of these beautiful creatures left and they belong to all Americans to enjoy. I believe that today often livestock owners determine the outcome of situations like this and that is not fair to the rest of Americans

**Correspondence ID: 12986**

Please remove the fence that is confining the Tomales Point elk herd!

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please let the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve!

**Correspondence ID: 12987**

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I would like you to remove the fence, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12988**

Please remove the fence to allow the elk to roam free so they can live the life they deserve. Allowing them to die due to apparent starvation and a lack of water is inhumane. In addition, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 12989**

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I would like you to remove the fence, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 12990**

Please remove the fencing and allow the tule elk the opportunity to find food and water on Point Reyes. A National park is no place for agricultural businesses...it should be a place for all the enjoy, including the animals that call that land their home. I have hiked the land in Point Reyes many times. The elk are an attraction. It was devastating to see wild animals starving and lacking water all so that dairy farms can continue to exploit the land. This is unjust and unnecessary. I urge the NPS to work towards returning Point Reyes to a natural National Park for all the enjoy and begin the process of removing dairy and cattle farms from our (the public) land. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12991**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. I find it utterly unacceptable to force native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

I would like to see the National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to roam. I do not think fences are appropriate in wilderness areas. I would also like to see that once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk are never subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

I also feel very strongly that the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife. I consider private cattle operations to be inappropriate in Point Reyes National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I believe this clearly indicates that private cattle operations should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

I would like to see the National Park Service remove the elk fence permanently and phase out private cattle operations to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 12992**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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**Correspondence ID: 12993**

Please remove the fencing that is contributing to the starvation of the beautiful elk. Please have a heart. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 12994**

Remove this fence so wildlife can survive !!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 12995**

Please, work to save the Point Reyes Tule Elk in their natural environment. Cattle should not be



grazed where they interfere with the well being of the elk. Public lands are for the public, not cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 12996**

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PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE

**Correspondence ID: 12997**

Please let the elk roam free so they won't starve! Starving is a horrible way to die. Please! Take down the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 12998**

Please remove the fencing and allow the tule elk to roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 12999**

The elk need to be treated with respect. Let them become who they are.

**Correspondence ID: 13000**

I urge you respectfully to please consider strongly removing the fence that is preventing these Elks from being able to live healthy lives. There has to be some compromise that will make big money egg happy and still protect these wild beautiful animals that absolutely have gotten the short end of the stick currently

**Correspondence ID: 13001**

Please remove the fence and let the elk roam free. Just a friendly reminder that grazing cattle decimates the environment. Please do the right thing. The country is watching you....

Thank you.

Tara Hochstein

**Correspondence ID: 13002**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Judy Carman

**Correspondence ID: 13003**

To whom it may concern, we need the Elk and all our animals. I'm asking, begging that you will remove this fence that is slowly killing the Elk! I believe this is a problem brought on by the ranchers, well you have a choice, you can do the right thing or not.

Antoinette Ambrosio

**Correspondence ID: 13004**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13005**

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This is an ongoing problem and a situation to placate the dairy farmers who want to the benefit of free grazing land no matter how it impacts the native habitat for the Tule Lake Elk. If the farmers' land cannot sustain the size of the herd, then increasing it is just plain greed and profit for themselves. Hold them accountable for their tactics which impact native animals. TAKE DOWN THE 3 MILE FENCE to give these animals access to water and food. This is unbelievable, but I guess if you have enough money, people can influence the powers that be to suit their greed.

**Correspondence ID: 13006**

Please remove the fence!!! cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13007**

We too often take wildlife and their habitat for granted. With the advent of CWD and it's spread through Cervid populations, the opportunity for habitat improvement has gone down in lieu of CWD research. Don't miss an opportunity to improve habitat when you have it, especially for a special subspecies like the Tule

**Correspondence ID: 13008**

I respectfully urge the NPS to remove the fence around native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please be aware that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13009**

I am writing to ask you to please remove this fence. With the current environmental crisis, it is a crime to deliberately starve wild animals, which is what is happening with these elk. This country

should be ashamed to treat animals this way. Cattle grazing only adds to the environmental crisis; cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. The United States should be a leader in environmental protection. Please take action. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13010**

National parks/Seashores are for wildlife, NOT cattle that ranchers are subsidized with tax \$.

**Correspondence ID: 13011**

Please help these poor animals

**Correspondence ID: 13012**

Please don't let any more elk starve to death.

**Correspondence ID: 13013**

Remove the Fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point. REMOVE THE FENCE!!!

**Correspondence ID: 13014**

Are the big meat corporations going to win again or is someone actually going to do something to preserve our wild life?

Thank you Robin Morgan

**Correspondence ID: 13015**

Killing deer is part of the Environmental Policy Act? I would hope that's not the case! These deer are part of the environment and yet you have boxed them without food or water that they need with a ridiculous fence. Is this your idea of cull the herd to extinction? I certainly hope there are members of your actions groups who have concern for these animals from which I have not seen yet.

Seeing an robust environment becoming healthier is a good thing and takes effort to make this work successful, but wiping out members of the Park community is not. A more conservative approach would be in keeping.

**Correspondence ID: 13016**

Please remove the fence so that the elk can freely graze and ideally have access to water. Their current confinement is not sustainable and is literally killing them.

**Correspondence ID: 13017**

So we can have more steak & hamburgers ?

**Correspondence ID: 13018**

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Shame on the NPS for Animal Endangerment, Resulting in so many deaths! Animals were here long before us & need to be here long after our demise. Just because we are killing ourselves with bad environmental decisions, animals should not suffer due to your & our stupidity!! Cease & Desist Making Poor Choices!!

**Correspondence ID: 13019**

Let the wild animals roam free. It is apparent that their confinement is too small for them to survive..

Wake up to reality.

**Correspondence ID: 13020**

Please stop confining the starving Tule Elk. Allow the fence to come down!

**Correspondence ID: 13021**

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 13022**

Thank you for taking the time to read these comments. Ani AI's deserve to roam free- and these elk do as well. Removing a fence will allow them to roam free and return to being wild as much as possible- as nature intended. Please do the moral and human action in the best interest of the elk

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 13023**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone

However, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. The NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE.

Gary Gray

**Correspondence ID: 13024**

Please remove the 3-mile-long fence confining native tule elk to the Tomales Point peninsula. For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. The problem has become so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Please remove the fence so elk don't keep suffering, starving, and thirsting to death!

**Correspondence ID: 13025**

You need to be self-sufficient species and mind your peas and cues. You know exactly what I mean by that. You do not walk animals into a place where they cannot fend for themselves and cannot live. Get off your lazy, fat butt and fix it today. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 13026**

Do what is right and remove the fence. These animals deserve to live a happy life in freedom. Will you do this for them or just let them die??

**Correspondence ID: 13027**

Hello National Park Service,

I am a resident of Coast Miwok land (currently known as Cotati, in Sonoma County, CA). I respectfully urge you to take down the fence in nearby Point Reyes National Seashore that is apparently causing native tule elk to die of starvation and thirst. In 2020 alone, 152 Tomales Point tule elk died because the fence deprived them of access to food and water.

The fence was erected to keep the elk from grazing on nearby land used by cattle ranchers. However, as a native species the tule elk are part of the balanced local ecosystem, whereas cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please, protect the native tule elk and the beautiful Point Reyes National Seashore, not Big Agriculture. I beg you to take down the fence so the tule elk can survive.

Sincerely, Megan F. Coffey

**Correspondence ID: 13028**

Cattlemen and dairymen have dictated what happens to the elk and land use policy at Point Reyes. It's past time for officials to turn this piece of land into a wildlife sanctuary and protect elk from starvation and thirsting to death.

Do not renew any grazing permits.

Set a date certain for all cattle to be safely evacuated from this federal land.

Livestock out, wildlife in.

The agency knows that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Remove the fence and ensure elk have access to clean water and browse at all times.

**Correspondence ID: 13029**

Please remove the fencing that is currently keeping the wild elk from the food they so

desperately need. These are beautiful animals who have a right to the natural resources. Intentionally letting the elk starve to death is inexcusable. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13030**

Please remove the fence that is harming the Tule Elk. The native species is dying from hunger and lack of water because of the fencing. Non-native cattle are damaging the ecosystem and should not be prioritized over the elk. Do the right thing and remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 13031**

NPS should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 13032**

I implore the NPS to remove the fence. I remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13033**

It is so disturbing that you would let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas

Please choose Alternative B (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area) which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free, and once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Cattle and the cattle industry shouldn't be prioritized over native wildlife!!

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

Nancy Andrews

**Correspondence ID: 13034**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Eli López

**Correspondence ID: 13035**

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Marla Humphreys

**Correspondence ID: 13036**

Please be advised that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply

with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13037**

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation has mandated “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes.

The Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Fences are not appropriate in the wilderness. The Park Service should absolutely prioritize native wildlife over cattle.

Point Reyes is not the place of private cattle operations.

It just is not right to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park of all places, when instead the natural ecosystem should be protected!

Alternative B - “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area” is the best choice that will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be allowed to be culled, hazed, or harassed for any reason.

Thank you for listening to overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 13038**

All creatures, including humans, need food, water, shelter, and space in order to survive. One of the problems with habitat fragmentation such as the fence at Tomales Point is that it prevents the elk herd from being able to get sufficient food, water, shelter, and space when their side of the fence experiences shocks and can't provide those elements anymore. The National Park Service should take down the fence at Tomales Point and choose Alternative B (“Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area”), allowing the ecosystem to restore itself and keep the area healthy and thriving for Californians and tourists from around the world alike.

I have lived in California for 20 out of the 26 years that I have been alive. As a native Californian, as a trail runner, as a backpacker, and as a stressed-out graduate math student, having populations of animals that are found nowhere else in the world and having some of the best, most majestic and diverse ecosystems that tourists and other stressed-out graduate students like myself can enjoy recreationally is something that I'm distinctly proud of. Looking out on the outdoors in a place like Point Reyes, wildlife like the elk give you a landscape that looks back at you. Just like looking out at the solar system, it reminds us that we're not alone. When I was in Capri, Italy recently, which is home to a unique nesting site of birds, I saw two lovers having a spat. It gave me comfort and makes me chuckle that some things never change - we're not alone in what we're experiencing.

Also, wildlife - even as humble as the elk - do so much work to maintain the worlds that we live in and it very often goes unnoticed. For example, elk's movement patterns till and fertilize the soil (for free) and encourage healthy wildflower growth by spreading seeds. The elk's presence is a necessary complement to farmer and other human activity. It's also amoral to let native elk



die of thirst and malnutrition without being given the chance to find other resources and exploit adaptations that may enable them to survive. That's the essence of what it means to be wild.

I am so grateful that the National Parks Service listened to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are not a solution in a world where we increasingly recognize that humans depend on wildlife, and domesticated cattle that contribute to climate change and the loss of biodiversity should not be prioritized over elk. That way of thinking that frames human vs. wildlife as a zero-sum game is antiquated, unsupported by scientific evidence, and goes against the wishes of the public for whom domesticated cattle are a dime a dozen. It also contributes to the (wrong) thinking that human and wildlife activity need be completely separate, because that way of thinking culturally divorces us from understanding the impact that we have on others and the impact that others have on us.

Even once the fence is removed, the National Parks Service should make sure that the free-roaming elk are not otherwise undermined, such as by being harassed, bred as if they were domesticated, killed, and other mistreatment. That would defeat the point of the fence. It will take work, but we need the National Parks Service to work diligently with cattle owners to find a way to co-exist and even collaborate with the elk.

There is even support to end private cattle operations within the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes.

The National Parks Service must remove the elk fence and work with cattle owners to find ways of co-existing with the elk. Alternative B will protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and protect Point Reyes as an icon of the California coast.

**Correspondence ID: 13039**

This comment is about the native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The confinement is by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The confinement has created a life hazard for the elk, one so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

These beautiful animals must have access to drinking water and grazing land.

I understand the likely desire to protect the seashore. This intention must be re-evaluated in light of the cruel death by thirst that too many of the elk are experiencing.

Mitigate this human-caused disaster quickly!

**Correspondence ID: 13040**

Trapping these elk in unsustainable situation and consequent starvation is unconscionable and unnecessary cruelty.

**Correspondence ID: 13041**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the public and removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 13042**

Elk deserve to roam free, they should not die in pain especially in a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 13043**

I want to urge the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.. The NPS should be taking actions to restore free ranging elk.

**Correspondence ID: 13044**

Please give the elk enough space where they can eat enough by removing the fence

Thank you, Piet

**Correspondence ID: 13045**

please remove the Fence !!!

**Correspondence ID: 13046**

I support Alternative B which calls for the removal of the elk fence, allowing the elk herds to move naturally through the area. This alternative is by far the preferred option because it restores the Point Reyes National Park land to its original "wild" condition as much as possible. Rewilding the area should be a priority in order to restore natural biodiversity that existed prior to development of the ranch for livestock grazing. It is my opinion that livestock should not be grazed on public lands in general - these lands should be preserved and protected for native flora and fauna.

**Correspondence ID: 13047**

I am so pleased that the National Park Service is finally listening to concerned members of the public regarding the welfare of tule elk.

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area

The 8-foot fence must be removed with the utmost urgency, and the elk allowed to run free.

Fences completely destroy any notion of wilderness. They are the ultimate form of human control over animals, to the great detriment of any wild imprisoned species. This fence should never have been allowed.

Cattle should also not be present in wilderness, or allowed to dominate and destroy the resources that indigenous species depend upon. Shamefully, elk have been allowed to suffer immensely; dying of thirst and hunger; blocked from the very resources they need to survive in their own habitat!

When the fencing is removed, so too must the cattle. Poor condition should not be an excuse to kill the elk. Once they have their freedom back and access to the resources they have been denied for so long, they will soon recover.

They should not be culled, hazed or otherwise mistreated in order to keep them off the land that is rightfully theirs, and that has subsidized ranchers for years at huge financial and ecological cost to the taxpayer.

Cattle do not belong in Point Reyes National Seashore. Cattle operations undermine the true character of the area, as set out in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, which seeks to ensure "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area".

All the waste and subsequent water pollution produced by the presence of 5,000+ non-native livestock also breaches the Organic Act of 1916, due to the resulting quagmires and dying elk populations, severely impacting any 'enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife for future generations'.

Please act on the concerns of the current generation who locally, nationally and globally have had to sit and watch a deeply distressing ecocide play out with the full support of those in power. What has been done to the landscape and animals of Point Reyes National Seashore is an absolute disgrace, and must be fully addressed and rectified immediately.

No more fences, no more livestock or their owners, and no more demonization and killing of our beautiful native species, the tule elk in a (supposed) National Park!

**Correspondence ID: 13048**

Let these animals run free!

**Correspondence ID: 13049**

In reference to the fence at Tomales Point In Point Reyes National Seashore, Please remove this fence. The Tule Elks were put on this earth to roam freely. These animals are a huge part of Eco-system. I am urging you to take fence down and not allow another Tule Elk to starve or go without water, this is cruel, inhumane and not natural of how this beautiful animals should be treated. This is truly heartbreaking that anyone would not stop this ASAP. Let the tule Elks Free!! I pray this happen soon. Thank you, Lorraine and.

**Correspondence ID: 13050**

Given the current situation and the recent history of these beautiful Elk dying, I urge you to please remove the fence that currently confines them. While the initial reason for the fence was identified, these Elk must be able to have more space. Please note that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. This should not be a competition. Please remove the fence and provide the elk population space that is imperative to their continued survival. It is the least that can be done to ensure their survival.

Thank you and I look for a positive outcome for the Elk in this important decision.

**Correspondence ID: 13051**

Please remove the elk fence! It's unacceptable that they've been dying of thirst and starvation. There's no excuse for that. The elk suffer while beef and dairy cattle roam, polluting the water, tearing up the land, and drinking all the water. There is no place for such agriculture in a national park. Save the elk is my rallying cry!

**Correspondence ID: 13052**

Tear down the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 13053**

I've visited Point Reyes, and I think the current system is really crazy and not in keeping with the traditions of the National Park Service. I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative B. The elk herd should be UNCONFINED throughout the entire area. The elk must be allowed to naturally roam free, and while we are at it, let's get rid of the cattle. It would be nice to go back and see free roaming elk without cattle on the landscape.

**Correspondence ID: 13054**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for your time & consideration!

**Correspondence ID: 13055**

Please remove the fence and allow elk to roam free

**Correspondence ID: 13056**

Please remove the fence! The native elk confined within have been dying of apparent starvation and lack of water. Cattle grazing also decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please remove this fence once and for all!

**Correspondence ID: 13057**

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to you today with great concern about the native tule elk population at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

For years now, these magnificent creatures have been facing a dire situation characterized by apparent starvation and a severe lack of access to water. This predicament has persisted due to the confinement of the elk within the Tomales Point peninsula, a confinement enforced by a 3-mile-long fence constructed by the National Park Service (NPS). The original intent behind this fence was to prevent the elk from grazing on nearby seashore land.

Regrettably, the situation has reached a critical juncture, as evidenced by the shocking fact that a staggering 152 elk lost their lives on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

As concerned individuals, we must take action to address this distressing issue. The welfare of these animals, and the preservation of their natural habitat, should be a paramount concern.

I kindly request your support and advocacy in raising awareness about the plight of the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Together, we can make a difference by promoting responsible and sustainable solutions that ensure the well-being of these beautiful creatures and the conservation of their environment.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in our efforts to protect the tule elk.

Best regards,

Fuhlin Hsin

**Correspondence ID: 13058**

Have mercy, remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 13059**

Please remove the fence and let these deserving elk roam free and have a chance to live the way they should.

**Correspondence ID: 13060**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 13061**

It is sad we treat animals with abhorrent cruelty as if they have no value. It is we who have no value. We are the Invaders of this Earth. We have made ourselves the enemy of our own planet and believe animals should totally exempt of any importance. We have become Our Own Worst Enemy. Very sad, very disgusting we have no concern for the Next Generation. We only are concerned with consuming and squandering as much as we possibly can. We have already passed the overshoot for this year, which ended in March. If you are unfamiliar with overshoot it is the length of time that we consume all Goods nature provides for us which is actually to be to last for an entire year instead our overshoot only lasted until March. What do you think that makes us?

Should we be proud of ourselves? What do you think? Actually it all comes down to the all mighty dollar!

Never ceases to amaze how quickly we want to finish ourselves off...by destroying the last of the environment. We need the Earth, it doesn't need us. Doesn't seem to phase anybody. But it's too late anyway. We've passed the precipice of any hope of saving ourselves from what we have recklessly set into motion...CLIMATE CHANGE! And the people who are the deniers of CLIMATE CHANGE are afraid if they acknowledge it they would have to accept their participation in the destruction our magnificently beautiful spaceship Earth. Who is to blame for CLIMATE CHANGE...get a MIRROR!

**Correspondence ID: 13062**

Please stop this! Please respect animals please

**Correspondence ID: 13063**

This elk have to be saved. Animals had been on planet before human, so please respect them and let them live with dignity. I had been at Point Reyes and this place wouldn't be the same without the elk! Take off the fence please. Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 13064**

How dreadful to be starving, yet see food available on the other side of a fence, and you cannot reach it.

HOW CRUEL IS THAT?

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE.

**Correspondence ID: 13065**

I can't completely wrap my head around why you would need comments to stop animal abuse.

The Elk need water and food. Fencing them in so they can't have it is abuse.

Open up the area in question and allow the Elk in. This is not rocket science.

If someone wants to starve and dehydrate the elk, then they should be ticketed and jailed for abuse.

Seems fair.

**Correspondence ID: 13066**

If these elk are starving, what more information do you need to take action?? They are our fellow creatures on planet earth. They are NOT objects, resources or entertainment! Animal exploitation, neglect and cruelty are NEVER ACCEPTABLE. NEVER.

Let the elk EAT!

**Correspondence ID: 13067**

To whomever it may concern,

Please take down the fencing and allow the elk access to Tomales Poin.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13068**

These animals are dying from starvation. This is inhumane and needs to be addressed. Remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 13069**

These majestic animals need open space and obviously access to water. I always thought the Park Service was a progressive and attentive agency. Please do something to help these animals.

**Correspondence ID: 13070**

Please remove the fence ! To intentionally starve and remove these beautiful creatures from enough water sources on their native lands is the height of cruelty.

Utterly despicable in my view. Disgusting behavior on the part of NPS. They are a part of a natural ecosystem and deserve protection not a slow, horrible death.

Take the fence down

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13071**

I implore you to remove the fence confining elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. Over 150 elk have already died of thirst or starvation. Electing not to remove the fence is a horrific death sentence for more elk. How we treat animals says a lot about us our society. Let's do the right thing here and care for these vulnerable animals.

**Correspondence ID: 13072**

Please act immediatly

Hanspeter Meier

**Correspondence ID: 13073**

I was born and raised in California in Napa. Growing up my family and I spent most weekends at the coast. Being an animal lover I always looked forward to seeing the Tulee Elk. We must save the Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 13074**

Please do the humane thing to do and supply these animals with water.

**Correspondence ID: 13075**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

Let these beautiful animals live as nature intended.

Remember, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13076**

It is only just and humane to free the elk, as they are the native wildlife. Keeping domestic cattle and other animals from feeding on the shore line takes food from the elk. Please protect this herd of elk and see that nature remains in balance, not tipped towards agriculture.

**Correspondence ID: 13077**

Please take down the fence containing the Elk. They should be free to forage and live in the large area that they are used to. They have lived in Point Reyes for year and deserve to stay in their natural environment. The fence will only make them feel venerable and trapped.

Thank you,

Diane Marrah

**Correspondence ID: 13078**

I've had the good fortune of visiting Point Reyes many times, and it is unquestionably one of the my favorite national parks, because of its wild beauty and easy accessibility. With regard to the current debate regarding elk fencing, I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to roam free. Fencing is inappropriate in wilderness areas, and causes elk to die of thirst and malnutrition.

Whereas private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes, especially if they are the cause for fencing elk, and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Thank you for listening, and I hope you will agree to the overwhelming public support for removing the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 13079**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. I've seen these lovely animals roaming freely in Point Reyes and they are truly magnificent.

Please reconsider your choice to promote livestock over tule elk. Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition. We must honor the local herds and allow them to roam, live, breed, and reproduce. Beautiful Point Reyes is their natural home; allow them to live there freely.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13080**

I urge the NPS to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd . Remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13081**

Hello

Please remove the fence for the tule elk so they don't die from starvation and lack of water

Sincerely

Bruno

**Correspondence ID: 13082**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Lisa Fiedor

**Correspondence ID: 13083**

Leave elks in peace. Animals are not ours. Free them



**Correspondence ID: 13084**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13085**

Hello

Could you please remove the fence so the tule elk don't die from starvation and that they have access to water?

Because all lives matters!

Best regards

Charles

**Correspondence ID: 13086**

PLEASE remove the fence from the TOMALES POINT AREA so ELK will no longer be trapped and can continue grazing. THIS is a problem that can be easily solved.

**Correspondence ID: 13087**

Dear

Please remove the fence for the tule elk in order to prevent them dying from starvation and lack of water.

Save these innocent animals please

Kind regards

Sophie

**Correspondence ID: 13088**

Please don't let anymore elk die when this is preventable.

**Correspondence ID: 13089**

remove the fence. Give elks a chance. Now. Thanks

**Correspondence ID: 13090**

remove the fence. Elks must survive

**Correspondence ID: 13091**

Please take down the fence and allow the elk to roam free and live the lives they deserve. No longer should they be allowed to starve or die of dehydration. Do what is right and allow them space to roam

I know you will make the right decision,

Thank you, Liam Ellmann

**Correspondence ID: 13092**

I was shocked to hear that an Elk herd has been fenced in on a peninsula with no access to

decent grazing and water. This is animal cruelty on an epic scale and from an organisation that is supposed to protect wildlife. It is even more unacceptable if as I understand this has been done to protect grazing for commercial animals.

It seems to me there are two options here. The first and unthinkable one to cull the Elk in favour of commercial grazing. The second to remove the fence and let them have access to land that they used to access and to my mind should access. I realise this may seem like a huge over simplification but it is really the only way forward to my mind.

**Correspondence ID: 13093**

remove the fence. Now. Let the elks free

**Correspondence ID: 13094**

Please remove the fence. We all know that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. 152 elks have died! We do not want anymore to die of hunger and illness. As human beings we can always do the right thing and the right thing here is to save them.

**Correspondence ID: 13095**

Please remove the fence and allow the tule elk to graze and have water. Too much importance is placed on "Big Ag" and not enough on the rich natural gifts this country offers. We are destroying this country. We are not utilizing food and energy alternatives. Money incentives for a minority amount of corporations take priority in destroying everything else.

**Correspondence ID: 13096**

As the National Park Service, your primary job is to protect the parks and the wildlife living there. How is it possible that elk are actually starving under your watch??!! This is unconscionable! So now even the National Park Service is kowtowing to corporate greed and encouraging a problem of over consumption of meat which is helping to destroy our planet?? Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. As stewards of our parks, please protect the natural wildlife living there.

**Correspondence ID: 13097**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.cattle are damaging their ability to survive . Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 13098**

Please do the right thing and remove the fence please.

**Correspondence ID: 13099**

Please do not contribute to the extinction of wild life. We all have done too much of that, don't you think?

Please take off the barbed fence that prevents elk from eating and drinking...too many have died already.

Please hurry up and take action before it is too late and we lose yet another precious part of our earth heritage...

Dr Liliane Papin

**Correspondence ID: 13100**

I grew up in Sacramento and we drove to Stinson beach, Dillon beach, and hiked the trails of Point Reyes every summer. The Tule Elk have an important part of that special ecosystem. The fence is a horribly cruel way to systematically starve and deprive the elk of food and water. It's unconscionable that our state is not doing its utmost to help natural habitats and native species that risk extinction. Please remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 13101**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Yes! Please take down the elk fence. Please allow the Tomales elk to roam freely across the National Seashore. Please allow the Tomales elk to mingle with the free-roaming elk herds. Please make it a priority and practice to restore and rewild Point Reyes National Park, including providing for wildlife connectivity, corridor if necessary, removing commercial livestock from the public lands preferred. No fencing is preferred, but any fence necessary to keep out cows should be wildlife friendly. Definitely remove the tall elk-proof fence. Best option: allow the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by removing the livestock entirely.

**Correspondence ID: 13102**

NPS , please remove your fences.

**Correspondence ID: 13103**

Please remove the fence at Pt. Reyes for the Tule Elk. They are our national treasures. While I understand historic agreements with businesses (aka ranchers/dairy farmers), they should not have precedence over wildlife. Do the right thing and take the fence down.

**Correspondence ID: 13104**

Good morning,

I am writing to you today, to urge the agency to remove the elk fence in order to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Please consider choosing Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Respectfully,

Alex Kingsley

**Correspondence ID: 13105**

Please be mindful that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13106**

\*Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

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Sincerely, Mr. Pierre Zembla

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Sincerely, Ms. Ann Davis

**Correspondence ID: 13109**

Tule Elk have populated the central California coast for many years. Farmers moved to the area and brought cattle to the area. This initially caused a drain on available water. I believe the elk should remain and the cows should move. Americans are addicted to beef, and they can thrive in any location. The elk, cannot. I personally feel fences that disallow access to water for the elks should be removed.

**Correspondence ID: 13110**

Please free the elk and protect Reyes Point for native wildlife, don't allow it to be destroyed by cattle. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13111**

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Sincerely, Miss FORT PASCALE

**Correspondence ID: 13112**

Please remove the Tomales Point Area fence. Please note that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13113**

Please remove the fence or provide supplementary food for these beautiful animals!

**Correspondence ID: 13114**

Protect tule elk and stop giving our land away to big AG. This world is dying as a result.

**Correspondence ID: 13115**

Please remove the fence for the safety and care of the animals! Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 13116**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. So, please save the tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 13117**

IT'S TRUE THAT CATTLE DEPLEATS THE ECOSYSTEM SO I AM PLEASE ASKING THAT THE FENCE BE TAKEN DOWN NOW! THANK YOU FOR TAKING ACTION ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE... THANK YOU.

**Correspondence ID: 13118**

Please remove the fence and allow the Elk to roam and forage for their food. They deserve to have access to this habitat and to be able to graze.

**Correspondence ID: 13119**

The poor Tule Elk are suffering and dying of starvation and lack of proper water! Please remove the fence ASAP!

**Correspondence ID: 13120**

If it's as simple as moving a fence to protect these animals simply move the fence

**Correspondence ID: 13121**

Help

**Correspondence ID: 13122**

Please remove the fence. Agriculture should not place this much pressure on a natural population!

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 13124**

Remove the fence

These animals are dying from lack of food and water . They can see the food but you stop them by erecting a fence . This is their land we all belong on this earth. Who are we to dictate who can eat . How would you feel if you were hungry but couldn't reach the food and and die a slow death . You wouldn't want that .

You need to move the fence , we have to share this land .

So move the fence .

**Correspondence ID: 13125**

Dear National Park Service

I am writing you in regards to the condition of the Elk population in Point Reyes National Seashore. It has been reported that they are now confined to Tomales Point and are suffering from starvation and dehydration. I wanted to ask you to please try to find a way to help the Elk population in n Point Reyes National Seashore get fresh water and grazing habitat by removing the fence in their territory or allowing them passage otherwise. .

Thank you very much and all the very best!

Sincerely, Uri Lifshin

**Correspondence ID: 13126**

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Sincerely, Mrs. patrizia ranaldi

**Correspondence ID: 13127**

This has attracted world wide interest and it would be great to see something positive done about this awful situation You are a great nation leading the way for many others to follow. Please do what is fair and just for the voiceless. Thank you

Tina

**Correspondence ID: 13128**

Remove the fence!

Let the elk roam!

WE paid for the land the ranches are on for in the 1970's -

CLAIM THAT LAND NOW and open it for public use!

**Correspondence ID: 13129**

PLEASE TAKE DOWN THE FENCE SO THE TULE ELK DO NOT STARVE TO DEATH ANYMORE! THAT'S VERY HEARTBREAKING!

**Correspondence ID: 13130**

Please remove fence/barriers to provide elk access to Pt. Reyes shoreline.

IFree elk access seems more in keeping with the goals of our national parks to accommodate wildlife over business ventures.

Thank you, Dorothy M. Olivier

**Correspondence ID: 13131**

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Sincerely, Mr. marco mattioli



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Sincerely, Mrs. Hilde Nagels

**Correspondence ID: 13134**

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Please, PLEASE remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Protect these animals, not the profit of big agricultural companies.

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**Correspondence ID: 13136**

Fight for nature for everything that exists in her core, it is the only way for a brighter future. All the other things are just political interests that lead us to our self destruction!!! Fight for she is our mother!!

**Correspondence ID: 13137**

Please let these animals roam free. They will protect the countryside more efficiently than man. Climate change is a case in point. Man can be too manipulative. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13138**

The purposes of the system are (1) to track progress and milestones of park projects, including the legal compliance process outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act; (2) to allow park staff to collaborate with team members on a project, post plans and related documents for public review; (3) to provide public comment opportunity; and (4) to provide the NPS with a tool for comment analysis and response, which includes demographic information to better make informed decisions and serve the public.

**Correspondence ID: 13139**

Please remove the fence. It is incredibly cruel to let the elk starve to death unnecessarily! As I understand it more than 150 have already died.

**Correspondence ID: 13140**

We counted the tule elk at the Wind Wolves Preserve in Kern County by pairing up and hiking since they were free ranging in their natural environment and dispersed.

It was a great experience to see them roaming free and watch them effortlessly bounding through the landscape as they should be.

Isn't it time we let the Point Reyes herd roam free and cherish and protect the beauty of the wild places we have left?

Please choose Alternative B, tear down the fence, and stop promoting cattle that only represent the financial interests of a few. We have the opportunity to protect, promote, and enjoy the unique and rare experience of native flora and fauna in its natural environment.

Thank you!

PS please don't use herbicides either.

**Correspondence ID: 13141**

Hi,

Whatever is best for the elk is what is best. If humans were not involved how would nature handle this? Sometimes man needs to let nature do what nature does regardless if man believes they are doing what is best.

**Correspondence ID: 13142**

removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 13143**

Remove the fatal fencing. Let the elk be free.

**Correspondence ID: 13144**

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Let them live as nature intended.

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Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

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Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

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NPS must remove this fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Tule elk are part of this natural landscape while cattle are not.

This fence must be removed as soon as possible for tule elk access to food and water!

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Please help these animals !!!!!

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**Correspondence ID: 13303**

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**Correspondence ID: 13304**

My God! What does it take to force people to do the humane and right thing??

Having to respond to this makes me sick!!

**Correspondence ID: 13305**

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I only buy sustainably grown meat from local farmers whose animals I can see at pasture.

NO domestic animals should ever graze on public land. That is welfare. And, it's devastating our environment and stealing from future generations. It's a terrible business practice. A terrible one.

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I urge the NPS to please remove the fence. Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for helping the helpless.

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It may be the case that the cattle are problematic. However, the elk are indigenous. Our National Parks exist to support the existence of all indigenous species.

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Elizabeth A. Wardle PhD

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I want the elk to be able to roam free. Restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park should be a priority, and providing a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches is a must. A wildlife-friendly fence could be constructed to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point once the tall elk-proof fence is removed. Better yet, give the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by removing the livestock entirely. This grazing privilege has caused the death of many many elk from starvation and dehydration. The wild is our countries wealth and we are obligated to protect wild life for future generations - remove the fence as soon as possible.

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Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Please let our elk graze naturally.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thanks,

Will Morel

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Thank you for your consideration,

Kathleen Weessies

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Audrey Stafford

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The importance of making the best possible choices to secure the future for this endangered native Californian species is starkly underlined by their history.

As you would be aware, at the time of Spanish settlement the species was widely distributed, with estimated numbers of some 500,000 animals. However, the disastrous incursions of hunting and of habitat loss (mainly, I believe, to use these areas for the running of cattle) meant that by about 1880 the species was believed to have been rendered extinct.

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I understand that even now, total numbers are less than perhaps 2,000 animals state-wide. So, it is essentially important that any current threats to the herd's natural regeneration by natural increase be identified and removed.

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They still clearly need all the support and protections possible to support that slow recovery. Any culling action would make no sense at all, and a totally unacceptable reversal of what has been so slowly and gradually achieved to date.

The world is unquestionably in the grip of an environmental crisis, intensified by the accelerating impacts of global heating and the increasingly devastating effects of climate change events which intensify the negative pressures upon all species on the planet. We must accordingly sustain and reinforce all protections on every ecosystem and its dependent species.

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Please take down this fence so the elk can continue to thrive and prevent future deaths of such lovely animals. Thank you for your helping these beautiful animals.

Sincerely, Karen Garone

**Correspondence ID: 13544**

Please remove the fence so that the elk of Tomales Point in Point Reyes can have greater access to food and water. The fact that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone is a clear indicator that the current situation is cruel and untenable.

**Correspondence ID: 13545**

Please remove the fence that confines and ultimately starves the Elk at Tomales Point. This beautiful and incredibly important native species should most definitely take precedent over the invasive cattle that decimate our environment. The Elk need to roam free. They need to be free to live out the lives they were meant to live. It absolutely blows my mind that people would think they have the right to imprison the Elk in the first place.

Please do the right thing and allow the Elk to once again have FULL access to their home.

**Correspondence ID: 13546**

Please consider taking down the fence at Tomales Point Area to free the elk

**Correspondence ID: 13547**

Please remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 13548**

stop the starvation

**Correspondence ID: 13549**

Please do the right thing in removing the fence, have a heart.

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Dr. Scott Whitener

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Please take down the fencing for these Elk who are starving

**Correspondence ID: 13552**

Please let the elk graze near the shoreline. Take down the fence. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 13553**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Also, elk should be free to wander!

**Correspondence ID: 13554**

Please remove the fence to allow the elk to move about freely, in order for them to live a safer and more natural life. Thank you.

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You need to take care of the Elk, to ignore their plight is a cruel and careless act fueled by greed. Do the right thing and give them access to food

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Please ensure that the right thing is followed to completion here.

Sincerely, Ms. Lynn Killam

**Correspondence ID: 13557**

Please remove the fence that confines native elk. It is their habitat and they deserve to coexist with humans and human activities.

Additionally, big agriculture cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13558**

Dear Sirs;

The removal of the elk fence at Tomales Point is a good idea whose time has come. The mortality rate for elk and the likelihood that it will only increase with foreseeable climate change, makes its' continuation undesirable untenable.

Reducing the negative environmental impacts of existing ranching would be a positive effect as well.

Thank you.

Eric Bare

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Sincerely, Mrs. Kristine Frailing

**Correspondence ID: 13560**

It is beyond belief that you have created this problem and have chosen the well-being of domesticated cattle over the Tomales Elk herds that are supposed to be on this land. I can't imagine what bogus science is driving your extremely stupid decisions. It is time to remove the fence that prohibits a wild species from accessing food. Domestic cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Cattle do not belong in Point Reyes. Tomales Elk do. Stop committing ecocide and take down the fence. Get the cattle off of land that belongs to wildlife and let the herds and the land heal.

**Correspondence ID: 13561**

Please remove the fence that prevents elk from getting food and water. Elk deaths must be stopped.

The elk preceded the meat industry.

thank you.

Carol Shuckra

**Correspondence ID: 13562**

Please remove the fence at Tomales Point for the sake of the Tule Elk. Give them a chance to survive. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Correspondence ID: 13564**

Please remove the fence ! To stop starving the elks!

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Alternative B is the best choice for California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Instead of serving commercial livestock, the park should serve as a refuge for native species, especially given loss of habitat from sprawl and fires, and the charter's intention to preserve the scenery and wildlife be honored.

Removal of the elk fence aligns with the charter and the spirit of national parks. Removal of livestock operations is necessary and aligns as well. Parks should not be a cheap farming operation, especially, aside from replacing native species, given that non-native livestock can increase erosion and damage the soil. Removal of livestock operations has other benefits as well. Paying an unsubsidized amount to eat beef is beneficial not only to other farmers who do not have such subsidies, but to make clear the actual price of this resource-intensive product.

Point Reyes is meant to be retained for 'future generations' including with and for wildlife. Please make a choice to protect the elk rather than culling or hazing.

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**Correspondence ID: 13567**

This is unfathomable cruelty and ignorance. Please release these animals and allow them to live. It is a natural environment it does not need your misguided handling of resources. Have some compassion and common sense.

**Correspondence ID: 13568**

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Would be a start.

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--Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 13623**

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Not removing this fence is inexcusable.

It is morally unacceptable to let it stand.

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**Correspondence ID: 13631**

I have long been opposed to private ranchers and business owners having use of our public

lands for profit. These lands belong to all Americans in permanent preservation of all that we deem to be special and beautiful about our country. For profit use has proven detrimental not only to the lands, but also to the wild animals that live there. It is time to stop allowing them access to OUR lands for their business enterprises. Period.

I understand that there is a fence confining our native elk to a specific area within the park. This is also inappropriate. They are wild animals and should be allowed to roam free and to be safe from culling. The ecosystem must be allowed to restore itself. You're a national park--you know that nature can take care of itself without our meddling.

Please, once and for all, remove the fence, remove private ranching, etc. operations, and protect the wildlife in your care--starting with the Point Reyes Tule Elk.

Thank you very much for you time and consideration.

Sincerely, Amy Davis

**Correspondence ID: 13632**

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**Correspondence ID: 13636**

Tule elk have suffered enough behind the fence. They have starved and died and it is time the fence is removed. It is an abomination that these majestic elk are not viewed with value and compassion but as trash to be discarded. Please remove the fence immediately and let them roam free.

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**Correspondence ID: 13643**

Take care of the elks

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Sincerely, Ms Janice Biederman

**Correspondence ID: 13645**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. I have seen the difference 'first hand' as to the condition of the land when the dairy cattle graze. The land is almost barren until you reach the National Seashore. WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW CATTLE IN THIS AREA EVER. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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Sincerely, Babs Imrie

**Correspondence ID: 13647**

By removing the fence We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Please take the right decision to help the elk of dying of starvation. We have to protect them as part of the planet we all share.

Jenny Brown

**Correspondence ID: 13648**

It is the right thing to do is to remove this fence and let this species coexist with the environment as intended by the creator (nature) and stop thinking we are some superior species that is supposed to make life/death decisions for every other species we were intended to coexist with, not control.

Take down the GD fence and let this species thrive or not at their own choice.

**Correspondence ID: 13649**

The pressure on public officials for sharing public lands with grandfathered ranchers must be tremendous and probably not generally recognized.

The issue here is to provide a hospitable environment for Tule Elk where they can thrive but not be overpopulated.

Also there is, in my opinion, too much cattle ranching in the U.S. generally. Conventional ranching (i.e. cattle) does not provide a real benefit though that may be hard to convince a fourth-generation rancher.

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**Correspondence ID: 13653**

NPS

Please consider removing the fence that confines the Tule elk in the Tomales Point area plan.

Thank you

Bruce Smith

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**Correspondence ID: 13656**

Please consider listening and choosing alternative B to remove the fence and allow the elk to roam free. Native wildlife should be a priority. Confined elk shouldn't be dying of thirst or hunger in a national park because cattle operations are eating their food.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Nature will take care of the herd.

Also, please end cattle operations in Point Reyes and honor the charter of the National Seashore. This legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park



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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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**Correspondence ID: 13661**

In order to protect the Tule Elk, I urge you to remove the fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 13662**

To Whom It May Concern;

I join PETA along with other animal welfare advocates in supporting the removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Due to climate change and two recent droughts, the deaths of this herd has reached the hundreds and will certainly endure there will be more. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads

invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. And the subsequent threat by ranchers towards the elk population remains and will also have to be addressed to endure their welfare. The reality is that climate change and farming agriculture must be seen synonymously and it is in the best interest of agricultural farmers to also adapt to alternative means to support their livelihoods. The reality is that these herds must not be continually enforced to enclosure and subjected to harm and death due to human expectations.

Kindly do what's necessary to prevent future elk deaths and to help facilitate a dialogue and activism towards change.

Sincerely, Alona Dadiani

Animal Welfare Advocate & concerned citizen

**Correspondence ID: 13663**

"Mr President, tear down this wall!" or fence as the case is for the Elk.

Thank you.

Schneider DVM

**Correspondence ID: 13664**

Please remove the fence !!!!

**Correspondence ID: 13665**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 13666**

I am writing to ask you to please remove the fence for the Tomales Point elk. The starvation of these animals is cruel and unnatural. Imagine you are hungry. No food in the house. Stores and restaurants are closed. There's food in the next town but you can't go there. You can't go there because it would inconvenience some one. As the ones with the higher brains and opposable thumbs, surely you can come to a better solution to allow these animals to live out their lives as nature intended, keeping in mind that sometimes we just have to share the planet.

Thank you,

Lisa Heck

**Correspondence ID: 13667**

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Sincerely, Mrs. peggy patti

**Correspondence ID: 13668**

Please free Elks and Protect Point Reyes for the future of a better of the Environment.

Thank You

Vena Campbell.

**Correspondence ID: 13669**

National and state parks are sanctuaries not meant for public grazing of for profit herds such as cattle and sheep please consider this in your action this fall

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Sincerely, Mrs. Margaret Runfors

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Sincerely, Mr. dick Patti

**Correspondence ID: 13672**

Please considering removing the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. The fence with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. The plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd would be a game changer for their survival. The cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Why are cattle there and not the elks? Please save the elks! Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 13673**

Please remove the 3 mile fence that was erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the Tule Elk from grazing on nearby seashore land. It has caused the death of many Tule Elk which is cruel and unacceptable.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13674**

Please remove the fence so that these elk can eat what is theirs! Very inhumane!

You would rather see them starve????

How cruel!

**Correspondence ID: 13675**

Please allow these beautiful animals to roam free as GOD intended

**Correspondence ID: 13676**

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Sincerely, Ms S Downing

**Correspondence ID: 13677**

I applaud the National Park Service (NPS) in its effort to find ways to the rare Tule elk to roam free and secure access to much needed forage area due to the lack of resources in the Preserve. The concept to allow the elk to roam free and building fencing to keep privately owned cattle from entering Tomales Point is a true partnership to protect both wildlife and the livestock of local citizens.

Thank you, Linda

**Correspondence ID: 13678**

I would like to thank the National Park Service for listening to the incredible public support in favor of removing the Tule Elk fencing located at Point Reyes National Seashore. Fencing and the confinement of any native animal populations is unacceptable. Private grazing of non-native cattle should be ended with the establishment of priority going to the native wildlife that is found in these wilderness areas.

Private cattle operations have never been appropriate in Point Reyes and have created situations where the Tule Elk found in this area have suffered and died as a result of confinement behind erected cattle fencing. "Maximum protection, restoration and preservation of the natural environment" is part of the Charter of the National Seashore. This legislation is mandated by law and designated for these lands governed by the National Park Service.

As a concerned citizen and supporter of our beautiful wild and scenic open spaces, I urge the NPS to remove the elk fencing and protect Point Reyes native wildlife. Mitigation of the damage caused to this unique ecosystem should be the priority to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13679**

The elk need to be free to roam, to get the food and water they need. Blocking their migration patterns is a crime to survival. Human interference ends in animal deaths, environmental destruction. We need to be better caretakers of the earth and its creatures.

**Correspondence ID: 13680**

Having visited many national parks Point Reyes National Seashore was on my list to visit and

the native tule elk were one of the main reasons. Knowing they are fenced out of prime habitat needed for their health and well being for cattle???? What is going on?

Fencing and cattle grazing are abhorrent to a national park.

Please take down all fencing and allow them to roam free and remove the cattle.

Thank you for your time

**Correspondence ID: 13681**

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 13682**

Please remove the fence. Let the elk have their freedom. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13683**

Please allow the elk to roam freely. Without this freedom they cannot properly forage or reach water. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13684**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems and has negativity affected the Tomales Point elk herd. Please consider the herd's ability to roam free and live the life that they deserve. Not only is it compassionate, but it's best for the health of our planet.

**Correspondence ID: 13685**

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Sincerely, Annette Murch

**Correspondence ID: 13686**

Please remove the fence to help the Tomales Point elk herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13687**

I am writing with my support for Alternative B, the proposal to remove the fence and allow Tule Elk to roam free. The tragic deaths of the Elk were unnecessary and such a thing must be prevented from happening again. Please do the right thing. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13688**

Dear Sirs and Madams-

Reaching out with a desperate plea for you to consider the removealthe fence containing the Tule Elk. They are clearly suffering the pain and subsequent slow and cruel death from starvation. The cattle that are grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. The system you have in place now choosing one species over another is wrong and it's cruel. Please-please consider the suffering and take down the wall.

**Correspondence ID: 13689**

Current management guidance for this area did not anticipate the extreme drought conditions or consider climate change,” the NPS said.

There have been reports of serious environmental contamination from privately-owned cattle allowed to graze on the public lands.

About one-third of Tomales Point's elk herd — or a reported 152 elk — died during California's 2020 drought, reportedly from dehydration and starvation. Free-roaming elk outside the fenced area did not experience the same population fluctuations or declines.

Tule Elk must be protected “in a manner that protects that population's health, safety and ecological integrity.”

**Correspondence ID: 13690**

Since the NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd, I am taking this opportunity to ask for removal of



the fence and freedom to roam and find water and food. What a horrible way to die is being confined by humans until starvation and lack of water finally makes one too weak to live. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 13691**

Please allow the Tomales Point Elk herd to roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 13692**

We have to protect all wild things. It is the right thing to do

**Correspondence ID: 13693**

Alternative B - take down the fence and allow the elk, currently in a 2,900 acre area of poor forage known as the "Preserve," to finally roam free!

**Correspondence ID: 13694**

Take down the fence!!

**Correspondence ID: 13695**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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Sincerely, Flo V

**Correspondence ID: 13697**

It is repulsive to hear that for years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

However, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. The NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. This is a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13698**

Please let down the fence and let the Elk graze. Nature and the Earth are more important!

Thank you for your time!

**Correspondence ID: 13699**

I have trusted the National Park Service forever. My parents, who worked for Montana Park Services, demonstrated why I should put faith in this agency. My hope is that NPS will continue proving that they are due my trust and will ensure that the natural ecosystem of Tamales Point Area is at the forefront of all planning. We need to ensure that animals, insects, and vegetation (the ecosystem) are not impacted and can thrive when considering planning. Our world is in dire need of maintained natural spaces not just for combatting climate change and respecting the land but for our mental health. Earth's natural environments are refuges for our health as they bring peace with them that our constructed society does not allow. It is essential we protect this.

**Correspondence ID: 13700**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Dr. Vera Heidolph

**Correspondence ID: 13701**

This fencing of native elk from their habitat is cruel and fatal. Cattle can be pastured in numerous other areas without causing the decimation of another species. Remove this fence and let the elk roam and survive. I don't understand how a wild species is placed second to capitalist interests. Do the right thing and free these elk before there are none left.

**Correspondence ID: 13702**

Understanding that NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd, I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative B but in modified form. As articulated in the Public Scoping Newsletter, the native Tule elk herd confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have suffered two substantial population reductions in the last decade, both attributable to historic drought events. As the frequency of these events can be expected to increase over time, ensuring the herd's access to a larger area for forage and water during such events is imperative to assure the future of the herd. The modification to Alternative B I urge you to consider is the inclusion of one element from Alternative C “Remove non-historic supplementary water systems but enhance the availability of naturally occurring water at the springs and seeps”. I would further advise that there be a change to require, not consider the inclusion of a fence to exclude cattle from Tomales Point. Cattle grazing disrupts ecosystems. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13703**

Remove the fence. Remove the fence. Remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 13704**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 13705**

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**Correspondence ID: 13706**

So it is a fact that that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Not to mention the terrible effect eating meat today is having on the health of the general population. Americans are unhealthy. Another negative side of animal agriculture is would be how these animal are dispatched in the slaughter houses & how the consciousness of the

workers in these slaughterhouses are affected. It cannot be healthy to slaughter an animal who has adrenaline coursing through its veins. Can this possibly be meat for Americans to consume. I was born in this country. I am a first generation American on my father's side & a second generation American on my mother side. My father loved this country. He was born in 1909, but he saw the folly of what was happening in our food chain. Changes need to be made. Anyone can understand that the people who own these cattle need to support their families. Other solutions need to be explored to change what is happening to not only these Elk, but to the food supply in general. So please, please, consider your actions in regards to the Tule Elk, and to cattle raising in general. I usually do not comment on too many things like this. Albert Einstein said "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." This goes farther than a problem for the Tule Elk, it is a problem that reaches far into our society.

**Correspondence ID: 13707**

Dear National Park Service:

I urgently urge you to protect the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free - it's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please do not hesitate to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you, Evelina Freeman

**Correspondence ID: 13708**

Please help these beautiful animals. They depend on humans and we're failing them.

**Correspondence ID: 13709**

Please take this fence down. You know it's the right thing to do — so do it.

**Correspondence ID: 13710**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jane Broendel

**Correspondence ID: 13711**

Please remove the fence. These animals need to eat. Fences harm wild animals and destroy migration paths and ecosystems.

**Correspondence ID: 13712**

This planet belongs to all life, not just selfish human life.

The Tule Elk have the same right to life that humans do. They are part of the natural ecosystem and it is a crime against nature to block them from their feeding and watering grounds.

Farming cattle is not natural and is extremely destructive to the environment, wasting massive amounts of water

and feeding the climate crisis.

Remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 13713**

I'm asking you to please remove the fence to allow the animals to have food and water to survive. The horror of dying animals do to a fence closing them off is unimaginable..

It really surprises me that this has been going on and has been allowed as long as it has. Please help to save the animals. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13714**

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Sincerely, Mr. Daniel Pruitt

**Correspondence ID: 13715**

Protect the tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore. Don't appease the livestock owners.

**Correspondence ID: 13716**

Hello.

Please protect Point Reyes National Seashore for native wildlife, not for the cattle that are destroying it. Release the elks you are holding captive, and drop any plans for killing any of the others.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13717**

I am writing to urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence in Point Reyes National Seashore. Fences are not appropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Removing the fence will protect wildlife and help restore the ecosystem. It's absolutely unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and starvation. This is not what our National Parks stand for. Please choose Alternative B (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area) which will remove the fence and allow elk and other wildlife to naturally roam free as nature intended. In addition, once the elk fence is removed, please do not subject free roaming elk to culling, hazing, or harassment. Thank you for listening to my concerns and the overwhelming public support for removing the fatal elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 13718**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Dave Wachsman

**Correspondence ID: 13719**

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Danial Border

**Correspondence ID: 13720**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 13721**

I am against anything which would harm the population of elk there. Their survival and well-being is the most important factor.

**Correspondence ID: 13722**

I beg and urge NPS to remove the fence which has been confining the Tomales Point elk herd. The Elks deserve to roam free and live the lives they deserve. I once again would like to ask NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. The Tomales Point elk herd deserves to be live free. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 13723**

We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Please remove the fence and free a precious animal for future generations to enjoy. Help the Tomales Point elk herd. No animal should starve to death or have a lack of water to survive. We owe our wild species basic survival resources.

**Correspondence ID: 13724**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling

Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 13725**

Please treat this beautiful animal in a humane way and let him have the life he deserves.

**Correspondence ID: 13726**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ches K

**Correspondence ID: 13727**

NPS..take down this wall.l

**Correspondence ID: 13728**

I must speak up for elk and support the proposal to remove the fence and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 13729**

I understand the NPS is finally considering removing the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

I would implore you remove the fence and allow the elk to roam the original habitat safely and unencumbered.

**Correspondence ID: 13730**

I urgently request that you please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd, and to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Cattle grazing also decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.



Please remove the fence. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13731**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 13732**

I support protecting our wildlife and the Tomales Point Elk Herd. Please remove the fence that confines them and let them roam wild and free. Our national parks should protect wildlife, and not domestic cattle.

I travel often to our national parks to see the beauty of the country and our amazing wildlife. I do not believe that domestic livestock should have preference to our wildlife. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13733**

Please provide the best care for these beautiful creatures or at least remove manmade barriers that prevent these animals from caring for themselves. This state uses these animals as symbols of the community and the namesake for preschools - we should treat them with respect.

**Correspondence ID: 13734**

Please remove the elk fence and allow the elk to roam freely, Choose alternative B. Point Reyes is a national Seashore and the interests of livestock owners should not be placed ahead of the animals the area was created to protect..

**Correspondence ID: 13735**

I am very concerned with how the Tule elk have been mistreated due to this cruel fence which prevents the elk from foraging and finding water!! Many have suffered and died because of this purposefully erected fence! We all know the cattle ranchers are behind this cruelty to protect their cattle's foraging, on Public Lands, no less! These cattle belong on private ranch land, certainly not on Public property!

It is time to do what is right! The NPS must right this wrong as soon as possible and save the remaining tule elk from suffering and death! I am looking forward to seeing humane action from the NPS soon!

With my sincere gratitude!

Dave Cross

**Correspondence ID: 13736**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Maybe try removing the fence

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**Correspondence ID: 13737**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Glenna Waterman

**Correspondence ID: 13738**

Please tear down the fences that keep Tule Elk from running free and finding the food and water they need to survive!

A National park should be for wildlife first and foremost. Second a place for people to enjoy the beauty of nature and wildlife. Cattle do not belong in a national park. If someone wants to raise cattle to sell for profit—let them do it on their own land!! It makes me furious that a rare species of elk is suffering and dying all to appease cattle ranchers! It is even more outrageous that you used taxpayer dollars to build your fence that is hurting the elk and helping the ranchers. You're basically subsidizing meat production at the expense of the only remaining wild herd of tule elk. You need to get priorities on the side of the elk and other wildlife in the park. Cattle should be outlawed in the park.

**Correspondence ID: 13739**

Please remove the fence and let the elks live having enough food and water. We can not lose another animal due to man's consent need to fence all wildlife out of feeding grounds.

Please don't make my personal information public.

**Correspondence ID: 13740**

Please stop the elk from starving.s This is a unique situation , measures need to be taken to assure adequate foo.

**Correspondence ID: 13741**

Dears Sirs,

I am writing to ask you to remove the fencing that prevent these animals from seeking the food and water they need to survive. Life for wildlife is hard enough competing with human activities such as development, cattle ranching and others, and it has been made even harder with the effects of climate change. Impeding them to move around as they require is cruel and will only lead to their demise.

Sincerely, Claudia L.

**Correspondence ID: 13742**

As conservationists who have explored NPS public lands around the West, including Pt. Reyes, and who value our disappearing biodiversity, we thank you for proposing Alt. B, unconfining the Tule elk herd that has been mistreated for decades. The horrible fence that has resulted in the deaths of so many elk must be removed and the elk be allowed to freely roam. Thank you for listening to the public! There should be no private cattle operations at Pt. Reyes as the original charter stresses protecting nature! Of course no hazing, culling or harassment of the Tule elk should be allowed. Your restoring of the natural ecosystem will benefit the American people and Pt. Reyes. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13743**

Remove the fence - it is their land more than it is yours. The elk starving is on you, not the natural circle of life.

**Correspondence ID: 13744**

Elk should not be confined, as any wildlife biologist knows, Elk are a migratory species so fences should not be an impediment, nor do they compete with livestock since livestock greatly outnumber the local elk populations. It is well known that some irresponsible ranchers will overstock federal grazing lands and let livestock damage riparian habitats.

**Correspondence ID: 13745**

A reminder, that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. This water is needed by wildlife, and more and more people are refusing to eat beef.

**Correspondence ID: 13746**

Please remove the fence! cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13747**

I would like to encourage you to free the native tule elk imprisoned on Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Park. Unlike the cattle grazing that decimates ecosystems, contaminates water supplies with fecal waste and spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. The native elk will heal the earth. Please remove the fence and allow the elk to roam free before anymore of the amazing animals die. Thank you. Patti Austin

**Correspondence ID: 13748**

I am extremely concerned about the fact that Tule Elk are being confined behind fences at Point Reyes National Seashore site to allow privately owned cattle access to the land. This is an unnatural situation that must be changed.

Cattle are extremely hard on their land, contaminating water with fecal bacteria and decimating native plants as well as displacing native species. It's not healthy or ethical for the Park Service to support an agricultural use on national land. Please remove the cattle and remove the fences to allow elk free range on their native habitat.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 13749**

SAVE THEM

**Correspondence ID: 13750**

I don't understand why these animals, in apparent distress, are not being helped???

**Correspondence ID: 13751**

I'm writing in support of the proposal to remove the fence for the elk to allow them to roam free (Alternative B). These elk deserve to live in freedom and in peace. There is no reason to keep them confined behind a fence. Elk trapped behind these fences have died of thirst and starvation. Release them and let them live the way God and Mother Nature intended.

-Seth Coffey

**Correspondence ID: 13752**

Please aid the Tule elk immediately. Take down the fence or fence out the cattle.

The elk are dying from drought. You must act fast - now!

Respectfully,

Peggy Cruder

Colorado

**Correspondence ID: 13753**

The elk roam free and live the lives they deserve!

**Correspondence ID: 13754**

Need to keep Wildlife lands open to Wildlife. We need save for the future.

**Correspondence ID: 13755**

Please remove the fence and allow the elk to graze and get water freely. Our wildlife is an important resource.

**Correspondence ID: 13756**

Greetings. I support removal of fences to permit Tule elk to have greater range necessary to meet food requirements. The interests of wildlife in our National parks should always take precedence over those of neighboring ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 13757**

Please do the right thing and take down the fence which is confining the elk. They will starve to death if you do not give them their freedom. They deserve to roam free and not be confined. Please do the right thing and give these animals their freedom and take down the fence. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13758**

I'm originally from Marin County and have spent lot of time at Point Reyes. I was so excited when Tule elk returned to the park. They play an important role in rewilding the ecosystem. I appreciate the Park Service listening to the many people like me and considering the removal of the fence currently confining the elk. I am very much in support of this and urge you to adopt Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". I also urge you to prohibit culling of elk once the fence removed. Protection of our native wildlife should be the priority in our parks - not catering to cattle. Wildlife represent only 4% of the animals on the planet. We need to reduce the number of domestic animals and encourage plant based diets so wildlife can continue to survive. It will also help in our own survival by reducing carbon emissions and runaway climate change.

**Correspondence ID: 13759**

Please remove the fence confining Tomales Point Tule Elk.

These animals deserve to roam free as they did before human interference!

**Correspondence ID: 13760**

PLEASE REMOVE THIS FENCE For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. PLEASE FOR GOODNESS SAKE REMOVE THE FENCE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

LET THE ELK LIVE DO THE RIGHT & HUMANE THING THING

**Correspondence ID: 13761**

National Park Service Superintendent,

Please keep the #~&gt;?#& cattle behind an 8 ft fence and free the Tule Elk to roam freely wherever the hell they want. Cattle are an invasive species.

Sincerely, RK Matthews

**Correspondence ID: 13762**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. The fence must be removed.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural, and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 13763**

Dear Sir,

Take the fence down. It is simply the right thing to do. It has never been fair to the Elk, other wildlife or the public. It's high time we stop deferring to cattle ranchers when it comes to public land and water. Their special interests at our expense should not prevail.

The fact that, in order for this to finally be made right, so many animals had to die horrible painful deaths is beyond cruel.

Take it down. better late than never.

Sincerely, Denice Steinmann

**Correspondence ID: 13764**

Take down the fence and let the elk roam.

**Correspondence ID: 13765**

I support Alternative B.

**Correspondence ID: 13766**

I am writing to urge you please to take down the fence that confines Tule Elk to the area known as the preserve. This area is poor in terms of forage for the elk and about a third died in 2020 from dehydration and starvation due to the drought in California. Elk outside the fenced area did not suffer in the same way.

Alternative B would also allow the NPS to build a fence to stop privately owned cattle from entering

Tomales point.

Please support Alternative B.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13767**

I expect you to do right by the Tule elk. Preserve and Protect...

**Correspondence ID: 13768**

cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13769**

Take down the fence. We are better than this.

**Correspondence ID: 13770**

Private cattle operations are not appropriate at Point Reyes. I urge you to follow the spirit and intent of the charter of the National Seashore, which you can accomplish by choosing Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." Please take public opinion into account as you make this decision. Fences should not exist in wilderness areas and cattle should not be prioritized over native wildlife. Confined elk will die from malnutrition if they are confined by fences, especially in a national park, which, no matter how large it might be, is always a limited area of safety for wildlife.

Free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment.

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 13771**

Please remove this fence that is impacting the lives of many elk who continuously try to pass it-it should never have went up and it's impact has mostly been on the elk not humans it's meant to stop. We need to protect every animal we can from harm we've done put them in the way of and we should protect every species of wildlife regardless. We are in very different climate patterns and this is already dangerous if not deadly to many species so it's time to step up and do everything in our power to keep the species we have thriving. Thankyou.

**Correspondence ID: 13772**

First of all I believe that NPS should be removed from Point Reyes. They are obviously not capable of managing this problem. This is a total disaster and it is cruel to force Beautiful Tule Elk to have them managed by them.

2nd: all cattle should be removed and get the welfare ranchers to remove them back to where they belong. Point Reyes belongs

To the Tule Elk. The conditions that they have to live in is a disgrace to the State of California. These Elk should not have to live

With the enormous amount of feces that is from the cattle. It is disgusting! So poorly managed by NPS.

Governor Newsom needs to be in the loop to be notified about this terrible situation.

Please remove the fence so the Elk can be free.

I am ashamed to live in tbe State of California with the NPS managing this amazing place.

**Correspondence ID: 13773**

The Tomales Point tule elk herd has been decimated because of a lack of land to graze on.

I am asking the National Park Service to remove the fence that prevents the elk herd from

grazing naturally.

Over a hundred elk have died of starvation because of the fence that keeps them confined to a specific space.

Please show compassion for these elk.

These elk should not die of starvation when there is plenty of land for them to graze on.

Please prevent further deaths by starvation for these majestic animals.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 13774**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. claudia juliano

**Correspondence ID: 13775**

Protect Tule Elk NOT Big AG! I urge the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Taxpayers do not want to pay for your animal abuse!

**Correspondence ID: 13776**

The Tule Elk are dying en masse due to resources being diverted for Cattle! Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13777**

Don't let these animals starve to support big ash.

**Correspondence ID: 13778**

Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.



**Correspondence ID: 13779**

Remove the fence. Help out the native elk. Native means that they have been there and are meant to be there. The native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water.

Might I remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please do what is right for our native species not for big business, big agriculture, and payouts.

**Correspondence ID: 13780**

Remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

These beautiful animals need to eat and drink.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please Remove the Fence, Save the Elk

Thank You

**Correspondence ID: 13781**

Why would you confine animals to an area that does not have enough food for them to survive. These elk are beautiful animals that feel pain and starvation. Please take the fence down or transport the elk to a sanctuary.

**Correspondence ID: 13782**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. MARY ASPROYERAKAS

**Correspondence ID: 13783**

Please remove the fence immediately. The elk need to be able to roam free and look for food.. It is 2023 and we must do better for our wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 13784**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Robert Sargent

**Correspondence ID: 13785**

Please remove the fence immediately! Starving these animals just to protect ranchers is unconscionable and absurd. Come on--use your heads and your hearts.

**Correspondence ID: 13786**

Our family supports "Alternative B" which would allow the elk, currently, in a 2,900, acre area of, poor, forage known as the "Preserve," to, finally, roam free! It, also, would allow the "NPS" to consider building a fence to keep, privately-owned, cattle from entering "Tomales Point". But, the, other, two alternatives would leave the fence where it is, and, one would allow staff to shoot the, rare, elk to death! So, it's critical that we make our voices heard! We MUST speak up, now, for elk and voice our support of "Alternative B"! These elk, already, are facing enough of a threat from climate change, thirst, and malnutrition — they need all the support they can get!

In a move long-awaited by animal, advocates, the "National Park Service" has, finally, proposed taking down a fence that confines, rare, Tule Elk to a fraction of the "Point Reyes National Seashore"!

The "NPS", in its, official, announcement, noted the, new proposal comes on the heels of, two, fatal droughts in the, past, eight years that reduced the "Tomales Point" herd from 445 elk to 292 elk.

"Current, management, guidance for this area did not anticipate these, drought, conditions or consider climate change," the "NPS" said.

But, the proposal, also, comes following. two, federal lawsuits alleging negligence and violations of the law, reports of. serious, environmental, contamination from, privately-owned, cattle allowed to graze on the, public lands, and the outrage of thousands of people.

About one-third of “Tomales Point” 's elk herd — or a reported 152 elk — died during California's 2020 drought, reportedly from dehydration and starvation. Free-roaming elk outside the, fenced, area did not experience the, same, population fluctuations or declines.

Chance Cutrano, programs director for “The Resource Renewal Institute” — an, environmental, organization that is one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit challenging the “NPS”'s treatment of the elk to date — said elk must be protected “in a manner that protects that population's health, safety and, ecological, integrity.”

“The, real, thing is how to make sure as many people as possible are aware of the opportunity to comment on this, potential, future for the, tule elk, herd, which has been one of the, main, focal points for management of the Seashore, especially, with the die-offs in the, recent, drought years,” he said.

Following the, 31-day, comment period, the “NPS” will evaluate feedback and draft an, Environmental Impact Statement. Then, there will be, another, public comment period prior to an expected final decision, next, summer.

**Correspondence ID: 13787**

The top priority of the park management should be the welfare of the wildlife which is native to the ecosystem, not livestock which is raised for commercial profit. This is so obvious, it shouldn't even need to be stated so bluntly. The tule elk are more important than livestock. Period. Take down the fence so that the elk may graze freely and don't suffer during periods of drought from thirst and malnutrition.

**Correspondence ID: 13788**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Joanna Hardeman

**Correspondence ID: 13789**

Natural Inhabitants of the land need to stay there. Stop funding inferior meat produced by Big Ag. My tax dollars are being used to subsidize and make profits for BIG AG.

**Correspondence ID: 13790**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honour the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 13791**

I am writing to respectfully ask the National Park Service to remove the fence that is confining Tule Elk in the Point Reyes National Seashore, and adopt option B. I know that local ranchers have concerns about the impact of free-roaming elk on livestock operations, but disagree with considering their interests over the humane treatment of a native species. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13792**

Please let elke free! Remove the fence otherwise tey may die. Please let them live a free life

**Correspondence ID: 13793**

Tear the fence down! With all due respect, the wildlife should be considered first and foremost! Park Rangers tend to take the interest and health of the wildlife and ecosystem for granted, thinking they know what is best....please learn from past major mistakes, take down the fences and let the wildlife, all of them, roam as it should be!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 13794**

I love wildlife. Please take down the fence where the Elk can roam freely. It's a travesty that the NPS is allowing this to occur. Fence off the cattle and sheep but allow the natural wildlife and the wild horses to roam free on public lands. These lands belong to all Americans not to people who "rent" these lands for their profit. Manage appropriately. Don't allow special interests sway your vote and do the right thing. Thank you. Dee

**Correspondence ID: 13795**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. guylaine COUILLIET

**Correspondence ID: 13796**

Please Remove the fence on Tomales point in California. Too many elk have already died because of this fence. I urge you to remove it as soon as possible. Elk are beautiful native creatures. Cattle cannot take precedence over these magnificent animals.

Please remove the fence As soon as possible!

Thank you for your compassion

**Correspondence ID: 13797**

I strongly support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B). I ask you to reject the other alternatives as the elk deserve to live! Alternative B would allow the elk, currently in a 2,900 acre area of poor forage known as the "Preserve," to finally roam free! It would also allow the NPS to consider building a fence to keep privately-owned cattle from entering Tomales Point, which seems imperative at this point.

**Correspondence ID: 13798**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Elly Cat

**Correspondence ID: 13799**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd so they may have access to the food and water they need to survive.

**Correspondence ID: 13800**

Please remove the Tule Elk Fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 13801**

Please allow the elks to roam free to give them a chance. Please remove the fence. Thank you so much Jacqueline Hendricks.

**Correspondence ID: 13802**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Alabama Voelker

**Correspondence ID: 13803**

Please allow the Tule Elk to wander free-range as much as possible, so as to preserve their numbers and allow them to have the life they were "designed" to have, as much as possible. Thanks,

Mark

**Correspondence ID: 13804**

Please move the fence to allow the elk the opportunity to have access to the water they desperately need. These creatures deserve our respect and assistance. Humans should not deprive them of the freedom God granted them. We are better than this!

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 13805**

Stop torturing elks

**Correspondence ID: 13806**

Let the elk out and leave them alone. Stop interfering

**Correspondence ID: 13807**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

Elk are already are facing enough of a threat from climate change, thirst, and malnutrition — they need all the support they can get!

The elk have suffered enough from drought and starvation.

**Correspondence ID: 13808**

Please allow these magnificent animals to roam freely so that they can get food! Protecting animals native to these areas is part of the National Park Service's job and what the taxes we pay for the park service should be used for!

Thank you for all you do to protect our parks and the animals who live there.

**Correspondence ID: 13809**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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**Correspondence ID: 13811**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 13812**

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**Correspondence ID: 13813**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 13814**

I support Alternative B, which would remove the fence and allow these elk to roam free!

The lifeless, emaciated bodies of dozens of rare Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore are haunting the hikers who once enjoyed the beautiful national park, managed by the National Park Service (NPS).

Tule elk confined by a 3-mile-long and 8-foot-high fence to an area with reportedly poor forage called the "Reserve" are particularly at risk, with reports of more than 100 found dead following prolonged and painful deaths.

Please make the necessary changes to allow these majestic elk roam freely.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 13815**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, A Ozols

**Correspondence ID: 13816**

These Tule Elk should be SAVED and NOT left to die of thirst and hunger.

Government should Not be committing this cruelty!

**Correspondence ID: 13817**

I strongly urge the NPS to choose Alternative B, removing the elk fence. I've visited this area several times and was always awed by it's beauty, and I've visited many, many other National Parks. While I'm drawn to the natural beauty of these areas, by far the biggest attraction is the opportunity to see wildlife in 'their house', not confined in a zoo. Giving people the opportunity to connect with nature will hopefully inspire future generations to preserve it, including so many wildlife species that are in danger of disappearing from the planet forever and depriving our children and grandchildren of experiencing that same sense of wonder and awe. Cattle grazing contaminates ground water with fecal bacteria and dairies waste massive amounts of water unnecessarily. Please do everything possible to preserve the land and keep it as close to as nature intended it as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13818**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, A Ozols

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Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. judy mackowski

**Correspondence ID: 13820**

Please remove the fence so that the Tule Elk won't die from starvation. End their needless suffering and allow them unrestricted access to a proper water and grazing area near the shoreline.

Tule Elk do not add to destruction of land like cattle grazing and are an added benefit to the environment.

**Correspondence ID: 13821**

Stop the cruelty. Take down the fence. Really?

**Correspondence ID: 13822**

Please remove the fence to allow the elk to roam free. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13823**

To the Park Service:

Thanks for taking comments on this important issue and for listening to the many voices supporting the removal of the elk fence at Pt. Reyes National Seashore. I am a Marin County resident and have observed the efforts to contain the elk with dismay.

The elk fence is a cruel and unethical barrier that leaves wild elk malnourished, thirsty, and subject to untimely death; this containment measure is inappropriate in a public park wilderness area, and I am calling for its immediate removal. Once the barrier is removed, the elk herd should be left to roam and forage without harassment, culling, or detrimental intervention.

I am urging the park service to adopt Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will take down the fence and allow the animals to roam free.

Pt. Reyes National Seashore should NOT be the domain of cattle ranchers or any other private enterprise; this is a National Park and wilderness area whose guiding goals are stated as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment," not the enrichment of ranchers whose enterprises are antithetical to the to the mandate of preservation and support of the animals and ecosystems of the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13824**

For years, native Tule elk have been confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. These elk have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land.

The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone!

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please make the humane choice and remove the fence.

Sincerely, Caroline Kern

**Correspondence ID: 13825**

Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore:

I support the alternative that removes the elk fence!

E Barnett

**Correspondence ID: 13826**

Please, remove the fences.

**Correspondence ID: 13827**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Vanessa Bartley

**Correspondence ID: 13828**

I have seen the Elk and they need space and grass. If you make space for cows make space for the Elk. For once let's do the right thing.

**Correspondence ID: 13829**

Take Down Fence for the Tule Elk

I support the Alternative B Plan that would allow the elk, currently in a 2,900 acre area of poor forage known as the "Preserve," to finally roam free! It also would allow the NPS to consider building a fence to keep privately-owned cattle from entering Tomales Point.

As the other two alternatives would leave the fence where it is, and one would allow staff to shoot the rare elk to death which is really not good for the dwindling species. Help save the majestic creatures.. Only humans can. Man, wild fires and drought have taken too many lives from our animal kingdom.

Please help save what's left of the Tule Elk. As they cannot help themselves from what has already been done to them.

Thank you =)

**Correspondence ID: 13830**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Janice Cashell

**Correspondence ID: 13831**

Please remove the fencing that is currently acting as a barrier to the Tomales elk herd, preventing them from moving freely throughout the ecosystem.

Cattle grazing is, by far, the bigger concern and is an issue that absolutely MUST be addressed as part of the conversation.

Cattle ranching decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads disease, contributes to climate change, and wastes MASSIVE amounts of freshwater, a resource that is fast-becoming a precious resource in great demand and increasingly limited supply.

**Correspondence ID: 13832**

There is an opportunity for the NPS to do the right thing - for once!

Allow the Tule Elk to roam free and access the food and water they need to survive.

There is no conceivable reason to not take down the abomination of the fence that is preventing them from reaching the seashore.

The agri-industry in all its forms, has done, and continues to do, tremendous harm to the environment, all in the name of profits, and it is long past time they were subject to real regulation and ultimately for animal husbandry, shut down.

**Correspondence ID: 13833**

The majestic elks in Tomales Point elk herd have been dying by the hundreds for years since they have been confined on the peninsula by the 3-mile long fence.

Over the years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. A huge number of 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020.

They need more land to graze on so they will not starve. They are native to the area and will be in harmony with it.

On the other hand, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please remove the fence and let the elk herd graze on their historic grazing grounds.

Thank you for considering this comment.

**Correspondence ID: 13834**

Please remove the fence. It is an unnecessary barrier to elk feeding. I am a taxpayer!!!

**Correspondence ID: 13835**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Jacqueline Tay

**Correspondence ID: 13836**

Please remove the fence to stop the animals from starvation

**Correspondence ID: 13837**

Spare the elk please!

**Correspondence ID: 13838**

I support the removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. These native animals

are dying of starvation and lack of water. In contrast, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13839**

Please remove the fence.

Cattle grazing decimates ego systems, contaminates water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 13840**

Please remove the fence from the Tomales Point Area. Tule elk deserve to roam free and wild. Cattle do not belong on this land. Please allow the Tule Elk to be free.

**Correspondence ID: 13841**

Take the fence down IMMEDIATELY.. these animals have suffered enough at the hands of Government... stop pandering to welfare ranchers.. these animals have a right to be in this area , livestock do not.. You should all hang your heads in shame for what you have done to these deer and other wild animals... anyone else (besides government) would be charged with animal cruelty for deliberately keeping animals from food and water.. TAKE THIS FENCE DOWN, IMMEDIATELY!!! what a disgrace....

**Correspondence ID: 13842**

For decades past, when I visited Pt. Reyes National Seashore, I used to marvel at the Tule Elks and treasured seeing them in their natural place and way of being.

I want to thank you for hearing the many voices of people who live in this area and elsewhere, who care about the Tule Elk and want these elk freed from confinement and protected.

Fences do not belong in a national park. It is horrific to think of these Elk dying of thirst and hunger behind fences so that cattle can have more space. In fact, cattle ranches do not belong in a national park. They should be phased out so that the land of Pt. Reyes can be returned to its original purpose of protecting and preserving the natural environment and wildlife for today and for generations to come.

I implore you to remove the Elk fences and allow the Tule Elk to roam freely.

Dianne Monroe

**Correspondence ID: 13843**

Please help the Tule Elk get to their feeding grounds! These animals should not be starving.

Thank you

My best,

Linda Martin

**Correspondence ID: 13844**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13845**

Please tear down the fence confining the Pt. Reyes Tule Elk. These native animals have struggled for years in the face of diminishing habitat, drought and consequences of climate change. Their health and future should not be sacrificed to the livestock industry which is already heavily subsidized in California and is also a contributor to climate change.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13846**

To: NPS

I have never been to Point Reyes, but it is on my travel list - for both the scenery and in the hopes of seeing the Tule Elk. The Tule Elk need to be able to roam free so that they are not cut off from food and water. Dying of thirst or starvation because the National Park Service wants to put cattle owners wishes ahead of the land they are supposed to be stewards of is unacceptable. The National Park Service needs to protect wildlife and the ecosystems that it oversees. Please choose Alternative B - Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area - by tearing down the fence at Tomales Point. That said, once the fence is torn down, these animals should not be subjected to any type of harassment or killing. These poor creatures were once hunted almost to extinction. Your duty is to the wildlife, not livestock owners. Private cattle operations in Point Reyes should be ended immediately to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." There is overwhelming public support for tearing down the fence and ceasing cattle operations. I trust that you will choose wildlife over cattle by listening to the public's wishes.



Thank you, Erica Hummel

**Correspondence ID: 13847**

Cattle grazing is ultimately leaving fecal matter in the water ways. Please remove the fence so the starving tule elk to eat and drink healthy water. They are dying of starvation and dehydration

**Correspondence ID: 13848**

please save the elk

**Correspondence ID: 13849**

Our family desperately wants to help to ensure the protection of these magnificent, native elk from the multiple and new threats to their survival. Cattle are being unfairly prioritised over them, and they are a rare and vulnerable sub-species, which has already faced near-extinction once. We feel that it is unthinkable to abandon them to this again. They are dying because they don't have enough to eat and drink, and are also at risk from suffering from Johne's disease, or paratuberculosis, is an infectious and incurable gastrointestinal disease caused by a bacterium found in domestic and wild ungulates. An infected animal may appear healthy, with symptoms of weight loss and diarrhea not showing from many months to years later.

A 2007 study at the Tomales Point Elk Reserve showed that tule elk appear to play a critical role in preventing succession of open grasslands to less diverse, shrub-dominated ecosystems. Elk grazing had a positive impact on native grassland species abundance and diversity, and seemed to increase the richness and abundance of some exotic taxa while reducing *Holcus lanatus* — a highly invasive exotic grass which is a major problem in mesic perennial grasslands.

The National Park Service should without a doubt choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk cannot be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Cattle farming should not be happening in our National Parks when it is to the detriment of rare treasures like these ancient but rapidly dwindling deer.

**Correspondence ID: 13850**

This is very cruel and inhumane for these animals. You being in charge of the park and placing the fence are responsible for animal that dies, how could you not care for these animals as whether they live or die. You are being blamed no matter who looks at this story. Please correct this immediately and allow them food to graze on and water to drink!

**Correspondence ID: 13851**

The elk deserve to roam where they can freely access food, water and shelter without being fenced in to starve. Please protect these beautiful creatures as they have been around before us and deserve more land, as there is plenty of farmland already.

**Correspondence ID: 13852**

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

I urge the NPS to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

I trust you will devote your attention immediately to this urgent and pressing ecological crisis in a sensitive area that you have undertaken to sustainably steward.

Sincerely,

Saptarshi Lahiri

**Correspondence ID: 13853**

Dear NPC,

I urgently request that you remove the fence constraining the Thule Elk. It is unconscionable that these animals are dying because they are not allowed free range. If cattle grazing is a concern I urge you to consider the negative and polluting impact these animals have on the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13854**

PROTECT THE TULE ELK!

**Correspondence ID: 13855**

Please protect the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 13856**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 13857**

Please let the Elk roam free. We have been to Tomales Point to see the elk and their enclosed space. It's truly a sad small space that they are expected to live in. Taking down the fence would be a true act of compassion.

**Correspondence ID: 13858**

To Whom It May Concern, Park Service,

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to HONOR THE CHARTER OF THE NATIONAL SEASHORE. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 13859**

The preservation of these beautiful animals and our environment are paramount. It is imperative that we do more to promote the protection of our environment.

**Correspondence ID: 13860**

For years, native Tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. That is UNACCEPTABLE! These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a WHOPPING 152 elk DIED on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

PLEASE remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. You have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Do the right thing!

**Correspondence ID: 13861**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

!!!!Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Diana keyser

**Correspondence ID: 13862**

Hello,

I fully support the proposal to remove the fence for elk to allow them to roam free (Alternative B). I urge you to remove this fence so that these animals can live the humane lives they deserve.

Yasotha Sriharan

**Correspondence ID: 13863**

As you are well aware of, in 1917 a settlement was reached that promised to secure a healthy balance between wildlife and commercial livestock that included innovations and upgrades that would improve and maintain environmental conditions within the seashore range.

Unfortunately, it appears this plan has not fulfilled its promise.

On the commercial side: "the 24 cattle and dairy operations pollute and adversely impact the environment (water quality, methane emissions, erosion, fish habitat), the infrastructure (pavement degradation from milk trucks), and recreational opportunities at the seashore." The Marin Independent Journal reported the results of water tests done by a lab from Berkeley that found: E. coli bacteria levels up to 40 times the state health standard at Kehoe Lagoon total fecal coliform bacteria up to five times the state health standard at South Kehoe Creek Enterococci bacteria up to 300 times the state health standard at Kehoe Lagoon High concentrations of nitrogen and phosphorus that might lead to toxic phytoplankton and algal blooms.

Related to the wildlife: With the erecting of a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS), it has been reported that many of the Tule Elk (156 in 2020 alone) have died from starvation and a lack of water.

I am not adverse to ranching or to finding balance between wildlife and commercial interests. However, the original agreement appears to have not worked as expected. I urge you to restore the balance by expanding the range for the Tule Elk (eg removing the three miles of fencing; and/or ensuring that water and foraging is plentiful to sustain the herd without the losses that have already been reported and more strongly enforcing the existing guidelines and agreements reached several years ago with the ranchers. There should be accountability on both sides for establishing and maintaining the conditions of the original agreement. Perhaps the agreement might need to be revisited in light of reported conditions.

Thank you for considering my comments on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Anne Wayne

**Correspondence ID: 13864**

Please free the elk.. Thank you very much!

**Correspondence ID: 13865**

Time to take down the fence. I find it irresponsible and against what the NPS is supposed to prioritize which is our wild animals and ecosystems but what you are prioritizing are the ranchers who were supposed to be gone years ago. They have polluted the water down stream, decimated land and basically eff'd up the ecosystem but you at the NPS still prioritize them over our wild and endangered elk. WTF? The ranchers can either share the water or get off the land that they no longer own and lease at a bargain. I am vehemently against keeping this fence up at the behest of the ranchers. Take the f\*cking thing down so no more endangered tule elk die from thirst. They have a right to the water too. Time for the fence to be removed and remove the ranchers off our public land that they sold over fifty years ago.

**Correspondence ID: 13866**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Valérie Paillard

**Correspondence ID: 13867**

Hello,

Please remove the fence so the elk can find water to drink.

Thank you, Missy Atkins

**Correspondence ID: 13868**

I am writing to encourage you to remove of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Also as you might know, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

PLEASE move forward with the removal of this fence.

Thank you, Betty David

**Correspondence ID: 13869**

I support of Alternative B! These elk already are facing enough of a threat from climate change, thirst, and malnutrition — they need all the support they can get!

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 13870**

Just the thought of an animal dying due to thirst and starvation goes beyond comprehension  
Let God's creatures live!

**Correspondence ID: 13871**

Please remove this fence!

**Correspondence ID: 13872**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife of all kinds!

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Consider this.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason, obviously.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please also remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 13873**

i am shocked that i should have to remind you of the harm you are doing ...you know full well the dangers of cattle raising ...please use the knowledge you have and correct these horrid actions that are causing the Elks to die a miserable death of starvation and dehydration...

**Correspondence ID: 13874**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

However, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. . We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

I am urging the NPS to please remove the fence.

Thank you so much for your consideration

**Correspondence ID: 13875**

Please take care of the elk. They don't deserve this treatment!

**Correspondence ID: 13876**

Hello, I am concerned about the wildlife that cannot access water and food due to the fence you have put up. I support the fish and wildlife services and parks but feel it's irresponsible for the parks to put profit before protection. The animal depend on us to do what is right. Please remove the barrier so wildlife can be free to roam and find food and life sustaining water. Thank you for your time, Reyna Miles

**Correspondence ID: 13877**

Please remove fence that is causing elk starvation ranchers have had unlimited benefit of public tax payer land with very few limitations to starve animals for there profit is morally wrong and should be stoped thank you Richard chalfen

**Correspondence ID: 13878**

I urge you to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd so that the elk can roam free and live the lives they deserve. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13879**

This has gone on for years and has brought only pain and suffering to the elk. The false must come down to allow these elk to roam as they did prior to cattle ranchers stealing the land and the park rangers who assisted them. Volunteers brought water to the elk in private cars and trucks but were turned away be park rangers. The elk lost many in their attempts to jump the fence.

Their bodies were scattered along the fence line. The elk were dying of thirst but were denied water. All volunteers were turned away. I don't believe anyone brought food thus many elk died of starvation. There wad no end to the cruelty. I believe the elk have suffered immensely and the fence needs to come down once and for all. The elk have every right to roam their land which they have been living on for centuries. Wild animals have every right to live as they always have as humans do not seem to grasp the idea that Nature has given animals their territories and animals adhere to that code of ethics, Humans do not. Ranchers do not and obviously park rangers do not either. I always thought the National Parks were safety for animals but that is not true. What corporations will do for a dollar is beyond belief but they will do anything to make requests into demands and there is always a hand out if money is involved.

Let's let these elk live, roam, and be free. However let's kick out the free loader ranchers and all those who assisted them in stealing and then claiming the land for their use only.

Thank you got your attention to this issue.

**Correspondence ID: 13880**

PLEASE remove the fence on Tomales Point Peninsula.

The tule elk are confined behind the fence and have been dying due to lack of food and water.

They are there because the local farmers want to protect their cattle.

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The ranches were allowed to remain there. As in other areas in the world, perhaps trained dogs could be brought in to protect the cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 13881**

Please remove the fence that is keeping the Elks from obtaining water and causing their deaths. Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful creatures were there first and should not be made extinct due to man's greed.

Thank you

Maria Clair-Howard

**Correspondence ID: 13882**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Mindie Sivey

**Correspondence ID: 13883**

Kindly do the right thing for starving elk and remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 13884**

I support Alternative B, the proposed action, with modifications. I propose that NPS provide



forage and water during drought to elk while monitoring takes place to better understand the carrying capacity of the system in the face of climate change. I recommend to the extent possible restoring historic predator/prey populations, so the elk have a natural predator to maintain healthy populations of elk and minimize environment impact (e.g., Yellowstone lessons learned with wolves). I recommend removal of domestic livestock from the seashore, unless there can be a historic exhibit of historic farming (but with domestic animals fenced in) because of potential impact of reportable diseases on native ungulates. I propose elk population management by indigenous groups in a co-stewardship arrangement with NPS. No hunting by non-indigenous people. And I agree with mgt of invasives, possibly through the use of a friends group and/or local communities.

**Correspondence ID: 13885**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Syd Beddingfield

**Correspondence ID: 13886**

Please remove the fence that is preventing the native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore from adequate access to food and water. It is inhumane to confine these animals to an area where it is known they are dying because they don't have access to food and water.

**Correspondence ID: 13887**

Shouldn't the native wildlife be prioritized/favored over cattle? I'm happy to be able to voice my opinion in favor of the native Tule Elk over other interests. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13888**

Hello,

Please let the Tule Elk move freely and to allow balance to occur in their natural habitat. They are a species to be protected and to allow to live in harmony. These determinations are of enormous weight and will affect future generations as well.

Thank you, Hallie O'Donnell

**Correspondence ID: 13889**

It's very sad that we have to defend our national wildlife within our nation's wildlife parks from domestic ranchers and their interests. The National Park Service should remove the fatal fencing and allow the wild elk to naturally roam free. By fencing the native elk, the National Park Service is in effect imposing thirst and malnutrition on this herd living in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Elsewhere in the plains states, ranchers and conservationists have been implementing successful partnerships to use the biodiversity of species to increase the sustainability of land use to the benefit of both. But the monoculture of grazing cattle results in overgrazing on what is already a fragile environment.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you very much for providing this forum to the public concerned about the health and well being of precious National Park system, so vital to our planet's life!

**Correspondence ID: 13890**

Intentionally starving elk when you have a solution is cruel. You need to reverse the thinking that exists today about the care of wildlife in this country. All too often there needs are not considered at great expense to us all. Those in charge of protecting our wildlife are not doing a good enough job. Time for a change of attitude from the top down and start doing what is necessary to protect and enhance our animal health.

Thanks

Chris Frame

**Correspondence ID: 13891**

cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13892**

It is imperative that action be taken to preserve these elk as a species. It is unfair judgement to prioritize one species over the other, especially when one is in danger of extinction & the other is merely for financial gain for a few people - not even the voiceless dependent sentient being which is being pitted against each other.

You have the voice & power to save these elk... this endangered species. Please use your voice to do whatever is humanely indicated & stop being a pawn to money & its perpetrators.

In anticipation of you making the humane, correct decision, I thank you for your consideration.....PCK

**Correspondence ID: 13893**

Please release the elk. The elk need to graze and should not be confined to a fence.

Livestock farming is not acceptable in a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 13894**

Please allow the Elk at Tomales Point area to LIVE. The fence must be removed so they can eat. The herd is being starved! These beautiful animals deserve the right to eat and roam freely. 152 have starved to death while you consider this decision...

Sincerely,

Tara Livingston

**Correspondence ID: 13895**

believe family farms and elk can coexist together in the Seashore. NPS' management of the wilderness and ranchlands is essential to sustain natural resources in the Seashore. Livestock from these family farms and elk both play an essential role in an ecologically thriving and environmentally resilient Seashore.

We support Alternate C which allows the Park to maintain the Elk Fence and actively manage its population. Secondly, we want to ensure that NPS considers the effects of alternatives on areas outside of the Tomales Point planning area, specifically the areas covered in the General Management Plan and 1998 Tule Elk Management Plan. Lastly, we support the creation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this rulemaking after the EA is completed.

Over the last few decades, the farms and ranches in the Park's pastoral zone have built a vibrant, healthy local farming and food system. These practices are established on organic and sustainable farming which have worked in harmony with nature, proving to be a solution to climate change.

If the Elk Fence is removed, sustainable farming operations will be unable to survive due to competition for available feed; and the organic farms will be unable to meet USDA organic pasture standards. Eliminating the Park's farming community would damage Marin County's agricultural economy and regional food supply, 20% of which is within the Park. This would also be a devastating loss to the entire community, including schools and local businesses.

**Correspondence ID: 13896**

To Whom it May Concern,

It's heartbreaking that this is even up for consideration, that concerned citizens need to plead with officials in CA to allow these beautiful animals to survive by allowing them to have access to grazing, and drinking water. Only after repeated attempts by animal rights groups is this even up for discussion. So many starving Tule Elk have died already, so please, I beg you to open this fence, and allow them to survive.

Thank you for your time,

Bette R.

**Correspondence ID: 13897**

Animals are on this planet with us; not for us. Not for game, entertainment, fashion, food or experimentation. Wildlife deserves life without fear.

**Correspondence ID: 13898**

Please don't continue to cause the suffering and death of the tule elk. Many people are opposed to what is going on with the unfair treatment of the tule elk, yet the ranchers are always given preference. Please change your policies to reflect what the National Park Service should be doing, and that is protecting the wildlife and natural resources in the areas under its jurisdiction. Cattle ranching is a destructive industry and wildlife continually suffers to accommodate that industry (trapping, shooting, poisoning, etc.). National Parks are for wildlife to live and thrive, and for lands to remain as natural and pristine as possible. National Parks should not be used for the benefit of an industry, especially a destructive industry like cattle ranching.

**Correspondence ID: 13899**

As you know, these elk are dying due to lack of food and water. Removing the fence is the only option to save what is left, saving them is now in your hands. Also, although it shouldn't need to be restated here, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Elk are the natural owners of the land, please chose to save their lives.

**Correspondence ID: 13900**

Hello,

Regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan, I strongly encourage the National Park Service to choose Alternative B (Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area), which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are a poor fit for wilderness areas, and the NPS should not be prioritizing cattle over native, free-roaming wildlife. Further, once the elk fence is removed, it will be critical to continue protecting them, such as by preventing culling, hazing, and harassment.

Thank you for considering the strong public support for removal of the elk fence, and acting accordingly.

Sincerely, - Thaddeus Rada-Bayne

**Correspondence ID: 13901**

Please protect and support the tule elk and not animal agriculture.

**Correspondence ID: 13902**

I am posting my concern to ask you to please remove the fence so the elk can run free. Keeping them confined like this is only going to ruin the environment. As a concerned citizen I would appreciate you taking this matter seriously. Thank you for your time. C Casella

**Correspondence ID: 13903**

It's heartbreaking how humans are destroying GOD's animals !!

**Correspondence ID: 13904**

My, as an American citizen, Public Lands were not created for private livestock or other private uses. They were created for the American Public to have access to the natural beauty of our

country and for the safety of its wildlife. Get your priorities in order and destroy the fence that is starving part of the Tule Elk.

How did you become so misguided and short sighted?? Your job is preserving the Public Lands of the USA for the present and future generations to revisit our original country's environment and possibly remind ourselves of its original goals. The priority is NOT the protection of private interests.

Marilyn K. Coats

**Correspondence ID: 13905**

Take down the fence,B

**Correspondence ID: 13906**

It is time to remove the fence to allow the elk to roam free and live the natural lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 13907**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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Sincerely, Ms. BARBARA LEE

**Correspondence ID: 13908**

I am urging the NPS to please choose to do the right thing by removing the fence. Free the Tomales Point Elk herd to roam free and live the lives they deserve and God intended them to live. May I remind you that cattle grazing destroy native vegetation, damage soils and stream banks, disupt natural processes,

and contaminate waterways with fecal waste. Now I also know that cattle do reduces the competition from non-native plants so that other desirable grasses and wildflower can regenerate and coexist. I want the fence down to allow the Elk to graze and roam free, but I am sure there is a way of a win win here. See this situation with kind loving eyes and a win win plan will come to you. All living animals have the right to a good live and let's work together and find the win win, but the fence must come down to free the Elk. Thank you and May God embrace and guide your spirits with love.

**Correspondence ID: 13909**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

This is the moment to take action, please.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13910**

No animals should starve or thirst when it can be prevented.

**Correspondence ID: 13911**

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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**Correspondence ID: 13914**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. You need to do your job and protect the wildlife - not rich land barons!!

**Correspondence ID: 13915**

Please do the right thing and take the fence down. Haven't we killed enough wildlife already. You really shouldn't even need any comments. Thank you. Martine Felts

**Correspondence ID: 13916**

I support the tearing down of the fence to save the Rare Tule Elk from starving to death. Condemning these innocent animals to horrific suffering and certain deaths to protect another species is an appalling violation of ethical principles and animal welfare standards.

Failure to do so would further reveal complete contempt for The dignity and well-being of living beings

**Correspondence ID: 13917**

take down the elk fence and allow the Tomales elk to freely roam freely across the rest of the National Seashore and mingle with the free-roaming elk herds.

**Correspondence ID: 13918**

We must do better to support our native species and indigenous habitats that support our native species and us all! The cattle in this country were brought in. They are an Asiatic species, not native, and we have allowed the damage caused by them to get out of hand. I believe we bought back the land from cattle ranchers to support the Tule Elk, so do it! Don't keep subsidizing cattle ranching and letting them continue destroying our native fauna and flora. We must restore what is native to our various regions in this country if we want to have biodiversity and a livable planet. This is imperative! You are capable of making the reserve work for the Tule Elk and this will work for us all. So do it!

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Sovathey Marston

**Correspondence ID: 13920**

As an ecology-minded citizen and voter, I applaud and support the National Park Service's recent proposal to tear down the elk fence. The agency should continue to listen to the public, free the elk, and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it. To prop up our natural ecosystems on which we as humans depend, we need to prioritize native wildlife over cattle. Fences don't belong in wilderness areas.

Private cattle operations don't belong in Point Reyes and should be ended properly carry out the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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**Correspondence ID: 13921**

Take down the fences. California is better than this.



**Correspondence ID: 13922**

I urge the National Park Service to choose to remove the fence via Alternative B - "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," - and allow tule elk to roam unhindered. Unlike cattle, the tule elk have a right to be here and thrive, not be kept from food and water sources, and they die a cruel death. Please prioritize native wildlife over cattle interests. Cattle operations do NOT have a place in a National Seashore. National Parks exists to restore and preserve the natural environment, including native species of wildlife. Why should cattle be allowed to graze here and not native species? That makes no sense at all and is counter the seashore's charter.

Thank you for promoting removing the elk fence and once removed, to protect free-roaming elk from retaliation such as harassment or other willful harm. Should the population of elk exceed capacity in the future, then translocation to rewild other CA areas should be the course of action, not culling. This is done successfully in African regions all the time.

Please remove the elk fence to protect native wildlife and restore the ecosystem to its natural state.

Thank you, Daniela Powers

**Correspondence ID: 13923**

Please remove the fence from Point Reyes. It is damaging the entire ecosystem of the region by preventing elk from roaming their natural habitat, as well as encouraging cattle grazing which contaminates water supply, wastes water, creates methane, and fosters growth of invasive species. It's also threatening to tule elk altogether. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13924**

The fence must come down! You can't allow animals to starve to death. That's beyond cruel and unnecessary!

**Correspondence ID: 13925**

Please free these beautiful creatures who deserve enough food and water the same as the rest of us and the same as local livestock. If you will not free them then they must be provided with food and water. This kind of cruelty is not who we are in this land of ours. We love all animals. I was so shocked to hear this was happening! This is not like the Forest Service to allow starvation and even worse death by dehydration for these amazing animals. Please take down the fence. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 13926**

I am urging the NPS to remove the fence so the tule elk can thrive and live the lives they deserve. 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 13927**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. And the fence has caused the death of 152 elk in 2020 alone. The fence is a disaster.

**Correspondence ID: 13928**

Don't let the any more elk die, totally unnecessary and cruel

**Correspondence ID: 13929**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 13930**

With this writing I am asking the Park Service to remove the obnoxious fencing that has been installed to prevent native elk from using our public lands within the Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS). The fencing the PRNS has installed on our public land has directly resulted in the inhumane treatment of elk and other wildlife by unnaturally and unnecessarily restricting access to food and water resulting in an inhumane slow death from thirst and hunger for those animals penned behind the fence. That should not and must not continue to be the mission of the PRNS or the National Park Service. It is time to recognize that these lands are a national treasure and are public lands paid for by taxpayers and set aside for public purposes. These public lands are an important public resource that must be protected like any other National Park lands that were set aside to provide protection for public resources including plants and animals like tule elk. The PRNS is a critical resource for our native wildlife and the plants that provide habitat. The PRNS is also an important resource for humans in nearby cities and throughout America to experience nature. The PRNS must not be the hand maiden of the farmers squatting on our public land by facilitating the destruction of our native wildlife on our public land. And above all, the PRNS must not continue to arbitrarily deny access to areas on our public lands by installing offensive and unnatural fencing specifically designed to restrict native animals from access to food and water. Clearly, PRNS must stop killing our tule elk either by shooting them or letting them die of thirst and starvation by fencing them in an enclosed area. Please remove the fences.

Thank you for accepting my comments as part of the public record.

**Correspondence ID: 13931**

There is far too much outside influence from adjacent land owners and hunting lobbyist in our national lands and wildlife inhabiting these lands should have protection status and not be pawns in jurisdictional disputes like bison and elk. Mercedes McCallen

**Correspondence ID: 13932**

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**Correspondence ID: 13933**

I may be a Colorado resident but I have visited this area many times over the years. Each visit to Point Reyes was made more enchanting by the tule elk herd. I always felt badly for them though, being so confined to such a SMALL area. It would be wonderful if they had more habitat to roam. Plus, I think we have MORE than enough areas dedicated to cows. So, how about you do something truly wonderful for the elk and the people who come to enjoy them and this magnificent place? I have, and would in the future, love to come again to the Tomales Bay, Point Reyes area to \$tay, hike the trails, visit the elk and walk the beach.

**Correspondence ID: 13934**

Of all the asinine things I've heard about what the government does this takes the cake. Is there anyone out there in government who has any common sense at all? I've gotten to the point of wanting to start over from

scratch and find people who can do a job for the American people that desperately needs doing. Where can we find such people??

**Correspondence ID: 13935**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed, the elk to roam freely and steps should be taken to allow avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Gerald Hallead

**Correspondence ID: 13936**

The Tule Elk at Point Reyes need to be free to travel where they want to, and have access to grazing lands and water. It is terrible that livestock is taking precedence over wildlife at this natural area. Why should ranchers be given priority over native wildlife?? As a taxpayer and an American citizen I want these natural areas to be there for wildlife, not for ranchers and livestock grazing. Please free the Tule Elk, and give them priority in Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 13937**

I strongly urge you to remove the fence that contains native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. One hundred fifty-two of these elk have died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone due to starvation and a lack of water.

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Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter.

Marie Szaniszlo

**Correspondence ID: 13938**

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for listening to the public and planning to do what is best for the Tule elk. My husband and I love hiking thru the Point Reyes Seashore and one of the most incredible sights is watching the elk roam. We haven't been since CoVid, but plan on returning soon. We were dismayed to hear the elk are dying due to lack of water and food, especially the fenced in elk. Point Reyes is their habitat not the cattle. Please do what's right in the interest of preserving these majestic animals.

Thank you, Elena McManus

**Correspondence ID: 13939**

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. As you now, the fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

As an American and former Californian who cares about wildlife and the environment, I urge the Park Service to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

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Sincerely, Ms Laura Van Assen

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Sincerely, Dr. Martha Bergner

**Correspondence ID: 13943**

Remove the fence.

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**Correspondence ID: 13944**

Please remove the fence and let the elk roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 13945**

The tule elk should be allowed to freely roam without any fences or other barriers. Cattle grazing should be very closely monitored to ensure it does not harm the environment and in some cases this may mean no cattle are allowed in certain areas.

**Correspondence ID: 13946**

Please remove the 3-mile fence along the Tomales Point peninsula. For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. This is not acceptable.

**Correspondence ID: 13947**

September 16, 2023

Superintendent Craig Kenkel

National Park Service

Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Department of the Interior Region 10

Dear Superintendent Kenkel,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tomales Point Area Plan.

Firstly, I want to thank NPS for taking action. Many concerned citizens realize NPS staff are also community members and are in a difficult situation personally and professionally given the extreme controversy and high emotions on both sides of this divisive issues.

Please implement Alternative B and remove the elk fence.

I am among the vast majority of the public who find it unacceptable that polluting commercial interests continue to be prioritized over genuine national park values in our Seashore. By my count, exactly eight of the 4,264 comments made in the initial comment period were in favor of the elk fence and/or continued ranching. This omits the more than 16,000 comments NPS received from the membership of the Center for Biological Diversity, which were cast aside for technical reasons.

People will simply *\*not accept\** native wildlife suffering prolonged, painful deaths in a national park to protect private interests, subsidized by taxpayer dollars, *\*especially\** when those activities continue to cause water pollution, soil erosion, and other documented, unacceptable impacts on public land. Perpetuating ranching in Point Reyes is illegal and, more importantly, antithetical to basic national park principles. It insults national park ideals and the American public.

The elk fence should have been removed long ago, with or without droughts and elk-die-offs. In 1993, the Report of the Scientific Advisory Panel on Control of Tule Elk on Point Reyes National Seashore concluded, "The long-range goal of elk management at PRNS should be the re-establishment of free-ranging elk throughout the seashore and associated public lands. This would involve elimination of exotic cervids and removal of the fence across Tomales Point. [The National Park Service] and [California Department of Fish and Game] should develop a long-range management plan with the goal of achieving a large, healthy, free-ranging elk population subjected to a minimum of management intervention."

NPS tends not to reference this document. Why not? Please register as a specific public concern that this 1993 document is routinely ignored. Science is routinely ignored in Point Reyes National Seashore planning, which is at odds with park principles as put forward in the Organic Act of 1916 and the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation.

I am opposed to cattle fences as described under Alternative B. There should be no cattle to fence away. Fences are inappropriate in national parks and seashores except where necessary for visitor safety and other logistics related to stated purposes of national parks. Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I am opposed to continued water troughs and salt licks or other management actions which degrade the wilderness character of the Phillip Burton Wilderness Area, of course once the elk fence is removed. In other words, it is the responsibility of NPS to prevent native animals from suffering and dying DUE TO ITS OWN FENCE. The need for water and salt licks is due to the fence, not the droughts, and the public tires of that obvious deflection.

Please note that California Fish and Wildlife, which has jurisdiction over tule elk across the state of California, has an explicit management goal to reduce the number of confined tule elk herds and reduce the frequency for removing excess animals. (California Fish and Wildlife Elk Conservation and

Management Plan, December 2018, p 454.)

NPS at Point Reyes should align with CAF&W objectives, with which it has affinity both in goals and public service, rather than continue to conflict with its sister agency goals on behalf of inappropriate private interests in our Seashore. This is akin to NPS continuing to align with ranching interests in Point Reyes in obvious contradiction to the California Coastal Act, and putting NPS at odds with the California Coastal Commission. In both cases, NPS is acting contrary to goals and guidance of sister agencies, expending private and public/taxpayer resources in a wasteful manner.

Once the fence is removed, the elk should be allowed to roam freely. If you remove the fence, but haze the elk away from the ranches just south of the fences, that will make matters worse. An invisible fence is a fence. Beanbags, paint balls, and especially culling should not be considered and are unacceptable to the public.

This situation is of course convoluted by NPS's chosen path of inappropriately separating the planning activities in the Seashore into south-of-the-fence and north-of-the-fence. As has been pointed out (see comments from Attorney Jim Coda), this is in clear violation of NPS own policy for NEPA. To make matters worse, the public does not know the status of the settlement talks regarding south-of-the-fence, and so how are we supposed to form opinions and provide input on Tomales Point?

Expensive Environmental Impact Statements, Environmental Assessments, public comments processes, etc., -- not to mention lawsuits -- are ongoing simply because NPS refuses to honor its charter and evict ranches.

In the initial public comments on this planning activity, NPS somehow failed to register the pervasive public concern over the expenditure of taxpayer money, by which I mean specifically \*taxpayer\* money. NPS instead only registered a slight nod to wasted money, without specifying WHOSE money it was. This is to ignore an obvious pervasive concern of the public you serve. Furthermore, when NPS was made aware of this omission, the NPS spokesperson somehow declined to even respond.

Please register a specific public concern regarding millions upon millions of taxpayer dollars being wasted in various capacities to protect ranching interests against the public's will in Point Reyes.

Isn't it obvious that this money could be better spent on restoration and transition towards what Point Reyes could ultimately be? These millions of dollars could sponsor clean-ups, invasive plant removal, native plant re-planting, fence removals, and any number of other worthwhile common goods, rather to be continuously spent protecting the few private families who continue to benefit from lax regulation while polluting our Seashore. NPS continues to spend taxpayer money to perpetuate the pollution of the Seashore, and the sooner it turns off the spigot of manure and re-channels that money towards the herculean effort needed to clean up the ranch core, the better.

Isn't it obvious that this money could be better spent on transition and preferably employment for the mostly Latinx workers and their families once the ranches are closed down? These people should be kept in the community if they so choose, and be offered legal and financial assistance, especially employment, to that end.

Isn't it obvious that this money could be better spent on establishing elk population carrying capacity across the entire park, and the minimum necessary humane management activities? This is what the science and the public want you to do, instead of keeping the plain-as-day actual cause of the management crises in full operation without legal or ethical justification.

Isn't it obvious that this money could be better spent on control and better detection of John's Disease, so that eventually Point Reyes can serve as a source of tule elk transplantation, to enhance the security of the survival of this species into the future? The recovery of tule elk is a signal achievement of NPS, and is being inappropriately put at risk for dubious reasons.

Certain voices in this arena consistently refer to the need to mitigate fuel and fire danger, and the alleged function cattle perform in that regard. Of course, cattle bring invasive species and contribute methane which exacerbates climate change. But more importantly, NPS should not myopically compare cows vs. no-cows when considering this issue, but instead should consider



cows vs careful management practices which enhance park values, or which at least don't contradict them. In other words, controlled burns and especially native ungulates should be considered in "backfilling" that function, as well as invasive plant pulls powered by the considerable volunteer power of the people who love this park and want it restored.

NPS should consider whether pronghorn introduction would enhance Point Reyes and contribute to fire fuel mitigation.

In my opinion, depending on how NPS handles this planning activity, it is knowingly courting numerous potential additional lawsuits. Right now, NPS at PRNS is being sued regarding the Organic Act, the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Animal Rights Act, and the Freedom of Information Act. Please see the comments from Wilderness Watch, correspondence ID 4001 from the initial public comments on this plan. Here is the relevant section repeated:

"Wilderness Watch believes that the elk fence is degrading the Wilderness character of the Phillip Burton Wilderness, in violation of the Wilderness Act and should be removed. The Wilderness Act recognizes Wilderness "as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man..." Section 2(c) (meaning "free, unbound, unhampered, unchecked, having the freedom of the wilderness." Howard Zahniser, drafter of the Wilderness Act). Since their reintroduction, tule elk have now again become a part of the Wilderness resource because they are a native indigenous species and part of the "community of life" of the Wilderness. Since they are a part of the Wilderness, there can be little dispute that the elk are not "untrammelled by man" because their freedom of movement is blocked by a manmade fence. The elk's conservation and the natural conditions of the Wilderness are being limited, or trammelled, because the elk cannot migrate from Tomales Point outside of their enclosure south of the fence. And even though the fence is located just outside the Wilderness boundary, its presence is a condition that is causing a violation of Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act.

Moreover, because the elk can't move past the fence, an overpopulation of elk may even be degrading other natural conditions and the overall character of the Wilderness, which is also a violation of Section 4(b) of the Wilderness Act."

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Thank you for considering my comments. Please execute Alternative B with modifications which further prioritize the true purposes of NPS over continued inappropriate pollution and impairment.

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**Correspondence ID: 13950**

I am active in more conservation groups than the three I listed. Cattle can be replaced. Wild elk? Not so easily. We cannot allow the making of \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ money to be the deciding factor in which flora/fauna get to survive. Careers, occupations, societal practices come and go. If you at onetime made buggy whips, you lost your livelihood as the need for buggy whips disappeared. The particular cattle men involved in this situation have to face the fact that they may have to stop raising cattle next to and certainly on national park property.

**Correspondence ID: 13951**

The Tule Elk should be allowed to increase. The livestock owners should not be coddled to. Do not cull the herd populations because some greedy landowners are crying.

**Correspondence ID: 13952**

Cattle should not be regarded with more importance than elk. Please remove the fencing confining the Tomales Point elk herd We need to allow them to survive.

**Correspondence ID: 13953**

Please allow the Elk to graze in the territories it knows. It is imperative that the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd ne removed as they are starving to death being confined.

I know the meat industry is big business, but cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please, . The fence needs to come down

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Do not confine the elk! It's fatal!!!

It's unacceptable to let \*native\* elk die of thirst and malnutrition for any reason, let alone in a national park - especially not due to forced confinement!

Elk should be free-roaming and shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for \*any\* reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes! Their operations need to cease and desist to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you!

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Please remove the fence and let these magnificent beings run free! They deserve to be cherished, and given the opportunity to find food for themselves. There is too much cruelty towards others in this world already.

Thank you for your consideration.

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The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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DO THE RIGHT THING!!

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I urge NPS to remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 13958**

Animals have as much right to live as humans do.

**Correspondence ID: 13959**

Please save these extraordinary Elk! I spent my youth hiking and observing their wonderful presence! I truly want future generations to experience this gift of Tulle Elk 🙏. They are precious to our earth and community!

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Dear NPS,

PLEASE remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you.

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To the National Park Service personnel prioritizing the interest of private land/cattle owners over native wildlife:

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point which the National Park Service is aware causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from



adequate food and water sources. Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem

To protect the elk and the ecosystem on which they rely, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, the “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Sincerely, Halli Bourne

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**Correspondence ID: 14005**

Keep nature green. The only reason i hike and camp and backpack in point reyes is the remote feeling it offers. I want No developments. Only good choice for bay area is point reyes

**Correspondence ID: 14006**

I recently vacationed in Point Reyes and was horrified by the cattle/dairy farms and their destructive impact in such an otherwise pristine and ecologically sensitive area. So horrified that

I have no intention of coming back until their reign has ended. Driving by veal crates was like a dagger in my heart that I'll never forget.

As long as our parks, and government, continue to cater to animal agriculture as the norm, our earth will continue to be ravaged, our bodies will continue to pay a dear price (obesity, cancer, diabetes, etc.), and wildlife will continue to suffer and go extinct. Policy changes make a difference and the time is overdue to prioritize wildlife over cattle.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem at long last.

**Correspondence ID: 14007**

Protect the ELK NOW!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14008**

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Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 14009**

Please ensure that these magnificent animals do not suffer a fate that is almost as bad as death by being confined like this. We encroached into their territory, not the other way around. They deserve a chance to be free and enjoy their lives in a natural and hospitable environment with everything they need for survival

**Correspondence ID: 14010**

Free the Tule elk so that they may forage and roam.

**Correspondence ID: 14011**

I urge you to remove the Tomales Point peninsula fence to allow for greater grazing access for

the tule elk. The hundreds of unnecessary elk deaths over the years could dramatically improve by eliminating this barrier. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

**Correspondence ID: 14012**

The elk are stunning animals and should have more freedom to access larger areas for a variety of food and enough water to keep them healthy. Please remove the fence and give them a wilder natural life. We need more re-wilding everywhere.

**Correspondence ID: 14013**

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Sincerely, Mrs. Randi Byron

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**Correspondence ID: 14016**

Native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have apparently been dying of starvation and dehydration. The 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service with the intent of preventing the elk from grazing on nearby seashore land should be removed immediately. These beautiful animals deserve to roam free and be protected.

**Correspondence ID: 14017**

I believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 14018**

Please tear down the fence and stop hazing and harassing the elk! Let them roam free!

**Correspondence ID: 14019**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Miss Frances-Marie Hankin

**Correspondence ID: 14020**

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to voice my opinion on removing the 8 foot high fence and allowing the tule elk heard to roam freely in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Being a National Park, a fence to contain wildlife and aid cattle ranchers is inappropriate.

Once the fence is removed, the elk heard should be free of culling and heard restriction except when the park can no longer sustain a heard of a certain number, more than 600.

National Parks are to allow the natural environment to thrive on its own.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. PLEASE remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14022**

As you are aware, the public support including comments from the Center for Biological Diversity supporters urged the Park Service to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. This fence causes massive elk deaths during drought years, and cuts off animals from adequate food and water sources.

I strongly support the proposal you're considering to take down this fence. I hope the Park Service will prioritize elk and other wildlife over cattle, and preserve the natural environment of this beautiful area within Point Reyes. We love our wilderness areas and want them free from harmful fences.

Thank you for listening to 'we' the public in this effort to protect and preserve our beloved wilderness areas for generations to come.

Leslie Montgomery

**Correspondence ID: 14023**

Please remove the fence so elk will not continue to die.

**Correspondence ID: 14024**

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to leave the elk fence in place. Allow the farms and ranches to remain where they are. Eliminating the farming communities from the Park would damage Marin County's agricultural economy and food production and supply. Regional food supply, 20%, comes from within the Park. We need food security in CA and in Marin County. Please don't let this area change for the worse by changing the elk policy.

Sincerely, Lisa Collinsworth

**Correspondence ID: 14025**

Please do the right and humane thing and take down the fence so these Elk may roam freely.

**Correspondence ID: 14026**

Do everything to protect the health of the Elk in the Point Reyes National seashore.

Don't fence them in because they need to be able to access food and water, especially in times of drought.

**Correspondence ID: 14027**

I am writing to urge the NPS to take down the fence keeping the Elk at Point Reyes confined and let the elk have their space to be free in the National Park. I have hiked in Point Reyes in my younger days- out to the end of Tomales Bay and was thrilled to see the wild elk on my way out there. I don't believe it is right that these native elk are cooped up and not able freely get to food and water.

I don't believe cattle operations should be allowed in the park, even if it is a "historical" use. I thought those leases were supposed to be retired at their conclusion.

I believe that fencing in the elk does not fit with NPS mission. The park's wildlife should be protected and not fenced or culled.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Cindy M. Charles

**Correspondence ID: 14028**

Please either take the fence down so the elk can get to food or provide them with food/water for survival

**Correspondence ID: 14029**

Please remove the fence in Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water.

Please help them.

**Correspondence ID: 14030**

Please feed the tule elk!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14031**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 14032**

Dear National Park Service,

I am writing to express my support for Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," in the Point Reyes National Seashore. This alternative will remove the fatal fence that confines the elk herd at Tomales Point and allow them to naturally roam free throughout the park.

I thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. The elk fence has caused unnecessary suffering and death for the elk, who have been trapped without adequate food and water during droughts. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. These practices are cruel and unnecessary, and they violate the Park Service's mission to protect wildlife and natural resources. The elk are an integral part of the Point Reyes ecosystem, and they deserve respect and protection.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Cattle grazing has degraded the habitat, water quality, and biodiversity of Point Reyes, and it conflicts with the values and purposes of a national park.

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. This is a unique opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to conservation and public interest, and to uphold the legacy of one of America's most beautiful national parks.

Sincerely, Michael Warren

**Correspondence ID: 14033**

Open the fence. These animals deserve more. They do not deserve to inhumanely stare. Be kind and compassionate.

**Correspondence ID: 14034**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Louis Reichert

**Correspondence ID: 14035**

NPS should choose Alternative B-- Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area-- which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and NPS shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point

Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14036**

Hello,

This is such a crucial opportunity to help the Elk roam free and to live the lives they are meant to live.

Please hear my heartfelt call that this is a reminder that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Michele V

**Correspondence ID: 14037**

i support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 14038**

Hi there,

Please consider removing the fence so that elk can access the habitat and not starve. Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water, not tule elk.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 14039**

please allow these animals to live freely-- it's good for the ecosystem

**Correspondence ID: 14040**

Take the fence down. Tule elk are dying from starvation and lack of water. This is cruel and unnecessary. Please do what's right and remove the fence between them and survival.

**Correspondence ID: 14041**

Please remove the fence for the Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14042**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B). Alternative B would allow the elk, currently in a 2,900 acre area of poor forage known as the "Preserve," to finally roam free! It also would allow the NPS to consider building a fence to keep privately-owned cattle from entering Tomales Point.

**Correspondence ID: 14043**

I support Alternative B, please take down the fence that confines the Turk Elk to a fraction of the Point Reyes National Shoreline. Their number have diminished greatly due to drought and not being able to roam free to access enough water and food. Please consider erecting a fence to contain privately owned cattle from entering Tomales Point.

This is the most humane solution to the problem

**Correspondence ID: 14044**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The agency should remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14045**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including John's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with John's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. diana kolaski

**Correspondence ID: 14046**

Please protect the elk territory. There is not much left for the wildlife anymore. What's good for the wildlife, it's good for the people. People don't want the corporations to own the planet. The planet belongs to all the creature that live on Earth.

**Correspondence ID: 14047**

Please take down the fence and let the tule elk roam free and forage as they need to so they will survive and thrive! Protect our wild creatures and stop stealing their range.....they were

here long before humans came to California and overbuilt. Please save these glorious animals. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14048**

Please save the Tule Elk from starvation and death. Take down the fence so that they can have access to food and water to survive. End their suffering. They are good for the environment and their lives matter.

**Correspondence ID: 14049**

Dear National Park Service,

I'm writing to comment on the Tomales Point Area Plan. It's important that the Tule elk herd be allowed to forage for food and water without the threat of being "culled" when their numbers become inconvenient. I support the proposal described in "Alternative B." The elk fence should be removed according to your proposal.

Regards,

Christopher Ryland

**Correspondence ID: 14050**

To Whom It may Concern,

In this time of 2023, if we haven't figured out that we are ALL in this together, then what are we as a whole? we can go thru this over and over and over again then we are back where we started sending thousands of emails, i know im tired of sending emails.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."-

Mahatma Gandhi

I'm confident you'll do the right thing for the planet as a whole, for us...

Ethics not Rules.

Sincerely, Ms. Laurenzi

**Correspondence ID: 14051**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. rose moore

**Correspondence ID: 14052**

I am writing on behalf of the elk and those who care for them. Please remove the fence so they have the adequate space for healthy survival. Keeping them enclosed in this area decimates the land and water and serves no good purpose. They need to roam freely and healthfully.

Thank you.

Terry Brown

**Correspondence ID: 14053**

The Tomales National Seashore area is very beautiful but is desperately in need of the Tule Elk to be

freed to keep the beautiful ecosystem alive. So much of the area is dying from years of dairy cows/

dairies destroying the land. Open the gates and free the Tule Elk to begin restoring life to the area.

Our family living in Santa Rosa for years enjoyed the beautiful Tomales area and loved seeing the

Tule Elk roaming the lands. So sad to see them confined to keeping the whole ecosystem alive. Free

the Tules to do their job.

**Correspondence ID: 14054**

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please choose Alternative B aka the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" which will remove the fence and allow elk to roam free.

This is a national park for animals and humans to freely enjoy. If local cattle owners are unhappy, they can buy their own PRIVATE land to graze their own private cows. Or move away. Or give up cattle ranching altogether. Preferably the last due to the fact people should NOT be eating meat and should be limiting their intake of dairy products.

Confining animals in such a small area will lead to disturbances, illness, malnutrition and death. They've done nothing wrong and don't deserve to die.

Please listen to the public. Wilderness should be just that. Wilderness. Nothing to stop animals from roaming free. Nothing that might disturb or contribute to harming any animal.



Please remove the fence and restore the ecosystem to preserve the Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife for animals and visitors to enjoy for decades to come.

**Correspondence ID: 14055**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jason Affolter

**Correspondence ID: 14056**

Please let the Park Service "serve" the animals that live and visit there before the human creatures that try to impose their will there

**Correspondence ID: 14057**

Please fix this!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14058**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Jucilaine Nascimento

**Correspondence ID: 14059**

I support Alternative B. It is animal cruelty at its worst not to support saving the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14060**

You are supposed to Protect these. Beautiful animals -- NOT CAUSE THEIR DEATHS !!!!

Take Down that Fence and do your jobs -- Protect All Wildlife --- NOT FARMERS cattle !!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14061**

Free the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 14062**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 14063**

I am writing to urge the NPS to remove the fence. Please remember cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Kindly remove the fence and let the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 14064**

I would like you to please take down the fences that are holding the Tule Elk at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore and keeping them away from fresh water. It is very disappointing that you have not removed this fence already.

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

You should be ashamed of yourselves. This is not the job of the NPS - to prevent wildlife from accessing needed food and water.

Take this fence down as quickly as possible; there is no excuse for it to be up any longer.

**Correspondence ID: 14065**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 14066**

I am writing to urge the NPS to remove the fence. Notably, please keep in mind that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14067**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14068**

I'm in favor of the "Alternative B" plan concerning the future of the Tule Elk herd.

**Correspondence ID: 14069**

Remove the fence! Native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. I support these Elk and PETA efforts and suggestions for removing the fence so these animals can live and eat like humans can do.

**Correspondence ID: 14070**

Protect the tule elk and remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 14071**

Park Service reps,

What part of the plan addresses the elephant in the room? That would be the cattle. They are not wanted. The public have written in their thousands. Take the cattle off. Let the Tule elk exist without the NPS controlling them. Keep them watered, either by natural or manmade means. Let the entire area be for people and elk not cattle. Its simple, do your job!

Alison James

**Correspondence ID: 14072**

I am writing to convey my support for Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," removal of the confining fence and allowing elk to naturally roam free at Point Reyes.

I appreciate NPS listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

NPS and the US public should not continue to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition..

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

It's time for the grandfathered ranches to be retired, as they are clearly impairing the ecosystem in Point Reyes National Seashore. The cessation of ranching uses for the area is essentially inevitable, so it would be prudent to begin the process immediately.

I urge you to adopt Alternative B, remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration of my views on this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 14073**

The elk should be free to roam. In Cannon Beach OR elk regularly roam the seashore with no issues. Tear down the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 14074**

Urge you to take down fence blocking Elk at Tomales Point Area. Fence has been detrimental.

**Correspondence ID: 14075**

Please stop starving the Tule Elk at Point Reyes by taking down the fence that confines them. It is long past time they be free to roam and graze on their native lands.

**Correspondence ID: 14076**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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**Correspondence ID: 14077**

NPS,

Please remove the fence that is causing the starvation of the Tomales Point elk herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Isn't it your job to put the wildlife first?

Dr. Sharon Martin

**Correspondence ID: 14078**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 14079**

Please remove the elk fence to let the elk roam as they should in the park. Also, remove cattle from the area because they don't belong there. Thanks for taking comments.

**Correspondence ID: 14080**

Please remove the fence. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 14081**

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It is essential to note that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

I urge the National Park Service to remove the fence. Please remove the fence and thereby help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14082**

Hello,

I would like to comment concerning the Point Reyes/Tomales Area Plan. I urge the National Parks to choose Alternative "B" - the Unconfined Elk Herd.

Elk Herds are precious to America. They are one of the most magnificent wild animals living in the United States. To fence them within a national park, and to give preference to cattle operations, is simply corrupt.

We cannot be proud of our love and protection for majestic wild elk herds, if we fence them and create a habitat for which they are so poorly suited that they will die to escape it. It is shameful. I am calling on the National Parks Service to view this situation as a CRISIS in the well being of a wild native animal, for which our parks have historically had a role of protecting and of being a champion of the needs of these iconic remarkable creatures.

Shame on us - if the fences remain! It is a travesty and I would like to know who originated this idea!!! It is past time to correct such a disgusting and wrong choice. Americans have always done better when it comes to protecting wildlife.

Protecting cattle instead is corrupt. It is ugly and it should be entirely illegal. Do the right thing, be a better AMERICAN! choose Alternative B - unconfined, protected Elk Herds.

**Correspondence ID: 14083**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Adrian Schilke

**Correspondence ID: 14084**

Please remove the fence in the Tomales Point in the Point Reyes National Seashore Area so that the native elk can find food and water. We should not be the cause of large number of them dying of starvation. The cattle grazing in that area destroys ecosystems and contaminates streams with fecal matter. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14085**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Linda Balfour

**Correspondence ID: 14086**

Remove the fence that is keeping the Tule Elk from getting food and water!!!! Get the cattle off the island! The cattle are not native and shouldn't even be there! Letting the elk starve or die from dehydration is beyond ridiculous.

**Correspondence ID: 14087**

Please remove the fence and save the elk

**Correspondence ID: 14088**

Please allow the elk to roam free.

It is inhumane to allow them to suffer.

I hope there is a better solution, then fencing them in.

**Correspondence ID: 14089**

It is my understanding that the National Park Service has a better option for taking responsibility for preserving the lives of the tule elk at California's Point Reyes National Seashore than killing them. In fact, it is long overdue for the NPS to take great care and responsibility for all wildlife in the U.S.

Thank you for apparently seeming to listen to public support demanding removal of the elk fencing--which should not be within any wilderness area in the first place.

Once the fencing is removed, NPS must not harass, cull, or haze the elk, or any other animals. How the NPS ever found its way to such pathetic behavior at all signifies its lack of ethical behavior and susceptibility to bribes from "cattlemen." I have nothing against cattle; in fact, I work to protect them from those who "own" them. It is men who consistently reveal their own sinister motives for profit.

Problems for wildlife exist throughout this pathetically shameful nation due to the NPS serving the greed and corruption of owners of livestock who presume to violate the intrinsic rights of wildlife to live and non-owners of livestock to prioritize the natural rights of wildlife.

The NPS violates ethics, common sense, the “service” it purports to render to the rest of the nation by serving only a tiny minority of U.S. citizens: ranchers, farmers, animal transport companies, and slaughterhouses. As a citizen of Colorado, I know your priorities well. I strongly object and oppose them. Having been raised partially on a ranch in Colorado, I have overheard your dealings and the National Park Service has earned for itself the reputation of lack of compassion, extreme partiality to “cattlemen” primarily, untrustworthiness, and hypocrisy. I am now 79 years old and a lifetime of witnessing, hearing “cattlemen's” organizations at meetings, and reading about the NPS has taught me and brought me to full realization of your corruption.

I URGE YOU, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, TO FIND THE CONSCIENCE, HONOR THE INTENTS OF WILDLIFE AND WILD PLACES, STOP DRIVING ANIMALS AND NATURE TO MALNOURISHMENT AND CRUEL ABUSE, AND START EXEMPLIFYING THE HONORABLE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED: PROTECTION, APPRECIATION, SERVICE.

Lily C. Clair

September 16, 2023

**Correspondence ID: 14090**

Please tear down the fence line. The Tule Elk are dying of starvation and need access to water and food. They are good for the environment and don't do the damage cattle cause. Their lives matter and our an essential part of our ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14091**

I support the NPS Alternative B, with the following amendments:

- \* Remove the elk fence but add a fence to exclude cattle from the existing preserve. Better yet, remove all private ranching from Pt. Reyes National Seashore. This would solve a number of problems, including degradation of the native plant, animal and soil biome life endemic to the park caused by the excessive number of cows currently allowed in the park. Removal of cattle will eliminate the necessity of a cattle exclusion fence.
- \* Retain water systems installed to prevent elk from dying of thirst during recent droughts until herd has safely established itself outside of the current preserve. Since it may take a few years for the herd to acclimate to the larger foraging area, it may be vulnerable to recurring drought conditions and should not be endangered by lack of water until then. Remove water system once after the population is stable in the wider range.
- \* Manage invasive plant species without herbicides. Institute volunteer programs for students, plant societies, naturalists, park users and others to assist in manual control of harmful invasive species.
- \* If feasible, establish a shuttle service to Pierce Ranch to reduce individual car trips and parking lot size.
- \* Protect elk from exposure to Johne's Disease from cattle, by culling, isolating or removing infected cattle.



\* Publicly commit to no lethal elk culling. Control herd size if necessary by encouraging natural predation by such methods as protection of natural predators, development of wildlife corridors and relocation of non-Johne's infected elk.

\* Enhance elk habitat consistent with the state Fish & Wildlife Department's 2018 Elk Conservation and Management Plan. Coordinate with Cal F&W to achieve the plan's goals.

**Correspondence ID: 14092**

I am writing to ask the park service to remove the fence from Tomales Point so that the elk may have the ability to freely roam and live in their natural habitat. Humans e fringe on animal's habitat and don't allow them to live a full life. With a fence, the elk are prohibited from doing what is natural and instinctive to them. Humans have free will and the ability to be just and kind. We need to protect animals and allow them the space, freedom and opportunity to thrive in a spacious and free environment where they can roam and explore their habitat. If we can, we can choose to make the right decision and ensure the elk can live their best possible lives in peace and harmony with nature and have the choice to go where they want to go rather than be forced and contained by a fence that restricts their choices and takes away from the richness of their life.

**Correspondence ID: 14093**

Please choose Alternative B, which would take down the fence so deadly to the Tule elk. Wild animals should be prioritized in wilderness areas rather than cattle, and should not be culled or harassed. Cattle operations are inappropriate according to the National Seashore charter and should be removed. Please do what's right for our wildlife. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14094**

Please remove the cruel fence that is blocking elk from food and water. In 2020 alone, 152 elk died because of this. Remove this fence immediately.

**Correspondence ID: 14095**

Let these poor animals live their lives in peace.

**Correspondence ID: 14096**

TAKE DOWN THE FENCE - PLEASE!!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14097**

Who do these people think. It's all about money. They don't care about the wild animals that live there. That's what makes it beautiful . To see all that land and animals living there. Don't they know God made them first and we were the last he made. He put us here to take care of the land and the animals. Not deprive them of what they need. They probably don't believe in God. Well, what are they going to tell God when they die and judged by God for what they do.

**Correspondence ID: 14098**

HAVE A HEART : The Tule Elk are a special breed and valuable in our world. Restricting their natural habitat is cruel. Please allow them to thrive in their traditional and natural lands of Tomale Park. Thank you for your care. Cynthia

**Correspondence ID: 14099**

Committee Members,

Please allow the Tule Elk to be allowed to roam the entire Point Reyes National Park. Tourists will enjoy seeing the magnificent animals free and healthy. It is a crime how many have died because of the National Park policy to confine them to poor pasture and limited water. Cattle should not be grazed on park land polluting the water. Please do not cull any elk. They deserve to have access to the full park roaming free. It is the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

Leigh Platte

**Correspondence ID: 14100**

Please remove this fence so the tule elk may graze in peace

**Correspondence ID: 14101**

Please accept my comments in response to the Public Scoping Newsletter for the Tomales Point Area Plan / Environmental Assessment.

I am in favor of Alternative B: Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area (NPS Proposed Action) with the following changes.

Preservation of Park Resources:

1. Yes, remove the existing elk fence. Add a fence to exclude cattle from Tomales Point.
2. In case of an emergency, retain some of the supplemental water and minerals for tule elk. Instead of removing non-historic supplementary water systems the NPS should work towards disguising them, if possible, so they are aesthetically pleasing, which appears to be the main concern.

Tule Elk were eliminated from the Point Reyes area as agriculture, logging, and hunting took their toll in the middle 1800s. Tule Elk were absent for over 150 years and reintroduced at Point Reyes in 1978. Concerns existed for their survival due to numerous problems the elk were encountering such as: nutritional copper deficiencies, Johnne's disease, adult mortality, and low reproductive rates. Range conditions improved after cattle were removed. (Paraphrased – Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS); Tule Elk Management Plan & Environmental Assessment (EA) 1998; Pg 13).

Tule Elk have many positive effects on the environment:

- “Herbivores can improve the growth of vegetation through releasing nitrogen back into the soil and creating patches of diverse vegetation types” (Elliott and Wehausen 1974, Hobbs 1996, Singer 1996). (Pg 15 – PRNS | EA 1998)
- “Tule elk play an important role in the function of the Seashore's ecosystem.” (Mission 1; Pg 37 - PRNS | EA 1998)
- “Tule elk at Point Reyes are a component of the original native fauna and do not pose an immediate threat to life or property. If they are to remain as part of the Seashore's fauna and ecological processes, they should eventually become free-ranging throughout most of the Seashore's natural zones where conditions allow.” (Goal 3; Pg 40-41 - PRNS | EA 1998).
- “Elk are important in nutrient cycling of nitrogen and improving vegetation growth. Grazing creates mosaic of distribution for plants, increasing diversity, and potentially reducing impacts of

fire by reducing fuel buildup in grasslands. Potential benefit to native perennial grasses and indirectly to endangered butterfly.” (Positive Consequences; Vegetation; Pg 57 - PRNS | EA 1998).

Over past decades and to the present, Tule Elk have been forced to endure human caused influences such as isolation by the “elk fence”, introduction of Johne's disease, introduction of non-native plants and animals, elimination of predators, construction of roads and ponds, and prior land use patterns. It is my understanding that the “elk fence” isolates and prohibits them from accessing a vital resource such as water, especially during droughts.

I can appreciate the historic value that the NPS and some public visitors have for the Pierce Ranch. However, as a visitor I would favor seeing wildlife, the beaches, and ecosystems over buildings.

In closing, for the Tule Elk, I am in favor of removing the “elk fence” and excluding cattle from Tomales Point. In case of emergencies the NPS should maintain some of the supplementary water systems and minerals for Tule elk. Since Tule Elk are part of the Seashore's fauna and ecological processes, they should be free ranging throughout the Seashore's natural zones.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Joy Burk

**Correspondence ID: 14102**

LET the Elk run free please

**Correspondence ID: 14103**

Please remove the fence as it is not good for the elk

**Correspondence ID: 14104**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Bill Davis

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Sincerely, Dora Buljan

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Sincerely, Mrs. Ann WILLIAMS

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Sincerely, Dora Buljan

**Correspondence ID: 14108**

I wholeheartedly support Alternative B and cannot wait to see that fence torn down and the remaining elk freed. It is too bad this has taken so long and we have lost SO MANY elk. But better late than never. If something can be added to ensure the continued protection of these creatures, along with any other wildlife in the planning zones!! We cannot keep letting developers remove habitat and slaughter trees in the name of profit! At the rate we are going Marin will have no trees or animals left here in 15 years. Then what will we do? When it's too late? When animals and trees have suffered and died because we needed more buildings. The problem isn't a lack of housing. There is NO shortage of housing in this county. The problem is the lack of AFFORDABLE housing. Fix that and the problem disappears. There is also a tremendous number of vacant commercial and retail property that could be bought by the cities and turned into dwellings that are affordable.

Anyway. Look to the source of the problem, don't call it something else and avoid dealing the real issue. Stop letting developers and ranchers (who clear the land) have our land! Save the elk, the trees and all wildlife here and keep it the stunning and special place that it is.

YAY FOR THE FREE ELK AND THE TEARING DOWN OF THE FENCE!!! Thank you xx

**Correspondence ID: 14109**

I fully support Alternative B to remove the fence, so Tule Elk can regain their habitat and travel at will—especially to search for food and water. I understand the tradition of raising cattle on these lands, but cattle are domestic, and the Tule Elk are an important part of our wildlife landscape. Tule Elk should be protected for future generations at all costs.

**Correspondence ID: 14110**

I urge you to remove the fence at Tomales Point. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14111**

Native species are under assault from every side. The interests of wild, native Tule Elk should not be subjugated to those of cattle ranchers and their herds. Free the Tule Elk by removing the confining fence and allowing them to roam and forage as needed to assure their healthy survival.

**Correspondence ID: 14112**

I support removal of the fence isolating the natural movement of the Tule Elk. I believe their natural range and population will find equilibrium in a few years and conservation professionals will be able to determine the optimum size of the herd after considering other factors such as

greater exposure to natural predators. Hunting options should be strictly limited until more information is available

**Correspondence ID: 14113**

The elk were here before humans, why are we so callous and trying to wipe them out? They deserve a place to live and prosper. They are part of California.

**Correspondence ID: 14114**

Thank you NPS for listening to public support for removing the elk fence. Fences for wildlife have no place in wilderness areas.

I believe that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which removes the fence and allows elk to roam free as they had prior to human impacts. In addition, with the fence removed, elk shouldn't be subjected to hunting, killing, culling, or harassment for any reason.

In addition, the NPS should prioritize native flora and fauna over cattle. I believe that private cattle operations have NO place at Point Reyes or on any other government owned property, especially those lands controlled by the NPS.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14115**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 14116**

Thank you for listening to public concern about the damage done by the elk fence. I urge you to choose "Alternative B" and remove the fence. Cattle raising should not have priority over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 14117**

Please free the Tule Elk. Using the land for grazing cattle destroys the natural ecosystem. The land should be for native wildlife, not for ranchers to use for profit.

**Correspondence ID: 14118**

I support Alternative B, which would remove the fence and allow these elk to roam free! It is the only sensible and humane alternative.

The lifeless, emaciated bodies of dozens of rare Tule Elk in Point Reyes National Seashore are haunting the hikers who once enjoyed the beautiful national park, managed by the National Park Service (NPS).

Tule elk confined by a 3-mile-long and 8-foot-high fence to an area with reportedly poor forage called the "Reserve" are particularly at risk, with reports of more than 100 found dead following prolonged and painful deaths.

An estimated 152 elk — or one-third of the Tomales Point's Reserve herd — died of dehydration and starvation inside the Reserve during California's 2020 drought, according to necropsies obtained via FOI request by Harvard Law School's Animal Law and Policy Clinic, which sued the NPS for alleged negligence in allowing the protected elk to die.

Tule elk in neighboring herds in the seashore did not experience such drastic declines, or fluctuations in populations seen frequently in the Reserve herd — leading multiple scientists and former NPS leadership to conclude that the fence is the fatal factor.

**Correspondence ID: 14119**

Dear Hard Working National Park Service, recognizing how much each of you does with little remuneration except the continued beauty of our national parks—I beg you to take time to consider long and hard this issue of the Point Reyes Tule Elk. They were reintroduced from the tiny remaining herd in the Central Valley by a private citizen. They are a species of ungulate that has been here since before European cattle and other introduced species. They used to be very numerous. I believe that your job is to restore our National Parks to their natural condition inasmuch as you can. To me thwt means allowing the elk to expand their population instead of protecting the cattle ranches: the fact that this is even a problem to be solved, shows both thwt you have succeeded, and that much of the Point Reyes headlands would not have remained open without these ranches . At best , a tough decision.

It is my hope you will come down on the side of the elk.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lindsay Merryman

**Correspondence ID: 14120**

Please stop the needless suffering! Native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

**Correspondence ID: 14121**

Regarding the Point Reyes National Seashore Tule Elk

I recently reread your Mission Statement for the National Park Service; the Service seeks to “preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The National Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.” You are not providing this stewardship to Point Reyes.

Ongoing historical ranching activities in the area are no longer an adequate excuse to continue confining Tule Elk behind fences. This park is only degraded further by privately owned domestic livestock, to the detriment of the original, native wildlife. The park doesn't need to be sacrificed to allow production of products that are available elsewhere.

I applaud your consideration to finally remove the fence at Tomales Point. Until this fence is removed, you are not providing your stated stewardship to Point Reyes. Removing the fence will help restore not only the elk but the greater ecosystem.

Please consider Alternative B, “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” and allow the Tule Elk to roam free.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14122**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Lisa Pooter

**Correspondence ID: 14123**

The fence on the Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore is causing native tule elk to die of starvation and lack of water. This should never be the intent of an organization like the National Park Service and the fence should be removed immediately.



**Correspondence ID: 14124**

Please Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem!

**Correspondence ID: 14125**

Please remove the fence!

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 14126**

Please help the Elk with removing the fence

**Correspondence ID: 14127**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Barbara Sunblade

**Correspondence ID: 14128**

I've visited Point Reyes National Seashore several times over the years and seen the native Tule Elk who call the area home. I OPPOSE the culling of these majestic animals as well as the enforced confinement of their movement via fencing and other measures. While I know livestock have always been part of the Seashore's heritage and mandate, their well-being should NOT be placed ahead of that of the native wild elk. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14129**

Please remove the Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS). For the sake of the elk, grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14130**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14131**

Because this has been tracked through a number of cruel starvation deaths, it means that what you are doing is not working -- not taking a different action is wrong. This facility should be closed and the animals removed to humane facilities.

This is not a financial issue (since failing to provide food or water would indicate that you have failed in this) but it is a moral one.

Step up -- stop pretending that you can manage this and do the right thing.

Sincerely

Lee Clements-Nazarelli

**Correspondence ID: 14132**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Monique Musialowski

**Correspondence ID: 14133**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

GOD will judge.

Woe to the strong who misuse their strength.

Woe to the crafty who hurt the creatures of GOD.

Woe to the hunters for you too shall be hunted.

JESUS' spoken words in Gospel of Nazarene's

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Sincerely, A Folmer

**Correspondence ID: 14134**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please remove the fence. Thanks.

**Correspondence ID: 14135**

Please keep this precious animal and its environment safe. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14136**

I am writing today to urge this agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national

park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Thank you for allowing me to comment on this issue.

**Correspondence ID: 14137**

The fence that prevents the tule elk herd at Point Reyes from reaching the necessities for their life needs to be removed. The death of 120 odd members of the herd due to deprivation is irrefutable evidence. This noble species is worthy of our respect and appreciation. Please effect this policy change at once.

Michael M. H. S. Tat.

**Correspondence ID: 14138**

To whomever it may concern,

Please remove the fence that prevents native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore as they have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water, and these indigenous animals have rights too.

**Correspondence ID: 14139**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

GOD will judge.

Woe to the strong who misuse their strength.

Woe to the crafty who hurt the creatures of GOD.

Woe to the hunters for you too shall be hunted.

JESUS' spoken words in Gospel of Nazarene's

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including John's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that

found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, A Folmer

**Correspondence ID: 14140**

"Instead of protecting the native Tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, for years the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners...And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition."

Center for Biological Diversity

You are killing elk to protect COWS!? In a National park? Are you out of your ever-loving minds?!? REMOVE THE DAMN COWS AND SAVE THE ELK!

People (and their cows) can change. They can move, they can stop grazing where it is no longer practical, they can made different decisions. Elk cannot.

The Center says I should make these points:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

I agree with everything said here.

Unbelievable.

**Correspondence ID: 14141**

When the time comes for you to stand before GOD (AND IT WILL COME) you cannot tell God,

others told me to do this, or it was not convenient at the time, that will not work, you will be judged by God for your crimes!!

**Correspondence ID: 14142**

Please take down the fence so the Elk can pass over before they die.

**Correspondence ID: 14143**

National Park Service ,

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 14144**

I am urging the NPS to remove the fence at the Tomales Point peninsula.

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

I would like to remind the NPS that the cattle grazing allowed in this area decimates the ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. What kind of polluted National Seashore is this that even the people are afraid to visit?

Therefore, I am asking that the NPS adopt the plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd and allow the elk to roam free and live the lives they deserve.

After all, this is a National Park, not land to be used specifically for cattle grazing.

**Correspondence ID: 14145**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Please remove this fence, this man made artificial barrier so that these elk can expand their grazing area and be free to find more food and water and not suffer the same excruciatingly painful death from starvation and dehydration that befell their brethren elk earlier. Please act expeditiously- put yourself in their place.

**Correspondence ID: 14146**

Free the elk!!

**Correspondence ID: 14147**

Dear National Park Service,

In general, I support Option B to the management Plan of the Tule elk in Pt Reyes National Seashore Park.

Removal of the fence is long overdue and violates the very nature of the park as a designated Wilderness.

The elk have been denied access to water and forage leading to the death of many elk especially during the drought. the large water tanks could be removed if deemed to be no longer necessary. But the NPS should be mandated to aid elk if a similar situation should occur.in the future. I am absolutely against any culling of elk.

The job of the NPS should be to maintain the wilderness designation of the area and not to serve commercial interests. In recent year it seems that the NPS has been serving the interests of the ranches and dairies rather than the public. This fact is made clear when longer leased are provided, park employees, repair fences

and buildings, and ranches are allowed to pollute and foul the land and waters. Excrement from cows

has been found in ocean waters where the public may swim. Nesting sites of endangered birds have been disturbed. It is clear that the cows have exceeded the carrying capacity of the land. I'm sorry if some ranches will go out of business but wasn't that expected when the park was formed more than 25 years ago?!

When I moved to West Marin from the East Bay area, I had hoped to find a wilderness area with a park that preserved and enhanced the natural environment. Instead, the park service continues to prioritize commercial interests over nature and the public. I sincerely hope that the NPS will implement Plan B for the elk and all of us.

**Correspondence ID: 14148**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, J D

**Correspondence ID: 14149**

A MISTAKEN POLICY IS CAUSING STARVATION. IS THERE ANY OTHER ANSWER BUT TO REMOVE THE FENCE. YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT WILDLIFE, HAVE COMPASSION, "TEAR DOWN THAT FENCE"!!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14150**

i support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 14151**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Mary Hirsch

**Correspondence ID: 14152**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone, while cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please remove the fences that confine the elk, as they should be free to roam and migrate to where food and water sources will allow them to thrive.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 14153**

Finally! Thanks for tearing down this damnably selfish, deliberately cruel fence! Tule elk are native to Tomales Point and deserve to roam and live free without interference from stupid, selfish humans. Privately owned, destructive cattle herds are NOT native, they compact and destroy the landscape with their hooves and contaminate the soil and water with their manure and diseases. So again -- thanks for finally doing the right thing. My family is looking forward to our next visit to the central coast.

**Correspondence ID: 14154**

Please take down the fences. cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Protect the tule elk

**Correspondence ID: 14155**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,



I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Christine Liff

**Correspondence ID: 14156**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Elisa Plauche

**Correspondence ID: 14157**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 14158**

Thank you for giving my husband and me the opportunity to support Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

We feel that the fence confining the elk herd should be removed, and that cattle operations should be kept away from such a unique and special natural landscape. Emphasis should be on restoring and protecting this delicate environment of incredible natural beauty. So we also

feel that human impact should be reasonably limited and that the removal of invasive species should be continued as needed.

Though we've moved away from the Bay Area, some of our most treasured memories come from our visits to the Point Reyes National Seashore. We appreciated the wonderful trails and having parking available and loved seeing the Tule Elk, especially at dusk or on a cold, foggy morning, the elk looking ghost-like with their light coloring as the fog lifted to reveal them standing nearby watching us. An amazing experience.

**Correspondence ID: 14159**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Sandy Anderson

**Correspondence ID: 14160**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Sandy Anderson

**Correspondence ID: 14161**

Thank you for providing the public with the ability to provide feedback on this topic. I strongly feel that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I believe there is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence since they are inappropriate in wilderness areas. I am also concerned about the Park Service prioritizing cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to any harassment for any reason.

I also believe that private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thanks you for listening and please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14162**

I support Alternative C

**Correspondence ID: 14163**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. I urge you to remove this fence so that these majestic animals have access to the life sustaining water they need and are entitled to.

I would like to remind you that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please remove the fence immediately.

Thank you, Jean Farrell

**Correspondence ID: 14164**

I am asking you to please Free The Elk and to Please Protect Point Reyes!!!

Thank you for considering this extremely important request.

Sincerely, Anabelle Anderson

**Correspondence ID: 14165**

I have recently become aware of the confinement and subsequent multiple deaths of the Elk at Tomales Point. I urge you to remove the fencing so that these Elk can stop dying due to starvation and lack of water. Please have a heart and remove the fencing so the dying will stop happening and these animals can live their life that they are entitled to.

Kindest Regards,

Susan Bridge

**Correspondence ID: 14166**

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Tomales Point Area Plan.

I favor Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

I favor the provisions in the plan for managing invasive plant species, promoting ethnobotanical resources in coordination with the Tribe, and promoting conditions favorable to native plant communities including prescribed fire when appropriate; however, I advocate very limited use of herbicides and careful consultation with the tribe before any such use, and careful monitoring of the results of any such use before any subsequent use is considered.

**Correspondence ID: 14167**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 14168**

Please implement a new system so Corky will be sent to a Sanctuary.

**Correspondence ID: 14169**

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue. I stand with the Nature-loving majority in pointing out that, like all the other native species, Tule Elk \*deserve\* to occupy these lands. The selfish cattle ranchers do NOT, for their herds only cause all manner of direct and indirect damage to the area's ecosystems that the elk never inflicted.

Scientific American just featured an article detailing how returning large herbivores to their native habitats aids those ecosystems, including reducing wildfire damage -- performing vital, free and automatic environmental services that are priceless in any event, but are especially critical in this era of increasing climate chaos.

In addition, I ask that you please officially rescind the insane current regulation in the General Management Plan, which ludicrously permits the killing ("culling") of elk in the area's other two herds. This is just more of the same selfish nonsense imposed by the anti-science/ pro-ranching factions, since herds will obviously intermingle genetically once that damned fence is gone, which is precisely as things should be. Destroy that man-made contraption instead, which needlessly and cruelly ended the lives of many of the innocent elk it imprisoned. That "Good Riddance" can't come soon enough. Thanks again from a CA-loving expat.

**Correspondence ID: 14170**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Grisel Rodriguez

**Correspondence ID: 14171**

The Elk are the number one priority in the park; protecting them, that is. The unnatural fence must be IMMEDIATELY removed (and the materials recycled). The ranchers contracts must be nullified and voided immediately as they are destroying the ENVIRONMENT. They have polluted the soil and water so people can NOT enjoy the park and the precious rare Tule Elk have suffered, starved and died because they could not access forage or water because of the damned ranchers fences! Ranchers must be incentivized to PRODUCE for plant based DIETS instead as what they do is ENVIRONMENTALLY UNSUSTAINABLE! They belong on private property; NOT PUBLIC LANDS! The park director must be FIRED, too for job MALFEASANCE. He chose to ignore his responsibilities and allow the POLLUTING ranchers and their deadly fences to remain instead of IMMEDIATELY having them leave and focus on restoring/remediating the POLLUTED soil and water and PROTECTING the Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14172**

You Need dozens up there, makes me sick government's are trash to me, money steeling pieces of shit, my life dedicated to animals and I will keep on fighting for them til the day I die, this has to end now and let them live free

**Correspondence ID: 14173**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Marita Hanse

**Correspondence ID: 14174**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Aileen Harvey

**Correspondence ID: 14175**

The elk are starving to death and slowly. This is agony and torture. Please, remove the fence and allow them to graze freely.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 14176**

I am urging the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and diseases, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14177**

It is my understanding that the Park Service intends to limit the range of the Point Reyes tule elk population. The native elk should not be limited to accommodate cattle farming, which is damaging to the environment. At this time of a push to reduce consumption of beef products, ranching interests should not take priority over protection of native species.

Do not limit the elk's range through the use of fencing, or limit their population in any way. The herd should be managed for long-term sustainability.

Thank you.

Scott Miles

**Correspondence ID: 14178**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs Mary ann Schwartz

**Correspondence ID: 14179**

Shame on the NPS for considering the slaughter of any Tule Elk! Surely, we do not need to become the apex predator for still another species.

Please change course and protect this species. If necessary, enlarge their habitat with additional lands purchased by the DOI or repurposed from other uses.

**Correspondence ID: 14180**

Please remove the 3 mile fence that is preventing elk from grazing close to the shoreline at Tomales Point. This fence has caused die off of numerous elk and serves no real purpose in this area. Elk have every right to access the food that this fence prevents them from reaching. Do the humanitarian thing and get this issue resolved before there are anymore elk perishing due to lack of food in this area.

**Correspondence ID: 14181**

My primary concern in writing at this time is the conditions under which the Tule Elk at Tomales Point are living. In adjusting the policies that control these animals' lives, please choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence that has proved detrimental and in fact lethal to so many animals. Please remove that fence and allow the elk to roam free.

It is simply unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition by confining them in an inadequate space. That is so wrong that words fail me--it is unconscionable. This is especially egregious in a national park. Please heed my-- and so many others' -- urgent requests that you remove the elk fence. This is essential to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

It is distressing and wrong that the Park Service should prioritize cattle over native wildlife. That cannot be, and I'm sure is not, part of your stated and understood mission as a publicly funded service. On the contrary, the elk should be left to roam, and should never be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. This would seem to be your purpose, not promotion of private enterprise on public lands to the detriment of the ecosystem and native

species. Please revisit and act upon the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, which mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes. Be guided by the Organic Act, which designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Although I no longer live in close proximity to Point Reyes, we still visit there as we always have -- having raised our three children and lived most of our lives in the Bay Area. I know my strong feelings are echoed by many in the region, and I implore the Park Service to do the right thing, remove the fence, help restore the natural balance of the area, and protect the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14182**

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. There is overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Thank you for listening to the that. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas and the Park Service should not be prioritizing cattle over native wildlife.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

But back to the cattle topic:

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 14183**

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.



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Sincerely, Sabine Zell

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Sincerely, Ms. Beverly paquin

**Correspondence ID: 14185**

These animals were here before we were, take down this fence before they all die. Will Kohler

**Correspondence ID: 14186**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Shirley Tan

**Correspondence ID: 14187**

We must protect our marin county and Sonoma county dairy farms

Renew their leases 30 years

They are vital for the community, the farmers, our health, our food system, as climate change solution makers, and pur nationsl security. The ag system would do well to follow the lead of Straus Farms

This is essential!!!!!!

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, ms Ayako Moulton

**Correspondence ID: 14189**

Pt. Reyes needs the elk to thrive as a national treasure. It does not need cattle who destroy the habitat.

Please save the elk and send the cattle away.

**Correspondence ID: 14190**

The National Park Service should choose the Alternative B plan , called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and cattle should not ever be prioritized over native wildlife.

It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and should not be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the native ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 14191**

Please remove the fencing for the Tule Elk!

Free God's Creatures!

**Correspondence ID: 14192**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Neenah Lancaster-Riemer

**Correspondence ID: 14193**

Hello,

Thank you for hearing the public's concern about the elk fence. I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” and remove the fatal fence to allow elk to naturally roam free.

The National Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. Confined native elk end up dying of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge you to please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for hearing my concerns.

**Correspondence ID: 14194**

Comment on TPAP;

Captive Tomales Point elk have been damaged by genetic isolation and inadequate resources for years. Public outrage over abusive treatment of the tule elk is appropriate. NPS Alternative B correctly proposes the confining fence be removed. However, NPS proposed Alternative B is inadequate and lacks needed remediation and actions.

Appropriate management should be “free ranging elk throughout the Seashore”.

Cattle must be excluded from elk areas; negative effects of contact between cows and elk such as Johnes Disease and depleted forage, damaged range land, compaction, erosion and pollution have been identified and protested. Removing ranches (except Pierce) from the Seashore would resolve such problems for the benefit of park wildlife and visitor enjoyment, leading to disease-free, free-roaming elk herds.

Supplemental water and minerals remediation to reverse resources damaged, depleted or polluted by cattle ranching is essential for wilderness animals, including the tule elk. Natural water sources including springs and seeps should be documented, assessed and maintained to ensure the health of park wildlife, including elk. Removal of temporary water sources should not be undertaken until remediation of damaged or depleted or polluted water sources have been assessed and remediated. Vegetation and mineral deficits should be assessed and remediated to ensure wildlife health, including elk.

Pierce Ranch educational and cultural use should be maintained. Other cultural landscape features including Tribal archeological exploration and restorations are appropriate uses, potentially enriching and increasing visitor enjoyment of the park.

Herbicides such as glyphosate and similar toxins are hazardous to wildlife and visitors, and not appropriate for use in the national park. Any such use should carry warning signage in the area of deployment to safeguard visitors.

Vegetation monitoring for the health of park wildlife and safety of park visitors is appropriate.

'Tribal' should include both Graton Rancheria and descendants of other Coast Miwok.

Tribal ethnobotanicals and use of prescribed fire are appropriate for park use.

Preservation and protection Tribal cultural resources is appropriate. Prohibit commercial, profit-making projects and structures such as casinos.

Additional Vault toilets, trail improvement, increased parking and access that result in diminished enjoyment of the area as a wilderness are not appropriate. 'Improved' trails that

encourage negative interactions between bikes, campers and hikers are no asset. Fast moving e-bikes are proving a detriment and hazard. Separation and segregation of bike traffic and other visitors enjoying the park camping or hiking is essential lest the park experience be tarnished. Recreational uses should not be given such priority that they diminish the park experience for other visitors, nor should recreational uses negatively affect preservation of natural park resources.

The Seashore is unique and proper administration will keep it that way.

Conclusion and Issues with Park Resources:

TPAP is an inadequate diversionary ploy. Replacing an out-dated General Management Plan and Tule Elk Management Plan with TPAP while continuing the General Management Plan Amendment ignores the crux of public concern over NPS actions in the Seashore. Failing to address ranching leases status leaves public perception of abuses at the national park unresolved. Environmental damages to park lands, ranch fencing, pollution by cows and ranches besmirch NPS and Department of the Interior administration of the Seashore.

Over time, public inquiry will force revelation of failed accountability and judgement shown by park administration. Decision makers must understand exposure is inevitable: they will be held responsible. Cooperation with this process would benefit the Seashore, our public asset and national park.

Continued obdurate evasion is inappropriate and will not evade the eventual accounting.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

**Correspondence ID: 14195**

Save the Tule elk. This iconic species deserves to be protected. The elk were there before people with their cattle. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14196**

With the exception of the last 12 years I have lived in Marin County, CA most of my life. We have heard about this fight between those wanting to allow the Tule elk roam free and the government for as long as I can remember. It is long past time to remove any fencing or other barriers preventing the elk from roaming free. There is more than enough space in West Marin to allow these elk to roam freely and to fend for themselves.

**Correspondence ID: 14197**

Please tear down the fence at Tomales Point at Point Reyes so the elk can roam freely. Thank you, Claudia

**Correspondence ID: 14198**

Dear National Park Service,

I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park. It's also very damaging to any possible tourism in the area because there aren't many people that want to be around a herd of smelly cattle, or running the risk of stepping in their waste. If it were just the elk there would be tourist. Ecotourism is very profitable at this time.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14199**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Mr Bruno SIMON

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Sincerely, Miss Arlette SIMON

**Correspondence ID: 14201**

It is crucial to the survival of elk to protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. It's time to step up for the protection of wild animals and the preservation of the environment!

**Correspondence ID: 14202**

Help them! !!

**Correspondence ID: 14203**

The Tule elk need their freedom. They have been restricted for too long and now are dying of starvation and dehydration. The fence must go. The founding principles of the formation of the Point Reyes park to preserve and protect wildlife make it your obligation to choose the option that best serves these gorgeous creatures.

**Correspondence ID: 14204**

Having elk trapped behind that fence is inhumane. They have no predators or direct management, and their population will keep growing past the carrying capacity of their enclosure, then the next time there is a drought, they all starve. There are already free roaming herds of elk in Point Reyes, keeping one herd trapped is pointless. The fence should be taken down.

**Correspondence ID: 14205**

Regarding the Tomales Point Area Plan, please remove the fencing and the livestock so that the elk herd can thrive.

Thank you for considering my request.

**Correspondence ID: 14206**

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Sincerely, Ms. Susan Palmer

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Sincerely, Ms. M Kay Goggins

**Correspondence ID: 14208**

To the NPS

You need to stop confining the Tomales Point Elk....please remove the fence!!... Elk should be able to live and roam freely...it is THEIR home...not the other way around.... and it is we humans who create the imbalances in nature...remember that cattle not only deplete and contaminate the water supply but decimate ecosystems. Protect tule Elk...NOT Big Ag.

Thank you, Gina Cashier

**Correspondence ID: 14209**

free the world

**Correspondence ID: 14210**

The fence that confines the rare Tule Elk to a fraction of the Point Reyes National Seashore should be removed allowing the elk to roam free.

I do not feel that privately-owned cattle should be allowed to graze on public lands and they should not be prioritized over these precious elk. Building a fence to keep privately-owned cattle from entering Tomales Point is a viable solution.

**Correspondence ID: 14211**

How would you like to starve to death?

**Correspondence ID: 14212**

Please prioritize elk health and wild ecosystem health over private lands. Thank you



**Correspondence ID: 14213**

Thank you for choosing Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence in Pt. Reyes National Park and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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**Correspondence ID: 14216**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, ms Ayako Mout

**Correspondence ID: 14217**

Please take down fence

**Correspondence ID: 14218**

All living creatures depend on us & we shouldn't let them down

**Correspondence ID: 14219**

Please give me a more room so they can feed and drink please help save God's creatures it's the right thing to do

**Correspondence ID: 14220**

Please remove the fence to allow Elk to roam freely and have access to more water

**Correspondence ID: 14221**

Starving elk to death. We in N C have cherished our new herd near Cherokee. What are you thinking? Evil thoughts for sure

**Correspondence ID: 14222**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Celia Kerr

**Correspondence ID: 14223**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, removing the fatal fence and allowing elk to NATURALLY roam free. Fences aren't supposed to be in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should never prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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**Correspondence ID: 14224**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We know that it is cattle grazing that decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water — not the elk heard.

Confining the elk from grazing is killing them. Please give them the space and resources they deserve.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14225**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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Sincerely, Ms. Shannon Hunter

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Sincerely, Dr. David Litzinger

**Correspondence ID: 14227**

All animals deserve to roam, free... for a better chance for survival.. TY

**Correspondence ID: 14228**

Please choose Alternative B regarding the freeing of the tule elk at Point Reyes. They should never have been “held hostage” to the cattle industry. Even though the ranches have been on site for many years, that doesn't mean that they have to be there forever. That was before there was a national park site. Now there is and the “rules” must change.

**Correspondence ID: 14229**

Remove the fence so the tule elk don't starve.

**Correspondence ID: 14230**

Please remove this fence so they can survive!

**Correspondence ID: 14231**

Please let the tule elk roam and forage freely. Don't put cattle interests ahead of the preservation of a native species. Take down the elk fence and do not cull these majestic animals whose natural range this is and whose protection should be paramount in a national park like the Seashore.

Thank you.

Keith Johnson

**Correspondence ID: 14232**

I am disgusted by the park service's lack of care for these California natives that once roamed vast territories

I do not support cattle grazing on public land except in very particular circumstances. Show your compassion and humanity by providing rangeland and access to plentiful food and water. Get rid of the damn cows.

**Correspondence ID: 14233**

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14234**

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals - Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 14235**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Kim Gates

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Sincerely, Mrs. Grisel Rodriguez

**Correspondence ID: 14237**

Your current policy seems extremely cruel! There must be a way to achieve your goal without the elk suffering as a result of your inhumane treatment. It is their land too. These innocent elk deserve better. Stop the slow death of starvation and support life for these beautiful animals.

**Correspondence ID: 14238**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thanks for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14239**

Please let them eat!

**Correspondence ID: 14240**

You must let these poor elk have some good grazing land and available water. It is shocking and cruel to learn that so many of them have starved to death. Shame on you. Tear down the damned fence, for God's sake. This is the Bay Area; we don't let wildlife starve here. My guess is that if you won't tear down that fence, others will. So do the right thing and let these animals live. They are part of the beauty of Marin.

Best,

Sophie de Vries

**Correspondence ID: 14241**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Point Reyes, and the creatures that inhabit it, are a treasure and should be treated as such.

**Correspondence ID: 14242**

Please let the deer roam freely on the island.

**Correspondence ID: 14243**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Karen Simmons

**Correspondence ID: 14244**

Please preserve the ability of organic family farms to operate by retain the elk fence (option c).

**Correspondence ID: 14245**

Please choose Alternative B the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. The wildlife need Point Reyes not the cattle. Remove the fence that is killing the elk. Allow them to roam free and not be culled.

**Correspondence ID: 14246**

I support the proposed plan B in its entirety. This will remove all fencing that currently prohibits



the Tule Elk from roaming out of a small, enclosed area with limited food and water access. It will also allow indigenous tribes input of their cultural ties within the Point Reyes wilderness.

If the fences are not removed, the supplemental water and minerals must be maintained to ensure the Tule Elk can survive.

Please enact plan B and remove the fences for the Tule Elk and provide the local tribe's input into preserving the Point Reyes wilderness.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Michele Nihipali

**Correspondence ID: 14247**

The Tule Elk were a highlight of our years in CA. Please get the cattle out of the area they are in. They are destroying that whole ecosystem not to mention the health of the Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14248**

Removing the fence that prevents elk from finding enough food so as not to starve is critical. Tomales Point cannot sustain the elk, shown by the 152 that died of starvation last year. Cattle are harder on the land than the elk. but they can share an area.

Please remove the fence before this winter to prevent another disaster.

**Correspondence ID: 14249**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Lisa Barr

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Chris Mann

**Correspondence ID: 14251**

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Sincerely, Mrs. Jeni Christoffersen

**Correspondence ID: 14252**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 14253**

Please remove the Fence and save the Tule Elk Now!

Why do you make them suffer and deny them water????!!!

Do you have no compassion????!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14254**

Fence down, livestock out. No more cattle in the parks.

**Correspondence ID: 14255**

Please remove the fencing and allow the Tule Elk to roam free. 152 elk have died from starvation because they have been fenced in to a limited area. This tragedy can be halted.

**Correspondence ID: 14256**

Please allow the Tule Elk to roam and live freely without fences or other preferences given to cattle grazing. There are a lot of other areas inland for farming. Protect the natural animals and plants of Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14257**

Thank you for the opportunity to make my opinion heard. I support Alternative B, the proposal to remove the elk fence, and let the Tule Elk herds roam free.

The Tomales Point Area Plan includes other important issues, including; the management of other important cultural and natural resources in the Tomales Point Area like habitat restoration and trail improvements. Additional issues the NPS should consider is to evaluate opportunities and strategies to:

Ensure cattle do not enter the wilderness area once the 8-foot elk fence is removed;

Enhance and restore habitat for threatened and endangered wildlife within the planning area;

Develop fire management practices within the planning area to maintain healthy ecosystems and natural processes;

Inventory and restore native coastal prairies within the planning area;

Assess climate-related impacts on water resources and native vegetation within the planning area;

Increase public access, use and enjoyment via new trails, camping, and other activities that integrate the planning area into a park-wide trail network

Expand public education and interpretation of Native American culture and history in consultation with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and other descendants of Coast Miwok inhabitants;

Improve public education and interpretation about the Tomales Point elk and their role in the ecology of the Point Reyes peninsula.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion on these important issues.

**Correspondence ID: 14258**

Please remove fence so elk can roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 14259**

The Tule elk must be protected from being fenced on poor land, from privately-owned cattle ranging on land that the elk should have access to, from the environmental contamination the cattle cause, and from anything else that threatens their well-being.

**Correspondence ID: 14260**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14261**

Att. National Park Service

Re: The Tomales Point elk herd.

It has been brought to my attention that for too long now, the native tule elk - confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore - have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water.

These impressive animals have been confined to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence, erected by the National Park Service with the intent of preventing the elk from grazing nearby seashore land.

Unfortunately, this fence apparently contributed to the deaths of 152 elk on Tomales Point in 2020 alone!

The NPS still has the opportunity to help the tule elk survive.

Please, I urge the NPS to remove the 3 mile long fence that has for too long prevented the Tomales Point elk herd from roaming free and living once more as nature intended.

Sincerely, Denny Richard

**Correspondence ID: 14262**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Mariangel Robles

**Correspondence ID: 14263**

I am contacting the National Park Service to urge the NPS to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. This is crucial for ensuring that the elk can roam free and live as nature intended them to.

It is cattle grazing that decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Putting a fence around the elk gives precedence to ranchers and their cattle and is a gross form of speciesism.

For those of us who don't eat animals, this is not a good use of our tax dollars and in fact promotes the problems and issues of the meat industry - water, soil and land degradation, massive use of fossil fuels and climate destruction etc. what to speak of the torture that animals that are raised for slaughter have to endure.

It is time for our public agencies to stop giving away our natural resources to special interests such as the cattle industry and others and rather, to promote wildlife and the natural environment for future generations. The Tomales Point elk deserve to exist in their natural environment without being imprisoned by fences and other unnatural man-made barriers.

**Correspondence ID: 14264**

Please remove the fence and allow the Tule Elk to roam the area which has been barricaded by that fence.

**Correspondence ID: 14265**

I am writing to urge the National Park Service (NPS) to remove the Tomales Point elk fence and oversee Tomales Point for its natural ecosystems and native wildlife, not for livestock ranching. Managing habitat for livestock ranching is NOT the role that the NPS is supposed to play, and preventing Tule Elk from accessing their natural grazing land is inconceivably cruel, especially considering the current weather conditions in California.

Recently, I read that in 1978, native Tule Elk were reintroduced to Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. So why is the NPS Service confining the park's largest elk herd behind an 8-foot fence at Tomales Point? With only a few freshwater sources, the fence has caused the death of many elk.

In addition, it is critical for the health of the environment that ranching at Point Reyes be halted permanently. Livestock ranching and farming not only devour enormous quantities of water but also release huge amounts of toxic runoff which contaminates the water supply with antibiotics, hormones and dung. In addition, they are responsible for overgrazing, loss of topsoil and erosion, and soil compaction. Furthermore, by some estimates, animal agriculture is responsible for more greenhouse-gas emissions than all forms of transportation combined! Livestock ranching is so destructive that the unique and ecosystem at Point Reyes is in danger of being wholly destroyed.

Also, the NPS should maintain elk connection corridors, and let Tomales Point elk associate with the park's two free-roaming herds at Drakes Beach and in Limantour Wilderness, and no culling or hunting of elk should be permitted there. It seems that the carrying capacity is ample enough to allow the Tomales elk to expand throughout Point Reyes, In short, there is no need to manage the elk population. The first priority should be these iconic native animals, not private cattle operations, on Point Reyes grasslands.

Furthermore, I encourage the NPS to:

1. Reestablish Tomales Point's natural coastal prairie vegetation.
2. Employ prescribed burns to preserve the area's grassland and scrubland habitat.
3. Consult with the leaders of the Coast Miwok and Graton Rancheria on an inventory of important cultural sites and landscapes, as well as archeology, at Tomales Point.
4. Conduct an economic analysis of the value of elk ecotourism on Tomales Point as part of the planning process.

Thank you for your consideration of these vital issues

**Correspondence ID: 14266**

Please tear down the fence that keeps tule elk confined. Livestock do not belong in a national seashore. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14267**

I would much rather visit this beautiful land to see native wildlife. If I wanted to see some fat-cat cowboys cattle, I could just drive 30 minutes out of Omaha.

**Correspondence ID: 14268**

Please allow these elk to roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 14269**

Take down the wall,

**Correspondence ID: 14270**

I urge you to take down the fence confining Tule Elk to stop these iconic and increasingly endangered animals from starving, dehydrating, and dying needless, prolonged, and painful deaths. It is quite simply right thing to do.

**Correspondence ID: 14271**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Ms. Judith Ackerman

**Correspondence ID: 14272**

Animals need us to step up for them!!! Animals are not food!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14273**

Help these Elk thrive. It's not fair to treat any of God's creation this way. What if it was your family starving?

**Correspondence ID: 14274**

Please remove the fence so the elk can roam free...

**Correspondence ID: 14275**

Please remove the fence that is causing suffering and death to these beautiful animals. This is not the way that they should be treated.

**Correspondence ID: 14276**

SAVE THE ELK!

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**Correspondence ID: 14277**

Please remove the fence.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14278**

Please remove the fence and allow the elk to thrive, not starve. The present situation is extreme cruelty and is intolerable.

**Correspondence ID: 14279**

Please remove the fence restricting the movement of the Tule elk to Tomales point. Many animals are dying of starvation and deserve to roam more freely. In addition, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tammy

**Correspondence ID: 14280**

Please remove the fence so this elk can roam freely.

**Correspondence ID: 14281**

It would be wonderful to give the Point Reyes National Seashore back to Nature and preserve the Tule Elk, thus preserving one wild animal species native to this area. Cattle can be moved elsewhere.

Us humans hiking all over Pt Reyes National park is bad enough. Put the beef and dairy cattle elsewhere.

**Correspondence ID: 14282**

I strongly support Alternative B. Remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 14283**

Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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**Correspondence ID: 14286**

We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14287**

I'm writing to ask the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area option, which will remove the eight-foot fence at Point Reyes National Seashore and allow tule elk to roam free.

The current fence restricting tule elk movement has led to elk deaths by starvation and dehydration, as elk have been unable to roam to areas with more abundant food and water when supplies become scarce. The only justification for keeping them fenced is to protect cattle grazing, which must not take priority over native tule elk populations on public lands.

Thank you for your time and consideration of public comments on this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 14288**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jinah Yoon

**Correspondence ID: 14289**

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Sincerely, Miss Sissy R

**Correspondence ID: 14290**

Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14291**

I am pleased and relieved that the National Park Service is finally responding to the concerns that many people, including myself, have raised over the past several years about the inappropriateness of allowing ranchers to graze cattle on National Park lands and about the suffering and death the tule elk have endured because of this. I have also been very concerned about the impacts that cattle grazing has caused to native plants and the park's ecosystem.

Please choose and institute Alternative B Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". This is the alternative that will remove the horrible fence that has resulted in so many tule elk dying of thirst and malnutrition and that will bring allow Point Reyes National Seashore to function as it was intended to function: a National Park with native wildlife, not a grazing land for private cattle operations.

I cannot understand why the needs of cattle and cattle ranchers were ever placed above the needs of native species and the integrity of Point Reyes as a National Park. As a taxpayer, I have felt angry that my tax money was being used to benefit cattle ranchers while tule elk, a native species that I love and want to see protected, were subjected to such horrible suffering. So many elk died needlessly and in so much fear and pain.

Once the elk fence is removed, the tule elk must never be subjected to culling, harassment or maltreatment of any kind. They belong in the park and they need to be able to live out their lives there without suffering any further human caused harm. Additionally, the Park Service needs to do whatever ecological restoration is necessary to remediate the harm that decades of cattle ranching have caused.

Please take down the fence as quickly as possible. I am hugely relieved that it appears that this will finally happen. I have felt great sadness and outrage about what these beautiful native tule elk have had to endure

Thank-you for this opportunity to comment.

**Correspondence ID: 14292**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and

manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Lynn Hancock

**Correspondence ID: 14293**

Stop restricting the movement of the tule elk to graze. I do not want federal taxes to pay to harm them.

**Correspondence ID: 14294**

Please remove the fatal fencing to spare the tule elk from starvation and death from being confined and unable to survive by implementing Alternative B. This choice will ensure the protection of the Point Reyes National Seashore and the wildlife who live there.

Thank you for listening to input from the public.

**Correspondence ID: 14295**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14296**

Please find a way to help these elk. This is a horrible way to die and they deserve better. Thank you. J. O'Toole

**Correspondence ID: 14297**

Ka molis (Thank you) Point Reyes National Seashore for proposing to remove the elk fence from the Elk Preserve. I am writing to support your recommendation of Alternative B: Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. The tule elk were not solely "ungulates" for our Támal-ko/Coast Miwok ancestors. Today they are our relatives, contributors to a cycle of life between human, animal and plant relatives, part of our history.

I urge you to make an exception to your recommendation and not "Discontinue provision of supplemental water and minerals for tule elk. Remove all existing, non-historic supplementary water systems." We are still in climate change with drought and rising temperatures. The tule elk may still need supplemental nutrients and water. The removal of the fence will not change the lack of vegetation or water sources. While I understand the tule elk will be able to move outside the preserve, their movement may likely not be predictable to ensure full nutrition and water sources.

I am concerned about population management that would rely on culling, i.e., shooting healthy tule elk. I hope the Park will look north to efforts regarding Roosevelt Elk management. For example, the Karuk Tribe has worked extensively on Roosevelt Elk management with UC Berkeley and state and federal agencies. "... reinstating Karuk elk habitat and herd management has far ranging implications for social and environmental justice in the Klamath: restoring local ecosystems and watersheds, expanding access to cultural foods and fibers, supporting local subsistence economies and community health, revitalizing cultural and ceremonial practices and enhancing self-governance and tribal sovereignty."

(<https://sipnuuk.karuk.us/digital-heritage/selected-topics-federal-indian-law-final-paper-karuk-sovereignty-elk-habitat-and> and <https://nature.berkeley.edu/karuk-collaborative/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Sowerwine-et-al.-2019-JAFSCD-Enhancing-Food-Sovereignty.pdf>)

If the National Park Service chooses not to implement Alternative B, then the 2018 California Department of Fish and Wildlife Elk Conservation and Management Plan needs greater visibility to come into play. <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=162912&inline>

Goal 1. Reduce the number of confined herds and the frequency for removing excess animals.

Objective 1.1. Eliminate one or more confined herds by 2025.

Goal 2. Enhance habitat within enclosures.

Elk within confined herds rely on a limited area of use to acquire yearlong nutrition. Habitat conditions within enclosures should be enhanced to provide a healthy environment for elk.

Objective 2.1. Enhance elk habitats by at least 5% by 2028.

Action 2.1.1 Map current elk habitat to detect change over time and guide management decisions. Expected completion: 2021.

Action 2.1.2 Meet annually with CDPR, USFWS, and NPS to identify opportunities to enhance elk habitats. Ongoing.

Action 2.1.3 Work with NPS to identify/establish specific vegetation management thresholds for Tomales Point. Expected completion: 2021.

In Alternative B, the National Park states “Continue to partner with the Tribe for the preservation and protection of significant cultural resources.” I urge you to expand the Park’s understanding, scope and presentation of “cultural resources” to recognize and present the history of the coves that Támal-ko/Coast Miwok people called home, places such as Pelican Point and White Gulch. Pierce Point was a site for abalone harvest by Támal-ko/Coast Miwok families along with ranching families. The ocean side of Pierce Point was a site for collecting lumber, fallen from ships, used for building homes and barns by Támal-ko/Coast Miwok families. I urge the Park to work with the Alliance for Felix Cove and Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria to tell these family stories and histories. Visitors, locals, and Indigenous communities are eager to learn of these untold histories.

With Alternative B, the National Park has the opportunity to teach and celebrate how life is interconnected to all things. For thousands of years the life cycles of tule elk and human moved in synchronicity. A time to burn, to ensure tule elk grazed on nourishing grasses. A time to prepare and teach young hunters. Human, animal, plant and waters—contributed to the ecology of life.

The National Park, if Alternative B is implemented, could realize what the Park was meant to be and do, ensure “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” and “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

The enjoyment for future generations is paramount for visitors, local residents, and Indigenous communities. Commercial dairy and beef cattle operations are incongruous to a National Park. Visitors, local residents and Indigenous communities shouldn't be denied to experience Tomales Point in its full beauty of vibrant and resilient ecosystems which can foster a harmonious co-existence between humans and our remarkable animal and plant families.

Yes for Alternative B: Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area

Theresa Harlan

Alliance for Felix Cove

[www.alliance4felixcove.org](http://www.alliance4felixcove.org)

**Correspondence ID: 14298**

In a move long-awaited by animal advocates, the National Park Service (NPS) has finally proposed taking down a fence that confines rare Tule Elk to a fraction of the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative B would allow the elk, currently in a 2,900 acre area of poor forage known as the "Preserve," to finally roam free! It also would allow the NPS to consider building a fence to keep privately-owned cattle from entering Tomales Point.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14299**

Protect the Elk! Take Down the Fence! Vote for Option B!

**Correspondence ID: 14300**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." It is crucial to allow the elk to naturally roam free in Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area and remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife so as to restore the ecosystem. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for the removal of the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of all future generations." It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Thank you for your consideration. Best regards. Guillemette Epailly

**Correspondence ID: 14301**

PLEASE support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

These Elk have Grandfather rights to being there and utilizing the water and land. Please don't let modern ways interfere with this, it's actually illegal that you deny that to those Elk That have been there for so many years now.

**Correspondence ID: 14302**

The job of the National Park Service is to conserve and protect the native species and habitat.

Tomales Point needs to have free ranging native Elk herds, not land gobbling cattle destroying what's left of this species. Please take down the fence that prevents the Elk from accessing water and forage to stay alive, especially during this extended drought. The National Park Service has been underfunded and under resourced. This has caused it to stray from its mandate.

Please return to the original intent of preserving the wild. Doing so will preserve us.

Sincerely, Kim A. Taylor

**Correspondence ID: 14303**

Please remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 14304**

Protect tule elk. Remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 14305**

It's unreasonable for these beautiful creatures to die of malnutrition and dehydration. They shouldn't have to stay in a fenced in area. They should be able to roam free. Please, consider this point of view.

**Correspondence ID: 14306**

Our Wildlife should be our number one priority on our public lands. Cattle should not win over the rangelands! Our deer, elk, and other big game species are suffering from reduced forage and habitats and this then makes the predators that rely on these food sources more vulnerable. Please protect our natural resources and public lands from cattle ranching bog interests!

**Correspondence ID: 14307**

Please

Humans are to be humane. Humans have taken and taken. Allow the nature, the natural plan happen. Animals depend on our help not hindrance, especially starvation Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14308**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point

Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14309**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Merihan Daniel

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Sincerely, Mrs. Mary Drake

**Correspondence ID: 14311**

Please protect the elks by taking down the deadly fence!



**Correspondence ID: 14312**

Do the right think . Take down the fence and let the ELK herd FREE ROAMING. (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 14313**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. GAUTAM RAO

**Correspondence ID: 14314**

Please, I urge the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14315**

Please do the right thing and allow the Point Reyes Tule Elk to have free roam over the lands. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14316**

Dear Park Service,

I believe that you should remove the fence that keep the Elk confined and allow them to use all of the Point Reyes National Seashore area. The Elk are the natural inhabitants of the area, not cattle. Most of the world has now been taken over by humans and their pet or food animals. As the human population has grown we understand that we need to preserve natural places and the animals that were here before us.

I do not want private cattle running on a public area especially if they endanger the local wildlife. They are only there to feed humans and as stated above, we have taken over enough of the resources of the world.

National park lands should "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes' native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Regards,

Tina Peak

**Correspondence ID: 14317**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Shivangi Singh

**Correspondence ID: 14318**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Claudia Cervantes

**Correspondence ID: 14319**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Linda Allen

**Correspondence ID: 14322**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs Tamara Florer

**Correspondence ID: 14323**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14324**

I support the removal of the fence, called plan "B" and allowing the now confined elk herd to have the ability to roam freely

**Correspondence ID: 14325**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Please help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 14326**

The time has come to remove the physical barriers so that the elk may move about naturally to access resources for their survival.

**Correspondence ID: 14327**

Dear NPS - please remove the fence confining tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. These beautiful animals deserve a good life. Thank you! Franziska

**Correspondence ID: 14328**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Ethel Cokely

**Correspondence ID: 14329**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Ethel Cokely

**Correspondence ID: 14330**

Elk belong at Point Reyes, cattle do not.

**Correspondence ID: 14331**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Laurie Anderson

**Correspondence ID: 14332**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14333**

Although the initial intent of containing the native tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore, within a 3 mile long fence, may have seemed like the appropriate action at the time, there have been non governmental organizations that have reached out to the National Park Service for years, advocating for taking the fence down to let the elk roam freely. I urge you to take this action for reasons that have already been presented: cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive tons of water. As you know, the population of the elk has plummeted over these years. As caretakers of the biodiversity of our ecosystems, we have the

responsibility to consider all species in our impactful decision making, and responsibility to respect the valuable learned input from concerned NGOs and the will of the population at large, whose cultural values change with the passage of time. We are a more compassionate society now, although cruelty still abounds everywhere. I urge you to do the right thing in this case, ie please safely remove the fence and set the elk free.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14334**

Please take down the fences at Point Reyes. Let the elk graze where they want. They were here before we were. Tell the livestock owners to buy there own land to graze their stock on.

**Correspondence ID: 14335**

Please remove the fences that prevent the elk from reaching water sources that are vital to their survival.

**Correspondence ID: 14336**

These are wild animals and should be able to roam as wild. We need to stop imposing ourselves on wildlife and allow nature to take its course. Humans are doing enough damage to the earth leave wildlife out of it.

**Correspondence ID: 14337**

Enough already with starving the elk - Remove the fence and let them roam free. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14338**

Remove the fence and allow the elk to roam free so that they don't all die of starvation.

As a reminder, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

The elk are not the problem.

Thanks.

**Correspondence ID: 14339**

Remove the fence that is imprisoning the Tomales Point elk herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you, Adam Mills

**Correspondence ID: 14340**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thanks for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14341**

I Cannot 'Believe'!?!?- That someone has actually thought that reducing the Tule Lake Elk herd!?!?-

by-"Shooting Them!?!?-Is Actually'-a-'Vaguely Possible

-"Proposal'-!?!?-??-///,

I can tell you, That much like many other instances-

'Most Americans'!!!- Would rather have their tax dollars spent on spent on maintaining natural wildlife!?!?- Then allowing privately owned cattle ranchers-- To benefit From grazing their cattle on national lands.!!!??----

It seems to me if these are the best ideas The National Park Service can come up with.-- Perhaps someone else should be doing the job!?!?///---'Thank You-!///

**Correspondence ID: 14342**

PLEASE FREE THE POINT REYES TULE ELK!! Don't let our beautiful wildlife be destroyed!

**Correspondence ID: 14343**

Please take down the fence so the Tule Elk can have access to the land that is legally theirs. The number of deaths that have occurred is unconscionable and a disgrace to the NPS. These beautiful animals deserve so much better.

**Correspondence ID: 14344**

Let the nature be free, the natural animals not confined to limited space and not use fences to help only those who are bred, fed and used for human and human business.

**Correspondence ID: 14345**

Hello,

I am writing in support of Alternative B, unconfining the Tule Elk herd. I stand in favor of this option because the elk are at present forced to stay within a small confined area that is a mere fraction of their historic range. When we talk about reintroductions and restoring nature, in my mind, that doesn't include intensive herd management nor confinement to a small space. Additionally, each elk is a living being with a right to live and should not be subject to human decisions that their herd is "too big" and killed. This, to me, is unethical.



I also am in support of Alternative B due to the proposed removal of invasive plant species that are harming the environment and the prospect of controlled burns, which have been shown to be greatly beneficial to the environment. I also support the visitor improvements proposed in this plan, as access to bathroom facilities is paramount in maintaining a clean and healthy park.

Thank you for considering my comments in your decision-making process.

Kind regards,

Kayla

**Correspondence ID: 14346**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Debbie Efron

**Correspondence ID: 14347**

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE .. THANK YOU

**Correspondence ID: 14348**

Please prioritize restoring and maintaining Tule Elk and other native wildlife in Port Reyes over the needs of cattle raising.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14349**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs Kerstin Murr

**Correspondence ID: 14350**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

**Correspondence ID: 14351**

I support alternative B because it will essentially do away with the fences that are confining the tule elk and will allow them to roam and utilize the full scope of resources they need to survive. I'm also hoping that with close collaboration between the various stakeholders, we can come up with a solution that is beneficial for both the tule elk and the ranchers who are concerned about their cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 14352**

Hello and thank you for the option to comment.

Please tear down the elk-killing fences and protect the Port Reyes Tule elks!

**Correspondence ID: 14353**

Please take down the fence at the point. Reyes national seashore by September 25th 2023. Please do the right thing for these elk that are starving to death. Have some compassion think more about the animals that are living in the national park service than just about the people who visit them.

Thank you

Glenna O'Keefe

**Correspondence ID: 14354**

To Whom it may concern:

Please choose Alternative B. The Elk herd should be unconfined. The fences are keeping them from forage and water. It must be removed. A fence is not appropriate in Wilderness. Wilderness is a place that is "untrammeled" by man. Removing the fence will help to restore the ecosystem and support the recovery of the Tules Elk Herd.

The cattle operations were paid long ago to leave the area, but the short term leases that they agreed to when they were paid for their allotments continue to be extended. Private cattle operations are endangering the ecosystem, and the elk. They are not appropriate in Wilderness. And their record of infractions is unconscionable. They have been given too many chances and it is time to change the landscape and remove the cattle operations.

The Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Alternative B will ensure this mandate.

Please remove the fence and let the native wildlife roam free.

Thanks for considering my comments

**Correspondence ID: 14355**

Please remove the fence put in place only to allow domestic grazing of cattle. Public lands are just that, not to be used for private commercial use. It is destroying the native species.

**Correspondence ID: 14356**

Please remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 14357**

Instead of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, for years the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners. Thankfully, the Park Service is finally proposing to tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources. It must go!

Some points for your consideration.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 14358**

The National Park Service must choose Alternative B! Enable the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area plan!

Remove the fences and let all wildlife, including the protected Tule Elk, roam free! Fences do not belong in wilderness areas. These elk are dying as they have a limited range, and they cannot change their foraging habits based on yearly, seasonal shifts. Let these animals continue to serve their ecological function as they have for millennia, safeguarding their

ecosystems for generations to come. Private cattle ranches have no place in Point Reyes National Seashore! Once the Tule Elk are freed from confinement they must not be subjected to further culling or harassment. They only occupy a tiny fraction of their historic range.

Point Reyes was created for "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment." Thanks to the NPS Organic Act the Service is empowered to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

You have the power to provide safety for these iconic creatures! We must invest more in the preservation of biodiversity than private profit. The native species that have managed to survive Our relentless overkill provide far more for local ecosystems than any cattle operations. Give all wildlife around Tomales Point room to roam and continue to create more sustainable habitat for indigenous species. Remove the fence!

Thank you for your consideration

**Correspondence ID: 14359**

Please allow the elk to roam free. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. These elk, as part of the national park shouldn't be limited to a certain area and dying of starvation - this is a National Park, for wildlife and the priority should not be cattle. Restore the ecosystem and give the elk a fair chance.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 14360**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Daved Wachsmann

**Correspondence ID: 14361**

The Fences need To be removed and the Elk have a right to live and not starve because a bunch of Greedy Cattle Ranchers. I Understand that these Ranchers have some of your politicians in there pockets .However there are more voters than Ranchers that believe these

Elk have done less damage to the land than the Cattle and would want the cattle removed from the land.

**Correspondence ID: 14362**

Hi,

Please remove the fence and all the cattle from Point Reyes National Seashore and return the ecosystem to the elk and native species.

Thank you, Kerry Heck

**Correspondence ID: 14363**

To whom it may concern:

Domesticated livestock are plentiful, tule elk are not - let's do what we can to support the survival of those that remain.

Thank you, Paul Lind

**Correspondence ID: 14364**

- Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

-Confined native elk should not die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Free-roaming elk should not be subject to culling, hazing, or harassment.

- Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area"; this will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. This will protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

-Thank you again for your consideration in this matter.

Kevin Banach

**Correspondence ID: 14365**

The Tomales Point Area, and all National Seashores are treasures that should be preserved in as natural a state as possible for wildlife and future generations of Americans.

I am in agreement with the following points from the Center for Biological Diversity, and I ask that these be addressed in plans for this area:

- The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

- Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

- Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and allow the ecosystem to recover.

**Correspondence ID: 14366**

I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect elk by choosing Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," to remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free and avoid death by thirst and malnutrition. Plus, after the elk fence is removed, the service needs to protect free-roaming elk from culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I appreciate the agency's listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 14367**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Shivangi Singh

**Correspondence ID: 14368**

Good Morning

Please remove the fence for the elk. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14369**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Maria rosaria Bruscia

**Correspondence ID: 14370**

Please take down the fencing at Point Reyes National Seashore. This fencing is limiting the food available to the elk and confining them to an area too small for their natural need to roam. Cattle operations should not have priority over the survival and health of the elk. Free of the fencing, the elk should be a protected species.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14371**

Please remove the fence confining the tule elk to Tomales Point.

It is important to recognize that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Let's protect our wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 14372**

Cattle are not endangered. Wildlife is. Wildlife does not destroy the environment. Cattle does. Its way past time to get rid of the cattle and protect the wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 14373**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14374**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 14375**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Pamela Sell-Snyder

**Correspondence ID: 14376**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.



In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Pamela Sell-Snyder

**Correspondence ID: 14377**

Hello... i am begging you to listen to those that care about the Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. As has been pointed out and as you are aware, there have been hundreds of elk dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Please remove or move the fence so these animals have half a chance. This is such a small thing, with huge positive results... please leave a mark on this planet and not a stain...

**Correspondence ID: 14378**

To Whom it may concern:

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE TO GIVE THESE CONFINED ELKS A MORE HUMANE EXISTANCE! THEY NEED MUCH NEEDED ACCESS TO WATER AND OTHER ESSENTIALS TO LIVE. THANK YOU!

Sincerely, Christy Wright

**Correspondence ID: 14379**

STOP THIS CRUETY ~ KEEPING THE ELK CONFINED WHERE THEY HAVE NO ACCESS TO NECESSARY FOOD & WATER!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14380**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Tony Menechella

**Correspondence ID: 14381**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem!

**Correspondence ID: 14382**

Stop letting farmers who allow their money making livestock, destroy our natural environment.

Animals who need to eat, like the,Elk are starving. They were there first.

Not unlike sea life being destroyed by commercial fishing machines.

Greed should never come before any natural life. Nature worked just fine before the greedy took this country over.

**Correspondence ID: 14383**

Der Zaun muss unbedingt entfernt werden.... damit die Elche ein artgerechtes Leben führen können. So haben sie eine Chance und sind den Katastrophen innerhalb des Gebiets mit Zaun nicht so schutzlos ausgeliefert. Es gibt keine Rechtfertigung für den Zaun

**Correspondence ID: 14384**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Kathy Strozak

**Correspondence ID: 14385**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jordan W

**Correspondence ID: 14386**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd, and allow the elk to roam free and live the lives they deserve. The confined elk have been dying of apparent starvation and lack of water. All to prevent them from grazing in areas the meat industry does not want them to graze.

Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please remove the fence and let the elk roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 14387**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd!

**Correspondence ID: 14388**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 14389**

I am strongly urging the NPS to remove the fence. Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Therefore, please cease and desist by removing the fence now!

**Correspondence ID: 14390**

Please take down the fence so no more Tule elk will starve or die of thirst, a cruel and lingering death.

**Correspondence ID: 14391**

Hello NPS,

Please consider removing the fence that confines the Tomales Point elk herd and let them roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Thank you!

Ana Pedersen

**Correspondence ID: 14392**

We spent 2 days hiking on the trails at Point Reyes, It was a visual treat to watch these calm and gentle Elk wander the fields.

**Correspondence ID: 14393**

Please don't steal our children's national heritage!

Free the elk and return to the native habitat of the land.

**Correspondence ID: 14394**

These elk need to be preserved. They were present in California long before livestock owners showed up with cattle and deserve to roam free in their habitat. If people want to own cattle then they need to secure their own grazing and not on federal land. What you have done to these alcurds is a travesty and should never happen again. Is leave them alone and run the cattle out.

**Correspondence ID: 14395**

These Elk deserve to roam free. Having that many deaths should be proof enough to remove the fencing, no questions asked. Please be humane in your thinking and consider other ways of living that don't kill innocent life's.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 14396**

Please remove the fence. I'll also say that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please do the right thing to save animals, the world can be better with this simple action.

**Correspondence ID: 14397**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that

found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Rita Wooten

**Correspondence ID: 14398**

Please take the fence down for the tule elk. I understand there is a plan already with three choices to choose from. I think plan "b" is the best of the three. I think the main reason for the care on the part of the park service is to protect wildlife. The use of the land for cattle is definitely way down on the list of priorities for the land. The tule elk deserve first priority for the land. There are few places for the elk to live and thrive. We are responsible for them. Please take their care responsibly at all times.

Thank you for your consideration as you vote on this matter.

Teresa J Awtrey

**Correspondence ID: 14399**

We enjoy visiting this beautiful area and are horrified to learn that these animals are starving. Please reconsider your plans and do right by the elk.

Thank you?

Kathleen G

**Correspondence ID: 14400**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. John Magee

**Correspondence ID: 14401**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Anja Hundsinger

**Correspondence ID: 14402**

This comment concerns the alternatives under consideration for elk fences in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Privately-owned cattle should not be present in the Seashore. Their presence is incompatible with the purpose of national parks and lead to management of the parks at the behest of cattle owners and to the detriment of native wildlife such as elk.

For this reason, I oppose the fencing off of any area within a national park to confine wild elk from accessing their native habitat. Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," will remove the elk fence in the Point Reyes National Seashore and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 14403**

I am concerned about the native tule elk in Point Reyes National Park. The elk should be allowed to roam freely but the cattle in the park should be removed. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Kudos to the NPS for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please manage Point Reyes as a national park, not as a cattle ranch.

Thank you for considering my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 14404**

To Whom It May Concern:

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife, restore the ecosystem and allow elk to naturally roam free. Choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 14405**

I wholeheartedly support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 14406**

I am deeply concerned about the future of the Point Reyes Tule Elk.

Their numbers must expand to ensure their survival and so I urge you to put this above the outcries of livestock owners and rescind your proposal to kill any elk. Their confinement by an eight foot high fence has limited their options for roaming and foraging freely and recent droughts has led to the deaths of many elk due to thirst and malnutrition. I therefore support your proposal to tear down the fence.

These creatures have faced near-extinction once; please take these steps to ensure they are never brought to the brink again.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14407**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that

found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Rhys Atkinson

**Correspondence ID: 14408**

I urge the NPS to remove the fence that is restricting movement of elk at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. Reserving other land at the National Seashore for cattle is untenable. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14409**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please remove the fence right away.

**Correspondence ID: 14410**

I would like to thank the National Park system for considering the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence, and to add my voice to those urging them to choose Alternative B, allowing tule elk to roam free.

Point Reyes National Seashore is mandated to protect and preserve the natural environment within its park borders. Maintaining a fence that confines a species of elk whose numbers were previously decimated due to overhunting directly dishonors this mandate. Not only does this confinement subject tule elk to increased risk of preventable death during drought years, it also prioritizes cattle over native wildlife.

Allowing private cattle ranchers to operate within Point Reyes and to influence the management of natural ecosystems is inappropriate and should be ended in order to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The elk fence should be removed and, once it has been, free-roaming elk should not be culled or harassed for any reason, but especially not just to pacify cattle ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 14411**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.



I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss christelle whittaker

**Correspondence ID: 14412**

The Tomales Point Area Plan to be adopted needs to protect native wildlife such as elk and not allow Point Reyes and surrounding area to be ravaged by cattle. Grazing by cattle is why the hills in my home area on the Central Coast are now barren coastal sage scrub and other native vegetation. Cattle grazing must be reigned in.

**Correspondence ID: 14413**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Je soutiens l'alternative B préférée du National Park Service pour la réserve de wapitis de Tomales Point Tule à Point Reyes National Seashore, afin d'enlever la clôture et de libérer le plus grand troupeau de wapitis de Tule du parc. Les clôtures et les animaux confinés n'ont pas leur place dans les unités des parcs nationaux.

De plus, veuillez annuler officiellement le règlement actuel du plan général de gestion autorisant l'abattage (« abattage ») des wapitis dans les deux autres troupeaux, car les troupeaux peuvent se mélanger lorsque la clôture est enlevée. Je m'oppose à toute « gestion » mortelle de tout animal sauvage dans nos parcs nationaux.

Enfin, le wapiti de Tule du littoral ne peut être libre, sain et sécuritaire tant que les exploitations bovines privées ne sont pas retirées, car ils exposent les wapitis aux bactéries fécales dans le sol, les cours d'eau et les étangs, ainsi qu'aux maladies du bétail transmises par le fumier, y compris la paratuberculose. Le NPS lui-même cite une étude de 1979 qui a révélé que la moitié des ranchs laitiers du parc étaient infectés par la maladie de Johne. Les exploitations bovines privées n'ont rien à faire dans nos parcs nationaux.

Je remercie le Service des parcs nationaux d'avoir demandé et pris en considération les commentaires du public sur cette question très importante.

Sincerely, Mrs. virginie gautron

**Correspondence ID: 14414**

Please remove the fence. Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 14415**

National Parks were commissioned to save the environment, including indigenous wildlife in a few special places in the US. Unfortunately, the NPS, due to internal corruption, has sold out their duties to Big AG including large, corporate cattle farmers and slaughterers. For example, to accommodate corporate cattle farmers, the NPS has allowed corporate cattle herds to move into National Parks to devastate the natural Park environments. As one example, at Reyes Point corporate cattle were allowed to displace indigenous wild life, the Tule Elk, to an area that does NOT provide suitable sustenance causing significant reduction in the herd. Regarding the Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) Tomales Point Area, the associated park has been spoiled by allowing corporate cattle herds to destroy the park area intended for preservation and moving the indigenous Tule Elk to an area that cannot support them, causing a significant reduction to this rare herd. Please reverse this blatant example of government corruption at the expense of

the taxpayer and remove the cattle herd, try to repair the extreme damages to the environment and its indigenous wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 14416**

Please remove this fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These majestic animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence which needs to be removed.

Thank you, Cliff Hoy

**Correspondence ID: 14417**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 14418**

Please do whatever you can to protect the native life here.

**Correspondence ID: 14419**

I have visited Point Reyes Monument and have seen these magnificent and endangered elk. There is a purpose for the preserve to exist and it is not to allow ranchers to fatten their cattle on the public dime while destroying more of the environment. The fence causes deaths and must go. Stop killing these precious creatures in service of greed.

**Correspondence ID: 14420**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem!! The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I want to thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely, Ally Jones

**Correspondence ID: 14421**

Save the area for elk

**Correspondence ID: 14422**

It is a shame upon the Park service, Marin county and the state of California, to allow cattle to roam freely, while the native Tule elk is fenced in. Several years ago, hundreds of them died from lack of water from negligence! The cattle owners who are supposed to be gone decades ago!

\*Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you, Vennie Yancy

**Correspondence ID: 14423**

Remove the fence please

**Correspondence ID: 14424**

Tomales Point Area Plan

c/o Superintendent

Point Reyes National Seashore

1 Bear Valley Road

Please take down the fences that prevent the Elk in the Tomales Point Area from grazing in the allotted area for Dairy Cattle. The Dairy cattle do not belong on public lands and to prevent the Elk during time of need from grazing and watering in prime graze land in the National Park goes against the reason why these lands were set to one side in the first place. Private enterprise (Dairy Cattle) has no place on the land set aside for National Parks.

Sheri Rossi de Guevara

**Correspondence ID: 14425**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Lisa Salazar

**Correspondence ID: 14426**

Livestock barons are literally KILLING planet Earth by cutting into necessary rainforests and increasing deadly consumerism habits. If we want humanity to EXIST for another TWENTY years, yes we are on the brink, we must FORCE THEM through VICIOUS legislation to DIAL EVERYTHING BACK!

Every animal that goes extinct from man's arrogance and greed and stupidity brings us closer to a planet as sterile and unlivable as our OWN MOON. If and when that happens, no amount of imaginary play money will save billionaires OR the 99%!

**Correspondence ID: 14427**

Please tear down the fence at Point Reyes that confines the Tule Elk. They have a right to live and not

suffer because of cattle ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 14428**

You must remove the fences and make the area for these animals protected. There is no need for cattle which is destroying earth, causing suffering to them and increasing its damage to our climate. There is no need to eat animals. It is cruel.

**Correspondence ID: 14429**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

Finally, thanks to public outrage, the Park Service is proposing to tear down the elk-killing fence. But livestock owners don't want that.

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the cattle destroying it.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14430**

Please protect these elk in their natural domain. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14431**

I am writing to ask you to prioritize the health and viability of the Tule Elk population in and around Point Reyes over the cattle owners. Livestock are at no risk of going extinct! The Tule Elk are the few remaining of their species and deserve our protection.

Tear down the fences that are starving the elk and forcing them to die of thirst.

We need to stop the killing and destruction of everything natural to our ecosystems!

Please allow these majestic creatures to thrive and sustain their limited numbers!

Thank you, Ree Whitford

**Correspondence ID: 14432**

Let the Point Reyes tule elk roam free! There are already too many cattle in this country, damaging landscapes.

**Correspondence ID: 14433**

The Elk deserve to be as Free as the land these cattle ranchers are getting to graze their profits.

The cattle industry gets too much gratis; ie the round up of “the wild mustangs and now fencing in Elk”

**Correspondence ID: 14434**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Marina Ris

**Correspondence ID: 14435**

Please remove the fence. Animals deserve to live free and happy in this life too

**Correspondence ID: 14436**

the 3 mile fencing should be removed to allow wildlife to roam more freely. Wild animals suffering starvation, thirst, and death because of this fencing is unacceptable.

Sincerely, Christine Torp

**Correspondence ID: 14437**

I write to urge you to free the Tule elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. Please consider the following:

- The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.
- My thanks to the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.
- It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.
- Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.
- Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."
- Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

David DeWitt

**Correspondence ID: 14438**

Please do everything in your power to show compassion for these elegant and gentle elk. It will

not take too much to save these beautiful beings and we are all hoping for your input and help to keep them from starving.

**Correspondence ID: 14439**

Please encourage the restrictions on cattle grazing that is destroying our pure water and killing our wildlife. We are all watching and praying the compassionate care is taken to prevent cattle from destroying our environment.

**Correspondence ID: 14440**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Autumn Garcia

**Correspondence ID: 14441**

I urge you to remove the fence responsible for the confinement and tragic death of members of the Tule Elk herd. Now that you are fully aware of the impact the fence is having on the herd, anything less will essentially result in the NPS being an accessory to their killing, which contradicts a primary reason for your existence. Ethically, it is simply barbaric to retain the fence. NPS, tear down that wall...now! Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14442**

This is an opportunity to reset the standards for public lands. Take down the elk fence and allow the elk roaming room—that's a first step—but the end goal should be to restrict cattle from grazing on public lands! Protecting wild land is more important than human historic uses of the area. The wild has been given too small a slice of the pie!

**Correspondence ID: 14443**

Starve the Blue Elk until it disappears from the face of the earth? Who is in charge of this criminal decision? What interests are more noble than preserving these majestic animals? Is it money? Where will the money go, into the deep pockets of the uncaring and corrupt?,

Several communities who care about life and preservation are watching. At all times.

**Correspondence ID: 14444**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve, and prevent them from starvation.

**Correspondence ID: 14445**

Hello,

I am in favor and support of alternative B taking the fence down. It's a humane solution and in the best interests of the Tule Elk considering the threats they are already facing due to climate change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kindly,

Camille Roberts-Krick

**Correspondence ID: 14446**

I'm writing today to ask the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14447**

This is completely unacceptable. It is your job to protect the wildlife not watch it suffer and die. Heartless.

**Correspondence ID: 14448**

Thank you for allowing public input in this important matter. As someone who lives surrounded by herds of elk, this is a subject near and dear to my heart.

For years, these elk has endured horrific circumstances due to lack of sufficient food and water due to their restricted access, and it's time the fence comes down. Tall fences hindering wildlife's movement has no place in a National Park!

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

It's time to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration & conservation of our lands.

Dolores M

**Correspondence ID: 14449**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,



I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Bob Spencer

**Correspondence ID: 14450**

Fences like these should NOT be allowed. They prohibit the elk from getting to the natural resources they NEED to survive. Knowing this choosing to keep these fences up is cruel and unjust. I vote they are removed without a trace immediately.

**Correspondence ID: 14451**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 14452**

Dear NPS,

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone!

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

I am deeply and seriously asking that the NPS PLEASE swiftly remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We all have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Sincerely, Hillary Liband

**Correspondence ID: 14453**

The confinement to California's tule elk to the Point Keyes (IN A WILDERRNESS AREA!) after hunting led them to almost to near extinction). Now they are confined which is abo

minable, but worst yet, The Nation Park Service now wants to cull more and confine the "Leftovers" to s mall high fenced area. Thank goodness the overwhelming public stood up for wild nature and the NPS backed down on some proposals. But fences still remain on Point

Keyes and this is because the NPS caters to the livestock industry. This is NOT what a public Wilderness had always stood for. The elk are being sacrificed by the livestock industry, so this giant industry can make more money off killing their cattle for even more money.

This unethical greed must stop and the NPS should be there to protect nature's Wildlife above and beyond a the greedy giant livestock industry.

Tear down the fence and let the tule elk roam free as they were born to do.

I am tired of our National Watchkeepers favoring money over ethics.

TEAR DOWN THAT FENCE and KEEP CATTLE OUT of PUBLIC WILDERNESS AREAS AND STOP KILLING WILDLIFE!!

**Correspondence ID: 14454**

Wake up call to all self-serving moronic bipeds.

You are helping to KILL all earth species.

**Correspondence ID: 14455**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing is the problem, not the elk trying to survive!

**Correspondence ID: 14456**

Hello

I remind you that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

thanks for your help

best regards

**Correspondence ID: 14457**

Native animals should be given the priority of a good/healthy life not livestock.

Livestock do so much harm to native landscapes/fragile and complex ecological systems.

At a time when it has been proven that collective humanity has caused so much destruction and serious imbalances into/onto fragile, complex, interconnected, interdependent naturally evolved ecological systems around the world and with this said it continues to the CRUCIAL naturally evolved species which create and maintain a state of natural balance daily--or so it is the natural design.

I would only hope at this time of awareness of the human-caused destruction onto Earth and the innocent and crucial naturally evolved species of life that communities would step up and begin to assist and protect these stressed naturally evolved species.

I ask that the state of California parks and state governing agencies give the priority to the Tule Elk and not to livestock.

Elizabeth

**Correspondence ID: 14458**

As a California native, I often visited Point Reyes and the surrounding areas, as they are

stunningly beautiful natural spaces. The native wildlife are an integral part of that landscape, and it's important to protect both. Confining and killing off native elk is contrary to that goal, and will result not only in the extinction of this important species, but will have ramifications for other species and the landscape. Livestock concerns cannot supersede the need to preserve California's outstanding natural areas and their native wildlife inhabitants. Please use the full extent of your authority to protect these native elk and the lands they depend upon for their survival. I recall the great efforts to restore the California Condor when I was growing up in my home state, and see how those efforts have been successful. California has always been environmentally progressive and set an example for the rest of the US; please use this opportunity to continue setting that example. Preserve and protect the woodlands and the elk who inhabit it; do not destroy or restrict their range, instead require livestock farmers to contain their livestock and to share California's natural resources with our native wildlife inhabitants. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14459**

Dear National Park Service,

Thank you for finally considering to move the Elk fence! I vote Yes on "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. It has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

The NPS continuing to align with ranching interests in Point Reyes is a huge contradiction to the sanctity and preservation of the environment and wildlife it was created to protect. Siding with animal agribusiness and the profits of private ranching over the welfare of our National Seashore is also in direct contradiction of the California Coastal Act - while putting NPS at odds with the California Coastal Commission. In both cases, NPS is acting contrary to goals and guidance of sister agencies, expending private and public/taxpayer resources in a wasteful manner.

Once the fence is removed, the elk should be allowed to roam freely. If you remove the fence, but try to keep the elk away from the ranches just south of the fences, that will make matters worse. Culling, aka killing, should NOT be considered and is unacceptable to the public.

In addition, all these private cattle ranches should be removed from our public park. This would solve a number of problems, including degradation of the native plant, animal and soil biome life endemic to the park caused by the excessive number of cows currently allowed in the park. Removal of cattle will eliminate the necessity of a cattle exclusion fence.

The thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and endangering humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, they must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you, Lia Wilbourn

**Correspondence ID: 14460**

As a resident of Sonoma County for decades and of California for the majority of 70 years AND as a animal lover (all animals, not just cats and dogs), I am outraged that you have allowed this fence for this long. It is an unconscionable act of cruelty, and you KNOW IT. Yet, you haven't taken it down.

The Tule Elk were there centuries before any humans were around. If you don't kill them all through starvation and lack of water, they will be here for centuries after all of us are dead and gone.

The Tule Elk are National Living Treasures. We MUST protect them and help them thrive.

Please remove the fence and let the Tule Elk do their thing. It's the right thing to do.

Thank you, Gambill Caldwell

**Correspondence ID: 14461**

Wildlife should have precedence over domestic livestock in our national parks. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14462**

The Tule elk deserve a place to graze, reproduce and exist without being threatened or endangered. All of these animals have an integral part in the ecosystem.

Please consider this when when making decisions that affect the environment and livelihood.

**Correspondence ID: 14463**

I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore.

I oppose the reduction of the Elk population to support the cattle business as was done in previous plans.

Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers and the public must be monitored and sanctioned if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14464**

To whom it may concern, I am in favor of removing the fence, keeping the elk at point Reyes national seashore from roaming freely. We have enough cattle grazing public lands in the western United States, tule elk are rare and need more space to roam. I understand this affects cattle ranchers livelihoods, but frankly conservation is more important in this day and age. In fact, I am in general in favor of removing cattle from all of our public lands in the US, as they are environmentally destructive, especially to riparian areas. Thank you for your consideration, Andrew Connors, DVM.

**Correspondence ID: 14465**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Many elk have died as a result of this misguided attempt to graze. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Please take down the fence! Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14466**

Please consider the over all range of the Tule Elk and health benefits in removing a 3 mile fence which has reduced importance at this time. Their continued expansion has been heard fought.

I actually work with domestic Reindeer in Michigan and am reminded of how few areas their are to maintain a healthy wild herd of deer.

I ynderstanf there are approximately 1700 deer up from 40 and it is a wonderful sight to see Elk thriving

in a natural state where the soil supports their nutritional needs.

Thank you.

Lisa Heileman

**Correspondence ID: 14467**

Wild animals were meant to be free and so let them be that -FREE. Humans complain about being confined and yet we lock up animals, when we should lock up the 2-legged animals. Leave nature alone, it will survive better without man's interference.

**Correspondence ID: 14468**

Thank you for acknowledging public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over indigenous wildlife. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, entitled "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the ill-conceived fence and allow elk to roam free. It would be tragic to allow confined tule elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park dedicated to "conservation". Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in

Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I strongly urge Point Reyes National Seashore to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and preserve the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14469**

Please help the Tule Elk who are dying off in large numbers from starvation and thirst. The easiest way may be to allow them access to shoreside grazing by removing the barrier fence. Thank you for this consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 14470**

First, thank you for listening to the public support for removing the elk fence.

I am very concerned about the fence built to corral the largest roaming herd. This fence was built to prioritize the cattle instead of the native wildlife. The fence should be REMOVED so that the elk can roam freely. This is Alternative B, also known as Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Rance Core Area. and is the best option for the wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

There is existing legislation which mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes. The existing fence does not do this. Instead, it protects the interests of private cattle operations. Park lands exist to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects and WILDLIFE in such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.". Please honor this and remove the elk fence so that Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife can exist the way nature intended and allow the ecosystem to be restored.

**Correspondence ID: 14471**

I urge the National Park Service to please remove the fencing that confines the native tule elk. I find it reprehensible that our own park service has stood by while these beautiful animals die of starvation and lack of water. The outright cruelty is unimaginable! There are better ways and we as humans must start doing better. May I also remind the NPS that cattle grazing is decimating ecosystems; contaminating water supplies with fecal bacteria; spreading invasive species and disease; and wasting massive amounts of water... not to mention the war being waged by cattle ranchers against our wild horses. It is disheartening and it is our right to have a say in the matter, and it your responsibility to hear us.

**Correspondence ID: 14472**

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PODEMOS EM HIPÓTESE ALGUMA MALTRATAR NOSSOS IRMÃOS IRRACIONAIS!!! ÉLES  
SOFREM DA MESMA FORMA QUE NÓS!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14473**

For years, these elk have been dying of starvation and a lack of water due to confinement. These beautiful creatures are prevented from grazing nearby seashore land because of a 3 mile long fence. The suffering of these animals have become severe - causing 152 elk to die on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. We should not make these harmful and unnecessary choices for animals.

**Correspondence ID: 14474**

PERSONAL NOTE:

HUMAN'S DOMESTIC ANIMAL AG IS DESTROYING OUR BIOSPHERE AND CLIMATE...IT IS OUT OF CONTROL!!!!

BEEF IS NOW UNDERSTOOD TO BE A CLASS 1 CARCINOGEN TO HUMANS!!!!

IT IS WAY!!! PASS TIME TO PUT EARTH'S WILDLIFE...AHEAD OF THIS INSANITY!!!!

WAKE UP!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14475**

URGE PARARMOS DE DESTRUIR E MALTRATAR A NATUREZA E OS ANIMAIS!!! Se continuarmos assim, não haverá mais futuro!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14476**

Lets protect the Elk and not the cows.

**Correspondence ID: 14477**

Please help

**Correspondence ID: 14478**

Please remove the fence and give these animals a fair chance. Depriving them of proper water and food is inhumane.

**Correspondence ID: 14479**

Please stop catering to the cattle businesses! Please respect basic biological science and serve the interests of all of us. Please free Tule elk, do not create obstacle to their lives.

**Correspondence ID: 14480**

I was born and raised in the Bay Area and consider Point Reyes National Seashore my backyard. I am embarrassed to say I was unaware my government maintained a zoo without a zookeeper on the most protected land in the Bay Area until recently. I was horrified and angered to find my tax dollars wasted to increase the livelihoods of a handful of extremely wealthy families in Point Reyes National Seashore. I was sickened to realize their comfortable lifestyles led to the excruciatingly painful deaths of the majestic Tule elk. Please select Alternative B and free the elk. When done, you must modify the management plan passed for the remainder of the park to eliminate culling of the Drakes Beach herd to 140 individuals. Do not free the elk to turn around and murder them with the high-powered rifles and silencers also purchased with my tax dollars.

As a Bay Area native, I often proudly proclaim we are the leader in international environmental and sustainability movements: the birthplace of alternative energy, the electric vehicle, the farm-to-table movement, the plant-based foods movement, and the list goes on. Where we go, others

eventually follow. That we allow this blatant abuse of wildlife and destruction of the natural world in an area set aside for future generations in a time when human greed is literally destroying the planet is insane. This is not where we want the world to go. This is not the stain I want on my birthplace and home. Do the right thing – remove the fence, free the elk, allow our most protected lands to heal. Lead where we want others to follow.

**Correspondence ID: 14481**

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In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park’s streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14482**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals. Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 14483**

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Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14484**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Cindy Horn

**Correspondence ID: 14485**

Please remove the fence. Let these innocent beings roam free. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14486**

Please remove the fence and let there be a higher diversity of foodchain.

Please start to think about responsibility and act with nature as necessity.

Thank you for being more concerned

**Correspondence ID: 14487**

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling

Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for considering my comment.

**Correspondence ID: 14488**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Gail Bowers

**Correspondence ID: 14489**

I have been to Point Reyes. I have watched the tule elk with a sense of wonder. This was years ago when they were allowed to roam free. It was one of the most majestic sights I have ever seen. Unforgettable. That they should be fenced off or killed for the benefit of livestock owners is beyond unacceptable. It is heartbreaking. It is wrong. I have been writing in opposition to this for years now. Enough. Let's put a stop to this once and for all and allow the tule elf their freedom. Thank you, Pipa Pearthree

**Correspondence ID: 14490**

The constant catering to ranchers is out of control at the risk of losing so many wild species. I am baffled by this, if this administration is supposedly very concerned about climate change, let's start with the cattle who emit methane and the elk do not. Why is the National Park Service or whomever is behind this trying to get rid of wild animals when it seems it should be just the opposite. Something does not add up on this one. Ranchers scream about wild horses and right away the Department of Interior wants to get rid of the wild horses. There's a pattern of bowing down to the cattle industry who by the way pay next to nothing to the federal government for using the land that their cattle are on and then demand that all wild animals need to go off lands that these wild animals have lived on for hundreds of years. Please do something to stop this and do the job you are being paid for, protecting wild animals not cattle.

**Correspondence ID: 14491**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Cynthia Walton

**Correspondence ID: 14492**

Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore—which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine yearly, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals—and humans, too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they ever haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park.

Thank you.

Julie A Keenan

**Correspondence ID: 14493**

Please remove the fence so the Elk can be free to eat and thrive.

**Correspondence ID: 14494**

I want to express my strong support for the campaign to remove the National Park Service's (NPS) fence from Tomales Point, which currently prevents the native Tule Elk from grazing, in their natural habitat, through large parts of the Point Reyes National Seashore. For more than ten years, I've visited Tomales Point to see the elk, multiple times each year, and their presence in the area is an enormous part of what makes the Point Reyes National Seashore such a special place.

According to its mission, the NPS “preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations”. Erecting a fence to serve the interests of just a few cattle farmers at the expense of an endemic species is a complete betrayal of this mission.

While the Tule Elk are a vital part of the Point Reyes ecosystem, cattle farming operations on the peninsula harm endemic species, produce methane emissions, pollute the water supply with fecal bacteria and waste massive amounts of water, which is especially concerning given California's long battle with statewide drought conditions.

Biologists and conservationists have been keeping close track of the Tule Elk population on Tomales Point and since the fence was first erected -- confining the elk to the northern tip of the peninsula without adequate access to fresh water -- hundreds of them have died, far exceeding the numbers experts would expect to see in a healthy population, in an area with virtually no natural predators. The NPS fence on Tomales Point prevents the elk from engaging in their most fundamental evolved behaviors (grazing and seeking out fresh water sources) and as long as the fence remains Tule Elk populations will continue to dwindle and the quality of life for surviving elk will be significantly diminished.

According to the NPS' own “Tule Elk: The Return of a Species” report, in the early 1800s, nearly 500,000 Tule Elk lived in large herds in open grasslands throughout California, but by 1870 hunters and cattle farmers had killed so many of these amazing animals that they were thought to be extinct. The Tule Elk's incredible recovery is one of the few examples of a resilient species coming back from the brink of extinction and it is our responsibility to ensure that this terrible history of driving endemic species to extinction does not repeat itself. Hunters and farmers may have been able to claim ignorance then, but no one can make that claim now.

It's not just our intelligence, our language, and our social structures that make humans unique, it's the fact that our species has the ability to make collective choices about how we want to coexist with other animals. We can choose to disregard the lives of animals, as we've done too many times in the past, or we can choose to protect them, recognize their dignity, preserve the environment that all of us share, and ensure that future generations inherit a healthy, biologically diverse world.

Please, save the Tule Elk and tear down the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 14495**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Paul Hughes

**Correspondence ID: 14497**

I am contacting the National Park Service to urge the NPS to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. This is crucial for ensuring that the elk can roam free and live as nature intended them to.

It is cattle grazing that decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Putting a fence around the elk gives precedence to ranchers and their cattle and is a gross form of speciesism.

For those of us who don't eat animals, this is not a good use of our tax dollars and in fact promotes the problems and issues of the meat industry - water, soil and land degradation, massive use of fossil fuels and climate destruction etc. what to speak of the torture that animals that are raised for slaughter have to endure.

It is time for our public agencies to stop giving away our natural resources to special interests such as the cattle industry and others and rather, to promote wildlife and the natural environment for future generations. The Tomales Point elk deserve to exist in their natural environment without being imprisoned by fences and other unnatural man-made barriers.

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It is cattle grazing that decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Putting a fence around the elk gives precedence to ranchers and their cattle and is a gross form of speciesism.

For those of us who don't eat animals, this is not a good use of our tax dollars and in fact promotes the problems and issues of the meat industry - water, soil and land degradation, massive use of fossil fuels and climate destruction etc. what to speak of the torture that animals that are raised for slaughter have to endure.

It is time for our public agencies to stop giving away our natural resources to special interests such as the cattle industry and others and rather, to promote wildlife and the natural environment for future generations. The Tomales Point elk deserve to exist in their natural environment without being imprisoned by fences and other unnatural man-made barriers.

**Correspondence ID: 14498**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Kelly Grant

**Correspondence ID: 14499**

Dear sirs;

All too often the interests of cattle ranchers are taken above the rights of wildlife. This is what is happening at Point Reyes. The Tule Elk at Point Reyes have no way to speak up for themselves and their right to be free and have free access to the land that has been their homelands since time immemorial. Cattle ranchers have moved into what had been wild areas and are now taking over the lands that the elk used to graze from. Please consider the right of the wild animals in the area. There are not only elk who live there. There are many other animals who need that land to live. These are park lands that should be limited to the wildlife and those humans who respect them and who also wish to come to visit the lands. Please reconsider letting private interests supersede the rights of the animals and the public interests of those who wish to visit the lands, as well.

Anne Caldwell

**Correspondence ID: 14500**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Jana Kitzyger

**Correspondence ID: 14501**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Please REMOVE THIS FENCE!

**Correspondence ID: 14502**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Stephanie Watters

**Correspondence ID: 14503**

The National Park Services needs to remove the fence that confines Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore because for years the native tule elk have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water.

These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the NPS with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

**Correspondence ID: 14504**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Rich Dandolo

**Correspondence ID: 14505**

Dear Point Reyes National Park Service, and especially Superintendent Craig Kennel,

Thank you for listening to public comments and allowing the public to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the Tule Elk Fence.

Please implement Alternative B and remove the elk fence.

As is already well documented, the public, including myself, and overwhelming in favor of the removal of the lethal Tule Elk fence. Almost half the enclosed, fenced in Tule Elk herd perished excruciating deaths in the last drought, while the non- fenced herds maintained and even grew their numbers. That's all the evidence you need that the fence is killing its prisoners, the Tule Elk.

The elk fence should have been removed long ago. In 1993, the Report of the Scientific Advisory Panel on Control of Tule Elk on Point Reyes National Seashore concluded, “The long-range goal of elk management at PRNS should be the re-establishment of free-ranging elk throughout the seashore and associated public lands. This would involve elimination of exotic cervids and removal of the fence across Tomales Point. [The National Park Service] and [California Department of Fish and Game] should develop a long-range management plan with the goal of achieving a large, healthy, free-ranging elk population subjected to a minimum of management intervention.”

I am opposed to cattle fences as described under Alternative B.

Fences, and cattle operations, are inappropriate in a National Park. The ranchers were paid handsomely for their land and are now tax payer subsidized squatters. Please respect the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation which requires “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Please note that the current ranches are fully modernized commercial operations, and are anything but “historic objects”. The remnants of Piece Point Ranch already adequately fulfills that obligation and intention.

Once the fence is removed, the elk should be allowed to roam freely. Point Reyes is a National Park, not a ranching operation. Hazing and especially culling is completely unacceptable . A



National Park was defined to protect wildlife, for all generations to enjoy. The ranges are polluting, degrading, physically and visually destroying Point Reyes National Park.

In addition, I am an avid kayaker, and am very concerned about the levels of water pollution in Drakes Estero and neighboring public water ways. The pollution levels are well beyond a scientifically acceptable level for both humans and wildlife, and is appalling in a National Park.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please execute Alternative B, and please prioritize wildlife and the public's enjoyment of our National Park over pollution and destruction.

Sincerely, Laura Phillips

San Anselmo, CA

**Correspondence ID: 14506**

Using government lands for ranching is wrong - the native elk are what we need to support and encourage. Our planet is in danger of losing more wild animals to extinction thanks to the horrific management of grazing animals for profit. I am outraged that our national park lands are given away to for-profit ranchers. This is just 100% wrong.

Also, please make the ranchers accountable for the damage and garbage they have polluted our public lands with. You are accountable! Please do the right thing.... you know what it is.

thank you

Leana Lovejoy

A very concerned citizen...

eyes are on you!

**Correspondence ID: 14507**

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCING AND LEAVE THE ELK ALONE!!!!

Why in the world this has been allowed in the first place goes way beyond what National Parks stand for.

Why haven't the Elk been protected? Why have they been allowed to starve to death/be punished by not giving them water????? This goes against anything the National Parks of America stands for.

Why has the Park Service favored cow herds and ranchers over the wild animals who live in the park?????

None of this makes any sense. People from all over the world love to visit Point Reyes and look forward to seeing and hearing the Elk. Why not protect them like you protect the Elephant Seals?????

I visit Pt. Reyes about 6 times a year and love to photograph the wild life out there. Please do the right thing and do your job, Protect animal wild life in the park.

Rosemary Nishikawa

**Correspondence ID: 14508**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd!

**Correspondence ID: 14509**

Elk are wild animals and should be allowed to roam free. Therefore, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the dangerous and deadly fence. Once this fence is removed, there should be no hazing, culling, or harassment; these animals have a right to safe habitat.

I do thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence for fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas.

Overall, I ask you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14510**

Please remove the fence for the poor elk!!

**Correspondence ID: 14511**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 14512**

Dear National Park Service,

I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches. The ranching families were compensated quite well with the understanding they would eventually move off Park Service land.

In addition, I want all private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

I would also like to see the creation and enforcement of regenerative agriculture, with limits as to how many cattle can be raised at any time.

Thank you.

Dave Osborn

**Correspondence ID: 14513**

I am writing to ask that you please tear down the fence confining native tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. Tule elk have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. The National Park Service's choice (NPS) to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land has resulted in the tragic death of 152 elk in 2020 alone.

Tule elk should not be sacrificed for Big AG and meat industry. Please spare tule elk further suffering and tear down the fence.

Thank you for your attention.

**Correspondence ID: 14514**

Please remove the fence, thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 14515**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Joe Vecchi

**Correspondence ID: 14516**

Please remove the 3-mile fence that has native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. They have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a fence erected by the

National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

I would like to point out that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for allowing me to add my voice to protect the native tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14517**

I'm writing to support the concept of enabling tule elk to roam freely in the national seashore. I know there are issues around potential elk overpopulation and I would advocate chiefly to restore natural population control measures (i.e. predators such as cougars) in the seashore. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 14518**

It has been a long time that I have wished and followed the dire situation of the elk in Point Reyes. I am elated to think that finally the fence that constrains the elk will be removed. I hope that cattle will now be either removed completely or impeded to reach the preserve. Re-wilding and restoring are badly needed at this point when biodiversity is in such much trouble. We need to start realizing that we need healthy environments. I hope the National Park Service understands this and acts accordingly.

Thank you for offering the opportunity to comment.

**Correspondence ID: 14519**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please rethink this policy.

**Correspondence ID: 14520**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife, restoring the ecosystem. These elk should also not be subject to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

The least we can do is assiduously try to protect the environment as much as possible, after all the harm people have inflicted on it – to our own ongoing detriment.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park, and cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 14521**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14522**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Nikola zegarac

**Correspondence ID: 14523**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Mariana Martin

**Correspondence ID: 14524**

Wildlife needs to be free - Humans are far from being as intelligent as Nature. Wake UP!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14525**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Casey Joy

**Correspondence ID: 14526**

Dear Mr. Kenkel,

PLEASE remove the fence at the Tule Elk Preserve and go with alternative B.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14527**

I applaud the National Park Service's proposal to finally tear down the 8-foot-high fence at Tomales Point that has led to the death of many tule elk, a species the NPS should have been protecting all along.

The fence led to massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources, while livestock owners, whose cattle help destroy the ecosystem, were given priority. Native wildlife should be the priority of the NPS and the cruelty inflicted by the use of the fencing is unacceptable. Specifically, the National Park Service should use Alternative B in the proposal, known as "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. It is heartening to know the NPS plans to take down the fence. Millions of people thank you.

When the elk fence is removed, the NPS must also ensure that the free-roaming elk are not culled or harassed for any reason. Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes. They need to be ended in order to appropriately honor the charter of the National Seashore. "The maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes is mandated by Point Reyes Enabling Legislation. Additionally, the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Allowing the tule elk to roam free and unharmed will fulfill these directives.

Like millions of people, I ask & urge the NPS to Urge the agency to remove the elk fence so they can protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for helping the tule elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14528**

Remove the fence and stop starving the elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14529**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Protect elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14530**

I support Alternative B because it recommends removing the current elk fence. Even though it's not part of this proposal, I think you will eventually have to phase out the cattle ranches completely, as was intended at the inception of the Seashore. When that happens, the whole area (about 1/3 of the park) will be able to be restored to its natural vegetation, the water in ponds and rivulets that flow to the ocean will be clean, the beaches will be safer without water pollution, the elk will be able to roam freely, new hiking trails can be built and opened throughout the old ranch area, and the visitor experience will be greatly enhanced. I think your partner in this project, the Tribe, will support the long-range goal of restoration of the landscape and elimination of cattle ranches in the National Seashore, as will the general public and nature-loving park visitors.

**Correspondence ID: 14531**

Confining the Elk so they don't have the range they need is morally wrong, the ranchers were given a lease and that has run its course, they need to vacate. The cattle are not native species. And cause all types of damage. The dairy farmers are confining the calves in plastic boxes, how is that OK in a wilderness preserve? Or anywhere for that matter.

**Correspondence ID: 14532**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Karla Morales

**Correspondence ID: 14533**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Josh Beth

**Correspondence ID: 14534**

Wildlife is our responsibility and our tax dollars go toward preserving this.

The fence should be taken down and the elk, that are rare now, which in itself is horrible. Have a fence put up to keep cattle out.

This is a national park and the wildlife safety and keeping them healthy is the responsibility of your department. Visitors want to see wildlife so why would you not want this elk group to flourish?

Take down the fence.

Regards

**Correspondence ID: 14535**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."



Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14536**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 14537**

Protect Point Reyes for wildlife!

**Correspondence ID: 14538**

I agree with Alternative B

Remove the fence. It the Tule Elk roam their natural habitat.

The Tule Elk belong on Pt Reyes Seashore.

What doesn't belong on Pt Reyes Seashore are hundreds of polluting cattle.

We should begin the end of private cattle run on public nature preserves.

**Correspondence ID: 14539**

Hello! I would like to start off by saying how much I appreciate the opportunity to have my voice heard regarding this issue. I am a long time nature and wildlife lover and photographer, and have been visiting PRNS for two decades. The past few years I have been following the elk / cattle issue, and have become an activist myself, participating in peaceful actions and public outreach campaigns. It is overwhelmingly clear that the public at large does not support cattle ranching on National Land. Not only ranching, but private industry of any kind. The cows and ranching practices destroy the land and the ecosystems, and has become a plague to this entire planet. The elk fence has been shown to be detrimental to the wildlife in the reserve, and I have personally witnessed the distress of elk on BOTH sides of the fence. The free ranging elk want to get in, and the elk trapped in the reserve want to get out. They clearly just want to be free to move around and search out new water sources, forage, and mates and companions. The only people who do not see this as a problem are the cattle ranchers and their supporters, who care only about profits and their own selfish interests. Land use is a huge issue in this country right

now, and in the whole world really. Climate change and ecosystem degradation is absolutely out of control, and the public at large deserves for our government leadership to do whatever it takes to rectify this situation. Cattle ranching is massively polluting, as has been proven by countless studies of the water systems not only throughout the world, but at PRNS specifically. Activists have funded their own studies and the results have been astounding. It is time to do what is right, and what the public believes is necessary to protect our National Seashore, and our planet. We want the elk fence removed, as well as ALL other fences within the seashore. We want the cattle operations removed completely, and for no further private industry to be allowed to operate on our national land. The land should be allowed to heal, free of human activity. The animals should be left to be wild, and to travel wherever and whenever they wish. Thank you NPS for taking our comments seriously, and for being willing to do what is right, and what the citizens of this great country want and need for a prosperous future.

**Correspondence ID: 14540**

We are asking you to help the native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. These native animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence put in place by NPS to stop them from grazing nearby seashore land. As a result, they have spent years dying of starvation and a lack of water. This is such a serious problem that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Please remove the fence! It is the right thing to do for our wildlife. We need to protect wildlife, not huge ag lobbies.

**Correspondence ID: 14541**

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE COMFINING THE TOMALES POINT ELK HERD!

CATTLE GRAZING DECIMATES THE ECO SYSTEM AND CONTAMINATES THE WATER SUPPLY WITH FECAL BACTERIA.

PLEASE, PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE CONFINING THE TOMALES POINT ELK HERD. THEY ARE SO BEAUTIFUL!

THANK YOU!

**Correspondence ID: 14542**

Hi,

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Thanks

**Correspondence ID: 14543**

Dear National Park Service,

Please, please remove the fence at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore and allow

The native Tule Elk access. This is a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

As you rightly know, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates water supplies with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please do the right thing for the tule elk.

Regards,

Yu

Laura Paglia

**Correspondence ID: 14544**

Please REMOVE THE FENCE and let the elk roam! Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 14545**

Please free the wild elk. These beautiful creatures need to be free to roam the land that is not privately owned, what little there is left of it. We need to respect wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 14546**

I urge the NPS to remove the fence. Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14547**

I am sick of seeing animals suffering and dying in order to protect Big Business interests. The National Park Service should be more concerned about the welfare of the wildlife in these parks and keep it safe and as natural as possible.

There is just no feasible explanation as to why the Park is supporting this suffering while the cattle grazing being done is a large contributor to the warming of the planet. Regenerative farming is what is needed for raising food in a responsible way.

Please strongly consider the proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

Regards,

Debbie Finney

**Correspondence ID: 14548**

Please consider assisting these animals to survive and not slowly die at your hands.

**Correspondence ID: 14549**

Our American wildlife existed well before we came and took over all nature. We need to give the remaining wildlife that struggles to survive in our state and country a fighting chance.

**Correspondence ID: 14550**

Hello -

Please remove the fence along the Tomales Point peninsula, so that the Tule Elk can roam and find the resources they need to survive and flourish!

Thanks,

Sarah

**Correspondence ID: 14551**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Ken Latham

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Sincerely, Mary Leffelman

**Correspondence ID: 14554**

I am excited to hear that the NPS is seriously considering changes to management of Tomales Point, specifically Alternative B. Tomales Point is one of my favorite places in the world to hike, and I feel strongly that Alternative B is the best plan to optimize the health of the tule elk herd, the plant communities on the point, and the visitor experience. (While I love being only one of a few people on the trail, I have to admit that others should be able to enjoy it more easily, with better parking and bathroom facilities).

While most commenters will probably express concern for the elk – and I also want to see them established as a healthy self-managing population – I was glad to see that Alternative B includes plans to manage non-native plants where possible. Clearly, all of Point Reyes has been heavily impacted by introduced plants, and it would be impossible and unwise to eradicate them all; however, there are some obvious management targets on Tomales Point, and Alternative B would provide for that.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the options, and I hope to see Alternative B emerge as your choice.

Sincerely, Katherine Preston

Mountain View, CA

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Sincerely, Mr. Joseph Wenzel

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 14557**

The Park Service should prioritize native wildlife including Tule Elk in Pt Reyes National Seashore. I urge you to adopt Alternative B "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area", which will remove the fence, allow elk to naturally roam free, support native wildlife, and restore the ecosystem.

Fences are not appropriate for a wilderness area and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife. When the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason in any area of the Park. The Park Service at Pt Reyes has a mandate to ensure "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes", and this includes the Tule Elk.

Thank you for considering these comments.

**Correspondence ID: 14558**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Tami Bennett

**Correspondence ID: 14559**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am voting for removing the fence which is presently confining the Tomales Point elk herd so that the elk can roam free and not die of starvation or lack of water given the unnatural constraints of the fence.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cheryce Fischer, MD

**Correspondence ID: 14560**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tomales Point Area Plan. I support the NPS's proposed action, "Alternative B: Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area (NPS Proposed Action)".

The fencing of the elk is incompatible with the NPS mission and leaves the elk dependent on humans for survival. While eliminating the fence introduces uncertainty in the elk herd's presence and habits, they should be allowed to roam in ways that permit them to thrive using their own instincts if possible.

Active dairies are not essential elements in a national park, and indeed should be discouraged given the high climate cost underlying this type of farming. Cattle should absolutely be limited, if not eliminated, in their ability to range in the national park.

Restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park should be its priority, as well as providing a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches. A wildlife-friendly fence should be constructed to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point once the tall elk-proof fence is removed. Even better, give the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by removing the livestock entirely.

Thank you for your attention.

**Correspondence ID: 14561**

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 14562**

Please remove the fence that is contributing to the starvation and harm caused to Tule Elk and other animals. They need to be preserved in their habitat!!

**Correspondence ID: 14563**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Keeping that fence in place constitutes animal cruelty, especially with the lack of water in the dry season. It's unnatural and contrary to the purposes of a National Park.

Also, keep cattle confined and separate from the free-roaming elk population, for the health of all.

**Correspondence ID: 14564**

I am writing in support of NPS's proposal to remove the elk fencing at Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank you for suggesting that this long-overdue move could serve as a way to correct the grievous wrongs perpetrated against the native tule elk in the area. As you know, the fencing keeps the elk from being able to access food and water, particularly during droughts. With global warming wreaking havoc year after year, drought is ever-more an issue for these animals (and all of us).

I urge NPS to adopt Alternative B: "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." After adoption, the fencing will be removed and the elk can roam free. And those of us who support the National Park Service and its mission can be forever grateful. Indeed, fencing has no place in nature.

Those of us who support the National Park Service and its mission appreciate NPS's willingness to listen to our comments supporting the removal of fencing at Tomales Point. I, and I am certain others, trust that NPS will ensure that once the elk are free to roam that the herd(s) will not be culled nor harassed in any way.

As for the private livestock that can currently be found in Point Reyes, those animals need to be removed. Their existence in the National Seashore is inappropriate. Indeed, existing legislation ensures protection of the natural environment, including not just the land but the wildlife that makes their home there too.

Please move forward with removing the elk fencing so Point Reyes National Seashore's natural ecosystem and the wildlife that plays an important role in that ecosystem can flourish.

**Correspondence ID: 14565**

Please remove the fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) at the Tomales Point peninsula. It is a 3-mile-long fence with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Please remove the fence that prevents the tule elk from grazing. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water so you should not permit cattle grazing. Instead the elk should be grazing there.

**Correspondence ID: 14566**

Save elk

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.



It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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**Correspondence ID: 14568**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Jenna Moore

**Correspondence ID: 14569**

Stop hurting elks

**Correspondence ID: 14570**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 14571**

I add my voice to the groundswell of public support for opening Point Reyes to wildlife and prioritizing their essential wellbeing above commercial livestock operations. The fence has no place on public land where it imperils the population of tule elk. It's time to shift the balance in favor of the peninsula's species and the ecology they rely upon. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14572**

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Point Reyes National Seashore Tule Elk issue. I believe that the area should be managed primarily for the native species found there. I understand that the original dairy herding families are being protected. But the Tule Elk subspecies should be paramount in management actions.

I prefer that you choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Public support has been overwhelming to remove the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you

**Correspondence ID: 14573**

Please save the majestic Tule elk in California. Livestock are not native animals as the elk are & livestock should not be a priority on this land as they damage the ecosystems.

**Correspondence ID: 14574**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Torry McJunkins

**Correspondence ID: 14575**

Point Reyes National Seashore is a National Park intended for conservation efforts and ecosystem restoration, not to enrich ranchers. The last thing we need is more beef. Clearly, someone is paying the NPS off that they would turn their backs on animals that are starving and dying of thirst. This is inexcusable and outrageous. The fences need to come down and the ranchers need to be evicted since the ranchers refuse to coexist with the native wildlife. The Tomales Point herd cannot be "self-sustaining" if they are cut-off from vital resources from fencing. In the meantime, the rancher's cattle get fatter, and the ranch leases are continuously renewed without any regard to the suffering of the elk. Several studies have documented the damage that cattle are doing to this ecosystem including water polluted by E. coli blooms caused by cattle waste and impact to endangered species like the snowy plover, whose nests are destroyed by ravens attracted to cattle feed. Studies also document that cattle have overgrazed nearly a third of the National Seashore. And yet, the NPS caves to the rancher's desire to deliberately kill off the elk by brutally cruel measures. The Point Reyes National Seashore was designated to protect the peninsula from development. Ranching is a destructive

form of development. NPS needs to do their damned job and clear out the cattle to make way for native species, including tule elk, that should be completely restored to the area.

**Correspondence ID: 14576**

Please do something about this immediately!

**Correspondence ID: 14577**

You really need these animals to roam free so they can survive. It is shameful to penned them up.

Sincerely, Jennifer Holmes

**Correspondence ID: 14578**

Dear Point Reyes National Seashore, National Park Service, and U.S. Department of Interior:

Forty-Five years ago, I was the Director of the Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) at Point Reyes National Seashore. The young corpsmembers, YACC staff, and NPS staff were thrilled to see the return of our native tule elk. We were proud to be working for the National Park Service and contributing to the conservation of our public trust resources.

Today, due to the policy and practices of the NPS in choosing commercial ranching over the health and safety of our native species and their habitat, I feel ashamed. The stellar legacy of the NPS that I once respected and even cherished, seems to have gone the way of our world in general - to hold monetary wealth and political power higher than the conservation of our ecological wealth. I am confused and appalled that the NPS allowed the elk to suffer excruciating deaths.

What happened to NPSs mission, "to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations." ? Just words.

Today, I am a retired environmental scientist. My last job was 20 years with the CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife as the supervisor of watershed restoration for the nine county SF Bay Area. I am also a grandmother. My greatest wish is that my grandchildren and all children grow up in a safe, just and humane world. I try to instill in my kids a love of nature and the desire to protect it. Have I taken them to Tomales Point to view the magnificent tule elk ? No. I would not wish to ignore their questions about why there is a fence blocking the free passage of the elk. They are too young to understand politics but not too young to understand animal cruelty. Just like critical race theory and how greed and ignorance during the Industrial Revolution caused climate change, I will one day tell them about the lessons learned from the tule elk controversy at Point Reyes National Seashore and hope that includes the NPS choosing to remove the fence to allow the elk to roam free.

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, NPS, for proposing the alternative to remove the fence. I hope you will discontinue prioritizing cattle ranching over our native species and their habitat and continue to find solutions to fully protect the wildness of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Very Sincerely, Gail Yamamoto Seymour

**Correspondence ID: 14579**

Remove the fence which kills Elks!

**Correspondence ID: 14580**

I've read you are proposing a plan for the removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Please remove this fence in order to let the native elk have access to food and water. The National Park Service needs to support nature, wildlife, and ecosystems -- not Big Ag. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14581**

For years California's largest Tule Elk herd has been confined to an unsustainably small (for the elk) area at the insistence of livestock owners. The confinement of these elk means that the elk are subject to death from thirst and malnutrition. The elk fence at Tomales Point must be removed.

The duty of the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore should be to let the elk roam free. These elk are native wildlife and should be respected as such. Additionally, once the fence is removed, free roaming elk should not be subject to culling or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate at Point Reyes. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area."

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

Mary Lou Rosczyk

**Correspondence ID: 14582**

Take down the fence! Let the Elk survive. Fine the cattle men who destroy the environment and shoot the Elk. No more kulling of wildlife for cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 14583**

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Sincerely, Mr. John Thompson

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss BEATRICE BAILLET

**Correspondence ID: 14587**

Tomales Point grazing belongs to the native animals, not beef or dairy cows.

**Correspondence ID: 14588**

Please remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 14589**

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14590**

On public land the native plants and wildlife need to be given priority over use by private individuals and companies and their domesticated livestock. We are in the midst of the sixth great extinction of animal life on the planet. We need to respect the right of other species to share in the planet's resources and avoid circumstances which create unnecessary stress in their natural habits. In addition, as animal life dwindles, we need to continue to study and learn from other species as to how their current life resulted in response to resolving environmental

challenges in order to survive. We can't benefit from learning about these animals if we have driven them out of existence.

**Correspondence ID: 14591**

Tule Elk deserve more protection than the National Park Service is providing. Cattle are the animals that do not belong. Tear down the fence that keeps the Elk confined and do not allow the Service to kill any Elk.

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**Correspondence ID: 14596**

Your server in the damn,

I'm writing to you to ask you to take down the fence that NPS put up. It is causing the TULE Elk to die from starvation and dehydration in mass numbers. They need to be able to graze the area along the seashore and have availability for water. dying in mass numbers. The fence is preventing them from getting food and water . It is a detriment to the animals in the area These majestic animals, Tule Elk are contained in the Tomales Peninsula in the point reyes national sea shore in our enclosed in a 3 mile fence. Please as soon as possible remove this fence so these animals have the ability to graze the land and obtain water. This is so important to the area of these animals have disability that's a federal government has Denied them.

Thank you for your help and urgent response to healthy zones. If we don't stand up for them and they have no voice and will continue to die needlessly.

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**Correspondence ID: 14601**

Remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 14602**

Please free the tule elk; let wildlife have space; rewild. Enough with animal ag and all the heinous crimes its presence has enacted on sentient beings: wild and domestic. Enough.

**Correspondence ID: 14603**

Hello,

I writing to call on the National Park Service native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore. I have been told that the National Park Service had two missions: Conservation (of nature), and Recreation. Livestock doesn't fall under either of the goals which you are said to uphold, so why are you sacrificing wildlife for it? Nature must be protected and restored as much as possible, because we (humans) rely on biodiversity to keep us healthy.

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area", so that Elk are allowed to access water and food. Fences have no place in protected areas, unless it's to keep them off the highway, while providing underpasses/overpasses for species to access all areas of the park.

Furthermore, Elk should never be subject to hazing or harassment, and should only be culled as an absolute last resort.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely, -Pierce Marks Plikett

Settler on Treaty One Territory, the lands of the Anishinabeg, Assiniboine, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis. I acknowledge the harms of the past and present and commit to a spirit of truth, respect, reconciliation, and collaboration.

P.S. I am a Canadian, but I feel I should have a say here since we share the same continent. Nature knows no borders.

**Correspondence ID: 14604**

Dear Park Service Members:

This is to strongly urge you to remove the elk fence! Fences are totally inappropriate in any wildlife designated area, particularly a National Park! I find it a form of cruelty to confine wild animals to a given territory, possibly limiting their sources of food and water. It is the cattle operations which are not natural to the area. Please free the elk and do not allow any harassment of these animals. Please be champions for native wildlife!

Thank you for your time.

Patty Gashlin

**Correspondence ID: 14605**

Our public lands were never meant to be exploited for profit by cattle ranchers. They are intended as places for native wildlife to roam free - not for overgrazing by cattle. If the ranchers don't like it - tell them to get off the peoples' land and go somewhere else. I'm tired of public lands being misused for commercial purposes. It's the Tule elk that need to be protected, not the cows.

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**Correspondence ID: 14608**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Allow the National Park Service to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd and allow for grazing and water access. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 14609**

Must we push every living creature off of the face of the earth at the influence of the livestock industry?

I think not!

We are driving so many living creatures into extinction, including the human race.

For these reasons I have not eaten beef for many years and encourage others to do the same.

Thank you.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue. I hope to better and help restore the environment through this letter. Thank you.

Sincerely, Olivia Auld

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Sincerely, Ms jeannie lee

**Correspondence ID: 14613**

I fully support and greatly encourage the NPS to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 14614**

I strongly support removing the fence that traps native tule elk inside Tomales Point. Too many

have died as a result of starvation. Please take it down and allow them to graze the land by the shore. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14615**

FREE the point Reyes elk and protect the area for wildlife, not grazing.

**Correspondence ID: 14616**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd, which would help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

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Sincerely, Mrs. bernadette cuellar

**Correspondence ID: 14619**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, for listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from the Point Reyes National Seashore. Wildlife fences restricting animals to very limited natural resources (especially as a percentage of the park size) are inappropriate in wilderness. We believe that cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals in any national park. The park is one of the more remarkable natural resources near a major urban population center in the United States and should be turned fully to recreation.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable by any excuse.

Once the elk fence is removed, the elk to roam freely. Steps should be taken to allow the elk to roam without the risks of hazing, culling, or harassment for any reason. Plans must be drawn to gradually remove ranching, focusing first on dairy ranching, from all PRNS park lands.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Ranching operations take make or advantage of immigrant populations and are clear non-competitive contributions to the dairy industry production. Remove all subsidies for all ranching operations that artificially support them against the efficiencies of the dairy industry.

**Correspondence ID: 14620**

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Sincerely, Robin Jacobson

**Correspondence ID: 14621**

I am sick of responding to one national park issue after another when it comes to wildlife. Parks are for wildlife--NOT FOR CATTLE!



The Tule Elk should be protected and that should be a major item for the management of the park. People come there to see wide open spaces and wildlife. No one goes there to see cattle.

Protect the Elk and not the cattle!

**Correspondence ID: 14622**

The American people STRONGLY SUPPORT PROTECTING ECOSYSTEMS -- and protecting habitat for species naturally living there!!!

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B -- the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area" option! This will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free -- as Mother Nature intended!!!

I'm glad you are listening to the public. OVERWHELMINGLY, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT YOUR AGENCY TO PROTECT HABITAT for the indigenous species in each ecosystem!!!

Cattle are an "invasive species," so do NOT prioritize them over the species that Mother Nature wants to live in their own ecosystems!!!

PROTECT FREE-ROAMING ELK from any and all abuses, including culling, hazing or harassment.

STOP CATTLE OPERATIONS in Point Reyes anywhere affected by the National Seashore.

THANK YOU for PRACTICING GOOD SCIENCE and RESISTING commercial pressures.

**Correspondence ID: 14623**

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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**Correspondence ID: 14624**

The Tule Elk are victims of the ranching and slaughter industry. We, the taxpayers are being robbed by supporting not wildlife and the environment as we intend, but procuring yet another

subsidy we do not agree with. Government agencies are proving that they simply obey to the most intimidating, boisterous, and destructive of industries.

For wildlife and Nature and against kowtowing government agencies and their masters, the ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 14625**

I urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence currently in place at Point Reyes National Seashore in order for the native wildlife to naturally roam free as part of the purpose of the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation. Private livestock operations have taken priority over the area, with the fencing resulting in the death of native wildlife unable to reach food and water. I believe the preferred option is called "Alternative B"

Thank you for all you do to provide the public access to be able to enjoy all that "we the people" have been given the responsibility to protect and care for.

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Sincerely, Dr. Mario AGUILAR

**Correspondence ID: 14627**

I urge you to take the following into consideration when finalizing the proposed plan:

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." Removal of the fence and allow elk to roam freely and get the food and water they need.

Removing the elk fence will protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Free-roaming elk need to be left alone (no culling, hazing or harassment for any reason).

It is imperative to prioritize native wildlife instead of cattle.

Private cattle operations are not appropriate in Point Reyes and their presence is contrary to the The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation which mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” .

Thank you

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Janet Mayer

**Correspondence ID: 14630**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B: “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Cruelly confining elk in the wilderness, especially in a national park, resulting in mass suffering and death from starvation and dehydration is abominable and in total contradiction of the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

The Park Service should not prioritize non-native cattle over native wildlife. It is long overdue for private cattle ranchers, not U.S. taxpayers, to foot their own costs for protecting, watering, and feeding their cattle. They are already receiving more than ample government subsidies for cattle feed and natural disaster impacts to make this possible without jeopardizing their obscene profits..

I implore the The National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk should not be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason!

**Correspondence ID: 14631**

TO: Point Reyes NPS Administrator

RE: Tule Elk protection in NPS Plan

I write as a concerned citizen previously stationed at Letterman Army Medical Center and lived in Marin County. I visited Tomales Bay and the Point Reyes areas many times as did many of my Army colleagues. The scenic beauty and wildlife were awesome, therapeutic and rejuvenating with a sense of wonder and gratitude for our fellow beings on this Earth.

The Tule Elk have a special association with that land and should be allowed to roam freely in that area without fencing or disruption to their freedom in that ecosystem to which they play a significant role.

The Park Service must work with the ranchers and vice versa to protect the elk herds not eliminate them in lieu of cattle. The elk provide much more “wealth” than the cattle ranchers realize. Our human consumption of beef is diminishing and we are recognizing the destructive aspects of cattle grazing, pollution and other detrimental occurrences wit raising cattle.

Please protect and provide for open rangeland for the Tule Elk in your planning.

Thank you for your service.

**Correspondence ID: 14632**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Janet Denti

**Correspondence ID: 14633**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes by removing the fence to let the elk roam free to find food and water, nature needs our help more than ever before. The natural world is in crisis and anything we can do to help should be done without question, this fence is only beneficial to livestock owners, whose cattle are destroying the ecosystem, please take the fence down Tomales Point.

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Sincerely, Miss Janet M Denti

**Correspondence ID: 14637**

"The land of the free and the home of the brave" means four legged animals and winged birds as well as human beings. Honor that motto. Ruth Becker

**Correspondence ID: 14638**

Let the wildlife have their homes. Stop, fencing them out! Don't put animals on their land so that you can butcher them and eat them. That's just sick!

**Correspondence ID: 14639**

Stop fencing out the wildlife from their homes. Stop putting poor animals on the land that you're going to butcher and consume!

**Correspondence ID: 14640**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Patricia Fleetwood

**Correspondence ID: 14641**

It is so important to prioritize restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park. It is crucial to provide a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches. A wildlife-friendly fence could be built to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point once the elk-proof fence is taken out.

**Correspondence ID: 14642**

Please remove the fence!! Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water!!

**Correspondence ID: 14643**

I write to express my UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ELK FENCE within the Point Reyes National Seashore. While I appreciate there are many conflicting views about this issue and that good people can disagree on important issues, the bottom line is that the elk, as a native species, have a right to thrive. The mass die offs we have seen because of drought and limited grazing due to the fence is deleterious to their health and stability as a local native species.

**Correspondence ID: 14644**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Nancy Crider

**Correspondence ID: 14645**

Don't let them starve.

**Correspondence ID: 14646**

Please let the elk roam free and let them live the lives they deserve. Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Please do the right thing!

**Correspondence ID: 14647**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Carol Swing

**Correspondence ID: 14648**

The NPS has to stop catering to all the business interests around Point Reyes and treat the National Park like a National Park. Leave the Elk alone!!

Choose Alternative B.

**Correspondence ID: 14649**

Restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park should be a priority.

Providing a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches is a must. A wildlife-friendly fence could be constructed to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point once the tall elk-proof fence is removed. Better yet, give the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by removing the livestock entirely.

**Correspondence ID: 14650**

Hello,

Please National Park Service, take down any fences that are hemming the elk in, and let them have freedom in their home.



Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14651**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Erin Lamparter

**Correspondence ID: 14652**

If Alternative B dismantles the Elk Reserve fence then I'm 100% for Alternative B.

National Seashore Parks should definitely be for natural nature, wildlife, Native American history & for national & international lovers of pristine unpolluted parkland NOT park destroying, polluting cattle ranches.

Thank You.

Scott Young

**Correspondence ID: 14653**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Analise McNeill

**Correspondence ID: 14654**

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Elk/Fence.

I have a few thoughts that should be considered.

\* One, that a decision was made and the vocal few has caught the ear of the Park service. Discussing again?

\* Looking back, this plan to introduce elk was deemed to fail from the onset. Creating a situation with no predators, the caring capacity/food chain at point ryes would be stressed in a short period of time (movies are made ion this subject).

\* Who should manage the wildlife? Park service or fish and game? Thus if you remove the fence then the become the responsibility of fish and game? How will the numbers be managed based on the local caring capacity? Introduction of predators, hunting like other parts of the state, or hire killer?

The concern in the beginning was the transmission “ brucellosis” to the neighboring cattle. Is this not a concern anymore? Is there an opportunity to finally put this concern to the rest?

Based on the above, I feel the heritage/history of cattle in this area should stay. I also feel it is a waste to have government shooters killing these elk or really anything creators.

Thanks

**Correspondence ID: 14655**

Allow the elk to roam freely, as they need to do so in order to make full use of their habitat.

**Correspondence ID: 14656**

The National Park Service should be protecting the parks land & animals, what are you waiting for? Don't let another innocent animal die because of your interference with the fencing!

**Correspondence ID: 14657**

I am very supportive of removing the barrier fence to allow the Tule Elk herd in Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore to graze on more land. I have visited the area frequently and am familiar with the ecosystem.

The current cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please remove the fence permamently.

Anastasia Hopkinson

**Correspondence ID: 14658**

To: National Park Service

From: Eburn Adelona

RE Point Reyes Point Elk

Dear national Park Service

The elk have a right to live and roam free in the National Park. They were there before Cattle and other domesticated animals of private cattle operations. These private operations should be ended to honor the National Seashore charter. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment. The elk maintain the natural environment, the cattle don't. They destroy the ecosystem. How is it that the National Park Service is not protecting national park lands so that they can be enjoyed for their scenery, natural and historic objects and the very important wildlife. National Park lands should be unimpaired for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Please remove the elk fence which can cause the elk to die of thirst and malnutrition in a national park! Please protect them from culling, hazing or harassment. I urge you to choose Alternative B called Unconfined Elk herd and Pierce Rance Core Area so that the elk can roam free.

Thank you for Listening to the public voice supporting the removal of the Elk Fence.

Sincerely, Eburn Adelona PhD

**Correspondence ID: 14659**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please, remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14660**

I am in favor of Alternative B: Unconfined Elk herd and Pierce Ranch core area.

The Point Reyes National Seashore is a beautiful place to visit. Feeling that we're a part of the natural flora and fauna is one of the most amazing things about the experience. Merely walking

around and observing nature as it should be is enough to decrease blood pressure and decompress, if even for only a few days.

When humans change the habitat of wild animals, we do our best to try to manage them to the best of our ability. But nature has its own way of regulating itself. It is well known that if humans can get out of the way, nature will take care of itself. Wild animals should not be dependent on humans having to truck water/minerals in for them, and they can and should manage themselves, which will in turn, help manage the land. They know what they need and where to get it, and are able to manage themselves much better than any human organization, even with our best efforts. Please remove the fence and allow the elk to graze and water themselves as well as the land they inhabit, so we humans can continue to enjoy it as nature intended.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 14661**

I am forwarding this comment to you - the National Park Service - to voice my position in that you remove the Elk Fence at the Point Reyes National Seashore. This fence unnecessarily prohibits the elk herd from keeping to their natural movement which directly translates to poorer health of the herd as well as degraded quality of the composition of the land and entire ecosystem. I strongly support the position that you adopt Alternative B - Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Cove Area - in the options proposed.

Keeping what should be a migratory herd behind a fence is poor wildlife management and contradictory to the vision and legal projection this sanctuary is to be. Time has come for the NPS to perform its fiduciary responsibility here - work to re-establish the health of this unique ecosystem which has been devastated by continued exploitation by decades of over-grazing by the far-reaching cattle and dairy industry. This degradation has not only severely damaged the landscape, but also imperials the quality of the bordering aquatic environment from fecal and agricultural runoff.

Again, this fence needs to be removed. Hysterical arguments about the potential spread of disease by too close commingling of elk and cattle have no evidence to support this claim. In light of legality and logic - if that is the case, then get rid of the cattle in the PRNS. I have driven vast stretches of wilderness where elk are free to roam and do not encounter problems on the roadway. If you anticipate or need to plan for such instances, then lower and enforce the speed limit and educate drivers to this possibility. Emphasize that this area is a National Seashore and a continuation of the highway.

The elk need to freely roam to meet the needs of their diet and well-being. It is your responsibility with their re-introduction to the PRNS to let them do so. Let all elk there - and not only some - traverse the land to find what they need and not fence them out of prime resource areas because of powerful commercial interests. I visit this area to see the wildlife - not to see cattle standing on a mowed-down, barren landscape that looks more like the San Joaquin Valley than rolling hills just above the Pacific Ocean. On the occasions when I hike around the Limantour Hostel and down to Limantour Beach and see the majestic and beautiful Tule Elk bellowing and grazing along the hillsides - this scene is the beautiful success story I think visitors should witness, as well as, what those involved in drafting this national preserve envisioned. Seeing the segregation of higher-tiered cattle interests over fenced-in, indigenous Tule Elk is a perversion of the intent of the vision of the National Seashore.

Richard Cerri

**Correspondence ID: 14662**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Best,

Kristin

**Correspondence ID: 14663**

To: NPS

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Please let the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14664**

I support the alternative that removes the elk fence and allows the herd to roam freely. Restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park should be a priority for the NPS. A connectivity corridor for wildlife to pass thru the ranches is imperative. After the tall elk-proof fence is dismantled and removed, a wildlife-friendly fence could be constructed to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point. That said, cattle are all over public lands, where they do not belong. Invasive non-natives, cattle are ecological misfits in the West. Consequently, their foraging habits are extremely destructive to native ecosystems and precious water sources. There is no reason that we should sacrifice our wildlife and natural treasures for the sake of commercial livestock interests on public lands. The best course of action is to give the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by removing the livestock entirely.

**Correspondence ID: 14665**

Please NPS, tear down that fence!! It is long past time that the Tule Elk, who barely survived extinction once, such a vulnerable species still today, should be held captive!....you should be getting rid of all the polluting cow herds, not the wildlife!!

Plan B alternative seems like the only plan which has the potential to offer more protections for the area and the wildlife although I'm not sure I favor encouraging more visitor traffic based on some of the proposed 'improvements' .. I don't think more camping should be encouraged either.

Plan C looks like it will end in disaster for the Elk.. take away the current water sources but leave the fence up? No!! I guarantee it will fail to provide adequate protection for them, ultimately.

Please, please.. please...choose the only sensible plan B !!

Thank you for doing the right thing

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**Correspondence ID: 14666**

NPS Take down the fence - TOMALES POINT AREA PLAN

**Correspondence ID: 14667**

Tear down the fence, let the elk roam like they are meant to.

**Correspondence ID: 14668**

Dear NPS - Please allow this fence to be taken down, ASAP. We are losing so many rare animals, and so much of our land to developers, hunters and ranchers. These Tule elk are magnificent, and to allow them to be shot for someone's pleasure or to continue to be bowed in is just sickening. Groups like your's do a lot of great things, so help us help the Tule elk and take down the fence. There is more than enough land for ranchers and hunters. Thank you for your consideration in this matter - Sincerely - Merrie Durbano

**Correspondence ID: 14669**

I urge the National Park Service to remove the fence and help prevent the needless deaths of Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14670**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Leslie Billings

**Correspondence ID: 14671**

Please listen to our concerns and remove the fence. Animals are dying!

**Correspondence ID: 14672**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Cece Smith

**Correspondence ID: 14673**

Stop kowtowing to livestock owners! Free the Tule elk by removing the fatal fence and allowing elk to naturally roam free, and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. It is unethical to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, particularly in a national park. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should not be allowed.

**Correspondence ID: 14674**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Ana-Paula Martins-Fernandes

**Correspondence ID: 14675**

Remove the fence and let the Elk graze. They are starving.

**Correspondence ID: 14676**

Protect tule elk!! I am urging the NPS to remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

The elk are starving. Remove the fence now!

**Correspondence ID: 14677**

Free the elk

**Correspondence ID: 14678**

I am a frequent visitor to the Point Reyes area and I strongly support keeping the lands free of cattle! The Tule Elk and other wildlife BELONG there; cattle do not. I oppose leasing out formerly pristine areas of public land to private individuals so that they can make a profit and in the process, destroy the natural habitat and ability of native species to survive. Please save Point Reyes!

**Correspondence ID: 14679**

We support Alternate C which allows the Park to maintain the Elk Fence and actively manage its population. Secondly, we want to ensure that NPS considers the effects of alternatives on areas outside of the Tomales Point planning area, specifically the areas covered in the General Management Plan and 1998 Tule Elk Management Plan. Lastly, we support the creation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this rulemaking after the EA is complete.

**Correspondence ID: 14680**

I hope that NPS will consider doing the right thing for our environment and the future of animals that depend upon the area in Point Reyes National Seashore for their lives. It's time to end the freebies given to a few select ranchers and consider the good of the general public. Please make sure that we promote the survival of the Tule Elk and other creatures that depend upon us. You hold the power to their survival and well being, please use it wisely. Our descendants are counting on you.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14681**

It is absolutely outrageous that the National Parks Service (NPS) is restricting native tule elk to habitat that is insufficient to sustain them during drought. This practice must end immediately. NPS's mandate is to protect wildlife and habitat for all Americans and for the future. Not to cordon off keystone species from sufficient landmass to provide required sustenance, providing no replacement food to prevent starvation is outrageous.

As you well know, due to Federal corruption, for years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by NPS with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone!

All this in favor of the enrichment at public expense of a small, select group of ranchers, depleting public lands, ruining ecosystems, and squandering massive amounts of water, to unjustly enrich themselves. Cattle ranching on public lands must be minimized.

Please act now to reverse the impact of past corruption and protect public land. Remove the fence immediately and restrict invasive cattle grazing on public lands.

**Correspondence ID: 14682**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,



I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Hilda Estrada

**Correspondence ID: 14683**

Please remove the fence and quit killing wildlife that are just trying to BE. Access to water should not be obstructed

**Correspondence ID: 14684**

Please protect the elk. Do not let cattle destroy elk.

**Correspondence ID: 14685**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Doris Oldham

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Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Linda Ryan

**Correspondence ID: 14687**

I would like to register my support for Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area". Fences are not appropriate within wilderness areas, particularly when they cause harm to native species.

Private cattle operations are not compatible with national parks. Ranching interests have many options other than use of the park, and should not be prioritized. If anything, their usage is destructive to all other park purposes.

Please remove the elk fence, and restore the ecosystem to its natural state.

Thanks for accepting my official comment.

**Correspondence ID: 14688**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Agnieszka Tierney

**Correspondence ID: 14689**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

I support Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to follow through and remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14690**

Please take down the fence and free the elks to be able to live their natural lives without interference and limitation from humans. This is a life and death situation. They deserve life.

**Correspondence ID: 14691**

Having read many documents, I am distressed regarding the condition of the Pt Reyes Elk. I support the removal of the current fence and request a response to my message. Thank You, Tom Kowalski

**Correspondence ID: 14692**

Please protect the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore! The eight-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point must be taken down. Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal fence so as to allow elk to naturally roam free.

Please stop trying to mollify the livestock industry! Its members will never be satisfied, and trying to appease them will only result in the loss of this species.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 14693**

Please allow the tule elk to feed at Tomales Point. Take down the fence.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14694**

U Must listen toPETA& LET THEM ROAM so no more die a slow death

**Correspondence ID: 14695**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Meghan Schuessler

**Correspondence ID: 14696**

The Park Service needs to take the fence down and let the elk roam free. It is terrible that you are willing to let so many elk starve to death. The elk are not the problem. Cattle grazing is a problem - they decimate ecosystems, contaminate the water supply with fecal bacteria, spread invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. In addition, the over consumption of beef negatively affects people's health. Let's help the environment by letting the elk roam free and graze.

**Correspondence ID: 14697**

As a local resident and nature enthusiast, I urge you to choose Alternative B: for the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam freely in their natural habitat.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate within wilderness areas when they imprison and punish the native species. The Park Service should never prioritize cattle over native wildlife because it is cruel and derogatory to the wilderness that the National Park represents.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14698**

Please remove the fence restricting elk. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 14699**

I am urging the NPS to remove the fence.

I would like to remind you that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

This plan would include removal of the fence that is confining the Tomales Point elk herd. This is a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 14700**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Lynn Anderson

**Correspondence ID: 14701**

Please consider removing fences that confine the Tomales Point Tule elk herd. This herd needs access to food, water and land.

The cattle that supposedly benefit from this fencing also impact the herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 14702**

Please remove livestock fences from Point Reyes for the sake of wild migratory animals that need to cross there.

**Correspondence ID: 14703**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I have long been concerned about the fate of the Tule elk. I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mary Rooker

**Correspondence ID: 14704**

I'm calling upon the NPS to remove the fence that is confining the Tule Elk at Tomales Point. The 3-mile fence was erected by the NPS to prevent the elk from grazing in nearby farms. 152 elk died of hunger in 2020 because they were caged in and unable to feed themselves.

I'd like to take this opportunity to state that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease and wastes massive amounts of water.

These elk are a treasure and have the right to roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Please remove the fence.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14705**

Regarding Point Reyes National Seashore and managing the tule elk herd, we are requesting that the National Park Service choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 14706**

Protect the elk - not the cattle

**Correspondence ID: 14707**

Please prioritize protection of Tule Elk and their habitat over livestock. It is essential to protect this national treasure of the Point Reyes area and prioritize keeping the area as close to its natural habitat as possible, and protect and/or return native species to the area.

**Correspondence ID: 14708**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Chris Carreon

**Correspondence ID: 14709**

I spend a great deal of time exploring and enjoying our wild public lands. I've spent the last 30 years roaming about the American West, camping and hiking. I firmly believe we should give our public lands the highest protections possible. In an era of expanding climate and biodiversity crises, we should prioritize the endemic species so we can keep them into our uncertain future.

So I write to urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." I believe the NPS should remove the problematic fence and allow elk to roam free. The elk were there first, so their needs should come first. I believe the public support for removing the fence is far stronger than the voices encouraging the NPS to leave it in place. Besides the obvious fact that fences are a violation of the spirit of the Wilderness Act.

In many of my travels, especially in the public lands of our awesome Western United States, the worst impact on public lands is from cattle. Especially in our drier areas, like my southwest, I have personally walked through areas of devastation the cattle leave behind. One of the many reasons I stopped eating beef is because of seeing the degradation of our public landscapes from cattle operations. It's maddening to me that any agency committed to preservation of open space would move wildlife aside so cattle could graze. Private cattle operations are inappropriate for Point Reyes, as well as any other protected area. The Organic Act states unequivocally that the National Park Service should "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and WILDLIFE (emphasis mine) in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Future generations will be able to see plenty of cattle in places other than protected public lands. Cattle are not threatened or endangered. Future generations should also be able to see Point Reyes Elk and other endemic species, which to me makes the choice of the NPS quite easy.

I strongly urge you to remove the elk fence and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife. I further urge you, once the cattle are removed, to restore the ecosystem.

I thank you for taking the time to consider my comments and appreciate the good work you do for our shared public lands.

**Correspondence ID: 14710**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs Jean Stidham

**Correspondence ID: 14711**

Dear National Park Service,

I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

Laurence Allen

**Correspondence ID: 14712**

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Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14713**

Please choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas.

Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14714**

The Point Reyes Tule Elk have been around for years and should be given precedence over cattle. We cannot fence in wild, native species just so that the ranching industry can make a buck by taking over wild land. Free the Point Reyes Tule Elk and give them room to move and do not allow any killing if they get off the park land.

**Correspondence ID: 14715**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14716**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Laura McCann

**Correspondence ID: 14717**

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I thank the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

In closing please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Patricia Dishman

**Correspondence ID: 14718**

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In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14719**

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14720**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tomales Point Area Plan.

It is now time to remove the Tule Elk fence that has kept the elk imprisoned to an inadequate area in the Pt Reyes National Seashore. The results have been devastating with hundreds of unnecessary elk deaths.

I ask you to please execute Alternative B, and remove the elk fence.

With the removal of the fence please ensure cattle do not enter the wilderness area once the fence is removed. Better yet, it is now time to remove the cattle from these public lands. The ranchers have overstayed their original lease agreement and the land should be maintained for the purpose of public access.

Please increase public access, use and enjoyment with new trails, camping, and other activities that integrate the planning area into a park wide trail network. When the cattle are removed, remove all fences as they are inappropriate in a wilderness and immediately begin the work needed to restore the land damaged by cattle ranching.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Tomales Point Area Plan.

**Correspondence ID: 14721**

Build a Rain Catcher Tank to help supply water for Elk to drink.

\*\* Run the tractor with the round spikes attached on steel wheel over #3 miles of fenced area with a grass seed feeder behind the tractor as it moves.

**Correspondence ID: 14722**

To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider a solution that both preserves the elk as well as the dairy farms that have been here in West Marin for so long. These dairy farms are using best practices, creating jobs, and provide local, organic, pasture raised dairy for our community. The dairy farms in the Point Reyes National Seashore are a part of our local heritage and food security.

Thank you.

Bodhi Cole

**Correspondence ID: 14723**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. please take respincible actions! Remove the fence.

**Correspondence ID: 14724**

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Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

It truly is past time for the dairy ranches to leave and allow the elk to return. It is a disgrace seeing what the cows have done to the land in the park. GET RID OF THE COWS ONCE AND FOR ALL AND FREE THE ELK!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 14725**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Kim Davis

**Correspondence ID: 14726**

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Sincerely, Carmen Plummer

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For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. So please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk he elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 14729**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for Tule elk by Sept 25th and allow them to roam free (Alternative B). in support of Alternative B! These elk already are facing enough of a threat from climate change, thirst, and malnutrition — they need all the support they can get! These elk must be protected in a manner that protects that population's health, safety and ecological integrity. I am commenting to take care of the future for the tule elk herd, which has been one of the main focal points for management of the seashore especially with the die-offs in the recent drought years. Do what's right for this beautiful herd!

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Sincerely, carole bulger

**Correspondence ID: 14731**

To Whom it may Concern:

I wish to thank the Point Reyes National Seashore for considering input from a full-time Inverness resident and homeowner who is invested in making sure that our way of life continues. The consequences of taking down the elk fence and not managing the herd, as outlined in Option B, the park's preferred alternative, could devastate not just the 13 remaining ranches in the park but also those of us who live outside the park. Here I will outline the potential devastating impacts on wildfire danger, the local community, ecosystems, park visitors and the rest of the park's historic ranches.

1. Wildfire danger. If land stewardship by the ranchers is terminated, we could see major fires that will threaten those of us who live in Inverness and beyond. The ranchlands helped prevent the recent Woodward fire in the park from turning into a fire storm in the fall of 2020. To quote a CBS news report: "Ninety households along Silver Hill Road were told to evacuate last night. An additional 2,700 homes in Bolinas, Inverness Park, Inverness, Seahaven and Olema are all under evacuation warnings."

The Vision fire in 1995 destroyed 45 homes mostly due to a lack of access by defunct ranch roads and unmanaged tree and brush overgrowth. If the park releases the fenced elk and the ranches shut down as they have warned would happen, trails and lands will become overgrown and fire prone and will eventually lack the aesthetic of ocean views as can be evidenced in other unmanaged areas of the Park.

Homeowners insurance is already hard to get, and many people have to resort to the FAIR Plan provided by the state. If homes burn, they will very likely be uninsurable in the future, and the insurance they do have wouldn't cover the replacement. Not to mention trying to buy a new home in this highly inflated housing market.

2. Elk expansion outside the park. If ranchlands cease to be stewarded by ranchers, it will only take about a year for the forage to become poor. Where will the elk go next? I worry that they will invade our yards and gardens. In a residential setting, these animals pose a danger to young children and adults, as well as pets, including territorial dogs who might go after them. The free-ranging herds are already invading park ranches, destroying fencing and irrigation systems and even goring cattle. Just imagine what they could do to our property, our children and our pets.

3. Out of balance ecosystems. If the Tomales Point herd is released into the pastoral zone, they will eventually become overpopulated and lead to an imbalanced ecosystem. Grassland has its own diverse flora and fauna and even threatened and endangered species. It is a perfect habitat for carbon sequestration and pollination. It is also the perfect ecosystem to mitigate fire and provide quality forage for both elk and cows.

Elk de-grade and erode soils by pulling bushes and grasses out of the ground. By contrast, cattle cut the grasses with their tongues, leaving the roots in the ground to continue to grow and reseed. Elk also trample rare and native plants, and destroy habitat for deer and other animals that compete for grassland.

Unmanaged, the elk will pollute our waters, as they will not be fenced off from riparian areas as cattle are. Pollution by fecal bacteria from deer, foxes, coyotes and bobcats has already been documented.

The elk's only natural predator in our area is the mountain lion. But there are not enough mountain lions to cull the herd, and they may prefer easier prey. The only other predators are grizzly bears, wolves and ourselves. Yet human culling of sick, weak or injured elk is not a popular solution.

4. Impacts to park visitors. An unchecked elk population will cause traffic jams and accidents as seen in places like Yellowstone National Park, where cars stop in the middle of the road to take

pictures of wildlife. Elk can cause serious injury to tourists who do not keep a respectful distance, particularly during the rut.

Trails in the park could become impassable or overgrown, making the rescue of stranded tourists very difficult.

5. Impacts on ranches. The park's elk are infected with Johne's disease and can spread it to cattle. They eat organic forage meant for cows, thereby interfering with ranches' abilities to meet their organic certification requirements. Dairy cows can't milk to their potential if their udders have been stabbed by elk's sharp horns.

6. Impacts on housing and community. Losing the ranches will diminish affordable housing in the area and the jobs provided by the ranchers. Our area will only be a tourist destination, which will greatly diminish our cultural and economic diversity. It is important to have more than one industry in a community. We will also see the loss of additional service-industry jobs provided by the families who live on the ranches. Furthermore, losing the ranches will also greatly affect our local schools, which are small to begin with. When a fourth-generation rancher recently retired his ranch, we saw a reduction in school enrollment.

7. Impact on food production. The park ranches bring sustainable and organic food production, which is one of our basic necessities. Shockingly, only about 1 percent of our food is grown domestically and the rest is imported, and not as highly regulated. The park ranches make up about 17 percent of agriculture in Marin County and 30 percent of Marin's dairy production. Albert Straus, an organic dairyman who sources his milk from three of the dairies on Point Reyes, states that if the elk fence comes down, we will not have any ranches or dairy operations left in the park.

The plan most appealing to me is Alternative C. The elk fence would remain intact, and the elk would be culled but not exterminated. Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria would work with the park on management. As others have suggested, some elk could be relocated to the Philip Burton Wilderness Area. This would neither interfere with local residential areas nor ranching.

The park may have to think outside the box to create a win-win for everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Richards, full-time resident and homeowner,

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**Correspondence ID: 14732**

Free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14733**

It always amazes me how colonialism has impacted the lives of others, both human and non-human, who were on these lands before European settlers. Not only were Native Americans displaced, but the native elk as well, first hunted to near extinction, and now trapped behind unnatural fences that support a non-native species that contribute to climate change, the destruction of ecosystems, and loss of wildlife.

Public opinion has been made clear that upon reflection, the majority of people feel that what we have done has been wrong. The fences that trap this noble species of animal are wrong and need to come down. Why do we continue to protect the commercial interests of a few people at the cost of the lives of wildlife and ecosystems? Why does money always win out at the end?

I hope the NPS will do the right thing by taking down the fences and, as quickly as possible, remove the true contaminants -- the dairies -- from the public lands that should be returned to nature and the public to enjoy.

**Correspondence ID: 14734**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 14735**

Please remove the fence blocking the elk from their natural range, which has caused them to die of starvation and thirst. It's unacceptable to block wild animals from their wilderness and

instead promote cattle herding on the lands. After removing the fence, please make sure the elk are protected from harassment, culling, etc. Not only will this help the elk, but it will create a more natural and welcoming place for people to visit. Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14736**

Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 14737**

Please NPS remove the fence.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you in advance for your efforts.

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Sincerely, Ms. Teri Duchac

**Correspondence ID: 14739**

Dear National Park Service,

I am writing to strongly support the proposed removal of the fence that confines the Tule elk herd to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. This move is essential to ensure the elk's well-being and to address environmental concerns associated with cattle grazing.

The current situation, with elk dying from starvation and water scarcity, is untenable and heartbreaking. The fence's removal is not just an ethical choice; it also benefits the ecosystem by promoting ecosystem health (Tule elk are integral to the region's ecological balance), water quality by reducing cattle grazing and by reducing the risk of spreading invasive species and diseases. Limiting cattle farming conserves water resources.

Prioritizing native wildlife and the ecosystem's health over commercial interests aligns with the National Park Service's mission. Please support the fence's removal to allow Tule elk to thrive and contribute to Point Reyes National Seashore's beauty.

Sincerely, Constance Olivier

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We have already lost over 50% of the world's biodiversity in my lifetime. Please let's try and keep what we still have before it's too late... for nature as well as for us!

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**Correspondence ID: 15104**

Put animals and their habitat over profits.

**Correspondence ID: 15105**

You can't decently let these living breathing creatures starve to death. This is not moral and ethical. Do something please to allow them to have a decent life. They deserve a life. They only have one life just like us.

**Correspondence ID: 15106**

Please remove the fence! Elk should roam free and live the life they deserve. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

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I strongly urge the National Park Service to remove the fencing at Tomales Point Reserve that is currently restricting the range of the resident Tule elk such that they are suffering from access to critical grazing areas, etc. These beautiful creatures were there on that land long before us humans and deserve to live freely, sustainably and healthily.

Fencing is restrictive ecologically and is having dire consequences.

I grew up in California and consider myself so fortunate to be able to observe the wildlife in the Point Reyes National Seashore area over the years. Tule Elk are a critical part of the biodiversity in the area but sadly are a dwindling species in this massively overdeveloped, overvisited state of California. I only recently left California largely due to the destruction I see happening to my native home thanks to human overdevelopment - cars, people, houses. This is a stranglehold on the other residents of this state - the amazing flora and fauna that also have a right to live freely and sustainably in California.

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Sincerely,

Michelle Lecher

**Correspondence ID: 15109**

Dear NPS,

The experts agree that adopting Plan B is the best alternative, and I strongly support that option. However, I think it would make sense to continue to provide supplemental water during drought conditions while the elk herd learn about water resources that were not accessible to them while the deadly fence was in place.

Under no circumstance should cattle operations be allowed in the Point Reyes National Seashore or any wilderness area. Allowing cattle operations is a clear violation of the charter of the National Seashore and the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, and it's a violation of the foundational idea of wilderness area.

Please remove that deadly fence and work to restore not only the elk heard but all aspects of the native ecosystem.

Sincerely, Tod Babick

**Correspondence ID: 15110**

Look after these animals!!!

**Correspondence ID: 15111**

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the

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Thank you

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REMOVE THE FENCE AND HELP THE STARVING ELK!!

**Correspondence ID: 15278**

It is sickening that a man-made fence is compromising the health - LIFE - of the wild elk!  
PLEASE take it down!!!!

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The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15281**

Please protect these elks and their habitat.

Thank you!

Suzanne Wallin

**Correspondence ID: 15282**

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

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For years, native Tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. The removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd would save these beautiful animals. Please do so and allow the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

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Sincerely, Ms. Cynthia Davis

**Correspondence ID: 15287**

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The NPS should foster a healthy native plants and animals, protect valuable ecosystems, and support a healthy planet.

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I strongly urge the NPS to remove the fence and let the Elk roam free to live their lives like normal wild animals. In contrast, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

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I am writing to ask you to remove the fence confining the native tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. If the containment is leading to death from starvation and dehydration then the elk should be allowed more space to roam.

It's disappointing to hear over 150 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. For this reason I'm asking you to remove the fence or to increase the area the elk have access to graze in order to prevent more avoidable deaths.

I understand the desire to protect the native seashore, but believe these elk will have less of an environmental impact than cattle grazing. Cattle damage natural ecosystems and contaminate the water supply spreading disease. If allowing this elk population to roam and graze freely will have less of an environmental impact than that of cattle, then they should no longer be confined.

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SAVE THESE INNOCENTS

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**Correspondence ID: 15309**

I support the removal of fencing that is limiting the Point Reyes Tule Elk from foraging naturally. I believe that our shrinking populations of wildlife deserve our help more so than cattle slaughtering operations.

Thank you for supporting the Tule Elk, too.

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**Correspondence ID: 15320**

Please remove the fence so the elk can go free

**Correspondence ID: 15321**

Please remove the fence that is containing tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. For the last few years, they have been dying of starvation and a lack of water. The problem has become so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. This is a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 15322**

Free the elk!

**Correspondence ID: 15323**

Free the elk & protect the land!

**Correspondence ID: 15324**

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It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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I strongly urge the NPS to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15325**

please protect and defend all elk, wildlife and ecosystems.

**Correspondence ID: 15326**

Remove the fence for the tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 15327**

get rid of wall.

**Correspondence ID: 15328**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd in Point Reyes National Seashore. As you know, elk in that herd are starving because they cannot roam to access food. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15329**

We must do what is best. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

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I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15332**

I urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. I very much appreciate you

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**Correspondence ID: 15333**

take down the fence surrounding the Tule Elk

**Correspondence ID: 15334**

Please re-consider and remove the current fencing. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. They need space to move about and the current area, per space and animals, is not enough.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 15335**

I believe that the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I want to thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

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I don't think that private cattle operations are appropriate in Point Reyes and believe they should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I want to emphatically urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15336**

Hi please be kinder to the animals and put them in the area without a fence thanks Holly

**Correspondence ID: 15337**

please remove the fence cattle grazing destroys the ecosystems and water supplies, protect the elk, not big ag!!

**Correspondence ID: 15338**

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Sincerely, Robert Vo

**Correspondence ID: 15339**

I find it inhumane to subject a group of wild animals to starvation and intentionally let them die of thirst by penning them into an area. Our nation has a detestable history of allowing some interests to abuse the welfare of others. This is one example of that, and we should protect the rights of the Tule Elk to have free access to find food and water.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 15340**

It was brought to my attention that the National Park Service in Point Reyes is - intentionally or unintentionally - choosing to serve the interests of ranchers rather than the general public. I always thought that the National Park Service's priority was to protect and restore native species and habitats. I believe that the cattle should be gradually removed from Point Reyes so that the native species like the Tule Elk can flourish and our children and future generations can enjoy this magical place! Thanks, Eric

**Correspondence ID: 15341**

The Tule Elk deserve protection and the freedom to roam their native land. Do not allow them to be killed by humans, and don't fence them in. Fence in the cattle if the ranchers want anything fenced in. I grew up on a farm and our cattle were fenced. They'll be fine. The Tule Elk, on the other hand, are wild and few in number, at only 600 individuals. They deserve the greater consideration, as does the public who love wildlife and go to national parks to enjoy it.

**Correspondence ID: 15342**

No animal deserves to die of starvation due to human involvement. So, please remove the fence and allow the elk to roam freely.

**Correspondence ID: 15343**

Please remove fence so elk can wander. We are trying to get them reestablished in our state

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Sincerely, Gisela Llamas

**Correspondence ID: 15347**

Please do something immediately to help these poor unfortunate Elk !!! You have it in your power!

**Correspondence ID: 15348**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15349**

You confine these elk to the point of starvation, yet permit cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water? Hasn't agri-business bullied you enough? TAKE THE FENCE DOWN, for the love of God and all that is holy! The intelligent choice is the compassionate one. Let's return the humane to humanity!

**Correspondence ID: 15350**

Please have compassion for these animals and remove the fence. We all need our resources to survive.

**Correspondence ID: 15351**

Please remove the fence so the Elk have opportunity to roam free and live the lives they deserve. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. These Elk deserve the chance to live and thrive!

**Correspondence ID: 15352**

SAVE THE ELK!

**Correspondence ID: 15353**

I am asking that you remove the fence at Tomales Point Reyes National Seashore. There is no credible reason to confine the tule elk. It is inhumane and misguided. The facts are that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. 152 elk have died as a result this misguided effort. At what point is intentionally starving an animal justifiable? How much is too much? That 3 mile fence is too much. Please remove it.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15354**

PLEASE PUT DOWN THE FENCE SO THE ELKS DO NOT STARVE TO DEATH OR DIE OF

THIRST!! Keeping this fence up makes your department look VERY inhumane! I was shocked to hear this is going on and was caused by the very government department charged with protecting nature, including animals, in our public parks!!

**Correspondence ID: 15355**

Remove the fence and allow Elk to roam free!

**Correspondence ID: 15356**

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**Correspondence ID: 15358**

Please stop the abuse and starvation of these animals.

**Correspondence ID: 15359**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15361**

Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

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Thank you.

Sally Armstrong

**Correspondence ID: 15363**

As a lifelong resident of the San Francisco Bay Area I have been a frequent visitor of Point Reyes National Seashore. It is among the best of our natural national treasures. Please protect the native Tule Elk by removing the fencing which prevents them from following their natural, life sustaining foraging. Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, Tarnel Abbott

**Correspondence ID: 15364**

I beg you to remove the fence to allow the Elk to be free!!! They are built to roam! Stop their suffering!!!

**Correspondence ID: 15365**

The murdering of the Tule Elk by starvation and dehydration has been an absolute disgrace! Free them NOW!

**Correspondence ID: 15366**

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Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 15368**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. donna roddvik

**Correspondence ID: 15369**

I want to write in support of the removal of the fencing, allowing the Tule Elk to roam more freely. We have millions of acres devoted to raising cows and only these few to preserving a unique species of Elk. Please prioritize the Elk population in future decision making.

**Correspondence ID: 15370**

Please restore the elk to the coast

**Correspondence ID: 15371**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Munjuri Fitzgerald

**Correspondence ID: 15372**

Native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water because they are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS). 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone due to this confinement. Please remove the fence and allow this wildlife to live.

**Correspondence ID: 15373**

It is our responsibility to the earth we inherit to respect and preserve life to the best of our ability. In keeping with this, the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. There is no reason to subject free-roaming elk to culling, hazing or harassment. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." This elk fence is detrimental to native wildlife and the general ecosystem. Please consider the overwhelming public support for remove the elk fence, the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 15374**

Please choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Removing the fence will protect, restore and preserve the native wildlife and the ecosystem in which they thrive.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. And once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

It's unacceptable and inhumane to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will

leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Fencing, culling, hazing and harassment of elk herds flies in the face of this mandate.

**Correspondence ID: 15375**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Please remove the fence

Sherri Hodges

**Correspondence ID: 15376**

Please remove the fence that prevents the elk from grazing wherever they choose including the nearby seashore land. I'm not against raising cattle but they should be raised humanely and on farmer's private land, not national park land leased from our government. My husband comes from a multi generational family of farmers. They always allowed for wildlife to graze on their crops, land and drink from their streams and man made lakes on their private property. Did they have loss from some damaged crops? Yes, but it was calculated and considered part of the loss that comes from with ethical farming. Share all land with wildlife, and especially National Park Land paid and maintained by taxpayers money. Water is a human and animal right. Not to mention it's an ethical and humane act. Raising cattle on leased national park land seems to be where all of the problems arise all over the United States. Remove the fencing for the elk to survive and prosper.

**Correspondence ID: 15377**

Native species should not be confined like a zoo. We must learn to share and work around nature. If the natives of this country did it, so can we. Water should not be a legitimate argument. They're merely drinking water as every other animal does, not washing cars with it.

If water is the issue, then we as people with ability to problem solve on an engineering scale, need to take measure such as creating reservoirs to accommodate our usage. Not taking from peter to pay paul.

**Correspondence ID: 15378**

I am writing to urge the National Park Service to choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for responding to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It is unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk must not be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations in Point Reyes and should be ended, to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

Again, I urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence, to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 15379**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units. These fences must be removed NOW!!!

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Leonora Xhrouet

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Sincerely, Mrs. Kristin Marette

**Correspondence ID: 15381**

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Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 15382**

Blue Elk must be protected by law, the community, all of us.

**Correspondence ID: 15383**

Do not harm these majestic creatures that are finally increasing their numbers. Ranchers should put up fences on their land instead of killing these animals

**Correspondence ID: 15384**

Please consider freeing the elk and protecting Reyes Point. Sacrificing wild animals habitat for raising a herd of cows is wrong. I believe the studies used to determine your actions are flawed and should be reevaluated.

Thank you for your time.

**Correspondence ID: 15385**

Hi NPS,

What the fuck are cattle still doing living on and actively destroying public lands????!!

Have you forgotten what the National Park Service is supposed to be doing? Do you have any understanding of ecosystems and how destructive cattle are? Maybe you just have conveniently decided to ignore all of the water quality studies that consistently list Point Reyes waterways as being highly polluted and well above legal limits, like a recent study performed by Douglas Lovell for TIRN. I have to assume you're stupid because the other alternative is that you are paid off...Oh wait, that's exactly what's happening here. I wish I could forget, but the American people ALREADY PURCHASED THIS LAND FOR PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION BACK IN THE 1960s and evil people at the NPS decided to make more money off the land by marketing it as a protected seashore to pull in tourism while actively destroying the landscape and leasing the land to cattle ranchers. Every single person who has extended the cattle leases through the decades should be out of a public trust job, forever. There has to be more accountability for NPS's horrendous mismanagement of this land than a pathetic public

comment period that you can simply ignore. Special interest groups have the money and political power, but they are slowly starting to see consequences like 35,000 environmental impact reports demanded of the BLM in a recent lawsuit. That was for mismanagement of resources in favor of cattle ranching too...see the similarities? Does the NPS really want to be lumped in the same category of abusive misuse of public trust as the BLM??? Because that is exactly what you're doing in Point Reyes. Environmental tourism is the only reason Point Reyes Station still exists, not stupid fucking dairy farming, and the people are tired of the NPS consistently driving other species to extinction for a small paycheck from European settlers who simply stole the land from Native Americans in the first place. Do I have to remind you that the land was purchased for preservation and conservation of other species and the natural environment?!? Don't even give me that historical land use practice bull shit either...Slavery is historical in the United States, so should we bring that back in a select few locations to preserve a slice of American history? Absolutely fucking not! It's important to remember our troubled past so we can appreciate how far we've come, but it is absolutely vital that we abolish disgusting and abusive systems like slavery or, you know, like destroying public lands and polluting public waterways to 'preserve' cattle ranching that actually already exists in far too many places across the United States. Don't even get me started on the Tule Elk, you murdering bastards disgust me...This comment better be the first fucking one you read at the public hearing, because if not, I'm going to interrupt the whole thing and stand up out of the audience to read this aloud. If there's no hearing, I can just come to your office every single day and read it aloud too. I have time on my hands and I have a just cause to support me so I know that my voice, as well as the voices of just about every other person in town, will be heard and create positive action. DO YOUR FUCKING JOB TO PROTECT AMERICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND GET CATTLE RANCHERS OFF OUR PUBLIC LANDS!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 15386**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Michelle Bell

**Correspondence ID: 15387**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Remove the fence.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 15388**

I've been to Point Reyes, and it's lovely.

Please protect it from the cattle and remove fences wherever possible. The wildlife must be conserved and preserved. Do not bow to commercial interests. This is land owned by the citizens of the country and it is precious.

**Correspondence ID: 15389**

I understand that the NPS is finally considering removing the fence at Point of Reyes. I support the removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd and urge you to do the same.

As you know, for years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the NPS, with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Again, please act by removing the fence, as the Agency has a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 15390**

Please consider removing the artificial fence that was built to protect the elk, but instead has become a barrier to their survival. The elk are not able to roam to get the nourishment they need to live wild, and therefore are really trapped animals who will suffer and/or perish if the fence is not removed.

**Correspondence ID: 15391**

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Please Remove the fence, and prioritize our native species too!

**Correspondence ID: 15392**

Dear National Park Service,

I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

David Durandet

**Correspondence ID: 15393**

Why does NPS allow cattle grazing on public land in the first place? That is wrong. No animals, like the Tule Elk, who live there legally, should be dying because of a fence preventing them from accessing food and water.

Big Ag can go elsewhere, AT THEIR EXPENSE, to graze their cattle. Or why can't cattle and the Tule Elk share the space, at the very least? This kind of high-handed public agencies' behavior toward greedy private interests at the expense of the public has got to stop.

I'm a taxpayer and animal advocate and I am furious at the NPS fence there. PLEASE REMOVE THIS FENCE ASAP!

It is illegal and must go.

Thank you.

Linda Guthrie

**Correspondence ID: 15394**

Please accept the following scoping comments from Oregon Wild regarding the proposed removal of elk fencing at Tomales Point, Point Reyes National Seashore. Oregon Wild represents approximately 20,000 supporters who share our mission to protect and restore wildlands, wildlife, and waters as an enduring legacy.

We support the NPS proposal to remove the elk fence and allow the Tomales elk to freely roam freely across the rest of the National Seashore and mingle with the free-roaming elk herds.

**Correspondence ID: 15395**

Hello. Short and sweet.

1) I appreciate that my National Park Service is finally listening to the voice of reason. The public clearly is in favor of removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in a NP as they are used in Pt Reyes. Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is more than unacceptable.

2) Execute Alternative B - Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

3) Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be scaled down and eventually cease to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thanks



**Correspondence ID: 15396**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

I have been appalled that the National Park Service has been prioritizing cattle over wild animals. Conditions at the Seashore have been changing, and the population rise in tule elk has left their wild herds suffering from thirst and hunger while confined to a relatively small area of the park. This is unacceptable. Elk should not be culled, hazed, or harassed at Point Reyes, just as is the policy at other national parks.

The NPS should live up to its charter to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations” and phase out ranching on the peninsula.

**Correspondence ID: 15397**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Kristin Albers

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Sincerely, Mrs. donna raceles

**Correspondence ID: 15399**

I urge a restoring and rewilding Point Reyes National Park should be a priority, and providing a wildlife connectivity corridor through the ranches is a must. A wildlife-friendly fence could be constructed to keep the cattle out of Tomales Point once the tall elk-proof fence is removed. Better yet, give the tule elk unrestricted access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay by removing the livestock entirely.

**Correspondence ID: 15400**

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Sincerely, Vincent L

**Correspondence ID: 15401**

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Sincerely, Ms. Joyce Dade

**Correspondence ID: 15402**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs Christina Little

**Correspondence ID: 15403**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15404**

I write to urge full protection and good care for the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes

National Seashore. I urge the end of the years-long practice of the National Park Service to confine members of the largest herd and to prioritize livestock owners.

I write to support the Park Service tearing down the elk fence at Tomales Point, which has caused elk die-offs during drought years and has cut off the elk herd from its sources of food and water.

I write to urge the Park Service to protect Point Reyes for native wildlife including the elk herd and other native species, and to no longer prioritize livestock owners.

I write to urge the Park Service to choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," in order to remove the elk fence.

I write to thank the Park Service for opening a public comment and listening to our support for the elk and other native species to be prioritized over livestock.

**Correspondence ID: 15405**

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing today to ask as a visitor to your park and many others across the country. I ask that you please act to protect the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore and move to tear down the 8-foot high fence at Tomales Point. This barrier serves to only appease livestock owners while cutting off elk and other native animals from adequate food and water sources. You can imagine how distressing it is to visitors to national parks to see animals suffering from starvation and dehydration when the cause is man-made and easily preventable.

I hope that The National Park Service (NPS) will choose Alternative B -- the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove this barrier and allow elk to roam naturally as intended.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling or harassment for any reason.

Our national parks are a public good that belong to all of us. They are not lands to be handed over to private cattle operations and they do not honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I look forward to the day when the fence will come down and a concerted effort to restore our native habitats will be the norm across Point Reyes and all of our NPS lands.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 15406**

Remove the fence

**Correspondence ID: 15407**

Yes!!!! Remove the fence now, and let the Elk roam free and have the lives that they deserve,

Thank you, Trudy Sandifer

**Correspondence ID: 15408**

Thank you for considering a proposed plan that includes removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

I am informed that native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. In fact, 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. This is due to a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land.

Through this proposal under consideration, we have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Please approve the proposal; it is the right thing to do. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15409**

Dear National Park Service:

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support regarding removing the elk fence. In a wilderness area, fences are just inappropriate. The park service needs to prioritize the native wildlife of the park - not cattle.

The park service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Elk are roaming animals, and a fence means that native elk will die of thirst and malnutrition, which is unacceptable, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem by prioritizing native species over cattle operations.

**Correspondence ID: 15410**

Starving Tule Elk should be stopped now. Running cattle on the suggested land will only lead to destruction and pollution.

**Correspondence ID: 15411**

PLEASE TAKE DOWN THE ELK FENCE at Point Reyes National Seashore!!

**Correspondence ID: 15412**

Dear Sir / Madam,

When we were visiting Point Reyes National Seashore, the last thing we were expecting was the stench of cow manure!! It was so overwhelming that we had to turn back, windows rolled up, before even making it to the lighthouse! How sad that a such a beautiful landscape is ruined by cattle. Pushing the Elk population out for the sake of one of most environmentally damaging, methane producing farm industry is just ridiculous. Get rid of the cattle not the Elks. Therefore We agree with the talking points made below:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely, Monika Conrardy

**Correspondence ID: 15413**

Please do the right thing: Take down the elk fences at Point Reyes National Seashore before all these poor animals will starve to death!

**Correspondence ID: 15414**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 15415**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 15416**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 15417**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point

Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for considering my concerns regarding Point Reyes National Seashore,

Sincerely, Jim and Norma Ewing

**Correspondence ID: 15418**

I am writing to urge you to remove the tule elk-killing fence in Port Reyes and to let the elk roam free. The national park was not created for the benefit of livestock owners but for the benefit of the native wildlife and ecosystem and the enjoyment of us all.

Thank you for considering my opinions and for offering the possibility of removing the fence.

Sincerely, Janet Draper

**Correspondence ID: 15419**

Please remove the fence, the Elk are starving. Don't deprive them of their food and water. Please help. It's the right thing to do. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15420**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

I urge you to please remove the fence and save the elks from suffering and dying..

**Correspondence ID: 15421**

I am urging the NPS to remove the fence that limits the native tule elk to the Tomales Point peninsula. These elk need to roam free. As you know, cattle grazing in limited areas decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Please remove this fence so that these starving elk can roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 15422**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Remove the fence so the elk may roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 15423**

These vulnerability and wonderfully unique character of these creatures is the duality that demands their survival. Save them.

**Correspondence ID: 15424**

Please remove the fence! Either that or relocate all of the Tule Elk to appropriate habitat where they have access to the water they need.

Just a reminder that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Big ag is a problem, native wildlife should not have fewer rights than cattle.

Sincerely, Deborah Reiter

**Correspondence ID: 15425**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, and spreads invasive species and disease.

**Correspondence ID: 15426**

I am writing to express my strong support for Alternative B, the "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,". It is crucial that the National Park Service takes this path, which involves the removal of the fence, to allow elk to roam free within this beautiful and ecologically significant area as they were intended.

I am grateful to the National Park Service for heeding the resounding public consensus in favor of removing the elk fence. Fences are out of place in wilderness areas, and it is imperative that the Park Service prioritizes the well-being of native wildlife over the interests of cattle. It is unacceptable to allow confined native elk to perish due to thirst and malnutrition, especially within the confines of a national park. We have a moral obligation to protect and preserve the native wildlife that calls Point Reyes National Seashore home.

I urge the National Park Service to ensure that once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk are not subjected any form of harassment for any reason. These creatures deserve to live freely and thrive in their natural habitat without undue interference. However, in the future, if Wildlife Services comes to a consensus that the herd has overreached capacity, and culling is deemed necessary for the safety of the animals, I support permitted hunting.

This action would be in accordance with the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation, which mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes. Additionally, the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I firmly believe that private cattle operations have no place in Point Reyes National Seashore and should be brought to an end. Raising cattle is a private business, and should not affect public lands. I do not want someone's cows trashing our forests. I'd rather see elk and lush green without piles of cow shit everywhere.

I implore the National Park Service to take the necessary steps to remove the elk fence in order to safeguard Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the delicate ecosystem. By doing so, we can ensure that this natural treasure remains unimpaired and accessible for the enjoyment of generations to come.



Thank you for your attention to this vital matter, and I trust that the National Park Service will make the right choice for the preservation of Point Reyes National Seashore.

**Correspondence ID: 15427**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15428**

To disrupt the normal, centuries old grazing patterns of any species and, particularly the Tule Elk of Tomales Point with restrictive fencing prohibiting the elk from much needed nutrition has resulted in the starvation and death of over 150 animals in 2020 alone. This is a cruel and inhumane strategy for protecting the NPS shoreline.

Please remove the fence, particularly with winter coming on. This will only speed up the deaths of many more of these Tule elk.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15429**

Please remove the fence to allow the elk to roam freely. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water already.

**Correspondence ID: 15430**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge you to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15431**

As the earth faces unprecedented levels of destruction and extinction it is so important to keep wild places, and for the wild animals that are meant to live there, and in this case, I am speaking of the elk at point Reyes.

Please let them roam the territory that they call home do the right thing.

**Correspondence ID: 15432**

Dear National Park Service,

I strongly agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases

Thank you.

Also

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed or severely limited in our public park. Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

**Correspondence ID: 15433**

Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you. Marie A. Baker

**Correspondence ID: 15434**

Please remove the fence! Tamales Point should be a place for nature, not for profit at the expense of nature.

**Correspondence ID: 15435**

I am writing to urge you remove the fence confining the Tomales Point Elk heard. Anytime there is interference with the natural order of an ecosystem there will be detrimental effects. In this case, the starvation and lack of water for the elk causing deaths.

By continuing to rent the land to cattle and dairy ranchers, it decimate ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you for your consideration in this important decision.

**Correspondence ID: 15436**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Tammy Manthe

**Correspondence ID: 15437**

I would ask that you select paragraph 7 for inclusion in your final project. If I understand correctly, this would open up most of Tomales Point Seashore to elk grazing and watering. Due to the drought, the previous elk area did not serve the elk well, and this is an opportunity to help rectify that. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 15438**

Native to California, tule elk are majestic, highly social animals once hunted nearly to extinction. Now about 600 roam at Point Reyes National Seashore, the only national park where they live. But instead of letting elk numbers expand, the National Park Service has proposed killing

members of two free-roaming herds and confines part of the largest herd on a peninsula with an 8-foot-high fence.

It's all to appease livestock owners. And with recent droughts, it's had deadly consequences: Unable to roam and forage naturally, many confined elk die of thirst and malnutrition.

The elk should be freed and Point Reyes should be protected for wildlife - not for the cattle that are destroying it.

**Correspondence ID: 15439**

I would like to thank the National Park Service for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas and shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife so ask your agency to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife, not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason and it is also unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

NPS should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you.

"The human appetite for animal flesh is a driving force behind virtually every major category of environmental damage now threatening the human future - deforestation, erosion, fresh water scarcity, air and water pollution, climate change, biodiversity loss, social injustice, the destabilization of communities and the spread of disease." - The World Watch Institute.

**Correspondence ID: 15440**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

And thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Thank you, Roger Stoll

**Correspondence ID: 15441**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Monica Kelly

**Correspondence ID: 15442**

I'm contacting you to urge you to remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 15443**

Remove the fence and let the Elk eat and live naturally!

**Correspondence ID: 15444**

\*Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred “Alternative B” to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15445**

Enough with putting business over natural environment! Tear down the fences.

**Correspondence ID: 15446**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Joanna Grinberg-Ayala

**Correspondence ID: 15447**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15448**

I cannot understand how the National Park Service ever came up with the idea that it was a good plan to erect an 8 foot fence at Point Reyes which would keep the native herd of elk on one side, dying of thirst and malnutrition and allowing a herd of dairy cattle on the other side to destroy the natural environment. To correct this terrible error, the NPS should choose Alternative B, called "Uncontrolled Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the deadly fence and allow the elk to roam freely.

Private cattle operations are definitely not appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore.

When the fence is taken down, the ecosystem can be restored and Point Reyes will once again be a Park that preserves the natural environment and wildlife for today's visitors and those in the future.

**Correspondence ID: 15449**

Please use your own words to make these points:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15450**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Mary Anne Loughlin

**Correspondence ID: 15451**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I fully support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

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Sincerely, Ms. Nancy Crider

**Correspondence ID: 15452**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Irene Roos

**Correspondence ID: 15453**

We must free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife – not for the livestock owners, whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Please consider the following:

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate, especially in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes, and must be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Therefore, please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you sincerely for your kind attention to this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 15454**

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am so thrilled that you are considering taking down the fence at Tomales Point .

It will end the suffering and dying of the Elk who deserve to live.

Thank you, Caridad Semler

**Correspondence ID: 15455**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Ceci Madruga

**Correspondence ID: 15456**

The elk are dying due to your fence used for unnecessary purposes. Think. So 152 elk died in 2020, so it shall be that you will have 152 of some things in nature taken away from you. I'm Iroquois and we believe in nature, and the spirits that lie within....take down the fence. Period.

**Correspondence ID: 15457**

The Tule Elk deserve priority on this land. I'm worried about the balance of nature (a species that has priority)

vs.a domestic animal that overtakes the land. That's not balance of nature, it's an invasion!! Cattle are destroying the land displacing endemic species. Endemic species are being eliminated for someone else's profit. It needs to stop.

**Correspondence ID: 15458**

I'm writing to urge you to STOP the confinement of the herd of tule elk at Point Reyes and to protect the habitat for these tule elk and other resident wildlife. Having lived in Marin for 25 years before moving to Bend, OR, I have a special fondness for the wildness of Point Reyes National Seashore and the area which the tule elk occupy. Please let them roam!

**Correspondence ID: 15459**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jenny Walsh

**Correspondence ID: 15460**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Donette Erdmann

**Correspondence ID: 15461**

Dear Park Service,

I am in support of the Alternative B.

REMOVE THE ELK FENCE.

BUT YOU MUST KEEP THE CATTLE OUT OF THE WILDERNESS.

BY MANAGING THE CATTLE, YOU'LL PROTECT THE HIKERS.

I suggest you also deploy water features for the Elk to use.

With appreciation,

Rich Cimino

**Correspondence ID: 15462**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly believe the National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I strongly urge the National Park Service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Sincerely, David Balan

Concerned Citizen

**Correspondence ID: 15463**

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Sincerely, Mr. Joe Scriff

**Correspondence ID: 15464**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Lorna bourns

**Correspondence ID: 15465**

September 18, 2023

C/o Superintendent Craig Kenkel  
Point Reyes National Seashore  
2 Bear Valley Road

Re: Environmental Assessment for the Tomales Point Area Plan

Dear Superintendent Kenkel:

This scoping comment is submitted by the Marin Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (Marin CNPS) regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Tomales Point Area Plan. The California Native Plant Society is an organization of nearly 12,000 members statewide dedicated to conserving native plants and their natural habitats and to increasing the understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants. Marin CNPS currently has 500 members.

Marin CNPS is pleased that the Seashore is undertaking a comprehensive planning process for the Tomales Point Peninsula. This area is a gem within the Seashore with its stunning views to both east and west, coastal grass and scrub lands, rare plants and native elk population. It is past time to update the management plan for this area.

1. The EA should analyze all management changes that could affect rare and special status plant species

The EA should analyze the impacts of all proposed alternatives on rare and special status plants. Marin CNPS and the Seashore have been surveying and monitoring rare plant populations on the Point Reyes Peninsula for many years. Based on a plant list prepared by native plant expert Doreen Smith and last updated in 2018, the rare and special status plant species on Tomales Point are listed in Attachment A below.

Specifically:

A. What will be the effects on special status plant species of actions that could increase the elk population within the Reserve, such as drought mitigation measures?

B. Conversely, what would be the impacts on special status plant species of measures that could reduce elk numbers?

C. What measures should be adopted to mitigate any adverse impacts to these special plants?

In addressing these questions, the EA should apply the scientific findings and recommendations on the impacts of grazing on rare native plants. See L. Aoyama, L. Waks, P. Hopkinson and J. Bartolome, *Grazing Plan: Recommendations for Point Reyes National Seashore Managed Grazing Lands* (2018), Table 4, pg. 21. The FEIS for the General Plan Amendment also sets forth Practice Standards and prescriptions for vegetation management and protections for rare plants. FEIS at 140-148; FEIS Appendix F at 17-19.

Despite these findings, it is frustratingly difficult to generalize about the ecological benefits or detriments of grazing at any particular site. Aoyama et al. at 11. Still, some important findings are widely accepted, specifically, that grazing tends to benefit native annual forbs by reducing the height and biomass of competing grasses and non-native forbs and opening up micro-sites. In contrast, grazing generally discourages native perennial forbs by clipping off the reproductive structures. Id. at 11. While grazing did not seem to affect the abundance and vigor of native perennial grasses as a class, California oat grass increased with grazing. In addition, grazing is an important tool in the battle to control invasive plants, and elk grazing in particular is effective in reducing velvet grass, *Holcus lanatus*. Id. at 11. It also helps prevent shrub invasions of grasslands. Id. at 13.

In light of the complexity of these interactions, CNPS would like to see nuanced grazing plans created for the planning area, plans that utilize adaptive management and tailor the prescriptions (including timing and intensity of grazing) to the specific rare plants found at a given location, in accordance with expert recommendations.

2. The EA should analyze all management changes that could affect native vegetation more generally

A. How will the balance of native versus non-native plant species be affected by each proposed Alternative?

A Marin Voice column by restoration ecologist Audrey Fusco in the Marin Independent Journal urged the Seashore to carefully analyze the impact of elk versus cattle on the introduction and spread of invasive species. <https://www.marinij.com/2022/04/21/marin-voice-point-reyes-needs-detailed-study-of-invasive-plants-before-extending-ranches/>. We support this request.

Indeed, in our view, the overwhelming prevalence of non-native plants along the first 1.5 miles (approximately) of the Tomales Point trail is a disgrace in a national park. Non-native radish plants tower over hikers, along with thistles, poison hemlock and mustard. The EA needs to address how each proposed alternative would affect the spread of such plants and how the Seashore intends to address this problem.

B. How will the proportion of grasslands versus shrublands be affected by each proposed Alternative and how would such proportions affect native plant diversity?

The passage of approximately 45 years since the introduction of elk into the Reserve provides a natural experiment: to compare the current condition of the vegetation within the Reserve with that of the adjacent Pastoral Zone to assess the impacts of native ungulates versus cattle on native plant populations. CNPS urges planners to begin their analysis by comparing how confinement of elk in the reserve, combined with the exclusion of cattle, has affected the prevalence of shrub cover versus grassland and native plant diversity.

Such a comparison may be illuminated by an understanding how our native vegetation evolved. California prairies developed under a regime of grazing by Pleistocene-era megafauna that included mastodon, mammoth, camel, llama, bison, elk, pronghorn and horses. These herbivores grazed on grasses and forbs as well as trees and shrubs. Grazing Handbook, Sotoyome Resource Conservation District (2006). See <http://www.carangeland.org/images/GrazingHandbook.pdf> at 2.

Foraging differences between species are dictated by size and nutritional requirements as well as anatomical differences in teeth, lips, mouth structure and digestive systems. Smaller ruminants such as deer, goats and pronghorn favor shrubby plants while larger species like cattle and elk prefer grasses and similar plants. Grazing Handbook at 9.

At least one study from Arizona found that elk benefit native vegetation more than cows. This experiment found that while elk and cattle have similar diets, the stubble height in elk-foraged fields was about 2 centimeters higher than stubble left by cows, with positive ramifications for soil moisture retention, erosion, plant regrowth and wildlife habitat. Halstead, L.E. et al., Elk and Cattle Foraging Under a Specialized Grazing System, *J. Range Management* 55:360 (July 2002). Furthermore, being larger and heavier, cattle consume more forage than elk: a single adult dry cow consumes almost half again as much forage (727 lbs. per month) as one mature elk (474 lbs. per month). Grazing Handbook at 9.

These differences between elk and cattle have important implications for the quantities of residual dry matter, sustaining sensitive species and the native plant communities that co-evolved with elk.

3. The EA must analyze how the removal of the elk fence would affect implementation of the Alternative B of the General Management Plan Amendment of 2021

Alternative B proposes to remove the tule elk fence. Thus, the EA needs to discuss how removal of the fence would or would not be integrated with the chosen Alternative (B) of the 2021 General Management Plan Amendment [GMPA] for the Pastoral Zone.

The presence of more elk in the Pastoral Zone, prompted by the removal of the fence, together with the current and proposed number of permitted cattle, would increase the grazing pressure on the available forage. The protection of special status native species and native vegetation generally from over-grazing in the Pastoral Zone could well require either adjustment of the number of cattle on each ranch or additional culling of elk in the Pastoral Zone. Conversely, the movement of cattle into the Tomales Point planning area would compromise the natural experiment discussed above and risk overgrazing in that area as well.

Finally, if the fence removal is to be implemented, it may be difficult to reconcile the resulting increase in elk density with continued ranching on its present scale. The situation may eventually require a significant reduction or phasing out the ranches. In such case, how might the environmental analysis of the GMPA's Alternative B need to be modified? For example, what management actions will be required to protect native plants and plant communities from a rapid increase of invasive plant cover?

4. The EA should analyze the impacts of climate change in the planning area under each Alternative

NPS policies on climate change apply to planning projects. Climate Change Response Strategy, [https://www.nps.gov/subjects/climatechange/upload/Climate-Change-Response-Strategy\\_508.pdf](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/climatechange/upload/Climate-Change-Response-Strategy_508.pdf) at 14. These policies emphasize ecosystem resilience. For example, Goal 6 of the cited document calls for "adaptation strategies that promote ecosystem resilience and enhance restoration, conservation, and preservation of park resources." An important task of the EA is to evaluate which alternative best implements these strategies.

Experience over the last decade has demonstrated how climate-driven droughts can affect elk health within the Reserve. While the Seashore has recently added water infrastructure to aid the elk, there is some evidence that the elk did not make significant use of these improvements. Thus, the EA needs to discuss how the elk would fare in a severe drought under each Alternative proposed.

Wildfires and floods are also increasing due to climate change. Fire could be spread by winds across the Point but may not require extensive mitigation. While flooding would not seem to be likely on most of Pierce Point, the Pierce Ranch area could experience this, being situated at the bottom of a hill with a paved road leading to it. These scenarios, too, should be addressed in the EA.

## Conclusion

We urge Seashore Planners to remain mindful of the Missions of both the National Park Service and the Seashore itself as they address the difficult decisions involved in this process.

The NPS Organic Act provides that the Mission of the National Park Service is “to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations”.

The original 1962 enabling legislation for the Seashore declared that it was established “to save and preserve for purposes of public recreation, benefit and inspiration, a portion of the diminishing seashore of the United States that remains undeveloped... .” Public Act 87-667 Sec. 1. Congress later elaborated on this statement by requiring the Department of the Interior to administer its Point Reyes lands “without impairment of its natural values, in a manner which provides for such recreational, educational, historic preservation, interpretation, and scientific research opportunities as are consistent with, based upon, and supportive of the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,... “ 16 USC Sec. 459c (6)(a) [italics added].

Marin CNPS would like to see this planning process result in increased biodiversity at Tomales Point and more widely in the Seashore. We urge the Seashore to use the guidance in the Mission statements as the overarching principle to shape all aspects of the final outcome. Such an approach would promote the vision embodied in the Organic Act and the type of experience the public has come to expect in National Parks.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Carolyn K. Longstreth

On behalf of the Marin Chapter of the California Native Plant Society

Attachment A

Special Status Plant Species at Tomales Point

SCIENTIFIC NAME COMMON NAME

CA. RARE PLANT RANK

ASTERACEAE



Blennosperma nanum var. Pt Reyes Blennosperma 1B.2  
robustum

Cirsium andrewsii Andrew's Thistle 1B.2

Erigeron supplex Rayless daisy 1B.2

Hesperervas sparsiflora var. Coastal Evax 1B.2  
Brevifolia

Lasthenia californica Perennial Goldfields 1B.2

Ssp. Macarantha

#### BRASSICACEAE

Arabis blepharophylla Coast Rock-cress 4.3

#### CONVOLVULACEAE

Calystegia purpurata Coastal morning glory 1B.2

Ssp. Saxicola

#### IRIDACEAE

Iris longipetala Coast Iris (Old Pierce Ranch) 4.2

#### LILIACEAE

Fritillaira affinis var tristulis Pt. Reyes Chocolate lily 1B.1

#### OROBANCHACEAE

Triphysaria floribunda San Francisco Owl's-clover 1B

#### POACEAE

Agrostis blasdelei Blasdale's Bent Grass 1B.2

#### POLYGONACEAE

Chorizanthe cuspidate Spineflower 1B.2

var. villosa

#### CA Rare Plant Rankings

1. Listed in the 2008 CNPS Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants, highest priority
- 3 Plants about which ore information is needed.
4. Plants of limited distribution

**Correspondence ID: 15466**

RE: TOMALES POINT TULE ELK HERD

Please remove the three mile long fence that contains the tule elk herd. The elk are dying due to apparent starvation and lack of water. Please remember that 152 elk died in the year 2020.

And please do not allow cattle grazing in this area. If a person or company wants to raise livestock, they need to provide water, food and shelter for the animals on their own and not rely on public lands to support their business. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 15467**

Free the elk!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 15468**

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

**Correspondence ID: 15469**

Leave the Elk alone and stop kissing the ranchers butts!

**Correspondence ID: 15470**

I am an environmental attorney working to preserve wildlife and their habitat. I have recreated in Point Reyes National Seashore and enjoyed hiking with the goal of seeing wildlife, including the Tule elk in Tomales Point. I have followed the controversy of elk being fenced, thus limiting their access to water, primarily to provide water for livestock. I urge the Park Service to take down the elk fence and allow the Tomales elk to roam freely across the entire national seashore. I also support removal of livestock from this area. I have a ranch in Arizona on the San Pedro Rive that is solely for conservation: no livestock. I have witnessed the destruction to sensitive ecosystems when cattle are allowed to roam freely on public lands adjacent to my ranch. I have witnessed the cattle in Point Reyes area that I recall were on very long term leased lands. I also recall seeing overgrazing and sediment impacts on the bay. Please let the elk roam free in the national seashore and fence out or remove livestock entirely. The seashore should be for wildlife use and human recreation, not for the private gain of ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 15471**

Please remove the fence that confines the native tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore. We need to let the native species be free to live off their land.

**Correspondence ID: 15472**

Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. It is devastating that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone from apparent dehydration and starvation. As you know, cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Let the elk roam free! Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15473**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Eileen Hanrahan

**Correspondence ID: 15474**

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Sincerely, Ms. Jeannie Hall

**Correspondence ID: 15475**

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Remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15476**

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Sincerely, Cassandra Pettay

**Correspondence ID: 15477**

Hello-

The Elk only have a limited landscape to move through at this point. They should be allowed to move freely to food and water. Please take down the fences.

Susan Kelley

**Correspondence ID: 15478**

Thank you for taking time to listen to citizens in making a decision about the tule elk.

I hope you will decide to take down the fence so the elk can roam freely and allow the landscape to return to its native plants. I appreciate that the dairy farms may need to close, but the priority of a national park should be environment and wildlife, not commerce.

**Correspondence ID: 15479**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Raquel Besson

**Correspondence ID: 15480**

I believe the Tule Elk should have their natural habitat returned to them by removing the fences that restrict their access to water and grass.

**Correspondence ID: 15481**

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Sincerely, Mrs. Debbie Owens

**Correspondence ID: 15482**

I hope that you will remove the fence on Point Reyes so that the Tule Elk can roam free and to survive. It is the responsibility of the National Park System to care for and protect this endangered national resource. Please put this first in your thoughts and actions. I love the NPS and support you! Please focus on this moral imperative and act to protect them NOW. Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 15483**

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native

wildlife. Please choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," and remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15484**

I CANNOT BELIEVE we are even having to write to you about this! of course, the elk must be allowed to live at Pt. Reyes. Why life that does not make a profit for human beings is considered second class is simply a sign of how unaware you & so many are of how our planet stays alive and thriving.

**Correspondence ID: 15485**

I am certain that you are receiving an overwhelming amount of comments regarding the Elk.

It's imperative that you remove the fence and provide a more human approach for these creatures to roam.

We are not a society that condones animal neglect and should protect and preserve these creatures.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15486**

Please do the right and humane thing and save these majestic animals and remove the fence. Thank you.

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Sincerely, April Hernandez

**Correspondence ID: 15488**

Please take the Elk fences down as soon as possible! Thank You!

**Correspondence ID: 15489**

Free the elk! When have the wants of a few (ranchers) been more important than the needs of the many (all of us and the environment)? The National Park Service should be serving the American public not a dozen or so ranchers. Your actions are endangering the existence of a rare species that could go extinct on your watch because of reckless policies and kowtowing to a special interest. When I visit a natural environment, I don't want to see native species enclosed and invasive species roaming freely. If the Park Service feels the ranchers are more important than we the people, they can pay your salary!

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Sincerely, Pelin Gubes

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Sincerely, Alex font

**Correspondence ID: 15492**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B).

**Correspondence ID: 15493**

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Sincerely, Ms. Cindy Horn

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Sincerely, Mr. David Glober

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Sincerely, Bruce Runk

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Sincerely, Mrs. Denise Clarke

**Correspondence ID: 15497**

Please remove the fence and allow the animals roam as they were meant to !!

**Correspondence ID: 15498**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It seems insane to me that the agency would give any consideration at all to cattle ranchers - the elk were "there first", natural habitat and denizens help maintain a healthier environment for us all, whereas cattle ranchers are for profit and their luxury product is not a benefit to anyone but a few wealthy carnivores.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. The park is there for their protection. Cattle are protected by their private profiteers and can be moved elsewhere.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Thank you for reading my comments.

**Correspondence ID: 15499**

I have spent many hours enjoying all the natural beauty that Point Reyes has to offer, including the Tule Elk. I have always believed that the Tule Elk should have priority over cattle when it comes to land use and that the Park Service's plan to fence off the elk has been irresponsible, inhumane, and a disaster.

I read of the Alternative B plan called Unconfirmed Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area and I wholly agree that this plan should immediately be adopted to remove the eight-foot high fences and allow the elk to roam free in their natural environment. In my mind, the Point Reyes National Seashore is no longer, if it ever was, a place for cattle.

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Sincerely, Dr. Nancy Brown

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Sincerely, Mrs. Dorothy Weber

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Sincerely, Ms. Patricia Mitchell

**Correspondence ID: 15504**

do what is right for the environment and our earth

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For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

This is UNACCEPTABLE. We Americans love our wildlife. We don't want our precious wildlife to be sacrificed for ranching, which destroys animals and the environment. We do NOT accept that our wildlife in its natural environment should suffer and die to enrich ranchers. We do not accept that our National Park Service is complicit in this travesty.

Please do all in your power to protect the Tule Elk and other wildlife. It is high time for this shameful situation to end. Save the Tule Elk.

**Correspondence ID: 15506**

wildlife acreage is vastly decreasing which is out of balance with the eco-systems they support with their natural abilities and we need them to continue as we all benefit .Be wise for our future depends on what we agree to on this matter.

**Correspondence ID: 15507**

Please remove the fence that confines the native tule elk to Tomales Point in Point Reyes. I would like to remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 15508**

I want to express my strong support for the campaign to remove the National Park Service's (NPS) fence from Tomales Point, which currently prevents the native Tule Elk from grazing, in their natural habitat, through large parts of the Point Reyes National Seashore. For more than ten years, I've visited Tomales Point to see the elk, multiple times each year, and their presence in the area is an enormous part of what makes the Point Reyes National Seashore such a special place.

According to its mission, the NPS "preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations". Erecting a fence to serve the interests of just a few cattle farmers at the expense of an endemic species is a complete betrayal of this mission.

While the Tule Elk are a vital part of the Point Reyes ecosystem, cattle farming operations on the peninsula harm endemic species, produce methane emissions, pollute the water supply with fecal bacteria and waste massive amounts of water, which is especially concerning given California's long battle with statewide drought conditions.

Biologists and conservationists have been keeping close track of the Tule Elk population on Tomales Point and since the fence was first erected -- confining the elk to the northern tip of the peninsula without adequate access to fresh water -- hundreds of them have died, far exceeding the numbers experts would expect to see in a healthy population, in an area with virtually no natural predators. The NPS fence on Tomales Point prevents the elk from engaging in their most fundamental evolved behaviors (grazing and seeking out fresh water sources) and as long as the fence remains Tule Elk populations will continue to dwindle and the quality of life for surviving elk will be significantly diminished.

According to the NPS' own "Tule Elk: The Return of a Species" report, in the early 1800s, nearly 500,000 Tule Elk lived in large herds in open grasslands throughout California, but by 1870 hunters and cattle farmers had killed so many of these amazing animals, that they were thought to be extinct. The Tule Elk's incredible recovery is one of the few examples of a resilient species coming back from the brink of extinction and it is our responsibility to ensure that this terrible history of driving endemic species to extinction does not repeat itself. Hunters and farmers may have been able to claim ignorance then, but no one can make that claim now.

It's not just our intelligence, our language, and our social structures that make humans unique, it's the fact that our species has the ability to make collective choices about how we want to coexist with other animals. We can choose to disregard the lives of animals, as we've done too many times in the past, or we can choose to protect them, recognize their dignity, preserve the environment that all of us share, and ensure that future generations inherit a healthy, biologically diverse world.

Please, save the Tule Elk and tear down the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 15509**

I have been following this for years -- it is way past time for the tule elk to be rescued from those who wish

to allow commercial interests to take the land that is rightfully the elks' home.

Please remove the fence -- I, along with hundreds of thousands of animal lovers, have written letters,

made public comments for agencies, signed petitions -- it is reprehensible that the government would

choose to deliberately make these elk die from starvation and thirst. The National Park Service is

highly regarded and absolutely needs to consider the needs of the elk and the responsibility of the NPS

for the elk by allowing them to remain where they are supposed to be.

Please choose Alternative B for the sake of the elk. Too many of our wildlife are being decimated by

humans and their greed.

Please protect these animals and allow them to live unconfined.

**Correspondence ID: 15510**

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Sincerely, Mr. Timothy Lauxmann

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Sincerely, Mrs. Sandy Gwinner

**Correspondence ID: 15513**

Please stop killing elk in the Point Reyes area, as well as all over California. Why? For the cattle people? Who are they? Elk are not wolves. The elk do not kill cattle. Elk are browsers. Cattle trample and destroy habitat. Why aren't you bringing back elk to other areas of California?

In my area, the hills above Martinez, cattle graze and help keep the grasses down. Don't elk do the same? The cattle absolutely destroy the trails and roads in the open spaces above Martinez. The last winter was a good example. The deer don't do this. Elk don't do this. Elk also eat grasses and weeds as they are browsers. They belong in our open space habitats. Not cattle. Cattlemen have been killing and abusing wildlife for years. It's 2023! Get with the program and stop catering to them! Are they paying you people under the table?

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Sincerely, Ms. Kimberly Jones

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Sincerely, Mr. Jim Hewett

**Correspondence ID: 15516**

Stop this cruelty now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Not sure how you even sleep at night!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I'll bet I, as a taxpayer, got suckering into paying for this cruelty as well. DISGUSTING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 15517**

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Sincerely, Dr. KERUL KASSEL

**Correspondence ID: 15518**

Please remove the fence for the sake of elk survival

**Correspondence ID: 15519**

Once again you have come up with a lame-brained threat to wildlife. What is the matter with you? It's your job to protect our wildlife and wild places. Leave the elk in California alone. You all should be canned if you can't protect our precious wildlife and wild places. Shame on you.

**Correspondence ID: 15520**

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! TAKE DOWN THAT F...ING FENCE THAT HAS & CONTINUES TO KILL OUR TULE ELK, MAKING THEM DIE OF THIRST WHILE LETTING THE RANCHERS COWS THAT ARE "NOT NATIVE TO THIS AREA" DRINK THE WATER!

WHY? WHY? WHY? WOULD OUR GREAT NPS DO SUCH A CRUEL & HEINOUS THING IN THE FIRST PLACE?!

BOOGLES MY MIND!

OUR NPS "HAD" THE WORLD WIDE REPUTATION OF 'BEING THE 'BEST' PARK SERVICE IN THE WORLD! BUT, WITH A DECISION LIKE THE ONE TO BUILD THAT 8 FOOT FENCE & NOT LET THE NATIVE ELK ACCESS TO THEIR WATERING HOLE, IT COMES INTO QUESTION, "IS THE US NPS TRULY 'THE BEST'? NOT ANY MORE WITH POOR DETRIMENTAL DECISIONS LIKE THAT ONE TO LETTERALLY 'KILL THE TULE ELK BY LETTING & SADISTICALLY WATCHING THEM THEM DIE OF THIRST!

SO, WHY REINTRODUCE THEM IN THE FIRST PLACE? JUST FOR SOME SADISTIC THRILL OF WATCHING THEM SLOWLY DIE? NO! NO! NO! NOW IS THE TIME TO CORRECT THAT GRAVE WRONG DECISION, NOW! NOW! NOW! TAKE DOWN THAT F...ING FENCE! PLEASE!

ANOTHER REASON IS THAT THAT REALLY BAD DECISION TO BUILD THAT FENCE SO ALL THE WATER COULD GO TO RANCHERS COWS INSTEAD OF THE NATIVE ELK IS THAT THE NPS IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DISASTOROUS CLIMATE CHANGE WHICH IS DISTROYING OUR MOTHER EARTH! COWS 'BELCH' MORE CARBON INTO TOUR ATMOSPHERE THAN MOST ALL OTHER ANIMALS COMBINED!

SO! TAKING DOWN THAT 8 FOOT TALL 'F...ING' FENCE COULD & WOULD ACCOMPLISH 2 GREAT LIFE SAVING THINGS!

1. SAVE THE LIVES OF OUR RARE & ENDANGERED NATIVE TULE ELK

2. help save our climate by reducing the numbers of cows to the reserve. Given the SCIENTIFIC FACT THAT COWS BELCH GREEN HOUSE GASES!

I love cows! They are actually very gentle, affectionate loving animals who don't deserve to be cruelly slaughtered for food!

Gratefully & SINCERELY, ELIZABETH P. ALLANCORTE

**Correspondence ID: 15521**

I am writing in full support of removing the fencing on Tomales Point peninsula in Point Reyes National Seashore. It is causing the deaths of the native Tule Elk which have inhabited the land for millennia. Cattle grazing is devastating to the ecosystem as it decimates food and water supplies of the local wildlife. Please remove the fencing as quickly as possible. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15522**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," allowing elk to naturally roam free. Wildlife fences should not be installed in wilderness areas, where they can cause confined native elk to die of thirst and malnutrition.

**Correspondence ID: 15523**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Dr. Janese Hexon

**Correspondence ID: 15524**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed, the elk to roam freely and steps should be taken to allow avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 15525**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Lynn Hancock

**Correspondence ID: 15526**

Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred “Alternative B” to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15527**

Dear National Park Service,

I support your preferred “Alternative B” to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore.

In addition, I want the private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park. Ranchers must be monitored and fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Thank you, Volker

**Correspondence ID: 15528**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. However, after years of campaigns by PETA and other advocacy groups, the NPS is finally considering removing the fence. The NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd. We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 15529**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

Parks should be for people to enjoy wildlife. Not to help ranchers.

**Correspondence ID: 15530**

I love the National Park Service. I've made it a goal to visit at least 1 NP in each of the states that have it. Being in these "wild" areas with a little love that allows me to hike them, makes me super happy and I have purchased the year long pass to enjoy it more. Please choose Alternative B in California's Point Reyes National Seashore "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence.

**Correspondence ID: 15531**

We must protect our animals, land and country!

**Correspondence ID: 15532**

I am writing this comment in support of the NPS's Alternative B, that is, the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. I am a native California who has enjoyed the extraordinary beauty and recreational opportunities of the Point Reyes peninsula.

It is time to restore the natural order of Point Reyes by removing artificial barriers which prevent the free movement of the elk. Tule elk have been part of the ecosystem there long before humans came to California. Obviously, as long as fencing is permitted to remain in the elk habitat, it is not possible for them to move freely. And the elk are seriously impacted by these barriers. If they cannot access fresh water and sources of their natural diet, they will not be able to survive and thrive.

There are those who have advocated for developing the Point Reyes National Seashore in a way which places the interests of cattle ranching for profit above those of the preservation of the elk. That position is wholly at odds with the purpose of the National Park Service. The elk should be protected, first, by removing all existing barriers to their movement, and second, by preventing any person or entity, public or private, from disturbing them in their habitat. Doing so is consistent with the obligation of the NPS with respect to all parklands under its stewardship, as well as the mandate of Congress in its statute establishing the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please adopt Alternative B.

Thank you. David Luboff

**Correspondence ID: 15533**

Remove the fence! Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

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Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 15535**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Dr. Loreto Fillat de Acosta

**Correspondence ID: 15536**

To Whom it May Concern:

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone

The NPS is finally considering removing the fence. The NPS is now taking public comments on a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

I am writing you today to urge the NPS to remove the fence. Remind the agency that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Brianna Harrington

**Correspondence ID: 15537**

Please remove the fence confining this elk herd. They are dying for lack of food and water so that cattle can graze. The grazing cattle are fouling the waters with their waste and contributing to global warming with the methane they produce. Pleade allow the elk freedom to graze and live as they were meant to live. Thank you.

Jane Gruen

**Correspondence ID: 15538**

PLEASE REMOVE THE FENCE!!

**Correspondence ID: 15539**

I am writing to urge the NPS to remove the fence the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd in Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

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with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

We have a crucial opportunity to help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve. Please remove the fence confining the Tomales Point elk herd.

**Correspondence ID: 15540**

Please remove the fence and let the elk roam free. They are supposed to be able to roam, and the lack of such ability has caused a great number to die!

Cattle grazing destroys ecosystems! The cattle contaminate the water supply with their feces. The cattle spread invasive species and disease. Our precious water is wasted by the massive amount of water required for raising cattle! PLEASE do away with the fence!

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Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Janette Mejia

**Correspondence ID: 15543**

Please- I am pleading for you to please help the elk roam free and live the lives they deserve.

**Correspondence ID: 15544**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Renata Pelc

**Correspondence ID: 15545**

Please help and save these beautiful animals by removing the fence. We all live on this planet together and should be able enjoy it together peacefully.

**Correspondence ID: 15546**

I have recently been lucky enough to view herds of elk in Wyoming, and see their majesty and beauty. They are grazing animals and need grass and green material to eat. The tule elk at point Reyes deserve to have a chance at life in a beautiful natural preserve, which it is meant to be. Please take down the fence and allow them to graze and browse as the herd is meant to be. Grazing rights for cattle should be limited. cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. This is a Natural Reserve, and should support the animals that are native to the area.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Janet mcclain

**Correspondence ID: 15547**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Lorie Schoen

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Sincerely, Mr. Mark Koritz

**Correspondence ID: 15549**

Please do the right thing and protect the Elk. They deserve to live in an injury free environment without human interference.

Thank you,

Suzan Caylen

**Correspondence ID: 15550**

I'm in favor of the Unconfined elk herd plan.

**Correspondence ID: 15551**

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Sincerely, Mr. Brian McKilligan

**Correspondence ID: 15552**

I support Alternative B, which removes the fences that have confined the Tule Elk, leading to massive die-offs, especially during drought years, when the elk are cut off from adequate water sources.

**Correspondence ID: 15553**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Miss morgana sidhom

**Correspondence ID: 15554**

The Migratory Birds Act makes it a crime to interfere with birds and their migrations, and so it should be for all wildlife. , it is incumbent on all property owners, not just governmental bodies to remove obstacles to migration, and to mitigate any measure for security so that it accommodates migrating wildlife. It's unconscionable that any wildlife has been obstructed leading to their deaths, and I expect the committee to fix this, and not look for endless study and other ways to avoid taking mitigating actions and removal of obstruction. Do not look to the dams that you perversely refuse to remove from the Columbia and Snake rivers and any other rivers that salmon cannot navigate: you are wrong there too. This is a solvable problem. It's your job to solve it.

**Correspondence ID: 15555**

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Sincerely, Bill Zias

**Correspondence ID: 15556**

If the Elk are to remain, which they should as they were there first. A provision must be made to care for, feed (if necessary) and WATER them so they may sustain their existence. If the fences are removed I do understand that would create a hardship and null many of the organic/sustainable farms in that area. I believe there IS a solution and the egos need to be removed. Our STATE has the resources to care for the ELK! They just need to do it.

Thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 15557**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Lynae Beck

**Correspondence ID: 15558**

Hello, I am heartbroken to learn that 152 of native tule elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 due to

3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the sole intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. This decision must be reversed. The National Park Service is a steward of the land as well as the creatures that live on it.

NPS continues to allow cattle to graze on public land. This action has been found to decimate ecosystems, contaminate the water supply with fecal bacteria, spread invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. All the while, a NPS decision is causing elk to die of apparent starvation and a lack of water.

Please remove this fence and allow these beautiful and innocent elk to roam free and live the lives they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 15559**

PLEASE remove the Tule Elk fence! It causes a lot of damage for many species and natural features, not just the Tule Elk!

**Correspondence ID: 15560**

Please, we need less fences and more compassion. Animals are meant to roam freely not be confined so again please remove the fence. It's ok to let nature win from time to time.

**Correspondence ID: 15561**

Dear National Park Service,

My husband and I have been living in California for decades and have often enjoyed seeing the Tule Elk of Point Reyes National Seashore. It has always been a thrill for us, these majestic animals need room to roam and forage and have access to water. Containing these beautiful animals in a contained area with the intent to prevent them from grazing nearby seashore land is problematic at the least and life threatening at the worst and I implore you to take down the fence and provide these creatures equal if not better than equal access to food and water and not make this about favoritism to cattle grazing and ranchers.

Best regards,

Kim Trupiano

**Correspondence ID: 15562**

I do not support expanding the fence to give more feed space for elk while sacrificing the pastured lands for sustainable farming operations. Prior of land use should go to the farmers.

**Correspondence ID: 15563**

Please keep the Elk fencing intact.

Do not remove the fencing, as doing so could endanger the organic farming operations inside the park.

Thanks for your consideration,

Mark

**Correspondence ID: 15564**

As a concerned citizen, a tax paying citizen and a voting citizen, I urge the National Park

Service to remove the 3 mile long fence that prevents the tule elk from having their god given full native grazing range. Exactly who does the NPS cater to, the greedy capitalist?

The Earth does not belong to man, especially not the greedy capitalist and NPS has not been ordained to be God.

LOL, for all your "God Bless America," hypocrites.

**Correspondence ID: 15565**

I would like to add my voice to those calling for the removal of the 8-foot fence on Pt. Reyes National Seashore Land that prevents the free roaming of the elk. It seems strange to me that the stewards of our national park would keep wild animals penned up. I understand that doing so can create life-threatening circumstances for the elk when weather conditions cause water and food to become scarce. Please allow the elk to roam.

**Correspondence ID: 15566**

I have been enjoying the Point Reyes National Seashore for over 25 years. What makes it special is being able to see the historic ranches and the majestic herd of elk. But ranches need boundaries and so do the elk. Please do not remove the elk fence. Just like any ranch operation, the elk herd needs good management. Currently, they are treated like a zoo animals without predators and their population is allowed to exceed the sustainable limits of their range. I feel strongly that proper management of the elk herd grasslands and appropriate environmental controls on the ranches will allow for the uniqueness that is the Seashore to continue. The cultural and historic preservation of the ranches is a function of the Park Service under the Secretary of Interior.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 15567**

It's time to take down the fence how many more will have to die before the fence is removed if there's any compassion please take down the fence as quickly as possible everything has a right to survive and live a life to us fullest thank you

**Correspondence ID: 15568**

Please set the Elk free, and stop the cruelty and suffering now!

**Correspondence ID: 15569**

The Tomales Bay Region is one of the best-managed, cross-interest areas of the United States. The Bay itself is rated as the cleanest seawater in America and largely this is due to the Oyster Farms and the filtering bivalves. A result of man with nature.

The farming in the region provides vital, non-megacorporate whole foods to the Bay Area and are locally beloved. It has proven to be a well-managed cooperative of farmers who take their organic, whole foods very seriously and with terrific results.

I am not sure why the Federal Government is determined, across the country, to ruin these smaller ecological farms and force citizens to buy larger corporate products laden with GMO, chemicals and toxins. I would not be surprised if these decisions to attack family farming is not just politics and money and has nothing to do with "elk." The elk are fine, the farms are fine and the water and ecology is fine. Leave it alone. The most feared words in english are,"I am from the government and I am here to help."

**Correspondence ID: 15570**

Please don't take away organic dairy farming. People need it.

**Correspondence ID: 15571**

Please reconsider removing the Elk Fence which will threaten the organic farms in the area. Support the ecosystem already in place and support the agricultural community. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15572**

Take down the fence so that the elk can roam freely. There should be more elk than cattle in Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 15573**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jamie Posey

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Sincerely, Mrs. Carrie Welsh

**Correspondence ID: 15575**

I strongly urge that this measure be reconsidered as it would greatly affect the organic farms in the area. Being someone who deals with organic famers all over the country as an organic retailer, I know how difficult it is for small family farms to survive these days. The threat to this way of life and the future of organic family farms is great and at a tipping point. We cannot afford to see another organic farm go under in this country and the state of CA, especially Northern California plays a huge role in the success of organic industry.

Thank you for considering.

**Correspondence ID: 15576**

Please remove the fence. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 15577**

Straus Creamery is the best.

**Correspondence ID: 15578**

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Sincerely, Claudia Lattimore

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Sincerely, Mr. David Milner

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Sincerely, Judy Chen

**Correspondence ID: 15581**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

You should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point



Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

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Sincerely, Ms Missy Johnson

**Correspondence ID: 15583**

Make choices for our future, for our future generations, for people NOT PROFIT!

**Correspondence ID: 15584**

Please do not remove the Elk Fence. The sustainable farming operations need to be able to survive and support the ag economy and food supply. Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15585**

Being a native in Marin , I strongly oppose removing the elk fence. The dairies and ranches are an important feature of Marin. Growing up driving out to the Pt Reyes peninsula was a way my parents made sure we knew where food came from. I urge you to protect ranching. Elk were not even there when Ai was young. They are invasive keep them out please!

**Correspondence ID: 15586**

Please respect the needs of the farmers in West Marin!

**Correspondence ID: 15587**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. Furthermore, private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such

manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15588**

Dear Policy and Decision Makers:

This is a long road we've had in attempts to preserve

The area for Tule Elk.

I ask those in power, to please, please, have mercy and

Simply just "do the right thing".

Many eyes are watching. Let this action be the

Hope that restores faith in our decision makers.

Thank u

Pat Mellini

**Correspondence ID: 15589**

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Sincerely, Mrs. Donna D'Ambrosio

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Sincerely, Ms. Jennifer DeGerolamo

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Sincerely, Joseph Supley

**Correspondence ID: 15592**

PLEASE have the fences removed from Pt Reyes Park so the Tule Elk can have access to roaming for food and water.

**Correspondence ID: 15593**

I urge the NPS to remove the fence encircling the tule elk. Let them roam free instead of containing them in an area where over 100 of them have died as a result of little or no access to food and water.

**Correspondence ID: 15594**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Neil Adelman

**Correspondence ID: 15595**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

As a tax payer and registered voter, the business of freeing the Elks, removing the destructive fencing, and protecting all wildlife and animals in our communities and beyond is mandatory!

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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Sincerely, Miss Mary Bozkurt

**Correspondence ID: 15596**

Take down the fences and remove the cattle on public lands. Many don't realize what a special place this area used to be and the shifting baseline has set little exception for PR. It deserves better management.

I agree with your preferred “Alternative B” to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

**Correspondence ID: 15597**

Please choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's appalling and wrong to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

It is urgent that you remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15598**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Annie McCann

**Correspondence ID: 15600**

I support Alternative B - to not confine the Elk in Point Reyes.

**Correspondence ID: 15601**

Asking that the fence restricting the Tomales Point Elk herd be removed so their suffering will end . Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15602**

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Sincerely, Mr James Boyle

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Sincerely, Ms. Peggy Sharp

**Correspondence ID: 15604**

Hunger that can be prevented easily by removing a fence is the way to go. Public opinion will applaud you.

We, the people, want to be kind to the animals around us, we applaud a gov't that takes down a fence so that beautiful majestic animals may eat and not die.

We applaud every time an easy humane solution is advocated by the gov't.

**Correspondence ID: 15605**

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Sincerely, Christa Livingstone

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Sincerely, Mrs. Tanja Rieger

**Correspondence ID: 15607**

Please consider the following:

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Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

3) Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

4) Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15608**

I am in favor of removing the fence which confines the movement of tule elk. I feel this would be helpful to the elk herds and the ecosystem. Thank you, Peter

**Correspondence ID: 15609**

Maintain the status quo!! Leave the elk fence in place.

**Correspondence ID: 15610**

Please conserve the Elk Fence and management practices as they currently exist, so that family farms and elk can coexist together in the Seashore.

Something that has been done well and responsibly for years shouldn't be undone!

**Correspondence ID: 15611**

Dear National Park Service,

I'm writing with respect to the tule elk confined behind fences at Pt Reyes National Seashore. These fences trap the elk who are no longer able to find sufficient food or water. This is cruelty



which leads to suffering and sometimes death for these wild native animals. The NPS should choose Alternative B which would have the fences come down. If there is any fencing which should perhaps be erected it would be for the cattle whose waste pollutes the waterways of our beloved national seashore. However more appropriately the cattle operations are not appropriate for Pt Reyes Seashore. They should be ended in this environmentally sensitive area. The cattle ranchers have already been out and they need to leave.

Thank you, Natalie Peck

**Correspondence ID: 15612**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Linda Rodes

**Correspondence ID: 15613**

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Sincerely, Ivana Duric

**Correspondence ID: 15614**

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**Correspondence ID: 15615**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Constance Cooper

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Sincerely, Mrs. Terry Wallerstedt

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Sincerely, Ms. Leslie Billings

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Sincerely, Sonja Sutherland

**Correspondence ID: 15619**

I am writing regarding the native tule elk herd confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore.

I understand that you are considering a proposed plan that would include removal of the fence which currently confines this elk herd.

I urge the NPS to remove the fence to assist this herd. It is under too much stress and does not currently have what it needs to sustain itself. Please remove the fence!

**Correspondence ID: 15620**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Kristyn Corder

**Correspondence ID: 15621**

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Deborah Hoffmann

**Correspondence ID: 15622**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Please remove the fence and allow elk inside the Point Reyes reserve to access food and water.

Point Reyes is a National Seashore, not a zoo! Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, remove the beef industry!

The Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Attorney Tamara Bedic

**Correspondence ID: 15623**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs Diane Oberholzer

**Correspondence ID: 15624**

Regarding the elk fence in Point Reyes: thank you for considering all of the public support for removing the elk fence--I am urging you to choose Alternative B ("Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area"), which will remove the fence and let the elk in the area roam free so they will NOT be confined and eventually die of thirst and malnutrition. Since this is, after all, a

wilderness area, there should be NO fences, and no culling, hazing or harassment of the elk for ANY reason. Cattle should definitely be considered secondary to the needs of the elk in this area since, once again, it is a WILDERNESS area, and the natural home of the elk, NOT the cattle. Cattle should NEVER be prioritized over native wildlife in wilderness areas and, in fact, aren't even appropriate in a wilderness area such as Point Reyes.

Honor the charter of the National Seashore: The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Restore the ecosystem and protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife by removing the elk fence. The ranchers will just have to accept that they don't have priority over the public lands anymore and will have to find other ways to graze their cattle on the cheap or else find another way of life. We all eat too much beef anyway, and we need to start thinking about the environment and the planet, not just a few rancher's profits.

**Correspondence ID: 15625**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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Sincerely, Mr. d muraco

**Correspondence ID: 15626**

I support removing the 3 mile fence that has been harming elk.

**Correspondence ID: 15627**

Re: Tule Elk Fence Removal at PRNS

As a long-time Marin resident, I strongly support the removal of the Tule Elk Fence in Point Reyes National Seashore. Although ranchers and farmers should be given some time to transition away from reliance on their low-cost leases within the Seashore, the time frame should be short. No more than 5 years. It's cheaper for them to transition as soon as possible (a process that prudent ranchers should already have begun). The public has subsidized ranching and dairy operations for too long. These private operations have reaped benefits from the

grazing leases—they've had historic subsidies from taxpayers and it needs to end with this generation—immediately. The National Seashore is a public good and should not be benefiting a small number of business operators. Tule Elk were native to this Northern CA grassland ecosystem. Their species is critically endangered and they should be allowed to roam freely on public lands. Where justified and in direct conflict with private land operations, the elk could be culled (must be done by appropriate public managers and not entrusted to private landowners). But the future of the species depends on genetic diversity. The herds need to mix and cross-breed in order to evolve/build resiliency during increasing drought and poor forage conditions. Even if the farmers are organic, the dependence on public lands is unsustainable because the public values the survival of Tule Elk over the business interests of ranchers. I have long thought that there should be a "viewshed beauty" toll that (non-Marin resident) tourists should pay. Perhaps this could subsidize ranching and dairy operations? The open grassland vistas of West Marin are remarkable and are "produced," in part, by ranching and dairy operations. And although many costs of those operations (pollution from ranching operations, damage to riparian areas, over-consumption of water) are borne by the local and National public, anyone who drives thru West Marin gets a huge "beauty benefit." In addition to a viewshed toll, the National Seashore should charge fees similar regular NPS fees. Direct users gain direct benefits and should pay for those benefits. Let's make this system more equitable for everyone.

**Correspondence ID: 15628**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. Thank you for your time and please protect our wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 15629**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Maggie Shipton

**Correspondence ID: 15630**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

It's unacceptable and supremely cruel to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing, or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." No part of this mentions cattle grazing as an acceptable activity within the park.

Thank you for heeding the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service should never prioritize cattle over native wildlife. BLM maintains many other public lands suitable for cattle grazing.

**Correspondence ID: 15631**

The Tule Elk Fence needs to be removed.

**Correspondence ID: 15632**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Anita M

**Correspondence ID: 15633**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,



I Fully support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units. Let's protect the few wildlife left in this country .

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Sincerely, Mr. Robert Jonardi

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Sincerely, Shirley Cedillo

**Correspondence ID: 15635**

Please remove the fence that confines the elk so they are able to roam freely.

**Correspondence ID: 15636**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Ms. Tatiana Q.

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Sincerely, Dan Poyourow

**Correspondence ID: 15638**

Please do not remove the Elk fence. It would be detrimental for the farming community and nearby towns. We need wholesome land to grow organically.

Sincerely, Karen Kristofor

**Correspondence ID: 15639**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Patrice Donahoe

**Correspondence ID: 15640**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Francene Kilichowski

**Correspondence ID: 15641**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

PLEASE REMOVE the FENCE to stop the STARVATION of our Tule Elk.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Dr. Christine Berta

**Correspondence ID: 15642**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jeannine Guerci

**Correspondence ID: 15643**

I am writing to ask you to please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is unacceptable. Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be halted to honor the true charter of our Seashore, as stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

**Correspondence ID: 15644**

I am hoping that you would please remove the fence which prevents the elk from getting what they need to survive. So many have suffered and died! Having so many cattle on the land is not good for the ecosystem. Please be sympathetic to the deer who were there first.

Thank-you,

Vickie and David Mowry

**Correspondence ID: 15645**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Miss Elizabeth Rizo

**Correspondence ID: 15646**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Lisa MacDonald

**Correspondence ID: 15647**

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Sincerely, Tamei W

**Correspondence ID: 15648**

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Sincerely, Ms J Odonnell

**Correspondence ID: 15649**

I favor Plan C (except maintain supplemental emergency water sources) until we better understand the impact of Tule Elk on Tomales Pt vegetation.

**Correspondence ID: 15650**

The PTNS proposal to remove the tall elk-proof fence and allow the Tomales elk to freely roam freely across the rest of the National Seashore. Going from proposal to implementing or conducting the removal would allow elk access to water and forage throughout the seashore. Following through with this proposal would be one action in rewilding Point Reyes National Park. It would provide a wildlife connectivity corridor through the private lands allowing visitors to view elk and other animals moving according to their physical and behavioral needs. It would satisfy the NPS goal of recovering and maintaining natural functioning ecosystems. Ideally, adding wildlife-friendly fences would keep elk and cattle separated during periods when cattle were present on leased PRNS lands. The proposal could address trucking water during drought years and allow elk to find forage given whatever conditions existed now and in the future. If implemented the proposal could give the tule elk greater access than has been available for years; the only action that would be better would be to remove livestock entirely giving the tule elk unlimited access from Tomales Point to Drake's Bay. But for now, approving and

implementing this proposal would help the tule elk, other PRNS natural resources, and follow NPS and PRNS goals.

**Correspondence ID: 15651**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johnne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johnne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

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Sincerely, Ms. Cindy Horn

**Correspondence ID: 15652**

The Tule elk populations should be protected under federal law.

**Correspondence ID: 15653**

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Sincerely, ms Ayako Moulton

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Sincerely, Ms. Cristy St John

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Sincerely, Mrs. Debbie Hall

**Correspondence ID: 15656**

I support removing the tule elk fence to allow all the Point Reyes elk to roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 15657**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Cherie Seltzer

**Correspondence ID: 15658**

It's true...in the land of milk and honey it shouldn't just be about the milk. Tule Elk should have access to grazing and water. Park land is for wild life. Ranchers and Dairy cattle should not have access to grazing and water at the expense of native wild life.

**Correspondence ID: 15659**

The National Park Service should remove fences and allow elk to naturally roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 15660**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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Sincerely, Michaelle Dewitt

**Correspondence ID: 15661**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Seymour Polatin

**Correspondence ID: 15662**

As an avid explorer of our National Parks I find it very disturbing that the Elk at Point Reyes are fenced in and not allowed to roam freely. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, ESPECIALLY in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, which includes all wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

I'm urging the National park service to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for your consideration.

**Correspondence ID: 15663**

I support keeping the elk fence up. I support the ranchers and Farmers that are in that area that are producing food for people to eat. We do not want to have to go out and start killing Wildlife because you Ding Dongs have removed all of the food sources for us we do not have enough Wildlife for that. Those Ranchers have been there for quite some time otherwise I'm sure the National Park Service wouldn't just up and give them Ranch Land. So I think that they were probably there before I really don't know that but I do think that they need to be left alone.

**Correspondence ID: 15664**

I am in favor of removing the Tule Elk Fence. I believe the NPS should allow the elk to roam freely without barriers. I am not in favor of keeping the fence in place just for the benefit of

cattle ranchers. Cattle herds cause a disproportionate amount of environmental damage and should be grazed somewhere that doesn't impact a national park.

**Correspondence ID: 15665**

I support the farmers in keeping the elk fence up. The farmers have a right to protect their crops

**Correspondence ID: 15666**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Please do the right thing by choosing the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units. These animals deserve to be treated with respect and care. They are our heritage.

In addition, officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Victoria Carpenter

**Correspondence ID: 15667**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Mr. Kevin Smith

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Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 15669**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Nedda Janatpour

**Correspondence ID: 15670**

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Sincerely, .. Tracy Riggert

**Correspondence ID: 15671**

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Please include and listen to the Coastal Miwok Tribal Council and respect their evaluations, concerns and proposals. Honor Coastal Miwok heritage sites and remove cattle ranchers from any designation as "historical".

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Jay Anthi

**Correspondence ID: 15672**

My husband and I visited Point Reyes National Seashore in January 2023. It was the highlight of our two week California trip. I told everyone about it. We enjoyed the scenery, but also very much the wildlife, which included the tule elk and 2 coyotes.

I am outraged to hear that the tule elk we saw during our visit are dying from thirst and malnutrition due to National Park practices. The elk should be protected - revered even - so that they are there for future generations.

PLEASE REMOVE THE ELK FENCE and adopt Alternative B, "the Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area." Prioritize the elk over cattle.

I found the tule elk to be way more compelling than the ranches. I understand that the ranches are historic. But not nearly as historic as the elk. I've read that the elk were there for 10,000 years before hunters and ranchers eliminated them.

I vote that the elk are more important and should have priority over the ranches. I vote that all native flora and fauna be prioritized over the ranches. The ranches were our least favorite thing there, and they certainly don't fall into "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes.

I appreciate you listening to the overwhelming support for removing the elk fence. Now do the right thing. Get the elk immediate food and water, and get that fence down.....

Sincerely, Jen Maurer

**Correspondence ID: 15673**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Paola Perez

**Correspondence ID: 15674**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Hello,

I am writing to you in support of the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units. It is time to do the right thing as stewards of our land.

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Sincerely, Justin Pennington

**Correspondence ID: 15675**

I support the balance of nature and current Organic farming practices in Marin County near Pt Reyes. The fence to buffer the farms grazing areas and the elk should be kept in place.

**Correspondence ID: 15676**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

This horrific death fence needs to be removed immediately. These elk BELONG here, NOT ranchers. I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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Sincerely, Ms. Chris Pedone

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Sincerely, Miss Juana Perez

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Sincerely, Jessica Hollingshead

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Sincerely, Dr. Maggie Yousefpour

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Sincerely, Mr Christopher Wuerthner

**Correspondence ID: 15681**

The Elk need to be free to roam and have access to food and water. The restrictive fencing needs to be removed. Allow these Elk to roam free.

**Correspondence ID: 15682**

I support the proposal to remove the fence for elk and allow them to roam free (Alternative B). Because it is inhumane to deprive animals to look for water and food if there is not enough in there own area. And let them starve to death. We should stop doing things like this. In whatever part of the world.

**Correspondence ID: 15683**

Wildlife is crucial to the ecosystem and environmental sustainability. We must protect all wildlife.

**Correspondence ID: 15684**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Mrs. elena french

**Correspondence ID: 15685**

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Sincerely, Kaleigh Orear

**Correspondence ID: 15686**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, RH Cooper

**Correspondence ID: 15687**

Please tear down the 8-foot-high elk-killing fence at Tomales Point. The fence causes massive elk die-offs during drought years, cutting animals off from adequate food and water sources.

**Correspondence ID: 15688**

Please remove the fence so the Tule Elk can have water and food. If you don't remove the fence, it's going to decimate ecosystems, contaminate the area with fecal bacteria, spread invasive species, and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water. Meat depletes the state's water supply. Protect Tule Elk not Big Agriculture. Do the right thing, and take down the fence that does no good for the Tule Elk, and the environment.

Thank you, Mrs. Carolena Larsen

**Correspondence ID: 15689**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Any decision to continue livestock production in Point Reyes National Seashore demonstrates once again why allowing any commercial resource use in our parklands compromises the primary goals of our park system—which is to manage public lands for public values, not private profit. One of the NPS primary responsibilities is to maintain native ecosystems, protect biodiversity, and minimize human inference in natural ecological

processes. The Park Service's preferred management alternative compromises all these goals to benefit a handful of ranchers who have been eating at the public trough now for decades. The Park Service's management plan allows the killing of native and endangered Tule elk if conflicts arise between privately owned domestic livestock using public lands and the public's wildlife. It allow ranchers to convert grasslands to commercial row crops, and of course, we, the taxpayers, will pay for all this.

Point Reyes is home to 460 species of birds, 876 plants, and many different marine and terrestrial mammals. This biological diversity prompted UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere program to designate Point Reyes as an international biosphere reserve. In the 1960s, the federal government acquired the private lands that occupied the peninsula. , and the ranchers were paid a substantial amount of money for their properties, often millions of dollars per ranch acquisition. However, the occupants of these buildings and ranchers were not required to leave the seashore immediately. Indeed, they were given a reprieve of twenty-five years or upon the death of the primary owners (whichever came first) that allowed them to continue grazing and residing in the public's property. The entrenched ranchers successfully lobbied to remain on the seashore, and the twenty-five year grace period was extended several times.

This is in direct violation of the law creating the national seashore. We, the taxpayers, pay for the maintenance of fences and roads on these properties. The NPS (i.e., taxpayers) receives about \$500,000 in revenues from the ranch leases—less than half the Park Service's spends to maintain them.

Finally, it is a question of equity. Imagine what people would say if the former owners of the lands now protected in Redwood National Park and other redwood state parks were permitted to continue to cut the old-growth forests because they once operated logging operations on these lands.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

### **Correspondence ID: 15690**

We are senior citizens who provide financial support to the National Park Service: we have, over decades, visited scores of national parks - many, when the US population was millions smaller than it is now, so visitors didn't have to make advance reservations to enjoy them, and when the native flora and fauna proliferated in their natural ecosystem, with little interference by humans.

Regarding the issue of the Tule elk at Point Reyes National Seashore, we feel strongly that the NPS should choose to pull down the fence confining the herd; it drastically limits their range and, therefore, their ability to roam free as they should in order to provide them a greater variety of nutrients and exercise - and to enhance their gene pool when they mingle with other Tule elk. And, once the fence has been removed, we urge that the ecosystem be restored.

Because of climate change, we are living in the start of a new era where we all, to one degree or another, are going to have to learn to make adjustments in our lives. Many of us have become vegetarians because we are aware of how environmentally destructive cattle are, and we are learning how vital to our own sense of wellbeing the natural world is. Many populations of native wildlife are being decimated, largely because of habitat loss and consequent less accessibility to food, water, shade, etc.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

We join all the members of the public who are urging the NPS to remove the fence. And, very importantly, once it is removed, we request that it be specified that free-roaming elk not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Thank you for considering the public support for removing the elk fence: fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the NPS shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife, especially in a national park.

Herb and Pat Bartel

**Correspondence ID: 15691**

I support NOT removing the Elk fence.

If the Elk Fence is removed, sustainable farming operations will be unable to survive due to competition for available feed; and the organic farms will be unable to meet USDA organic pasture standards.

Eliminating the Park's farming community would damage Marin County's agricultural economy and regional food supply, 20% of which is within the Park. This would also be a devastating loss to the entire community, including schools and local businesses.

**Correspondence ID: 15692**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

Finally, the Seashore's Tule elk cannot be free, healthy, and safe until private cattle operations are removed because they expose elk to fecal bacteria in soil, streams, and ponds, and manure-borne cattle diseases, including Johne's disease. The NPS itself cites a 1979 study that found half of the park's dairy ranches were infected with Johne's disease. Private cattle operations have no business in our national parks.

I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Lynette Sanchez

**Correspondence ID: 15693**

Dear National Park Service, I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk

Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore. — which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) only to benefit private cattle ranches.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15694**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area. Confined behind a fence for years, native elk have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. The problem has become so severe that 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone. Once the elk fence is removed, the elk may roam freely. Steps should also be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals. It is time to let these magnificent wild animals roam free in our National Seashore.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area,” and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

**Correspondence ID: 15695**

I am appalled that there is a fence keeping the Tule Elk from roaming in a National Park. The dairies are polluting the water that my family swims in and that is such an important habitat for so much wildlife.

When we visit Pt. Reyes, we want to see wildlife, not dairy farms.

Take down the fence ASAP!

**Correspondence ID: 15696**

Please take down the fence so the Tule Elk can roam freely. They've suffered enough and we can't lose any more. #Plan B

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Sincerely, Ms. Rhonda Robinson

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Sincerely, Ms. Pat Fiore

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms Sandra Bigart

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Sincerely, Ms. Helena Zagar

**Correspondence ID: 15701**

Instead of protecting the native tule elk of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, for years the National Park Service has confined members of the largest herd, all to appease livestock owners.

**Correspondence ID: 15702**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Linda Jensen

**Correspondence ID: 15703**

Please free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

Please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. It's totally unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, please prevent the elk from being subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

**Correspondence ID: 15704**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Ms Isabella Luthje

**Correspondence ID: 15705**

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mr. pan salad

**Correspondence ID: 15706**

I implore you to choose Alternative B and remove fences that prevent elk from reaching water and forage. It is disgusting that the NPS would let elk die of dehydration and starvation while prioritizing cattle over elk. While I understand the 'historic' nature of cattle ranching at Pt. Reyes National Seashore, but once the park was designated, the die was cast. Cattle should go.

Tule elk are native to CA and only exist in CA. They once ranged all the way up and down the coast and Central Valley. Today, they are rare and only exist in a few herds. I feel sad every time I see the big elk statue on top of a tall sign in the city of Elk Grove on Hwy 99 south of Sacramento. Tule elk must have been common in Elk Grove at one time, but now the only elk that can be seen anywhere around Elk Grove is the statue on the sign.

Pt. Reyes National Seashore should be a haven for native wildlife. It is unconscionable that the NPS would prioritize cattle over wildlife no matter what the history is of ranching in the area. Tule elk are threatened with extinction, and we sure can't say that about cows. The thought of the NPS culling elk to save cows is repulsive to me. Fencing elk off from water and food is cruel and not tolerable in a national park like Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Take down the fences!

**Correspondence ID: 15707**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank the agency for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15708**

I grew up in a family the cattle ranched. I have seen first hand the devastation it causes. I am

fed up with seeing our indigenous species whose presence works in symbiosis w/the land (enriching it and keeping it healthy, vs destroying it like cattle grazing) getting pushed out in favor of cattle, which have no place in our National Parks. I appreciate you giving us a chance to be heard, and I'd like to just say: please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. Please choose Alt B ("Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area"). Thank you so much for hearing us!

**Correspondence ID: 15709**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Antonio Bozzer

**Correspondence ID: 15710**

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Sincerely, Ms. Ellen Ellen McConnell

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Sincerely, Ms. Cheryl Hedges

**Correspondence ID: 15712**

We owe it to native species to find a balance between their right to roam and graze freely and the needs of ranchers. At the end of the the day, the native species were here first, humans have done enough to impose their will and greed on nature; stopping at nothing to enrich ourselves and thereby wreaking havoc in our path at the cost of nature.

**Correspondence ID: 15713**

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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This is wonderful! Please move forward with these plans.

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Let the Elk roam free and you may find they do more good to the land than expected!!!

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We are watching.

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We need to provide the most clean organic food to the people. By removing the fence you are putting animals before man. Man's food supply is currently very dangerous for us to eat. These farmers are providing organic food which is nutritious to man. Why would anyone want to destroy what is good to only be replaced by farmers who produce toxic food to man???? If you want to remove the fence and destroy these farmers livelihood, who are doing good for man, then you are evil and God will deal with you! Listen to what the people want- clean food.



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Protect Point Reyes for wildlife. Free the elk. Use Alternative B. BE HUMANE--allowing elk to be fenced in and then die of thirst is immoral.

Get rid of the cattle. Elk should have priority. Restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15918**

I have been going to Limantour Beach at Pt. Reyes for almost 50 years. While I am a big fan of our entire National Park System, I believe the presence of the dairy cows adds that much more to my experience. Please do not take down the elk fence!

**Correspondence ID: 15919**

I support Alternative B, removing the fence keeping the Tule Elk confined to limited sections of the Tomales Point area of the Point Reyes National Seashore. With ongoing droughts and the persistent need to provide water for the elk, it is unsustainable and inane to keep the fencing up. Cattle owners do not have sole rights over the land; wild animals have just as much right to food and water. As a crucial part of the ecosystem, the elk deserve to be freed and the amount of cattle on the land should be limited, due to their contamination of the area.

Alan Charles

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Sincerely, Miss gwen pellicci

**Correspondence ID: 15924**

Please remove the fence. Life is precious-save lifes.

**Correspondence ID: 15925**

Please do the right thing for these starving elk and take down the fence. There is no good reason to have them die.. all gods creatures deserve life..

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**Correspondence ID: 15928**

I am very upset at your attempt to starve the Tule elk. By building a fence to limit their food sources, you have made your objectives plain to see. They are an indigenous species! Please appreciate that! Cows are not indigenous should not be protected or allowed to take over the earth. They spread disease to native populations, they are terrible for our air with their methane release, and we don't need them getting preferential treatment over our native species. Do not encourage the greed of cow farmers!

Please remove the fence and stop trying to kill the Tule elk!!

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The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

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It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

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Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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**Correspondence ID: 15933**

Please choose plan B "

Take down the fence

Don't starve our elk

Thanks

Liz

**Correspondence ID: 15934**

For years, native tule elk confined to Tomales Point in Point Reyes National Seashore have been dying of apparent starvation and a lack of water. These beautiful animals are contained to the Tomales Point peninsula by a 3-mile-long fence erected by the National Park Service (NPS) with the intent to prevent the elk from grazing nearby seashore land. The problem has become so severe that a whopping 152 elk died on Tomales Point in 2020 alone.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Janice Cashell

**Correspondence ID: 15936**

I believe family farms and elk can coexist together in the Seashore. NPS' management of the wilderness and ranchlands is essential to sustain natural resources in the Seashore. Livestock from these family farms and elk both play an essential role in an ecologically thriving and environmentally resilient Seashore.

If the Elk Fence is removed, sustainable farming operations will be unable to survive due to competition for available feed; and the organic farms will be unable to meet USDA organic pasture standards. Eliminating the Park's farming community would damage Marin County's agricultural economy and regional food supply, 20% of which is within the Park. This would also be a devastating loss to the entire community, including schools and local businesses.

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Sincerely, Korg Onze

**Correspondence ID: 15939**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

Thank you for considering removing The fence. I sincerely hope that will be your choice.

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs. Joanne Hart

**Correspondence ID: 15940**

Park Service, yall need to free the elk and protect Point Reyes for native wildlife — not for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem!

Thank you!!

**Correspondence ID: 15941**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Ms. Debra Bolog

**Correspondence ID: 15942**

Free the ELK

Fence the cattle

**Correspondence ID: 15943**

Please establish all decisions regarding indigenous wildlife such as native elk herds, upon the health and survival of these species. That includes their right to roam without barriers , for nutrition .Elk survival is paramount, that should be the focus of the Park service, not the livestock business!!

**Correspondence ID: 15944**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," removing the fence and allowing elk to naturally roam free. Public support for removing the elk fence has been overwhelming. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I urge the agency to remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15945**

As a lifelong resident of the San Francisco Bay Area and lifelong visitor to Pt. Reyes, I urge you to leave the elk fence in place.

In the face of climate change, environmental degradation, and the harmful impacts of a food system that relies too much on non-local food resources and huge industrialized farms, our local and sustainable farms are an environmental as well as social and economic treasure.

In order to best serve our local environment and continue a positive impact on the larger environment, NPS must prioritize local sustainable farming operations that would be irreparably harmed by the removal of the elk fence, as well as the native vegetation and elk herd.

First: do no harm. Do not remove the fence.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15946**

HELLO!!!

I am writing to URGE YOU IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS to FREE THE ELK & PROTECT POINT REYES FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE -- NOT for the livestock owners whose cattle are destroying its ecosystem.

You should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will REMOVE THE FATAL FENCE and allow elk to naturally roam free.

THANK YOU for listening to the OVERWHELMING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR REMOVING THE ELK FENCE. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and THE PARK SERVICE SHOULD NOT PRIORITIZE CATTLE OVER NATIVE WILDLIFE.

It is MORE THAN UNACCEPTABLE to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, FREE-ROAMING ELK SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECTED TO CULLING, HAZING, OR HARASSMENT FOR ANY CONCEIVABLE REASON.

PRIVATE CATTLE OPERATIONS aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and SHOULD BE ENDED TO HONOR THE CHARTER of the National Seashore. IT IS THE LAW! The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife IN SUCH A MANNER & BY SUCH MEANS AS WILL LEAVE THEM UNIMPAIRED for the enjoyment of future generations."

AGAIN, I URGE THE AGENCY TO REMOVE THE ELK FENCE to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

**Correspondence ID: 15947**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing ("culling") of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal "management" of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Fabiola Juncal

**Correspondence ID: 15948**

Please let the elks roam free in nature as they are intended to do!

Please remember that cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

We must do the right thing for animals and nature. We must care enough to save what we have left. Their future depends on doing the right thing today and always.

**Correspondence ID: 15949**

Please make the Elk a priority, not cattle. So please support the cattle ranchers in this transition.

**Correspondence ID: 15950**

I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you so much for your help - we need to reverse our mistakes as soon as possible!

**Correspondence ID: 15951**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

**Correspondence ID: 15952**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

In addition, please officially rescind the current regulation in the General Management Plan allowing killing (“culling”) of elk in the other two herds since herds may intermingle when the fence is removed. I oppose all lethal “management” of any wild animals in our national parks.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Kara Lanham

**Correspondence ID: 15953**

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called “Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area,” which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

I want to thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's totally unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates “the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment” within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to “provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Please do the right thing and REMOVE the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Thank you for your time,  
MaryAnnBomarito

**Correspondence ID: 15954**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred “Alternative B” for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Mrs Ana Argenal

**Correspondence ID: 15955**

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

Further, once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

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Thank you for your time and attention on this matter!

George Hasapidis

**Correspondence ID: 15956**

I am writing as a longtime, committed environmentalist.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

My thanks to the NPS for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife. It should also prioritize the people over private interests. Our national parks are meant for all the people of this country, not for a very small minority of people who believe that our public lands and resources should only be for their own benefit.

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At this time when so many species face an uncertain future due to climate change, environmental pollution and habitat loss, we need to be taking every step that realistically helps to sustain our animal and plant life.

Thank you.

**Correspondence ID: 15957**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 15962**

Dear NPS,

I request that you select Plan B to remove fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe that wildlife should be the priority for our national park.

Please, please and thank you!

**Correspondence ID: 15963**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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I thank the National Park Service for requesting and considering public comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

**Correspondence ID: 15965**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please prioritize wild animals over landowners and livestock. Wild animals are in massive decline all over the world and having the US government contribute to more killing is state-sponsored genocide of these innocent creatures.

The National Park Service should choose Alternative B, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free.

Thank you for listening to the overwhelming public support for removing the elk fence. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas, and the Park Service shouldn't prioritize cattle over native wildlife.

It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Elk stuck and/or injured by fences is cruel, painful, and completely unnecessary. Please do not promote more suffering in a world with too much already.

Once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. This was their land first.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I beg you to please remove the elk fence to protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem.

Please do the right thing to end unnecessary wild animal pain, suffering, and death.

Thank you, Andrea

**Correspondence ID: 15966**

Dear Craig Kenkel - Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent,

I support the National Park Service's preferred "Alternative B" for the Tomales Point Tule Elk Reserve at Point Reyes National Seashore, to remove the fence and free the park's largest herd of Tule elk. Fences and confined animals have no place in national park units.

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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Sincerely, Luciana Redolfi

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I have been following this situation for some years and am glad this proposal has come up. I support the proposal to remove this fence allowing the Tule Elk more room to feed themselves.

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**Correspondence ID: 15980**

Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

It is time to prioritize the wildlife in National Park.

Thank,s

Martha

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Sincerely, Korg Onze

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Dear NPS,

I implore you to select Plan B to remove the fencing and allow native tule elk access to water and forage for the Tomales Point Area Plan at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Wildlife should be the priority for our national park, and simple access for these beautiful animals only makes sense for the area, park and community. I hope you can make the right change.

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Sincerely, Ms. Lorraine Valdez

**Correspondence ID: 15990**

To whom it may concern regarding the Elk at Point Reyes:

I am very worried about the treatment the Point Reyes Elk have received, and am outraged that inhumane treatment of these animals of nature is existing. It's unacceptable to let confined native elk die of thirst and malnutrition, especially in a national park. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness areas. I am also opposed to the fact that the Park Service that the cattle associations should be allowed priority in these areas.

I am asking for changes, and that The National Park Service chooses Alternative B,, called "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fatal fence and allow elk to naturally roam free. Further: once the elk fence is removed, free-roaming elk shouldn't be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason.

Please do this. It is the right thing to do. And this is taxpayer land, not intended by taxpayers to hurt animals so that corporate greed can profit.

You should not prioritize cattle over native wildlife. Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ended to honor the charter of the National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" within Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please remove the elk fence! Protect Point Reyes National Seashore's native wildlife and restore the ecosystem. Leave nature be for us taxpayers to enjoy, not get destroyed by Cattleman's Association and similar other interests' greed.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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Please execute Alternative B, Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area.

Thank you, National Park Service, for finally listening to the overwhelming voice of the public and removing the elk fence from Point Reyes. Fences are inappropriate in wilderness, and cattle should not be prioritized over wild animals.

Confined native elk dying of thirst and malnutrition in a National Park is not acceptable.

Once the elk fence is removed allowing the elk to roam freely, steps should be taken to avoid any culling, hazing, or harassment of the elk for any reason.

Cattle operations are no longer appropriate in Point Reyes and should be ceased to honor the true charter of our Seashore, stated in the Point Reyes Enabling Legislation as "the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area," and in the Organic Act of 1916 as to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

**Correspondence ID: 15994**

Thank you for taking the time to listen to citizens like myself who object vehemently to the tule-elk fence, which causes the elk to die of starvation and thirst during drought.

It is unethical and unconscionable to bow down to pressure by livestock owners. This is the only park the free roam in and your job is to protect them not kill them off.

Please tear down the fence and free the elk and do not bow down to pressure from the cattle industry which is killing the wildlife there.

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**Correspondence ID: 15998**

Please remove the fence and free the elk. Cattle grazing decimates ecosystems, contaminates the water supply with fecal bacteria, spreads invasive species and disease, and wastes massive amounts of water.

**Correspondence ID: 15999**

I don't know how much more cruel, evil, inhumane, uncompassionate, unsympathetic towards animals humanity is going to get. Its truly disgraceful!

REMOVE THAT DAMN FENCE!!!!!!

**Correspondence ID: 16000**

Dear National Park Service:

I agree with your preferred "Alternative B" to remove the Tule Elk Reserve fence at Tomales Point inside Point Reyes National Seashore, which has confined the elk (for 45 years, since 1978) solely to benefit private cattle ranchers.

In addition, I want all these private cattle ranches removed from our public park. Their thousands of cows produce millions of gallons of manure and urine every year, contaminating the park's streams and poisoning elk, fish and all wild animals — and humans too! Commercial cattle operations pollute and have no business being in this or any national park.

Once the elk fence is removed, elk must be protected from greater exposure to manure-borne cattle diseases common in these commercial dairy and beef operations.

Finally, ranchers must be monitored and heavily fined if they haze, harass, or harm any elk or wild animals in the park, ever.

Thank you.