

Does Your Work Require Consultation of a Certified Rangeland Manager by Law?



1. Review your work against these criteria. (Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Policy #12)

A PRIVATE LANDOWNER who personally performs professional rangeland management on his/her own property does not require a CRM consultation.

An ENTITY that performs rangeland management tasks as a landowner or service provider on lands as described below may require a CRM. This includes:

- Public agencies, including but not limited to state and local agencies and special districts;
- Private landowners, including non-governmental organizations, except as described above; and
- Professionals working in the private sector, universities, state agencies, and federal agencies, particularly when those agencies are working on non-federal lands.

COVERED PROFESSIONAL TASKS are described on the reverse, *Rangeland Management Tasks*.

PROJECT SITES. While the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection encourages the use of CRMs on non-forested range and grasslands, the CRM program is defined by the Professional Foresters Law statutes. Thus, covered rangelands must meet the Foresters Law definition of “forested landscapes.” “Forested landscapes” pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 754 are, “...those tree dominated landscapes and their associated vegetation types on which there is growing a significant stand of tree species, or which are naturally capable of growing a significant stand of native trees in perpetuity, and is not otherwise devoted to non-forestry commercial, urban, or farming uses.”

2. Consult a CRM or the Cal-Pac SRM Certification Panel for Further Information

More Information on the Certified Rangeland Manager Program

Regulations and Certification

www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/certified.html

Consult SRM Certification Panel

To discuss specific circumstances
(Type “CRM Question” in e-mail subject line.)

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Contact Certified Rangeland Managers

To announce positions and Requests for Proposals
and to make other inquiries

Roster of Certified Rangeland Managers
http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/professional_foresters_registration/locate_a_rpf_or_crm/

There are 43 licensed CRM consultants (August 2011). Some provide assistance as part of their public service positions (i.e. UC Cooperative Extension) and some also have private practices. Others are fully in private practice.



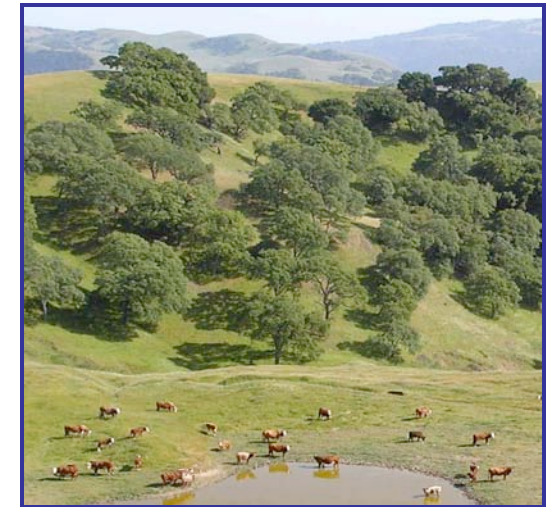
California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management is a professional organization composed of individuals with a common interest in the study, management, and rational use of rangelands and related ecosystems.
<http://www.rangelands.org/membership.html>



California – Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management
Working to Benefit Healthy & Sustainable Rangeland Ecosystems in California & the Pacific

CALIFORNIA CERTIFIED RANGELAND MANAGER PROGRAM

A Reference for Landowners and Professionals



What a Certified Rangeland Manager is

What Rangeland Management Tasks are

When a Certified Rangeland Manager is Desirable and When Required

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The Certified Rangeland Manager Program

The California program is designed to provide evidence of professional competency, to protect the public interest, and to ensure proper management of California's rangeland resources.



The Certified Rangeland Manager (CRM)

A Certified Rangeland Manager (CRM) applies scientific principles to the art and science of managing rangelands in the context of the Professional Foresters Law definition of "forested landscapes." However, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection also encourages the use of CRMs on non-forested rangelands. Such rangelands would include lands supporting grass, shrub, and savanna vegetation types pursuant to the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management (Cal-Pac) Program for Certification of Professional Rangeland Managers.

Cal-Pac's Certification Panel certifies applicants based on their educational and experience qualifications, including experience with California rangelands, and passing of the CRM examination, which is developed and graded by the Panel. It focuses on principles and skills as applied to California rangeland types. The Panel recommends individuals to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for an exam, which if passed, may lead to licensing. CRMs are obliged to follow a Code of Ethics and are strongly encouraged to maintain their proficiency through continuing education. Only a licensed individual may use the title of "Certified Rangeland Manager."

Range Science

Range Science integrates many disciplines in order to understand and predict the outcomes of management and ecosystem disturbance in the context of land management goals.

Rangeland Management Tasks

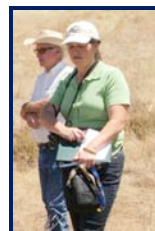
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Covered professional tasks include making management recommendations, developing conservation plans and management plans, monitoring, and other activities associated with professional rangeland management. This includes but is not limited to:

- Drafting rangeland management plans to meet specific natural resource objectives;
- Developing and implementing means of improving or maintaining watershed function;
- Conducting rangeland inventories and assessments;
- Making recommendations regarding prescriptive grazing;
- Planning and implementing monitoring programs; and
- Providing recommendations regarding conservation of, and regard for rangeland as an expression of open space, viewshed, watershed and other public benefits.

Also included if these tasks are exclusively directed toward the management and treatment of rangelands:

- Mapping, acreage/vegetative cover determination or other site evaluations through photogrammetry, Geographical Information Systems, and/or surveyed location;
- Mitigating or recommending mitigation of impacts from previous or proposed land use activities by other environmental experts within their field of expertise; and
- Determining significance pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)."



Certified Rangeland Manager Consultation - Desirable & Required

CRMs utilize expertise in range science and land management to achieve multiple landscape goals. For example, a CRM can work with a client to effectively plan and manage grasslands and wetlands to support endangered species habitat while providing livestock forage and revenue to practically sustain long-term management.

Benefits of using a CRM, even when not required include practical hands-on experience, recognition by peers and the State of California, resourcefulness and current knowledge that will ensure:

- Successful planning for management and monitoring of California's natural ecosystems including grasslands, wetlands, savannas, woodlands, and chaparral for multiple conservation and land use goals;
- Effective communication with livestock producers, landowners, resource agency professionals and other stakeholders; and
- Careful consideration of long-term management feasibility and sustainability.



State Law Requirement

A licensed CRM is required by state law to conduct covered professional range management tasks on forested landscapes in California, unless the work is performed personally by the owner of the land. A CRM must also direct professional work and products prepared by others under his or her supervision. (See reverse.)

(AB1903, 1995; Public Resources Code sections 762 and 772 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 1650 and 1651. See Cal-Pac SRM website for clarification by the state Attorney General's office and for more information.)