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Department of Planning and Building Services
County of Mendocino
Attn: John Speka
860 North Bush Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear John,

Re: Sugarloaf Ranch – Ag Preserve

I am currently leasing the Sugarloaf Ranch located at 10001 Highway 1, Elk California, from the Oswald family. I entered into this lease December 2014 with the intent to begin grazing cattle as soon as the perimeter fences were replaced.

Due to the wet weather in December, this delayed the fence work, we not able to move cattle onto the ranch until February 21st 2015. 35 head of cattle were grazed across the ranch until May 23rd, when they were moved to another ranch to allow the pastures at Sugarloaf to fully recover. In the first week or second week of August 35 to 40 head of cattle will be moved back onto Sugarloaf. Based on the current pasture conditions it should take approximately 4 months to graze across all of the pastures. This number of cattle is equivalent to grazing 20 head all 12 months on the property. Note: more cattle could have been grazed but for the drought conditions.

Enclosed are photos of the perimeter fence replacement, brushing and cattle grazing. I have many more photos if needed but I selected these are there are geographical markers in the background that can be easily identified in the field.

If you need any more information please contact me at 707-489-4700, or lalunafarm1@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

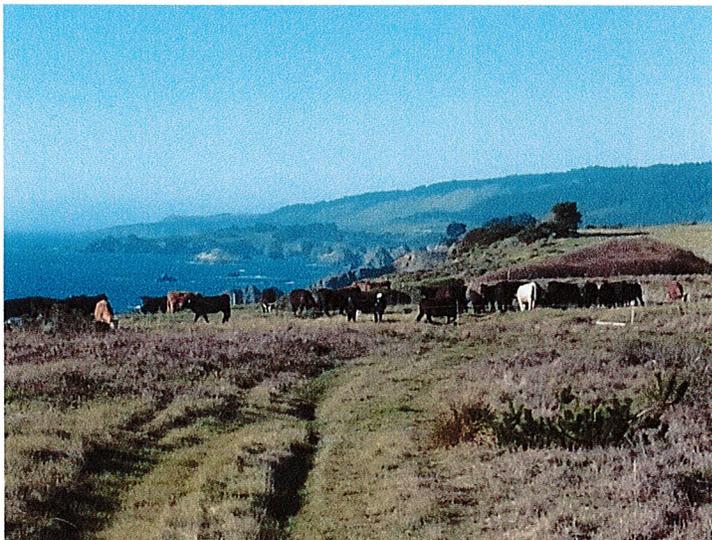


Mark Biaggi
La Luna Farm

Sugarloaf Ranch 2015



Perimeter Fence re-construction along Highway 1 January, 2015



Cattle grazing February, 2015



Cattle Grazing - February, 2015



Brush removal from pastures February, 2015