

# Siskiyou County Livestock Pass

**This is a NEW program starting in 2022- register today to prepare for fire season!**

The Livestock Pass is a permit issued to approved commercial livestock operators **before** a disaster strikes. The goal of this program is to identify commercial livestock operators ( $\geq 50$  head of livestock or  $\geq 50$  beehives) to emergency responders during a disaster so that pass holders may be granted entrance to evacuation zones to feed, water and care for livestock sheltering-in-place.

To obtain your Siskiyou County Livestock Pass, you must attend an in-person training on:

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-1:00pm, Montague Community Hall**

*\*BBQ lunch sponsored by the Siskiyou County Cattlemen & CattleWomen \**

Register for the training here: <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=37177>

*If you cannot complete the online registration form, contact the extension office at (530)842-2711*

## FAQS

### **Why is this program necessary?**

It can be very challenging for ranchers to access their livestock during a natural disaster—for example, local law enforcement staff may **not** be at roadblocks to assist with gaining entry. Making commercial livestock operators easily identifiable, and their location/purpose known, can help ensure the process of gaining access to livestock is safe and efficient for all parties.

### **Why is this specific to “commercial” ranchers?**

Evacuating livestock from commercial ranching operations may not be possible during a disaster—sheltering-in-place may be the best and safest alternative. For the purposes of this program, “commercially raised” means the livestock are raised as part of a business and a commercial livestock operator is defined as an owner of  $\geq 50$  head of livestock or  $\geq 50$  beehives.

### **Do I have to have a Livestock Pass to access my livestock during a disaster?**

No—the program is completely voluntary. The pass is simply intended to help operators access owned or leased property where livestock require care and feeding.

**Does it cost?** Obtaining a Livestock Pass is **FREE**- there is no cost to ranchers to attend the training or to receive a certified pass.

### **Why is there a training? I’m already trained to be fire safe.**

The training exists to make sure all parties, including our local emergency responders, understand the protocol for pass use and communication during a disaster. The goal of the  $\leq 4$ -hour initial training is to increase efficiency and safety for all parties during an emergency.

### **Can I get a Livestock Pass if I have a USFS permit in Siskiyou County?**

Yes—Klamath National Forest staff contributed to program development and permittees are encouraged to participate.

**Questions? Contact Grace Woodmansee, UCCE Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor**

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