



Volunteer Opportunity - Summer and Fall 2015

KFA is looking for experienced volunteer backpackers willing to work in the wilderness during the summer and fall of 2015 documenting the environmental impacts of poorly managed grazing. The grazing allotments to be monitored are located within the Marble Mountain, Russian and Trinity Alps Wilderness Areas of the Klamath National Forest.

Once trained, volunteers can monitor grazing on any public lands in Northern California, documenting the impacts and providing the documentation to KFA for use in advocating for grazing management reform.

The summer of 2015 will be our sixth season monitoring and documenting the impacts of poorly managed wilderness grazing. Our goal is to reforming public land grazing in order to end the water quality and habitat degradation which is occurring.

Coordinated by veteran forest activist Felice Pace, Project activities include:

- **Documenting the damage to water, riparian areas, wetlands and wildlife habitat resulting from poorly managed grazing,**
- **Presenting the findings to Forest Service managers and other agencies responsible for protecting water quality, riparian areas and wetlands, and**
- **Challenging the managers to exclude grazing from sensitive wetlands and require the regular herding of livestock needed to keep livestock away from riparian areas, springs and other sensitive lands.**

Water quality testing by local tribes is also taking place and is helping to build pressure to reform grazing practices on Northern California public lands. If those responsible for managing public land grazing do not embrace and implement reform, we plan to use the information we've collected in court and elsewhere to force reform.

Reforming grazing on Northern California public lands will improve water quality and protect sensitive wetlands. It will also help reduce conflicts between wolves and livestock as the Gray Wolf re-inhabits Northern California Wildlands. The first wild wolf present in California since the 1920s entered California in 2012; self-sustaining wolf packs could be established in Northern California within a decade.

Those volunteering with the project must commit to attending one field monitoring training session in the wilderness with KFA Grazing Project Coordinator Felice Pace. From then on volunteers can work on their own or with friends monitoring grazing management and impacts on a Northern California grazing allotment of their choice.

If you are interested in volunteer grazing reform monitoring with KFA during the summer-fall of 2015 contact Felice Pace at 707-954-6588.