

## **Tule Elk on the brink of extinction due to the devastation of local cattle ranching enterprises in Point Reyes, California**

Prominent animal welfare voices come together to help save the lives of the Tule Elk and bring about much needed environmental healing to Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County.

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Napa Valley, CA, February, 20, 2020 (GLOBAL NEWSWIRE) – The Tule Elk, native to California, are on the brink of extinction. Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, California, is the only national park where you can view these animals, but not for long. Local cattle ranching enterprises, which lease nearly 30% of the park, are pressuring the National Park Service to “manage” the wild, free-roaming elk by capping their population to 120 individuals with clearance to kill them. At a time when so much wildlife is already at stake, we call on the Park to protect the elk and their habitat and NOT cave to industry pressure.

Some SF Bay Area notables are taking a stand and using social media to bring awareness to the situation. Monica Stevens (Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch), Tracy Vogt, (Charlies Acre's), Deborah Blum (Goatlandia), Sherri Franklin (Muttville), and Marcy Berman (SaveABunny), Miyoko Schinner (Rancho Compasión), and other leading animal welfare pioneers, have come together to spread the word about the destruction of our land and the plight of these majestic animals. Importantly, they understand the power of working together to help create change.

“Most people are not aware of the destruction of Point Reyes; however, once it’s brought to their attention, they are outraged,” says Monica Stevens, Jameson Animal Ranch Rescue CoFounder and CEO.

To be clear, this is public land not private land. The endangerment of the Tule Elk is just one more example of the decades of evidence of environmental destruction caused by these cattle ranching enterprises on behalf of local beef and dairy operations. In fact, the waterways of Point Reyes are ranked in the top 10 of the worst polluted in the CA. (Center for Biological Diversity)

“Our beautiful seashore is being destroyed due to cattle over-grazing, and the Tule Elk are once again in danger of being killed. Yet, Democratic Congressman and, Environmental Lawyer, Jared Huffman is complicit in supporting the cattle ranchers 20-year land leases at the expense of Tule elk lives. This is why Miyoko, Monica, Marcy, Tracy, Sherri and, I have come together to ask our social media followers to view our [90 second video](#),” says Deborah Blum, Wildseed Restaurant, Goatlandia Sanctuary.

Time is running out. The National Park Service decision is due Spring of this year so the debate among these leading ladies, politicians, activists and, the National Park Service, is heating up. We ask you to take action now by calling Congressman Huffman at 415-258-9657 and asking him to tell the National Park Service not to award the ranchers with 20 year leases, choose Alternative F (stop privatizing public lands), and restore Point Reyes.

You can also please sign the petition below to help us save the lives of the Tule Elk.

<https://www.change.org/p/cicely-muldoon-save-the-tule-elk>

### **About Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch**

Founded in 2014 by David and Monica Stevens, Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit organization that was founded on the belief that all animals should live a life free from cruelty

and suffering. Guided by our instincts, Jameson has not followed the traditional path of “animal rescue” but instead listened to the community and responded holistically to the needs of our animals and their human guardians. Our commitment is to continuously learn and adapt and not be afraid to challenge the status quo to ensure we have the greatest positive impact possible. As such, our program model includes a variety of novel solutions and approaches driven by education, prevention, and intervention.

To learn more about Jameson and how you can help, please contact Monica Stevens (monica[at]jamesonrescueranch.org) and visit <http://www.jamesonanimalrescueranch.org>  
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