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Michael A. Shull, General Manager
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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
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RE: PECK PARK

We would like for the Department of Recreation and Parks to give serious consideration to using goats to control vegetation in parts of Peck Park Canyon. Open space areas may require vegetation reduction for fire safety, to control invasive species, or for other reasons. Mechanical techniques such as disking have the advantage of being comparatively quick, but they may not be effective in steep or rocky terrain, and may contribute to soil loss on slopes. Labor-intensive tactics such as weed whackers may also be constrained by terrain, are slower, and contribute to noise and air pollution. Grazing livestock—most commonly goats and sheep—are more effective in steep or rocky terrain, although they may be less inclined to consume woody or desiccated material. The County of Los Angeles has used goats for brush clearance. In the San Pedro/Palos Verdes area goats have been effectively used at the White Point Nature Preserve and Ponte Vista (now Highpark). Grazing livestock typically cost \$800 to \$1000 per acre.

Since Peck Park Canyon consists largely of steep slopes—and includes rocky outcrops—we propose that the department adopt the use of grazing animals to address fire safety and reduce invasive species. Since grazing animals are less drawn to consume dry and woody vegetation, we suggest timing their use in the spring before vegetation becomes desiccated. Grazing herds can be managed to minimize impacts on desired/native plants in most terrain. Additionally, the local community enjoys seeing and interacting with the livestock.

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A grazing company used locally by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is Fire Grazers:

Fire Grazers
Michael Choi
(310)-465-9727
vishnu@goatsrock.com
www.goatsrock.com

Below is an LA County list of other fire control grazing enterprises. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Ray Regalado, President
On behalf of the **Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council**

Hire a Herd
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