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Comments: I am writing to oppose these changes. Ranches/ranchland leases must NOT remain in perpetuity. My husband and I are 100% opposed to the ranches remaining at Point Reyes National Seashore, a national park. Their leases have expired and they must follow the letter of the law, and leave. They have been handsomely compensated for their ranches with public monies. The native Tule Elk must not be kept behind cow/elk fences. This land belonged to the native Miwok peoples and it does not, any longer, belong to the ranchers, where the leases have well expired. There are many, many places in Marin and Sonoma counties (CA) where dairy and beef cattle can be grazed. Lots of open land. Cows and ranching operations do not belong in a national park and native species must not be kept behind fences, as zoo animals. You know, where this is 2021, how very wrong this is. The cows are damaging the estuaries with their runoff from their waste and from having cow manure applied to the land. Water quality tests show the E coli and other pathogens to be many fold what is allowable. The cow manure is wiping out native plants the elk need for forage and resulting in invasive species. Cow ranching at the seashore is decimating the ecosystems there.