



# Vegetation Management Fact Sheet

Using sheep and goats, Flying Mule Farm provides vegetation management services to a variety of clients to reduce and/or eliminate invasive Himalayan blackberries and yellow starthistle and to reduce wildfire fuel loads.

- Livestock are controlled using portable electric fencing. These fences are high voltage, low impedance systems. Please do not touch the fences – you will get shocked!
- Predators (coyotes, mountain lions and pet dogs) are a significant threat to our livestock. We use a livestock guardian dog to protect our animals. These large, white dogs live with the sheep and goats around the clock. They protect the livestock by barking and by aggressive behavior towards predators. The dogs will bark, particularly at night, when he perceives a threat (which may also include animals like skunks, raccoons and house cats). We hope you'll help our dog do his job by:
  - Keeping your pet dogs in your yards while the livestock are nearby;
  - Not trying to pet or feed the guard dog; and
  - Letting us know if you observe any predators near the livestock.
- The livestock will be present on the property for 2-3 weeks at a time, depending on the amount of vegetation to be consumed.
- In the unlikely event that livestock get out, please call us as soon as possible.

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