Definitions and Designs for Effective Protected Lands Networks

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## Quiz 1

According to Grumbine, which of the following is **the primary threat** to biodiversity? (check one)

A. Unenforced regulations
B. Habitat fragmentation
C. Overpopulation
D. Logging
E. Invasive wood peonies

According to Grumbine, which of these is evidence of edge effects? (list all that apply)

- A. Decline of forest interior birds
- B. Increased nest predation
- C. Increased populations of opossums, raccoons, skunks, and other middle-sized omnivores
- D. Increased resilience of core habitat
- E. Predator viability collapse (PVC)
- F. A and B only
- G. B, C, and D only

Which of the following are concepts did Grumbine NOT mention as related to ecological disturbance regimes? (check one)

- A. Fire
- B. Continental drift
- C. Bear ripping into a log looking for termites
- D. Tree fall
- E. Floods
- F. Avalanches
- G. C AND F

Which of the following factors were NOT listed by Grumbine to consider with biological corridors? (list all that apply)

A. Swaths of natural habitat that allow animals and plants to move between otherwise isolated territories

B. Allowance for recolonization of abandoned territory

C. Enhancement of genetic exchange

- D. Patterns of circadian rhythm
- E. Facilitation of the spread of disease

## What should be protected on California's central coast?

# How would you know how that protection is going?

#### Steps to Design Effective Reserves

### 1) Identify and Protect Core Habitat Areas

## 2) Maintain Corridors



Reduce Edge Effects

Avoid Fragmentation

Maintain Minimum Viable Populations

## Edge Effects





From: Kristan W.B. III, Lynam A.J., Price M.V., and Rotenberry, J.T. 2003.

#### Fragmentation



## **Minimum Viable Populations**





### Corridors

#### Genetic Exchange

Climate Change

## Genetic Exchange



## **Climate Change**



# Protected Areas of the Elkhorn Slough



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Habitat Fragmentation in our Region













## What does badger need?



Population A Mount Madonna County Park

> BLM Fort Ord Monterey County Population B

Henry Coe State Park Santa Clara County Population C

Pacheco State Park San Benito County Population D

Corridors





## Species-Level Effects of Habitat Fragmentation
# Inbreeding



### Ecosystem-Level Effects of Habitat Fragmentation





















### **Central Coast Linkages**







# Are Corridors Always Good?

### No

- Disease and weed vectors
- Can lure animals to their death
- May cost a lot, losing funding for conservation elsewhere

(But, advantages generally outweigh disadvantages)

### Planning for Wildlife Movement



#### New Florida Ecological Greenways Network Priorities



Approved by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council November, 2005







### **Engineering for Wildlife Movement**





## **Preparing for Big Basin**

Arrive ON TIME

Parking charges

• Notecard instructions....

### **Notecard Questions**

You will turn in one question per class <u>guest presenter</u> on a 4x6 note card. This question will be graded on the following criteria:

- Relevancy to speaker (1 point) the question should reflect the expertise and position of the person to whom you are asking the question. For instance, if you are asking me, a botanist, a question about reserve design, you might specifically ask about implications of edge area on rare plant species.
- 2) Intelligence/insight (1 point) the question should not be so simple as to be mundane (e.g.'why is reserve design important?'); it should also not be answered directly by the reading assigned for the class. You should think hard about an <u>original</u> question that remains in your mind that also reflects your understanding of the reading material that you read in preparing for the visit.

Be warned that all issues of academic integrity apply to this course assignment.

# Reading

 Corvid response to human settlements and campgrounds: Causes, consequences, and challenges for conservation (Marzluff and Neatherlin, 2006).

 Big Basin Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR (CDPR 2012). Sections 4.4 and 4.6

-all reading found on website from Syllabus