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Dear Resident,

The City of Louisville is contacting you to let you know about cattle grazing activities which will be occurring on Davidson Mesa Open Space in May, 2023. As part of the recovery process following the Marshall Fire, the City of Louisville Open Space Division is implementing regenerative grazing practices and several wildland fuels reduction treatments on select properties. The Louisville City Council has prescribed regenerative cattle grazing services for select areas on Davidson Mesa Open Space for vegetation management to reduce the presence of invasive plants, for fuels reduction to lower the intensity of potential future wildfires, and to improve soil health through the deposition of organic matter.

Cattle will be grazing in areas on the map provided below throughout the days and evenings between May 1 and May 20, 2023 (total of 20 days). The cattle will be grazing on the property again in the fall (dates TBD) at the same locations.

While grazing is occurring, please:

- Keep pets on-leash and under physical control at all times
- An electric fence will contain the cows. Another non-electrified fence will be installed adjacent to the trail to protect trail users from the live fence. Please do not touch the fence at any time
- If dogs are not kept on leash, trail closures may be necessary to protect livestock.
- Temporary trail closures may occur to move cattle from grazing area to another
- Do not feed or pet the cows
- What to expect
 - Cattle will be on the property throughout the days and evenings for the duration of the grazing period (14 days)
 - There will be a reduction in vegetation height following the grazing time
 - Cattle will be contained on Open Space at all times. Grazing may occur right up to private fence lines and will be contained by separate fencing installed by the City's contractor.
 - Cows may graze vegetation encroaching from private property g onto Open Space
 - Access to Open Space from private gates may be limited or blocked while cows are grazing in the area
 - If you have pets that are sensitive to livestock, you may want to consider keeping them indoors or boarding them while you are away.

Please free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Cattle Grazing Map:

