



WESTERN FORESTS

Forests are some of the most iconic ecosystems of the West, known for their vastness, plentiful wildlife habitat, myriad recreational opportunities, critical ecosystem services, and, increasingly, their large and intense wildfires. A new body of work for the Intermountain West Joint Venture focuses on improving habitat for birds and other wildlife while reducing wildfire risk and supporting rural communities and economies in forest ecosystems.



INTERMOUNTAIN WEST
JOINT VENTURE

CONSERVATION THROUGH COLLABORATION

Our initial efforts are focused on at-risk forested landscapes in the Intermountain West, encompassing approximately 100 million acres over two forest types:

- Dry, frequent fire ponderosa pine forests: Here, we work with partners to increase the pace and scale of active management.
- Pinyon-juniper woodlands: Here, we help identify the best available science, develop management tools, and convene stakeholders for multiple-use planning.



OUR APPROACH

The IWJV's primary approach to aiding in the active management of western forests is to convene partners and increase on-the-ground conservation impact through added capacity and knowledge sharing. This allows us to implement the following work strategies and utilize our toolbox of conservation practices.



IWJV'S THREE WORK STRATEGIES

- ➔ **Science-to-Implementation**
We strengthen access, incorporation, and application of current science, research, data tools, and knowledge related to forest and woodland management work on the ground.
- ➔ **Community-Based Capacity**
We place conservation professionals in communities that accelerate the pace and scale of projects across land ownerships and collaborate with partners on forest management to scale up implementation.
- ➔ **Communications**
We tell the story of forest management successes, struggles, and events and broadcast these messages to key audiences increasing awareness and engagement.

FOREST TOOLBOX



INTEGRATE WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND BIRD HABITAT CONSERVATION



RESTORE APPROPRIATE FIRE TO THE LANDSCAPE



STRENGTHEN FOREST RESILIENCE



PREVENT EXPANSION OF INVASIVE WEEDS

