

# INTERMOUNTAIN WEST JOINT VENTURE

*Strategic and partnership-driven bird habitat conservation*

Together, we accomplish what no single entity can do alone.

Larry Kruckenberg

Landscapes continue to change in significant ways that affect our western way of life and wildlife populations. The Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV) is a diverse public-private partnership that creates collaborations at a variety of scales to uniquely address the complex conservation challenges of today and the future.



Ken Miracle

## OUR TRACK RECORD

**2.5 MILLION ACRES**

conserved using key programs (e.g., Sage Grouse Initiative Strategic Watershed Action Team and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act)

**22 YEARS**

bringing partners together to leverage public and private resources

**\$521 MILLION** in on-the-ground habitat conservation

**200+** partnership organizations

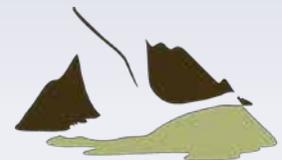
**38:1** ratio of leveraged funds to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service base funding allocation

## OUR REQUEST

**1** Maintain proven conservation programs for working lands, fish and wildlife, and sustainable rural communities

**2** Utilize us as a resource to help shape new programs and initiatives

**3** Join us on a field tour of conservation in action benefitting wildlife and ranching communities



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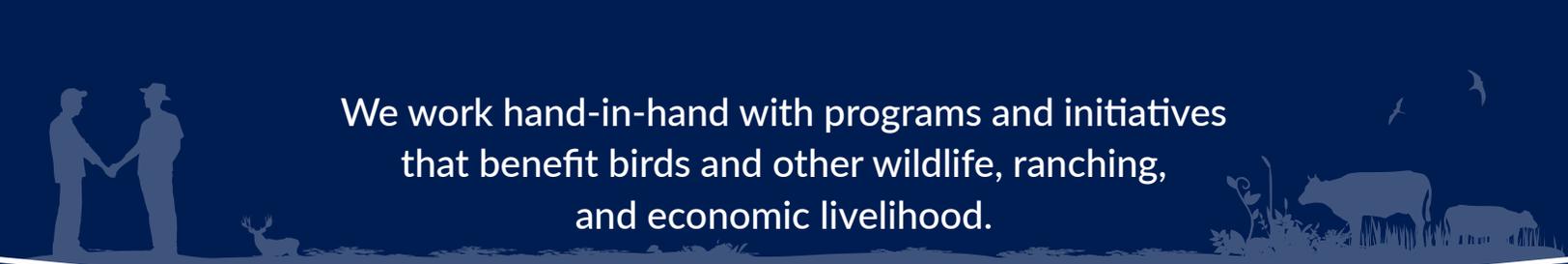
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Joint Ventures receive base funding from the Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North American Waterfowl/Joint Ventures.



We work hand-in-hand with programs and initiatives that benefit birds and other wildlife, ranching, and economic livelihood.

**90% OF SAGEBRUSH HABITAT** in North America is found within the IWJV region

**350 OTHER WILDLIFE SPECIES** benefit from the conservation of sage grouse

## SAGEBRUSH



Rick McEwan

Bruce Taylor

**OUR PARTNERSHIP** played a key role in the epic conservation effort that led to a decision that the Greater Sage-grouse was not warranted for listing under the Endangered Species Act. We secured \$9.3 million from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and leveraged \$7.4 million in federal, state,

non-profit and industry funds to provide the science, field delivery, and communications capacity to support the Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI). This voluntary, incentive-based effort in partnership with private landowners resulted in 2.2 million acres of sagebrush habitat conserved.



## WETLANDS

**WETLANDS HAVE DECLINED 30-90%** across the Intermountain West in the past century

**70% OF WETLANDS** are on private lands in a region where public lands dominate land ownership

John Ranlett

**IN A SIMILAR APPROACH,** we also work on wetland conservation that supports agriculture and wildlife habitat. Our partnership is evaluating wetland trends and threats in the context of landscape change, and how we can sustain working lands for the next generation. Our flagship wetlands work in the Southern Oregon-Northeastern California region has resulted in 7,500

acres of land kept in traditional flood-irrigation practices that provide critical spring habitat for millions of migrating birds. This work will be accelerated through a recently approved Regional Conservation Partnership Program project that was awarded \$2.6 million by NRCS.