



# LANDSCAPE-SCALE *Conservation* IN THE WEST

→ FOR PEOPLE  WILDLIFE ←



**T**he U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Interior currently implement several conservation programs that fortify fish and wildlife conservation while sustaining working landscapes for present and future generations. These voluntary, collaborative approaches help support agricultural profitability, the economic vitality of rural communities, and healthy wildlife populations, reducing the need for future Endangered Species Act listings and other regulatory actions.



As we write the next chapter of conservation, we believe that the most effective conservation programs and initiatives will involve voluntary efforts that work across multiple scales and jurisdictional boundaries, with broad-scale benefits for fish and wildlife, ranching and economic livelihood, and maintaining the western way of life.



## SIX INGREDIENTS FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAM *Success:*

1. Support voluntary private and public land conservation, and ways to work across ownership lines
2. Address and recover declining fish and wildlife species in a proactive manner
3. Use best available science to work strategically, and maximize biological and financial returns on actions
4. Create novel and flexible ways to pool funding and leverage resources
5. Utilize innovative partnership approaches to overcome barriers and bottlenecks in program implementation
6. Deliver conservation outcomes that benefit the economy and rural communities



“ As a rancher, conservation is part of your fabric; you live it all your life. Conservation is as much about working with people as it is with wildlife, ensuring all the voices are heard and finding win-win solutions. ”

— Jim Stone, Rolling Stone Ranch, Montana



## HEALTHY HABITAT, WILDLIFE, AND COMMUNITIES

### FEDERAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AS MODELS

- ➔ USFWS Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program
- ➔ Migratory Bird Joint Ventures
- ➔ Farm Bill Conservation Programs – EQIP, ACEP, RCPP
- ➔ BLM collaborative sagebrush conservation efforts
- ➔ North American Wetlands Conservation Act

**FEDERAL AGENCIES**  
(USFWS, BLM, NRCs, USFS)

Partners  
for Conservation  
and Joint Ventures  
build bridges between  
programs and people

**STATE FISH &  
WILDLIFE AGENCIES**

**PRIVATE LANDOWNERS & LOCAL COMMUNITIES**



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INTERMOUNTAIN WEST  
JOINT VENTURE

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