



PARTNERING TO CONSERVE

# SAGEBRUSH

RANGELANDS



## **EXPANDING PRIVATE LAND SUCCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS**

The American West is a patchwork of private and public lands, making it imperative that we work across ownership boundaries to ensure that the vital resources that sustain wildlife, ranchers, and rural communities are productive and healthy.

To achieve cross-boundary conservation, the Bureau of Land Management, Intermountain West Joint Venture, and partners have come together to expand successful private land conservation practices onto public lands.

# CONSERVATION THROUGH SHARED VISION

This partnership launched in 2016 to promote solutions for people and wildlife across sagebrush rangelands. It is modeled after the successful voluntary private land conservation efforts pioneered by the USDA's Working Lands for Wildlife Sage Grouse Initiative. Our teamwork entails building on and implementing conservation on private and public lands in the Great Basin and Rocky Mountain regions. Together we are:

- **Building trust and relationships** to enact sagebrush habitat conservation.
- **Developing innovative projects** across local, state, and regional scales.
- **Bringing diverse people together** to spark and accelerate effective and lasting conservation.

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## WE WILL WORK IN SHARED PRIORITY AREAS TO:

**REMOVE**  
EXPANDING  
CONIFERS



**REDUCE**  
THE RISK OF  
WILDFIRE  
AND INVASIVE  
WEEDS



**RESTORE**  
AND ENHANCE  
WET MEADOWS  
AND RIPARIAN  
AREAS



**PROMOTE**  
OUTCOME-BASED  
GRAZING



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ON BIG GAME CORRIDOR  
CONSERVATION



# OUR PARTNERSHIP MODEL AT WORK: 3 INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS

## PUTTING SCIENCE INTO PRACTICE

- Develop tools to put conservation and restoration resources where they're needed most.
- Track progress jointly on public and private lands.
- Quantify the ecological benefits of conservation practices.
- Transfer the latest science, technology, and best practices among partners and practitioners.



## RESTORING & CONSERVING SAGEBRUSH HABITAT

- Leverage shared resources to help put projects on the ground.
- Support efforts to maximize the results of agencies, organizations, and individuals in accomplishing local conservation priorities.
- Increase capacity by helping establish new positions, or supporting existing positions, that can implement projects and partnerships across ownership boundaries.



## TELLING THE STORY

- Share stories of successful, innovative conservation far and wide.
- Hold up local examples to highlight the "places and faces" working on sagebrush rangeland restoration.
- Garner broad-based support to further, cross-boundary sagebrush conservation.





## **MORE THAN HALF OF ALL HABITAT FOR SAGE GROUSE IS ON PUBLIC LAND.**

Sage grouse are a landscape species that have been a catalyst for voluntary, proactive conservation that works. These iconic birds depend on large expanses of intact sagebrush habitat, as do 350 other species in America's western rangelands.

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## **COOPERATIVE EFFORTS – GOOD FOR PEOPLE, GOOD FOR WILDLIFE**

Our purpose is to conserve habitat across large landscapes, from ridgetop to ridgetop, and to tell the stories of communities that are achieving tangible benefits for the people and wildlife living in the sagebrush rangelands.

We believe that the people living and working in the West's sagebrush rangelands are instrumental in determining where and how to focus our conservation practices. This partnership empowers voluntary, incentive-based projects to conserve working lands and sagebrush habitat across fencelines for the benefit of rural communities and future generations.

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