



INTERMOUNTAIN WEST  
JOINT VENTURE



## CATALYZING COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION FOR THE FUTURE

The IWJV implements science-based, proactive, and voluntary landscape-scale conservation. We catalyze conservation solutions that are essential to sustaining wildlife populations, agriculture, rural economies, and resilient landscapes in the face of climate change—now and into the future.

### OUR TRACK RECORD



**4.11+ million**

Acres conserved using key  
conservation programs



**5,000+**

Partnership network



**30 years**

Bringing partners together  
to leverage resources



**36:1**


Ratio of leveraged funds  
to U.S. Fish & Wildlife  
Service base allocation

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The [Intermountain West Joint Venture \(IWJV\)](#) occupies a unique niche in collaborative landscape conservation in the West. This public-private partnership is led by an executive-level [management board](#) comprised of ranchers, industry representatives, nongovernmental conservation organizations, state fish and wildlife agencies, and federal agencies. The IWJV is currently focused on the conservation of wetland and sagebrush habitats that are critical to migratory birds and other wildlife, and that are [highly relevant to the people of the West](#).

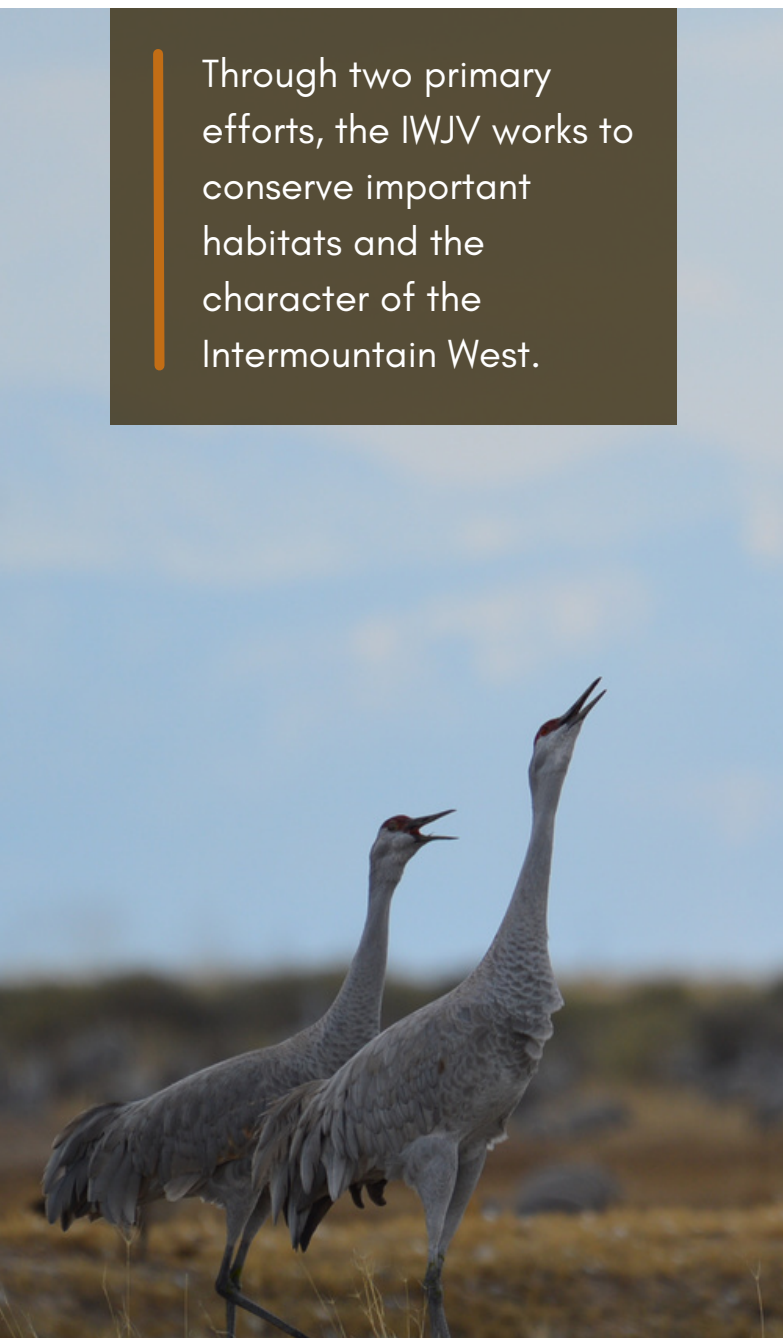






## INTACT WORKING LANDSCAPES ARE CRITICAL TO CLIMATE RESILIENCY

In our region, we are experiencing the dramatic impacts of a changing climate, including invasive species, altered fire regimes, drought, loss of wetland function, and other issues that pose epic challenges.



Through two primary efforts, the IWJV works to conserve important habitats and the character of the Intermountain West.

### PARTNERING TO CONSERVE SAGEBRUSH RANGELANDS

This program catalyzes community-based sagebrush rangeland conservation across public and private lands. We work with the Bureau of Land Management and a diversity of stakeholders to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and invasives, remove conifers, restore and enhance wet meadows and riparian areas, promote outcome-based grazing, and cooperate on big game migration corridor conservation.



### WATER 4

This program accelerates the conservation of wet meadows and “water for” agriculture, wildlife and fisheries habitat, groundwater recharge, and landscape resiliency in ways that matter to people. By working with NRCS, private landowners, and other partners, we build local capacity that leads to trust as well as science-based resources and incentives for farmers and ranchers to implement voluntary stewardship practices.



## PART OF A JOINT VENTURE NETWORK

Established in 1994, the IWJV is one of 18 [U.S. Habitat Joint Ventures](#) entrusted with implementing migratory bird conservation. With base operational funding provided by DOI-FWS, the IWJV's diverse financial portfolio leverages other federal, state, and industry funding that exemplifies our partnership-based entrepreneurial approach to conservation.

The 3-billion bird decline in North America over the last 50 years issued a clear call for strategically accelerating habitat conservation implementation through partnerships. This partnership ethic is spurring the IWJV's exploration of a new western forest initiative.

## PARTNERSHIPS ARE THE LIFEblood OF THE IWJV

The IWJV has built a solid foundation for the delivery of coordinated habitat conservation by assembling strong and diverse public-private partnerships. We work with programs and initiatives that benefit birds and other wildlife, ranching, industry, tribes, outdoor recreation, and economic livelihoods of western communities. We help partners build capacity, [apply science](#), and leverage funding to achieve conservation at landscape scales across the Intermountain West.





# IWJV MANAGEMENT BOARD

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



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State



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