



INTERMOUNTAIN WEST  
JOINT VENTURE



## WATER 4

Conserving water and wetlands for: irrigated agriculture, wildlife and fisheries habitat, groundwater recharge, and landscape resiliency in ways that matter to people.



In the Intermountain West, flood-irrigated grass hay agriculture supports nearly 60 percent of temporary wetlands and often mimics natural seasonal flooding.



### OUR TRACK RECORD 2019-2025



**17 NRCS OFFICES**  
NRCS offices supported with conservation capacity



**20 POSITIONS**  
working in working lands communities across the West.



**\$3.2 MILLION**  
to fund on-the-ground work in western landscapes.



**5 SPATIAL TOOLS**  
based off recent science to support land managers.

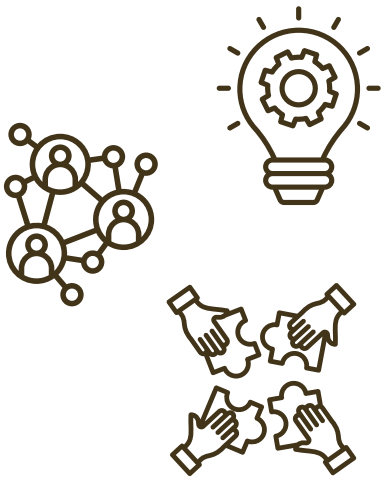




## OUR APPROACH

The Water 4 program works with agricultural producers, federal and state land managers, private corporations, and non-governmental organizations to achieve wetlands conservation that is relevant to people.

Conservation of these working lands contributes to system-wide resiliency by providing key habitat for migratory birds, sustaining floodplain function, recharging aquifers, and supporting local communities in the face of drought.



## OUR THREE WORK STRATEGIES

### Science-to-Implementation

We strengthen understanding of and access to current science, research, data tools, and knowledge about wetland conservation to influence projects on the ground.

### Communications

We tell the story of conservation successes, struggles, and current events and deliver these messages to targeted audiences to increase awareness and participation.

### Community-Based Capacity

We place conservation professionals in communities to accelerate and coordinate projects across land ownerships and scale up management actions through collaboration.

## WATER 4 TOOLBOX



### CONSERVATION EASEMENTS



### MODERNIZATION OF FLOOD IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE



### RESTORING & SUSTAINING HYDROLOGIC FUNCTION



### SUPPORTING MANAGED WETLANDS

