



# Pinyon- Juniper

MANAGEMENT NETWORK

## Pinyon Jays: State of the Science

August 27th, 2026

# Welcome to the Pinyon-Juniper Management Network!

- **For Who?** Pinyon-juniper woodland managers
- **What?** Management-focused community of practice
- **Why?** To facilitate knowledge exchange and connection on topics like fire risk, drought, insects and disease, wildlife habitat, and more.
- **When/Where?** Through regular virtual meetings and other formats



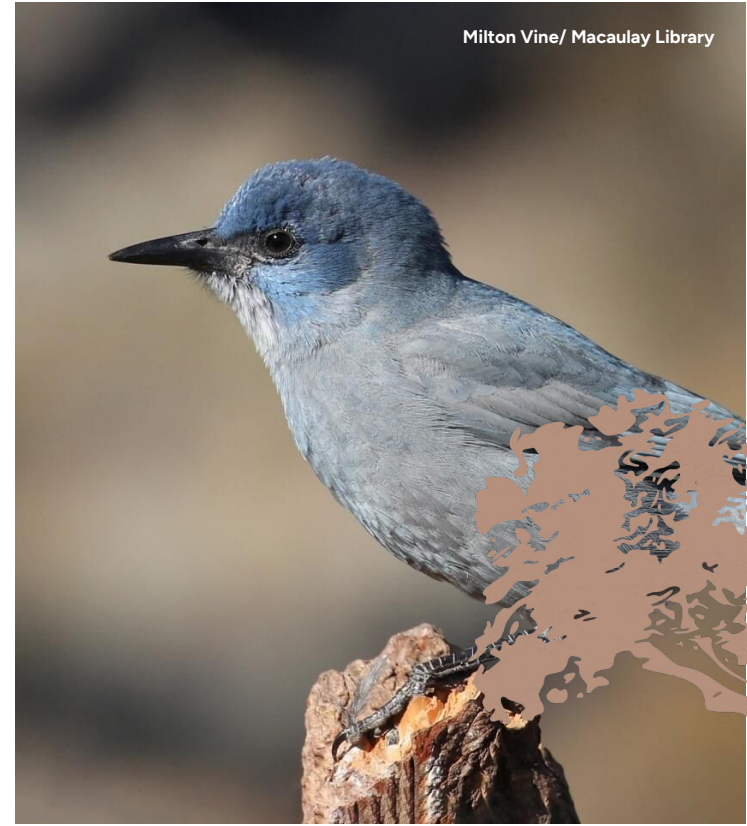
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# Today's Agenda

- **Pinyon Jays: State of the Science** | Scott Somershoe, USFWS
- **The Pinyon Jay Working Group** | Scott Somershoe, USFWS
- **Rangewide Conservation Agreement and Strategy** | Dawn Davis, USFWS



# Rangewide Pinyon Jay Conservation Agreement & Strategy

**Dawn Davis, USFWS**



# Petition for ESA Listing of Pinyon Jay

- Petition from Defenders of Wildlife, April 2022
- Utah Ecological Services lead
- Positive 90-day finding, August 2023
- 12-month finding due by end of FY28



# What is a Conservation Agreement & Strategy (CAS)?

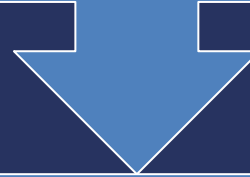
- Voluntary, collaborative effort
- Non-binding, non-regulatory agreement
- Living document
- Guides conservation actions
- Gathers key biological information
- Identifies key threats
- Identifies conservation objectives, actions, and measures of success
- Implementation of conservation actions



# Implementing the CAS



Can contribute to precluding the need to list a species under ESA

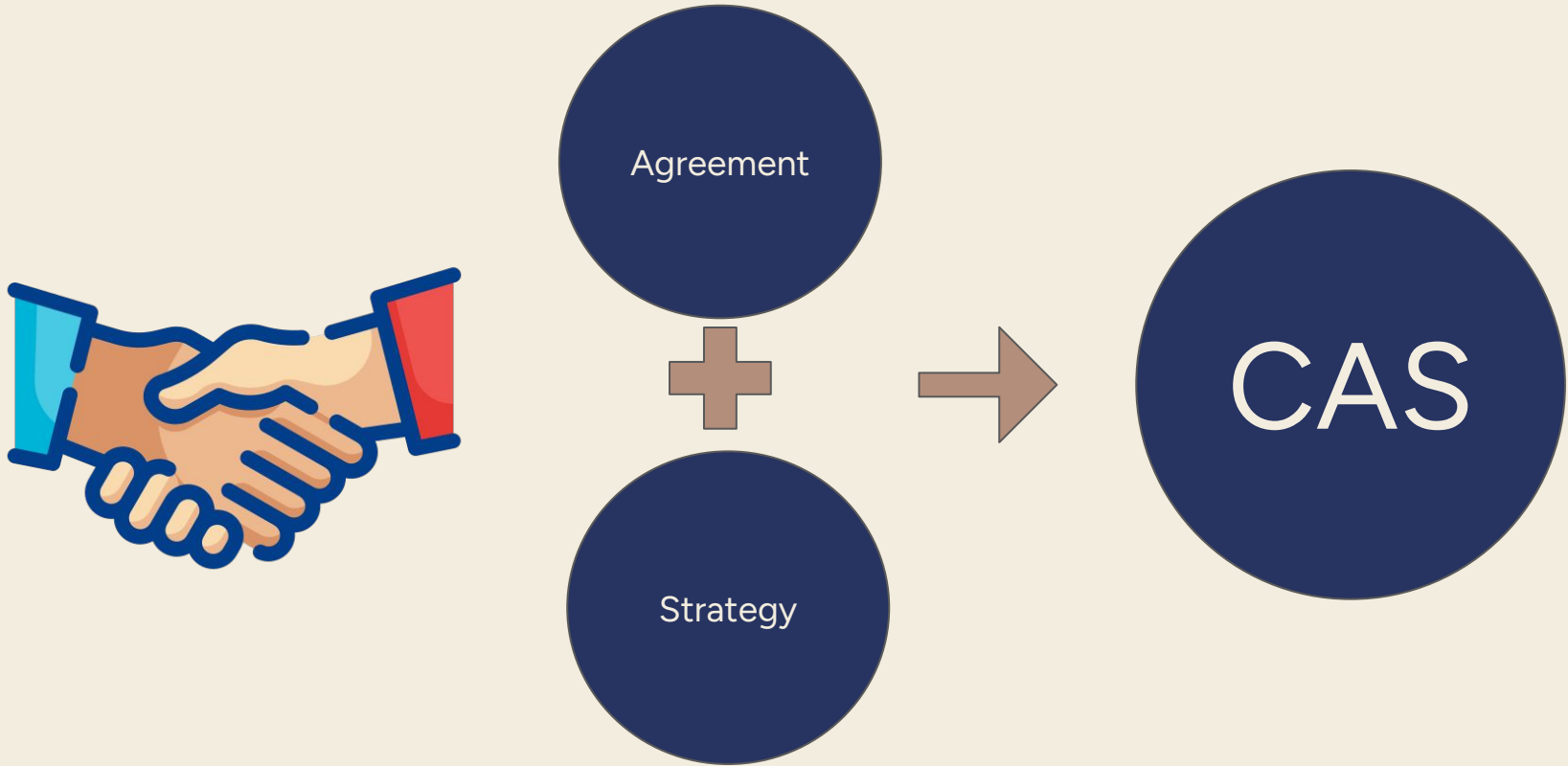


Participating partners can take meaningful actions that:

Address key threats

Improve species status

# Components of a CAS

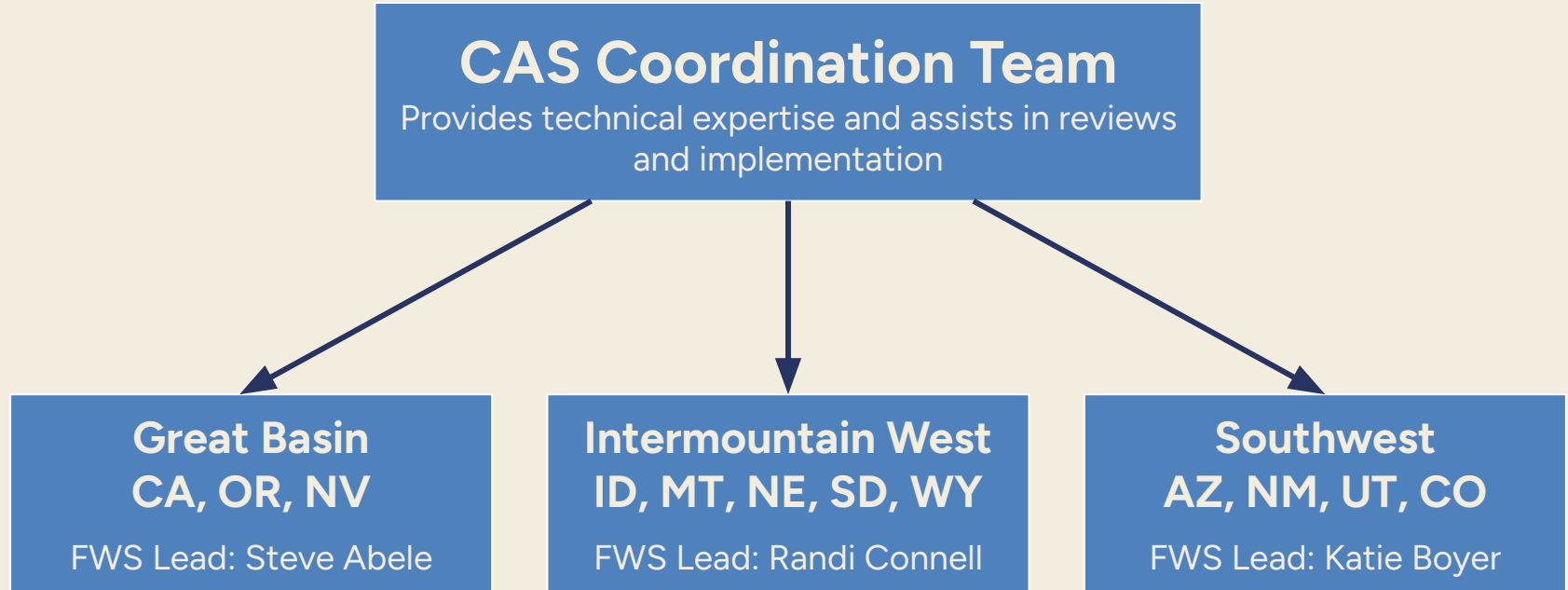


# Components of a CAS

1. Goals and objectives
2. Geography
3. Current condition and future needs
4. Threats assessment
5. Conservation actions
6. Science needs
7. Monitoring plan/reporting success
8. Adaptive management



# Team Structure



# Timeline

2025

- Kickoff meeting

2026

- Finalize Agreement and collect signatures by end of FY 2026.
- Threats Assessment
- Determine the types of conservation actions that may be needed to address threats
- Identify funding, implementation timeline, and status of conservation actions

2027

- Assessment draft Strategy
- Finalize the CAS by end of FY 2027 to be used in the Species Status Assessment

# Next Steps – Partner Support is Critical

- We invite your state, agency, organization, or Tribe to participate in the development and implementation of the CAS
- Your knowledge, support, and engagement are essential to the success of this conservation effort

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