



# 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, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service-led Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI), and U.S. Forest Service have come together to build on the private land successes of SGI. By partnering with states, local communities and landowners, non-governmental organizations, and industries, this will expand the science-based practices that improve sagebrush habitat and rangeland health into new areas.

A photograph of three people standing in a grassy field under a blue sky. On the left, a person wears a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses. In the center, a woman with blonde hair wears sunglasses and a light-colored shirt. On the right, a man wears a baseball cap and a plaid shirt. They appear to be in conversation.

# 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 SGI Strategic Watershed Action Team. Our teamwork entails building on and implementing conservation on private and public lands in the Great Basin and Rocky Mountain regions. Together we will:

- **Catalyze conversations** to design on-the-ground projects that work for wildlife and communities;
- **Communicate** about successful conservation efforts and learn from these achievements; and
- **Bring people together** to spark and accelerate effective and lasting conservation.

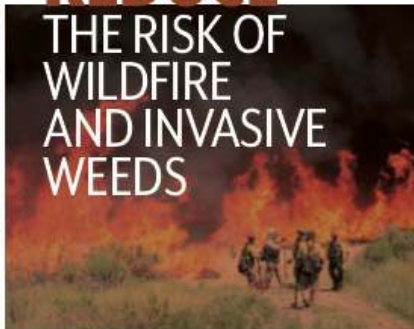
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## *WE WILL WORK IN SHARED PRIORITY AREAS TO:*

**REMOVE**  
EXPANDING  
CONIFERS



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



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





# 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.



## 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 wildlife species in America's western rangelands.

## **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 to focus on removing conifers, reducing the risk of fire, and restoring wet areas. This partnership empowers more voluntary projects to conserve working lands and sagebrush habitat across fencelines for the benefit of rural communities and future generations.

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soon!

**JOIN US AND HELP CREATE A SHARED VISION OF SUCCESS:**  
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