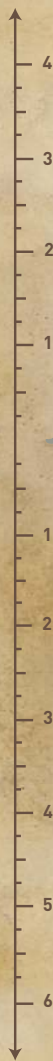


CONSERVE OUR WESTERN ROOTS

feet



**Deep-Rooted
Perennial Shrub**



Sagebrush
Artemisia spp.

**Annual
Forb**



**Maiden
blue-eyed Mary**
Collinsia parviflora

**Mid-Rooted
Perennial
Bunchgrass**



**Bottlebrush
Squirretail**
*Elymus
elymoides*

**Shallow-Rooted
Perennial
Bunchgrass**



**Sandberg
Bluegrass**
Poa secunda

**Perennial
Forb
(Nitrogen-fixing)**



Lupine
Lupinus spp.

**Perennial
Forb**



Buckwheat
Eriogonum spp.

**Deep-Rooted
Perennial
Bunchgrass**



**Bluebunch
Wheatgrass**
*Pseudoroegneria
spicata*

**Rhizomatous
Perennial
Grass**



**Thickspike
Wheatgrass**
*Elymus
lanceolatus*

**Annual
Grass**



Cheatgrass
*Bromus
tectorum*

**Biological
Soil Crust
(Lichens,
Mosses,
Bacteria)**



**Invasive
Weed**



POST CARD



*Promoting healthy and diverse native plant roots
in the sagebrush sea benefits everyone*

**Support Wildlife • Improve Soil Health
Resist Invasive Weeds • Rebound from Wildfire
Build Drought Resilience • Sustain People**



The sagebrush sea sustains human and natural communities in the American West. These working rangelands support a wide variety of different plant types with unique life history strategies and root systems – scientists call them “functional/structural groups.” SGI works with ranchers to conserve plant diversity and promote healthy roots, which pays dividends for current and future generations.

To learn more, visit: sagegrouseinitiative.com/roots



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