



Voluntary Sage-grouse Conservation on Private Lands Through the CCAA Program

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Landowners voluntarily commit to conservation actions that will help stabilize or restore the species with the goal that listing will become unnecessary.



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2015: Deadline to review status of the species brought various stakeholders together



CCAA Program Benefits



Conservation of Sage Grouse

- Conservation efforts may eliminate the need for ESA-listing
- Sage Grouse are an indicator or umbrella species

Assurances (species listing)

- No future regulatory restrictions or additional conservation measures required by landowner
- Landowners covered under EOS permit, which permits incidental take.

Offers Flexibility

- Voluntary agreement to work for everyone
- What's good for the bird is good for the herd

CCAA Program Benefits (cont.)



Opens Doors

- Opportunity to apply for funding with federal, state and other partners

Overlap of Partner's Needs

- Less time invested for stakeholders from full property inventories through CCAA.
- Landscape scale conservation across ownerships – quilt of conservation through collaboration

Trust & Cooperation

- Program is built off of relationships built over time
- Working together reinforces trust which leads to stronger implementation of conservation measures/projects

Strong Partnerships, Strong CCAA



Private landowners



Local conservation organizations

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

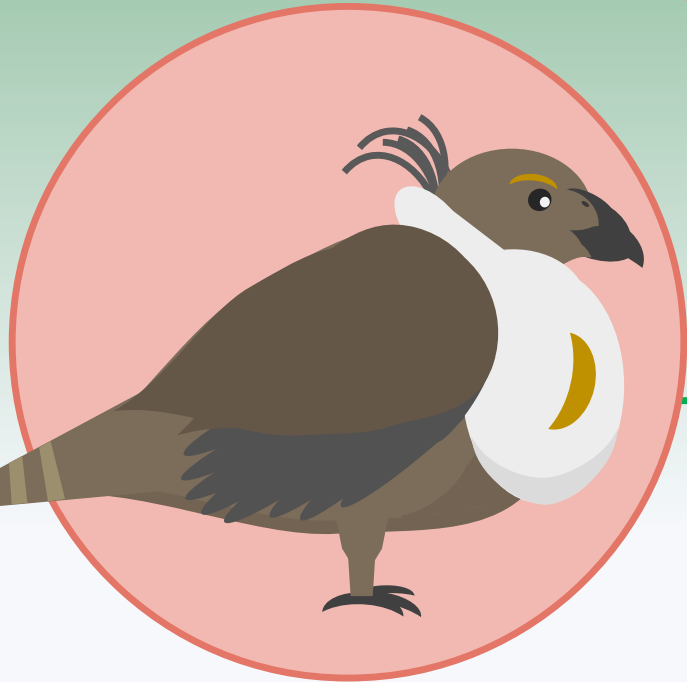


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Accomplishments

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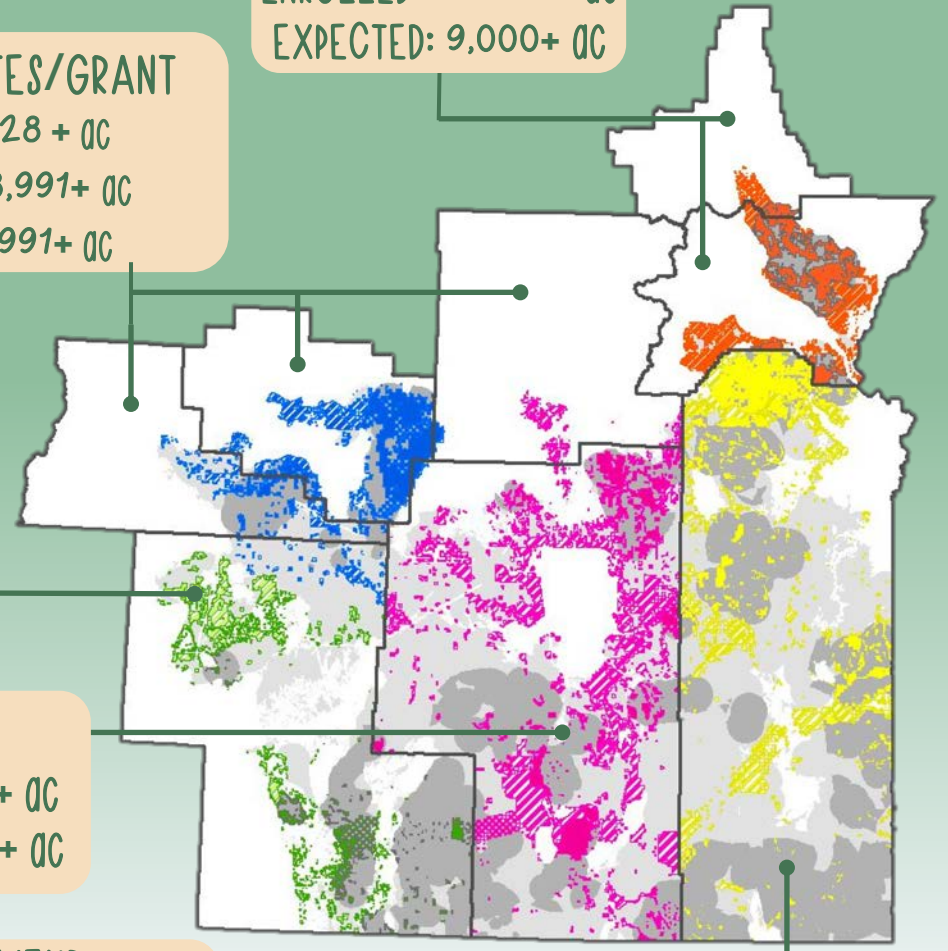
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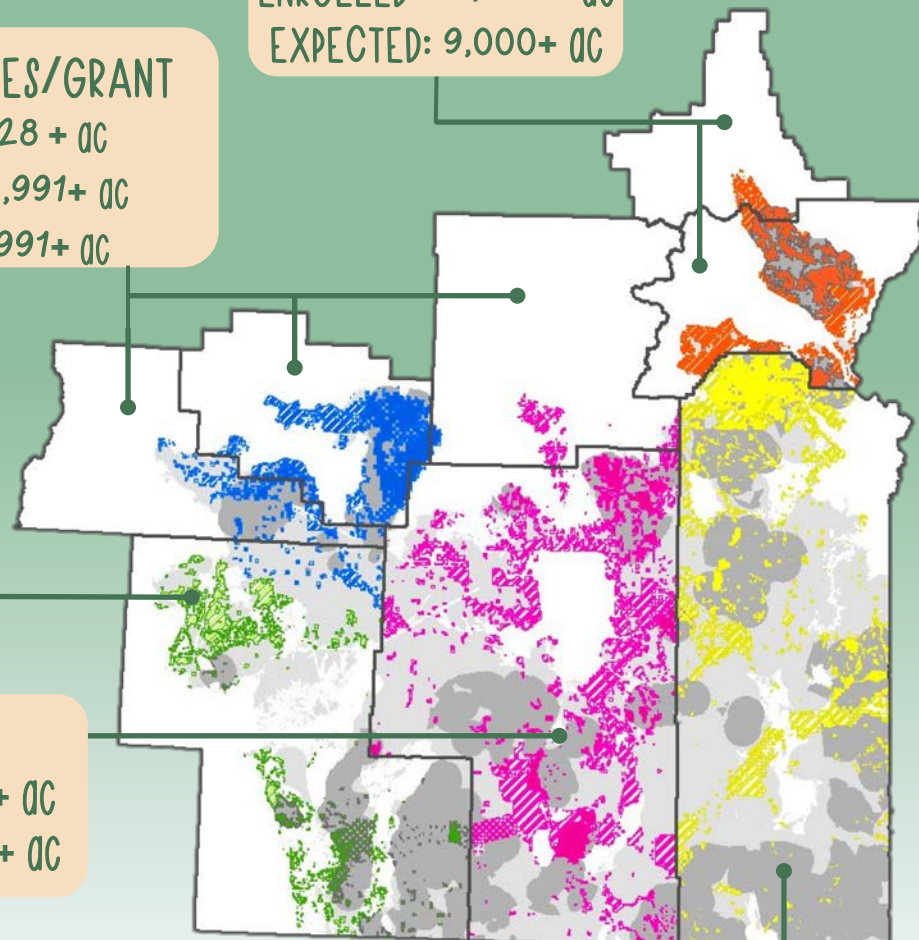
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Nearly 600,000 acres fully enrolled (55+ landowners)
Over 960,000 acres expected to enroll (110+ landowners)

Bringing our potential total to... ~1.5 million acres



What Have We Accomplished?



Over 26,000 acres of weed treatment.

Over 22,000 acres of juniper removal.

24 Water development projects completed. 154 Wildlife escape ramps installed.

33 miles of fence line marked to reduce sage-grouse collision risk.

Golly!

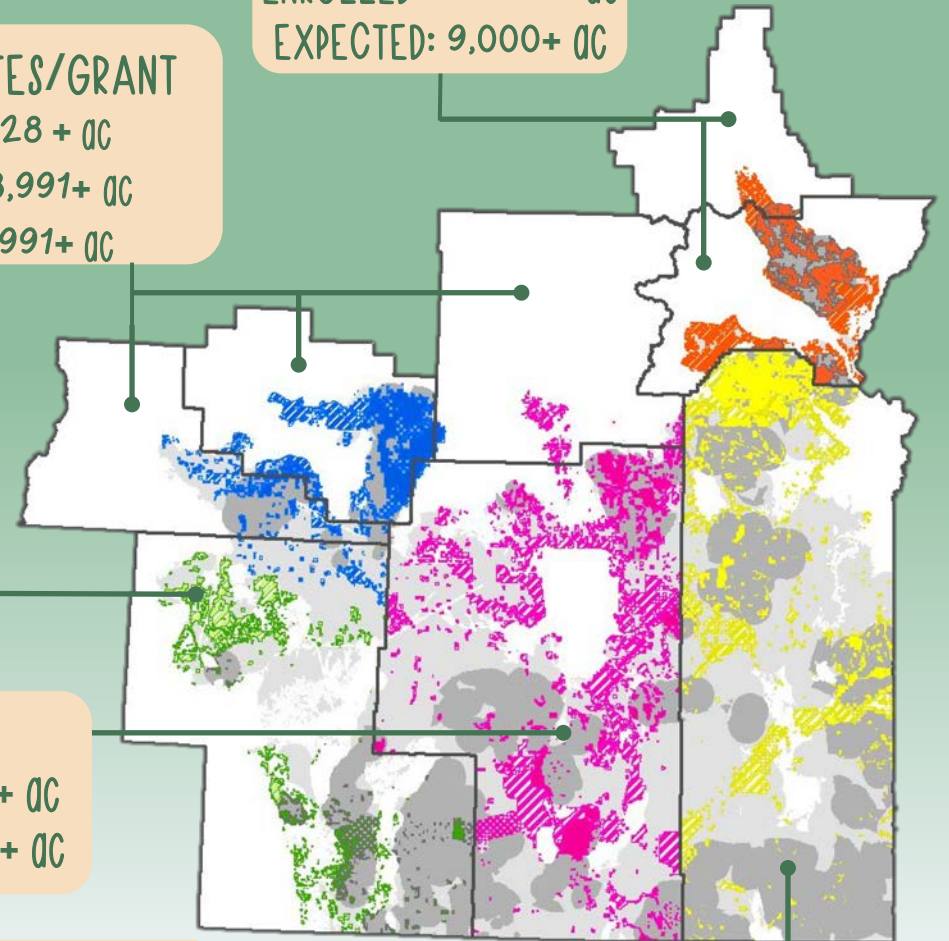
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Wet meadow
front property,
such class!



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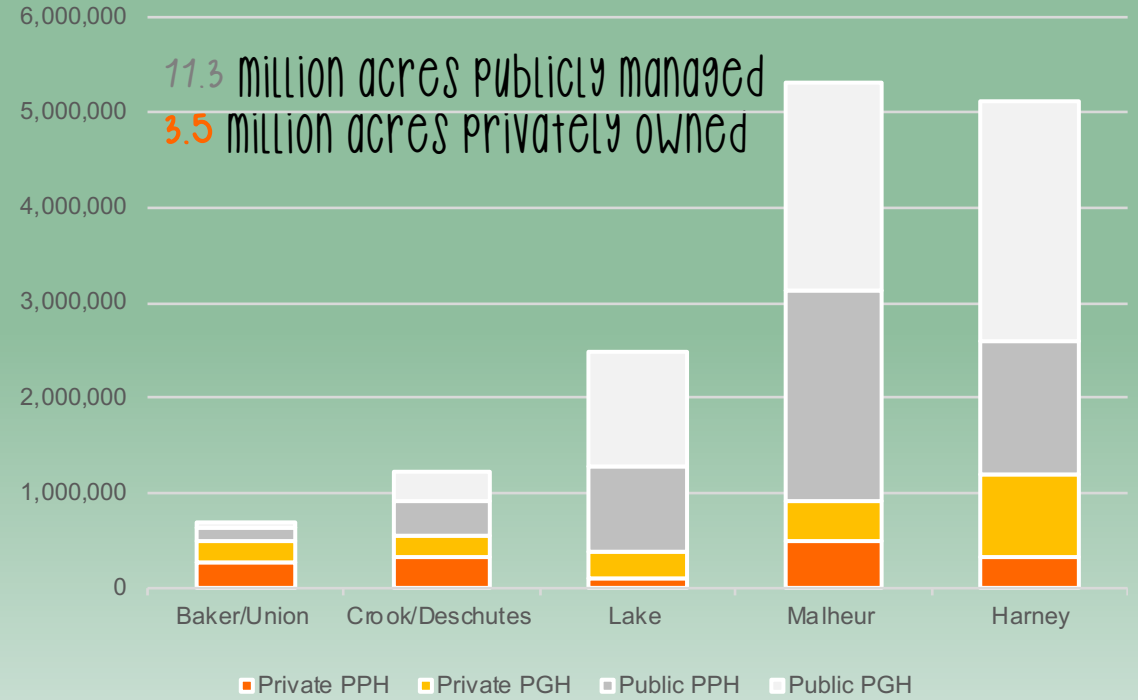
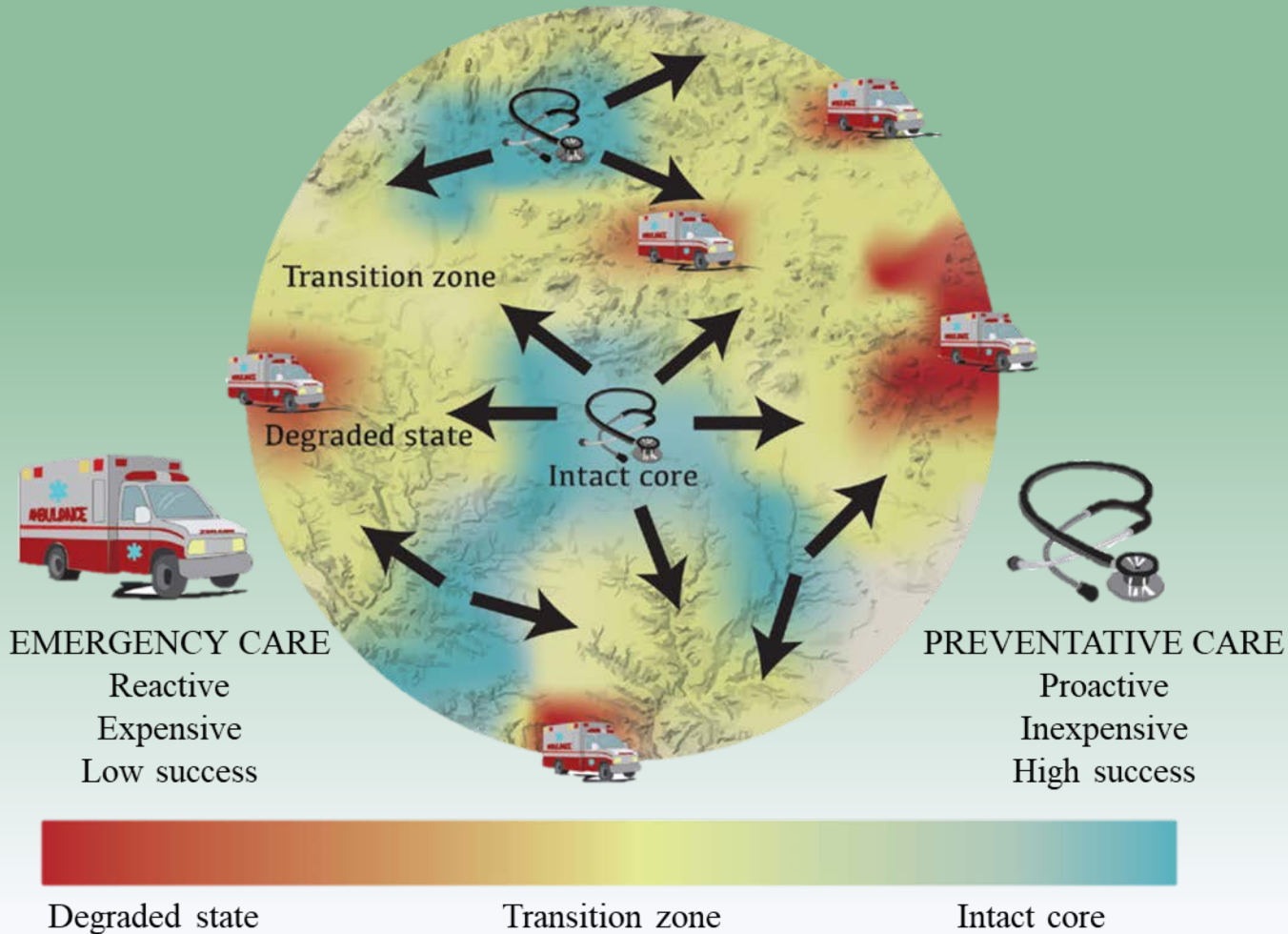
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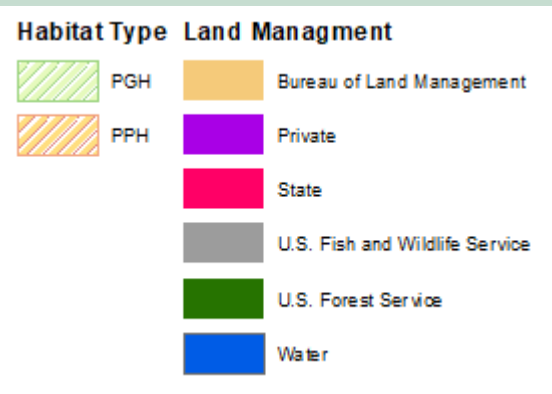
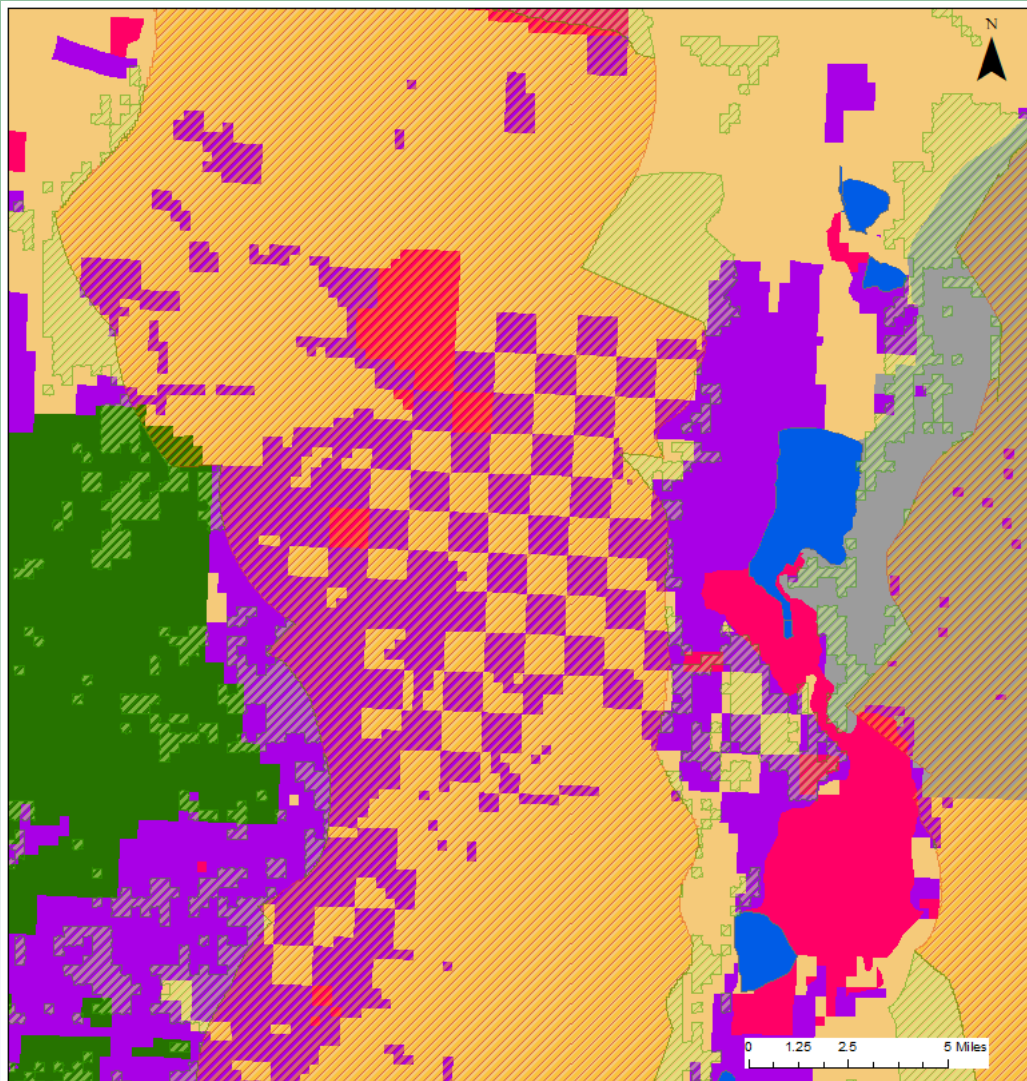
Protecting and Growing the Core



sage grouse habitat is 44 percent core across ownerships

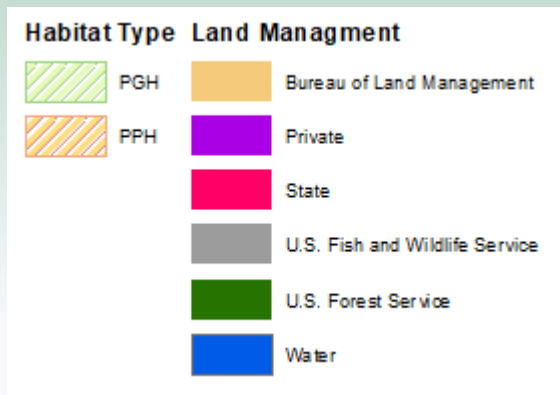
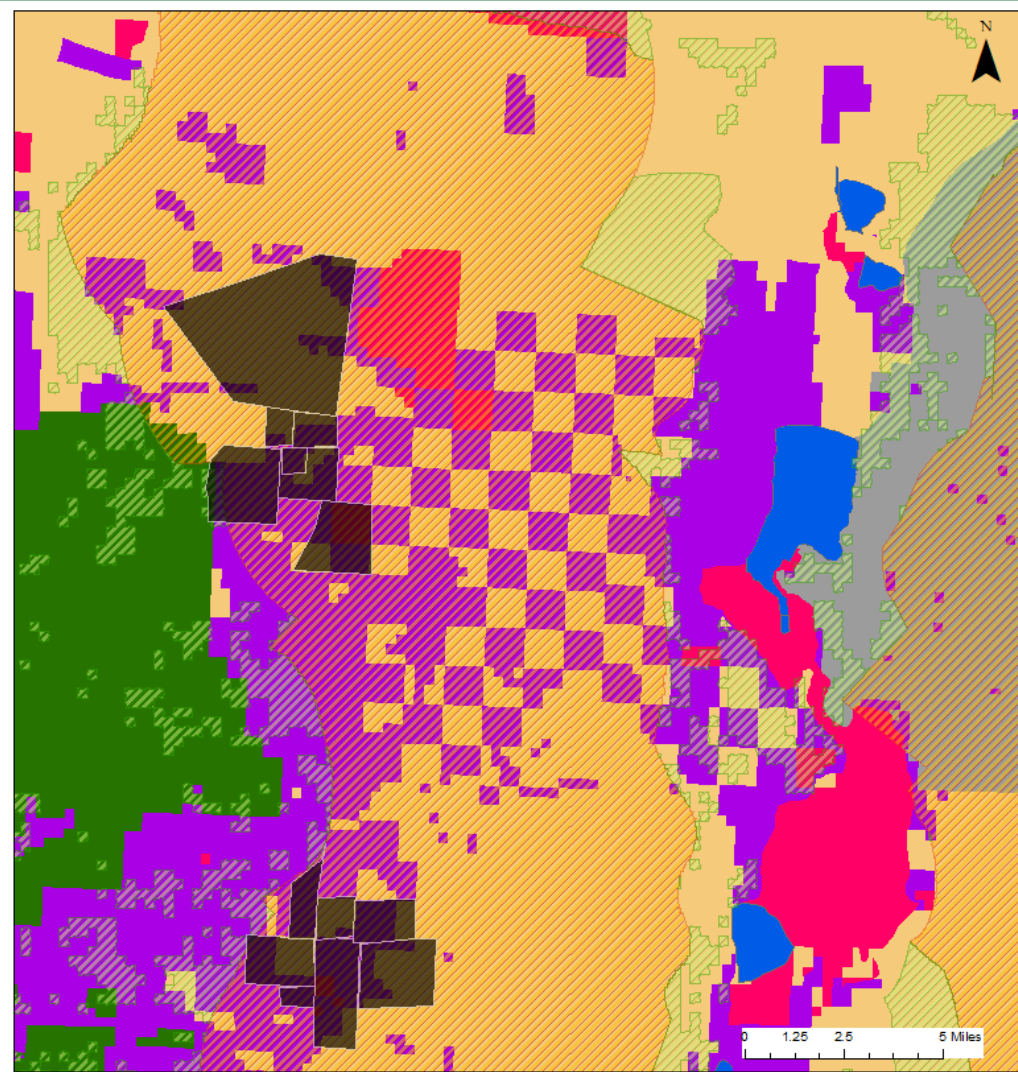
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Quilt of Conservation



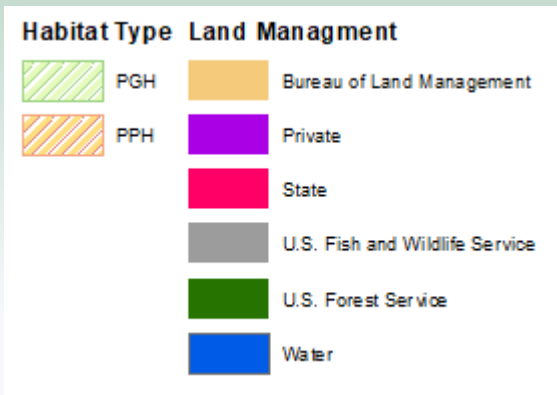
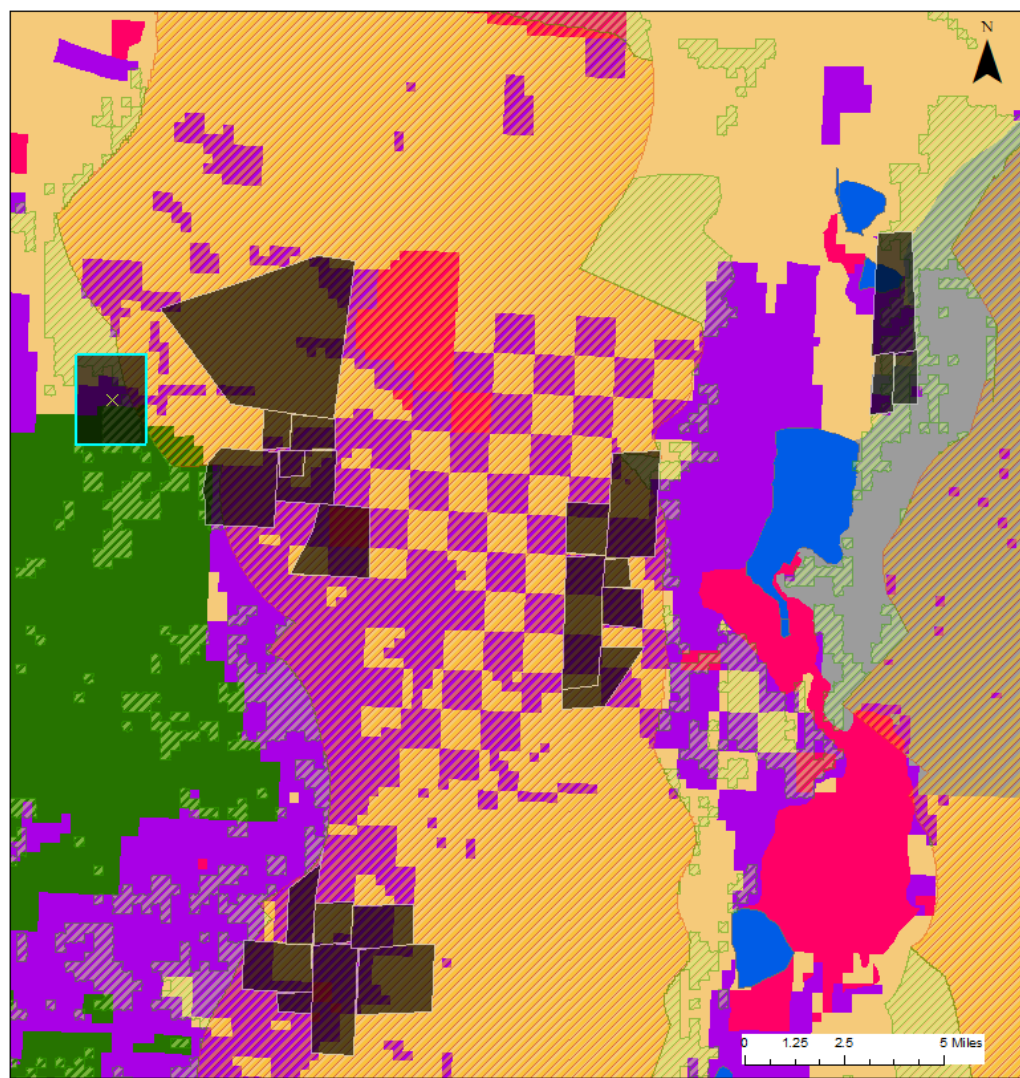
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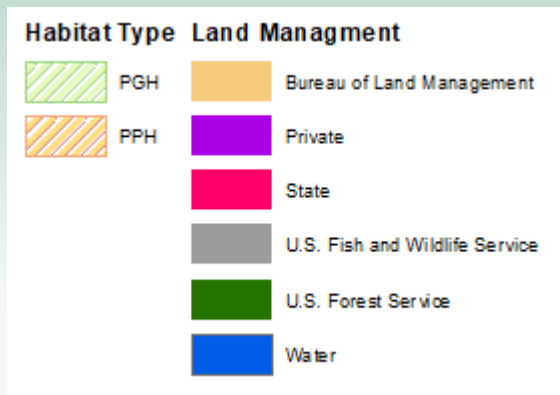
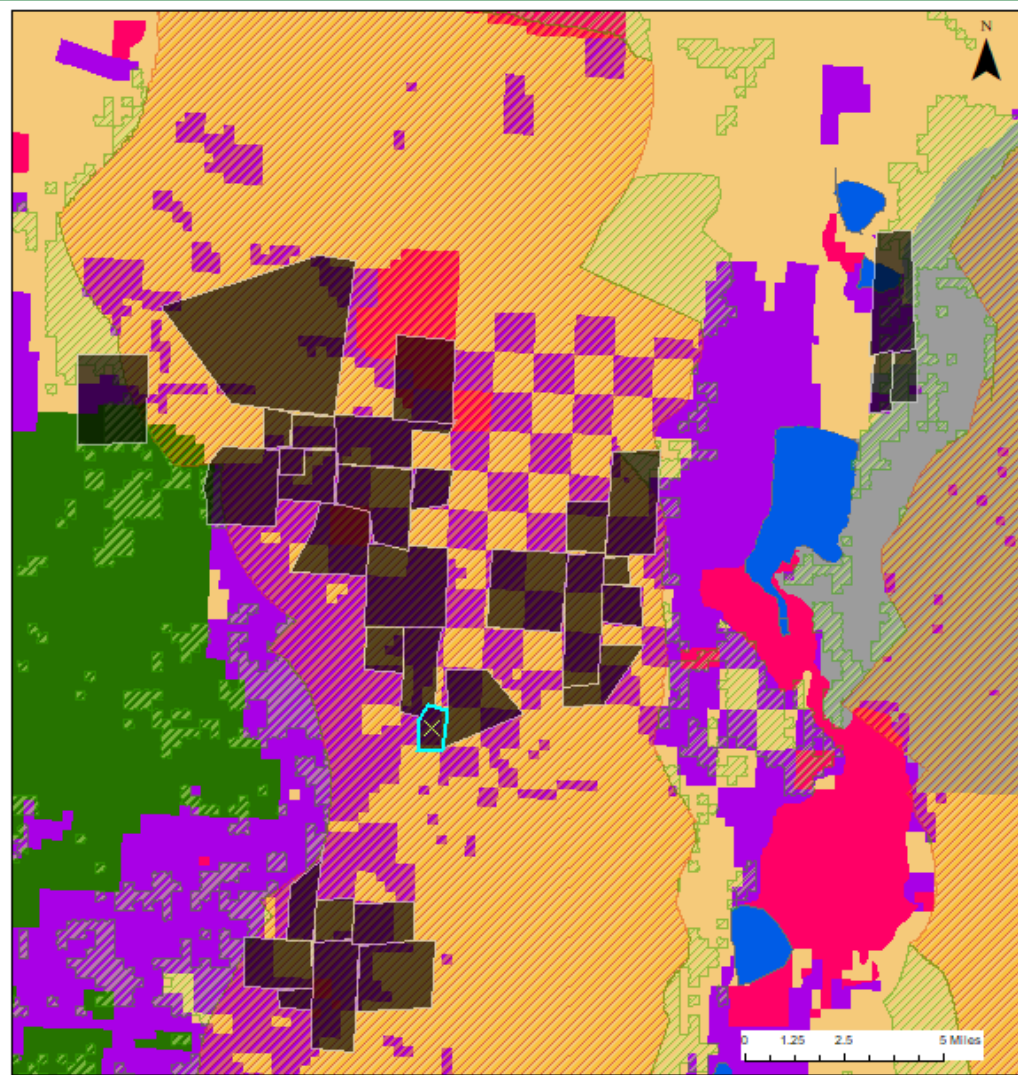
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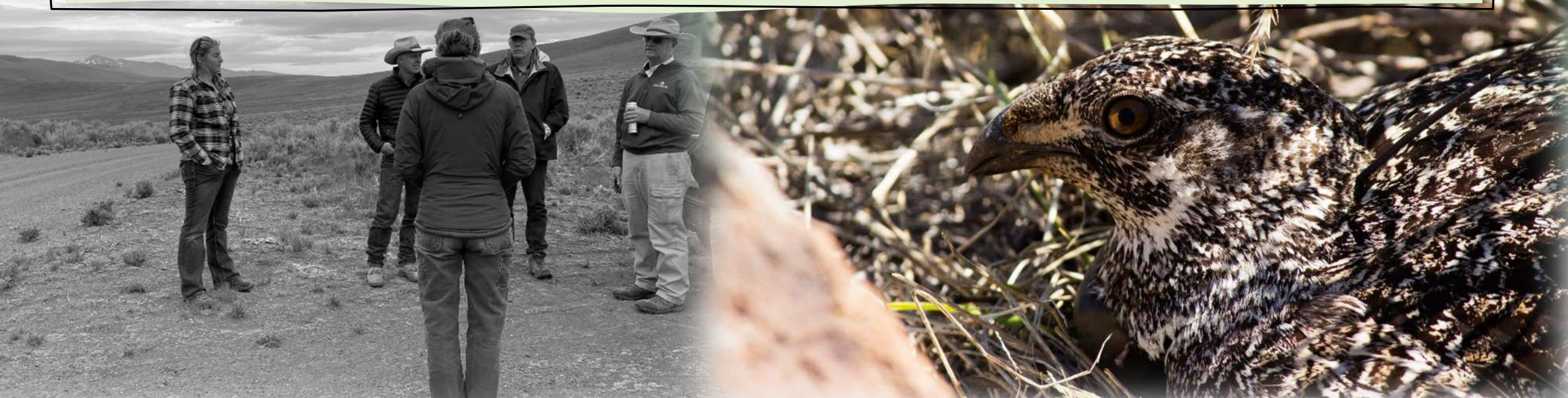
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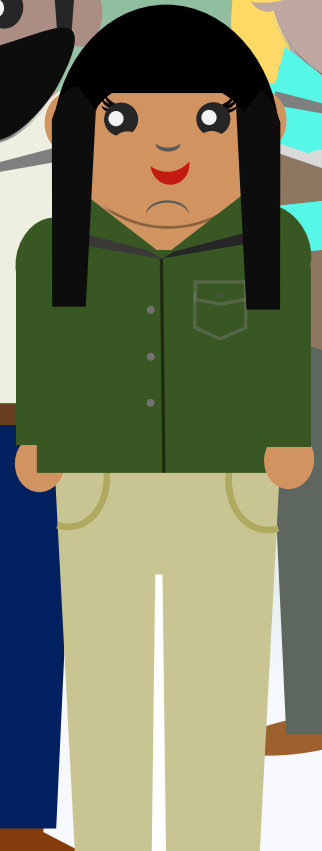


CCAAs and Beyond

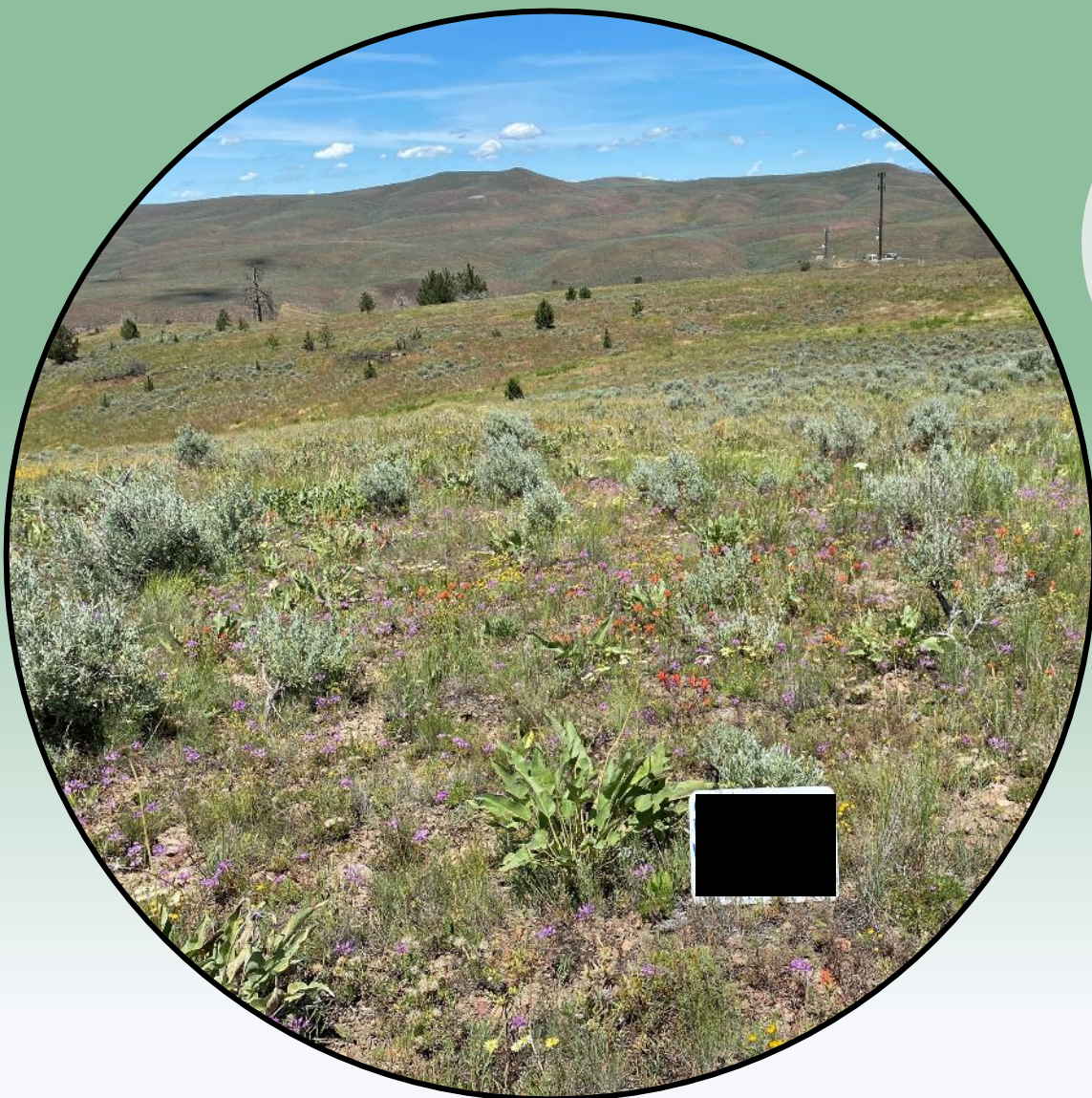


Strong Partnerships, Strong CCAA

Let's get you in touch with some of our partners



Building Better Land Stewards



Lookin
good!



Building Better Land Stewards



Another juniper treatment is needed

This might attract predators

what's going on here?

Hmmm, looks like whitetop

Lots of native forbs and grasses!



Many landowners become more involved land stewards

Beyond Borders

- Oregon leads the way
- Outreach remains important

 Counties  States  Partners





Photos: Emmy Tyrrell

Many Thanks

Oregon All Counties Steering Committee (OACSC)
Crook County County SWCD
Harney SWCD
Lake County SWCDs
Malheur County SWCD
Powder Basin Watershed Council

Local landowners

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

SageCon Partnership

U.S. Geological Survey

Natural Resource Conservation Service

USDA Agriculture Research Service

Bureau of Land Management

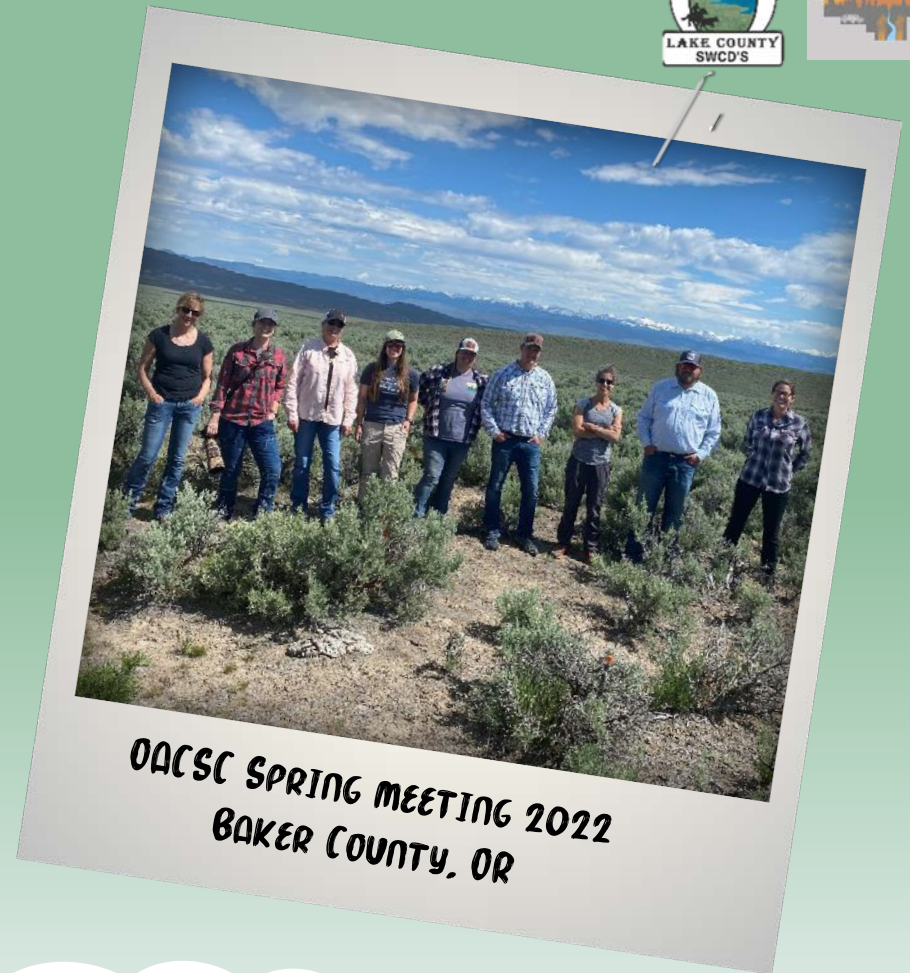
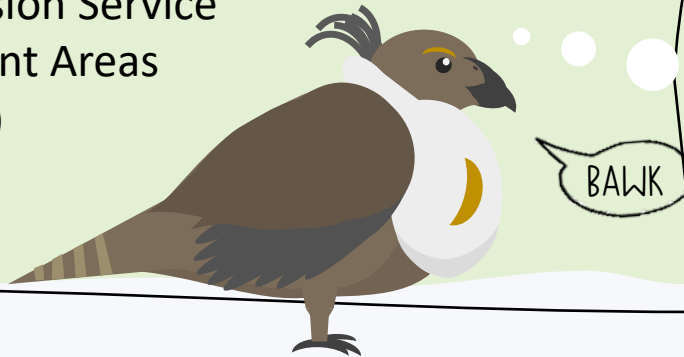
Oregon State University Extension Service

Cooperative Weed Management Areas

County Governments (Oregon)

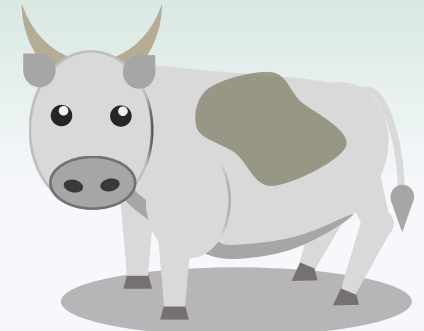
The Nature Conservancy

Local Implementation Teams



**OACSC SPRING MEETING 2022
BAKER COUNTY, OR**

We've only scratched the surface regarding CCAAs. Come chat with us if you would like to learn more!



Questions?

