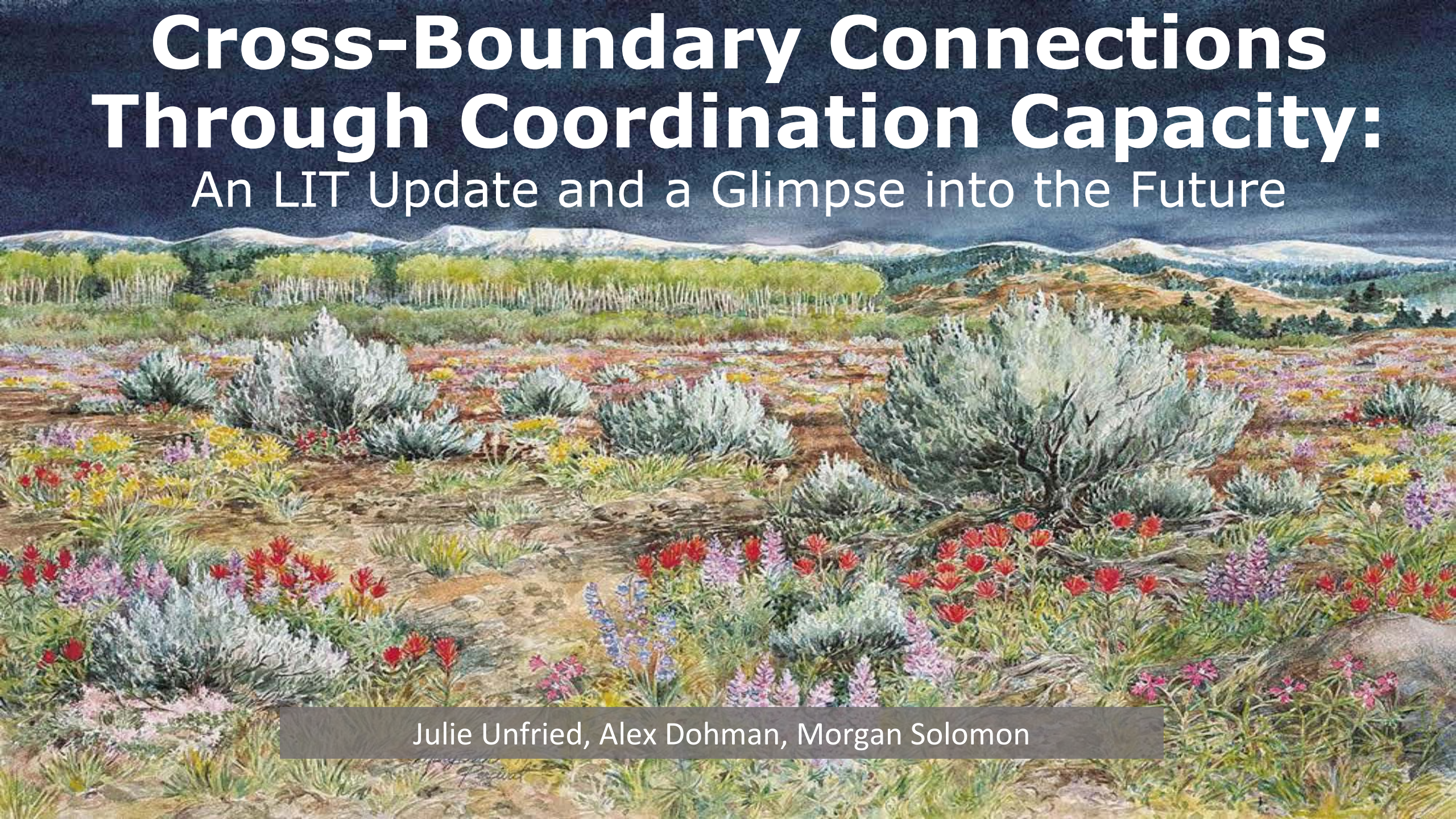


Cross-Boundary Connections Through Coordination Capacity: An LIT Update and a Glimpse into the Future



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Outline



- **Local Implementation Team introduction**
 - LIT background
 - Brief geography lesson
 - LIT highlights/accomplishments
- **Challenges and barriers to success**
- **Our vision for the LITs**

LIT Background



LIT Role:

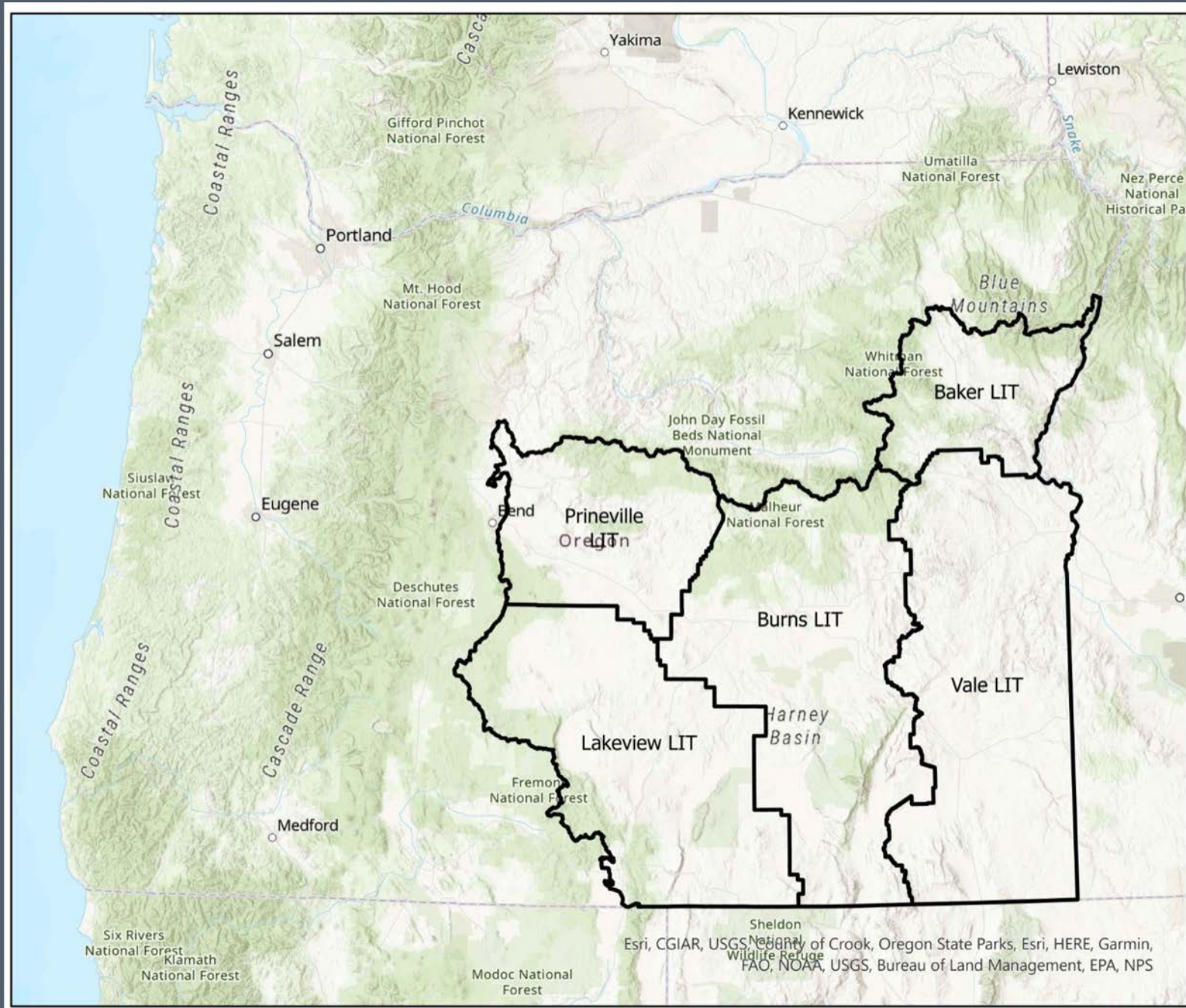
We connect people with people to promote on-the-ground conservation

LIT Partners,

- Federal: BLM, FWS, NRCS
- State: ODFW, DSL
- Counties
- Landowners
- Tribes
- NGOs
- Others!

"Cross-boundary collaboration is the key to conservation."

LIT Geography

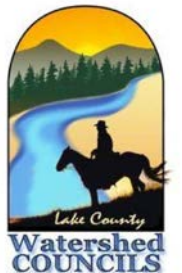


Burns and Lakeview: Newest capacity position

- Started in March 2022
- Facilitation training in WY
- Figuring out who the partners are in each area and what their interests are
- Reviving the LITs – prior to this position, LITs hadn't met since 2012.
- Each team has 2 meetings and 3rd set before end of the year 2022



HIGH DESERT
Partnership



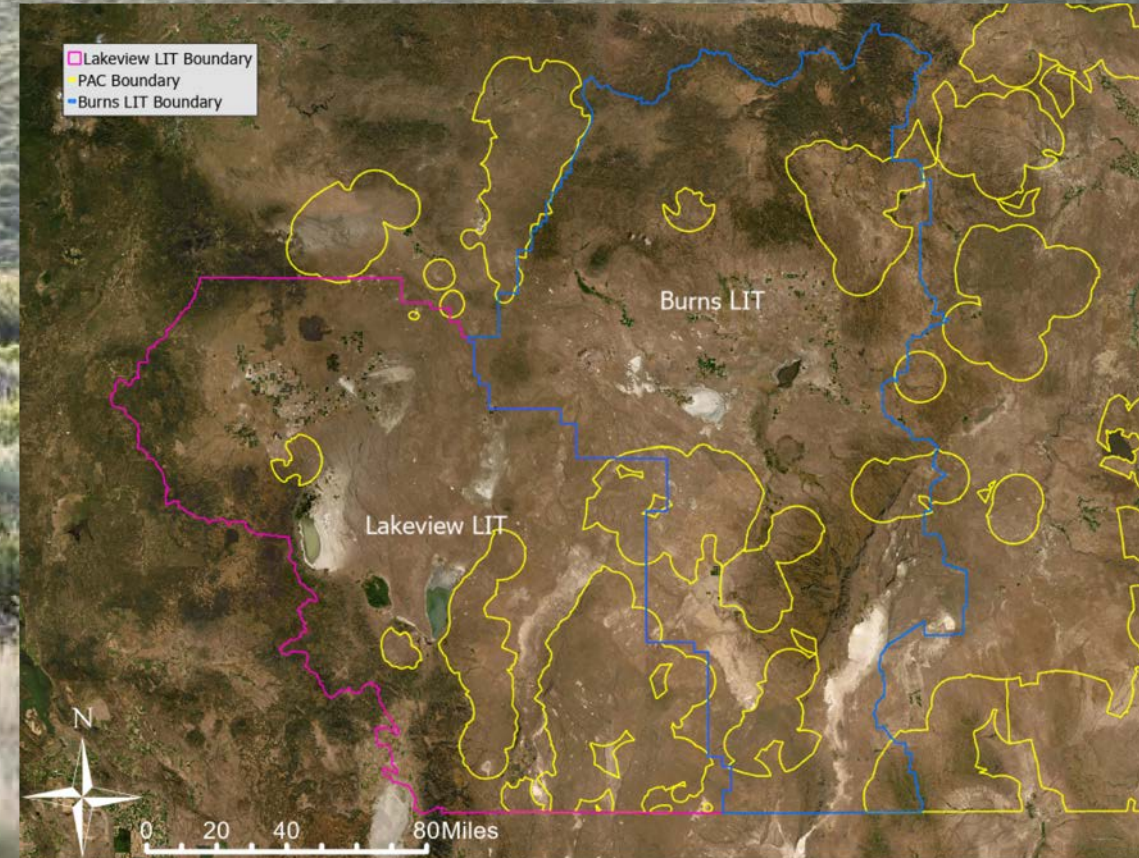
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- shared learning – e.g., sage-grouse biology, sagebrush ecology, partner interests/familiarity with LITs
- Determine how the LIT fits into a community with existing collaboratives – i.e., HCWC, CCAA
- Next steps – mapping project

Lakeview

Developing map products

- Identify future treatments
- Update action areas to establish shared priorities

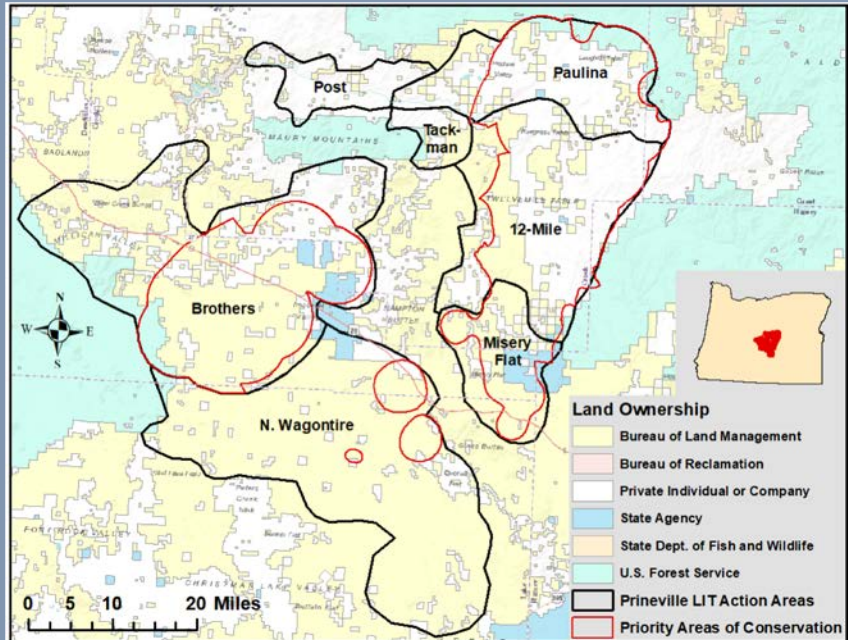
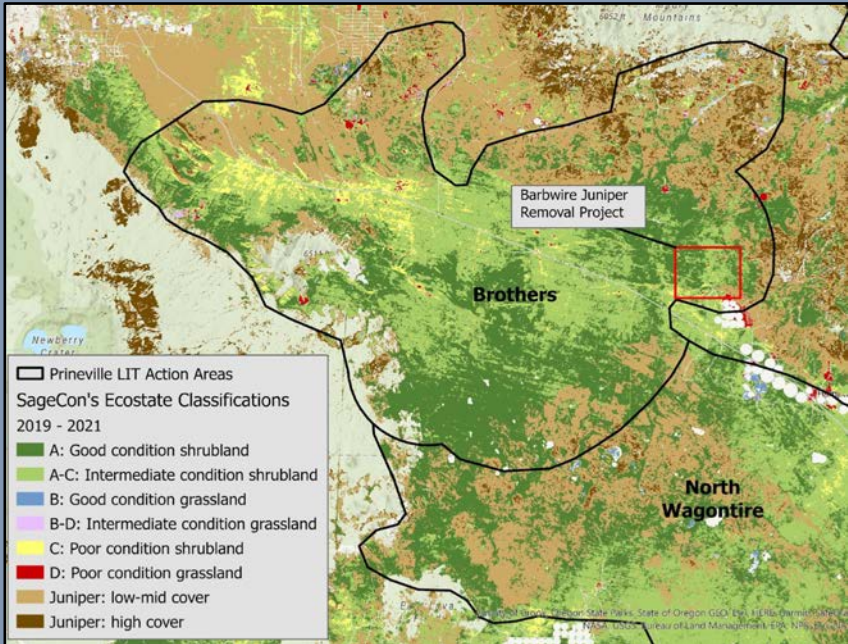


- **Willow Creek Field Tour: showcase cross-boundary stream restoration.**
- **FWS BIL funding proposals to treat IAGs and Phase I and II Juniper.**
 - Partial funding awarded: IAG treatments across 1,800 private land acres.
 - Repackaged initial proposal and submitted to another FWS funding pool!



Vale





- **Threats Reduction Plan (TRP) currently under review by LIT members.**
- **3 grant proposals used the draft TRP to support actions.**
- **Barbwire Juniper removal project: FWS BIL funds to remove 676 ac. of Phase I and II juniper.**

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Est. 2019



Private landowners



Threat Reduction Plan

- Finalized 2017

Strategic Action Plan

Goals:

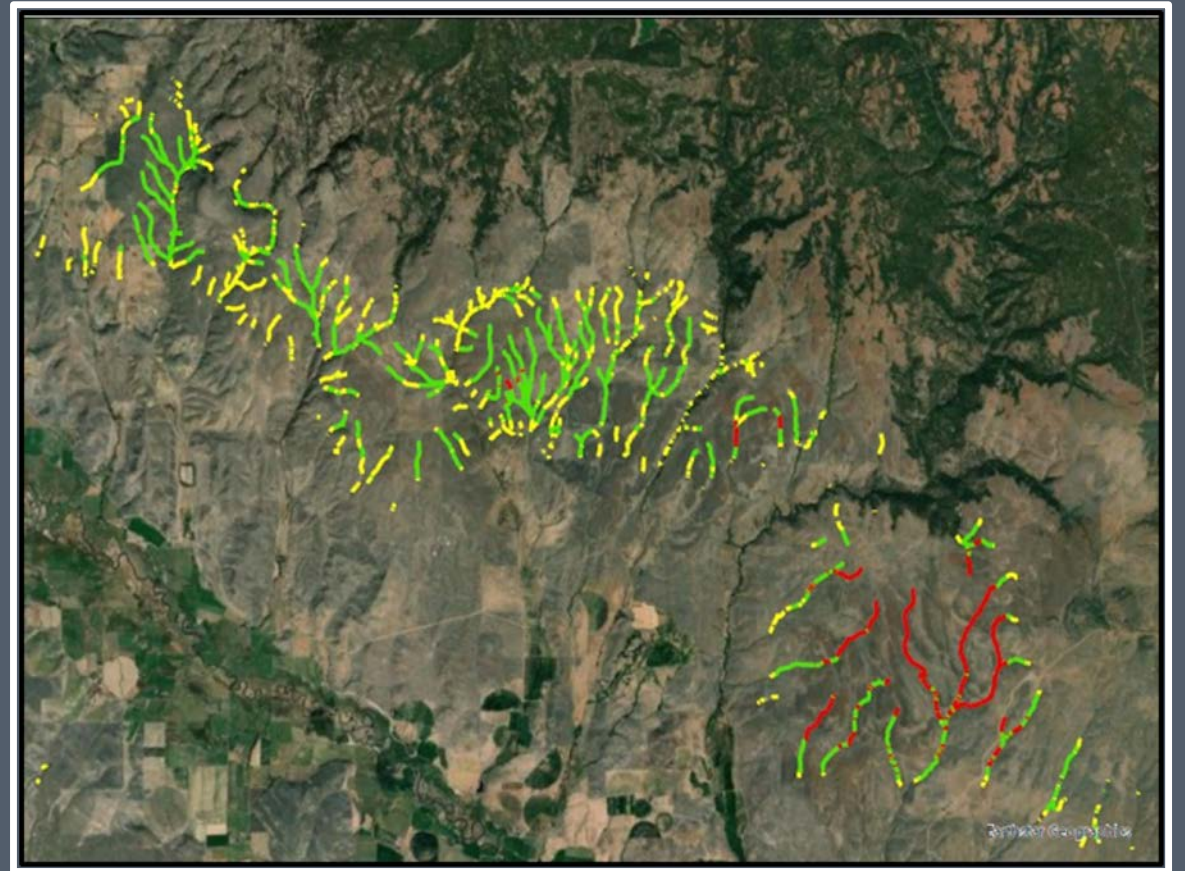
- ↑ Technical capacity
- ↑ Stakeholder engagement
- Improve sagebrush habitat
- Address key info gaps

2019: Received funding from OWEB

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- OHV wash station – preliminary plans
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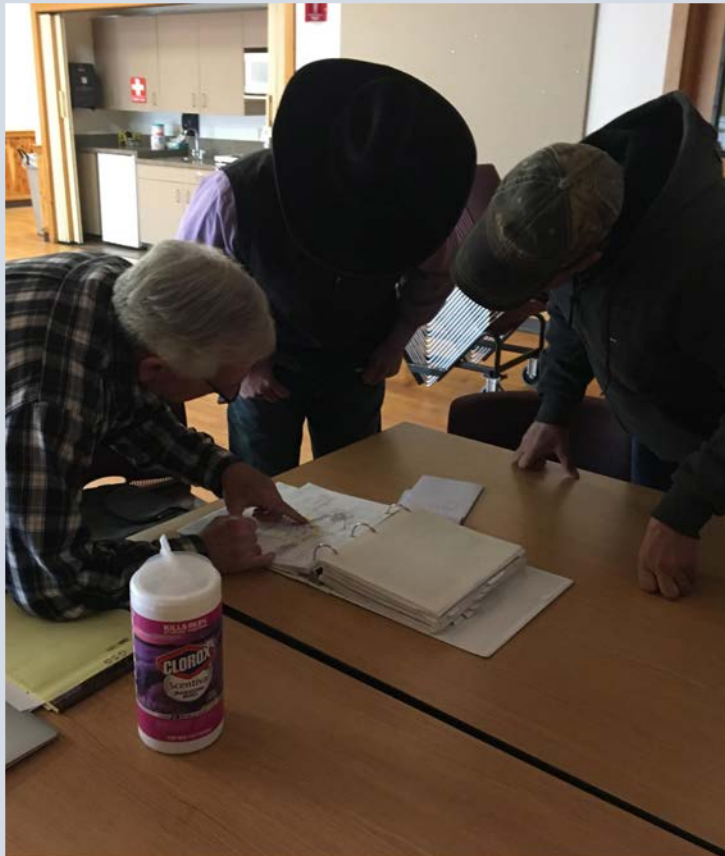
Many local
accomplishments, but...

What challenges are we still facing?

- Collaboration among the 5 LITs.
- Currently no Threat Reduction Plans for Vale, Lakeview, Burns.
- Enhanced communication across management levels in Oregon - e.g., BLM/ODFW state offices and district/field Offices.
- Finding adequate time to work with each LIT.
- Long-term funding for current Coordinator positions.

What's needed?...

Increased and Sustained Capacity



- Funding for 2 additional LIT coordinators
- Long-term capacity funding
 - Current, secured funding sunsets in 2024-25



Our vision for the LITs

- Greater capacity to support local implementation
- Enhanced communication across organizations and management levels
- LIT coordinators more engaged in their communities/more consistent leadership
- Collaboration among LITs
- Threat Reduction Plans that help partners set/communicate shared priorities
- **More sage-grouse, expansive sagebrush seas, empowering partnerships!**

Thank you!

