

Threat-Based Strategic Conservation

Five Principles of TBSC

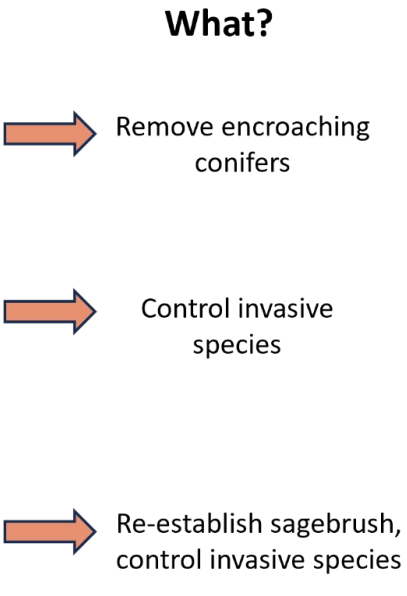
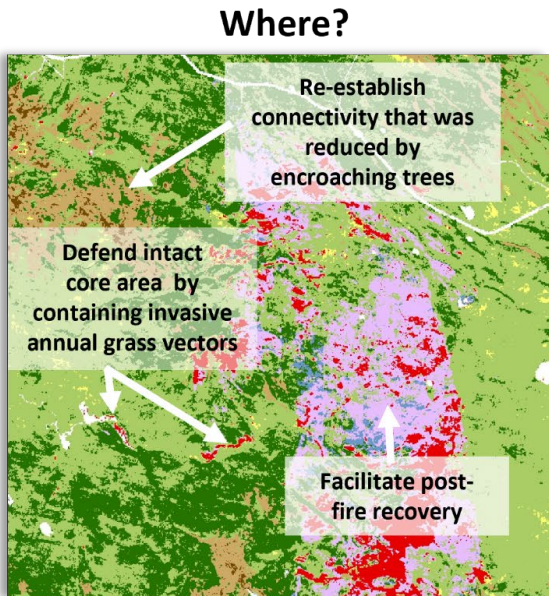
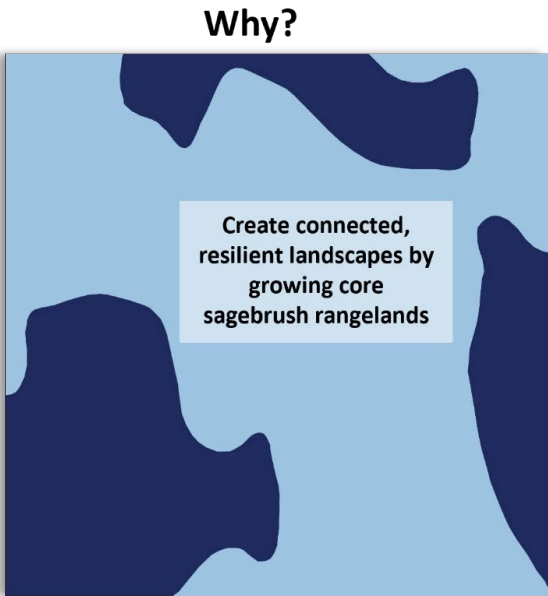
1 Prioritize defending and growing the core from primary ecosystem-level threats.

- Stay focused on the big picture
- Set realistic expectations
- Proactive management is more effective and less costly than reactive management

2 Find the relevant scale and people for your area.

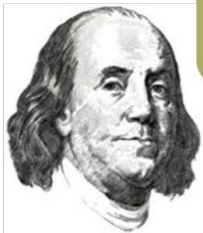
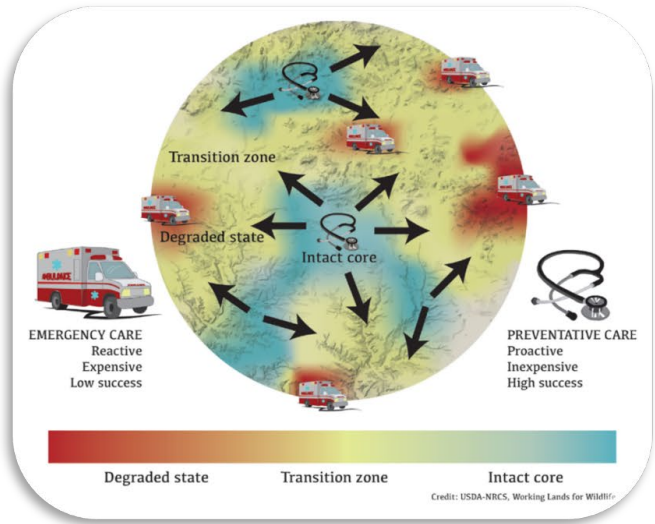
- C**apacity to work together to address a common problem
- R**esources to empower capacity
- A**uthority to implement
- P**rocess to ensure equitable and effective decision-making

3 Let your WHY guide your WHERE and WHAT.



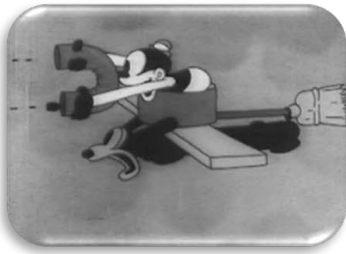
Core Sagebrush Area
Growth Opportunity Area

A: Good condition shrubland
 A-C: Intermediate condition shrubland
 B: Good condition grassland
 B-D: Intermediate condition grassland
 C: Poor condition shrubland
 D: Poor condition grassland
 Juniper: high cover
 Juniper: low-mid cover



"Do you have your CRAP together?"

4 Beware of both action bias and action paralysis.



"At least we did something"



"There is nothing we can do"

5 Remember that conservation is empowered by relationships.



Context behind TBSC: The Sagebrush Conservation Design and Threat-Based Land Management

The Sagebrush Conservation Design¹ shows that 1.3 million acres of intact sagebrush is being lost on average each year, underscoring the need for a strategic, landscape-scale, threat-based approach.

Call to action to defend and grow the core against threats to ecosystem health.

Invasive Annual Grasses



Photos: US Fish & Wildlife Service

Wildfire



Scott Shaff - USGS



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Find out more about Threat-Based Land Management at <https://sageshare.org/>

Conifer Expansion



Photos: US Forest Service



¹ Doherty et al. 2023. A Sagebrush Conservation Design to Proactively Restore America's Sagebrush Biome. Open-File Report 2022-1081.