

## The Story of the Great Basin Landscape Conservation Cooperative

The journey of the partnership began in 2010 when the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reached out to groups to assess their interest in creating a collaboration to address the effects of large-scale threats to the Great Basin. They found enthusiastic support from government agencies, Native American tribes and nongovernmental organizations, and decided to form what has come to be known as the Great Basin Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) in 2011.

We came together because we understood the biggest challenges to conservation in the Great Basin – invasive weeds, rangeland wildfires, drought, climate change, uncoordinated efforts – but the question was, where did we fit in, and how could we contribute?

We quickly determined that a primary role of the Great Basin LCC was to support and encourage dialogue among landscape-scale conservation efforts already happening in the Great Basin and to push for the next step.

We support specific projects, bring together partners to leverage their networks and resources, coordinate work across agencies and organizations, and promote opportunities for collaboration.

What makes the Great Basin LCC unique is our ability to address conservation issues from a landscape-scale, transcending state boundaries, jurisdictional borders, and lines on a map. We are a forward-looking, proactive partnership, bringing together key players in the Great Basin's conservation community and taking action to address the region's needs and challenges.

I'm incredibly proud of the work we have done over the past several years and look forward to the future. I also want to extend a special thank you to all our Steering Committee members, our staff members, our researchers and all others who have made this partnership successful. If the next several years are anything like the first, I know that we will continue to accomplish great things.

– *Rick Kearney,*  
*Great Basin LCC Coordinator*

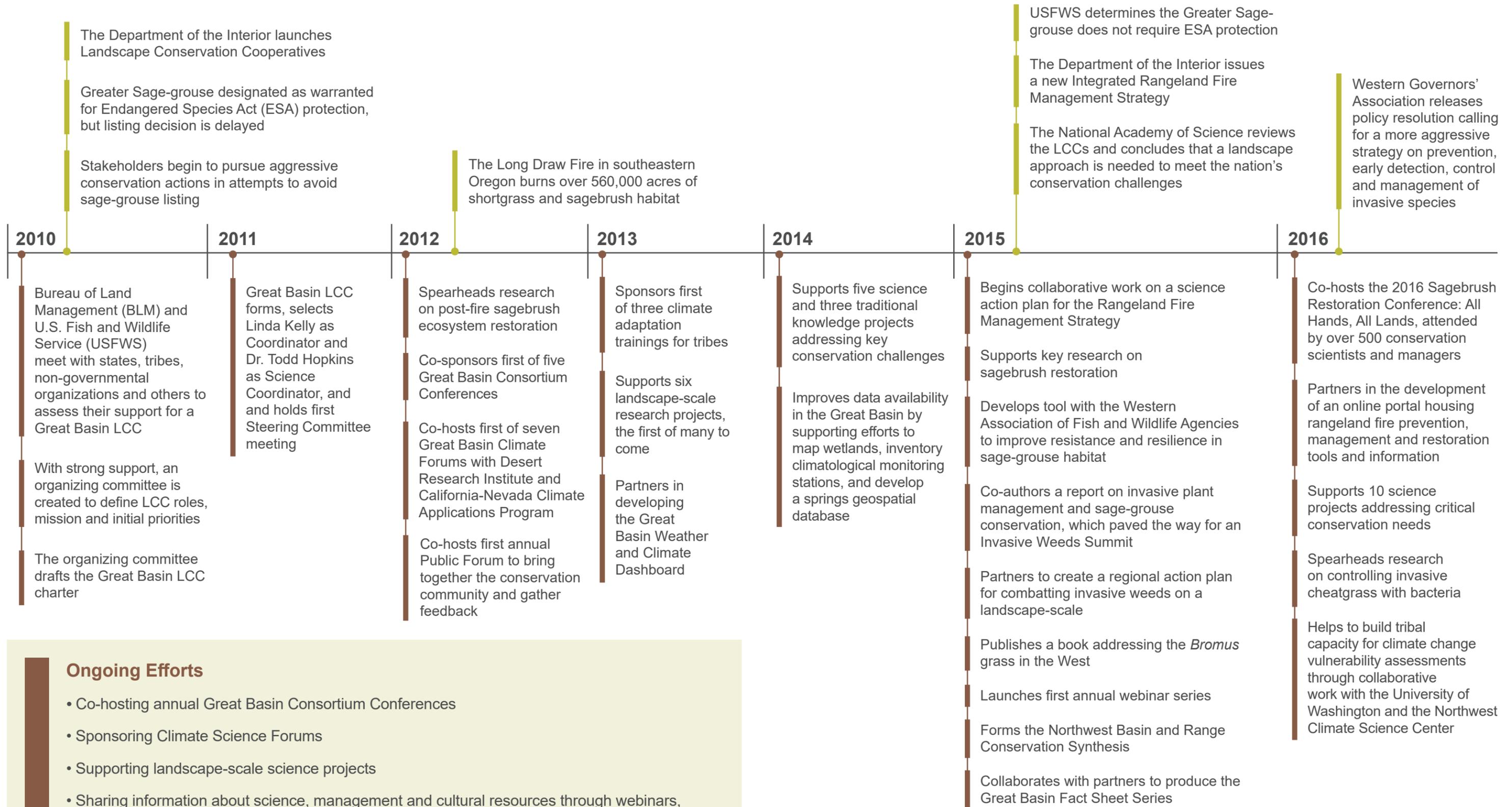


### Who We Are

The Great Basin LCC is a partnership among public and private groups working to meet large-scale conservation challenges across five states. We promote management based on science and traditional knowledge that enables human and natural communities to respond and adapt to ongoing change. Our partners include a variety of groups committed to conservation, such as Native American tribes, universities, non-governmental organizations, and federal, state and local government agencies.

The Great Basin LCC is one of 22 LCCs in North America. Together, these partnerships form a seamless network from coast to coast (and beyond), addressing the challenges that no single organization can handle alone. The Great Basin LCC geographic area encompasses approximately 145,000 square miles in five states.

# Years of Collaborative and Inclusive Landscape-Scale Conservation



## Ongoing Efforts

- Co-hosting annual Great Basin Consortium Conferences
- Sponsoring Climate Science Forums
- Supporting landscape-scale science projects
- Sharing information about science, management and cultural resources through webinars, presentations and written communications
- Supporting exchanges of traditional knowledge and contemporary science to enhance land management, conservation and cultural preservation



## Looking Forward

The Great Basin LCC has accomplished much in the past several years. In 2015, the National Academy of Sciences determined the LCCs are uniquely designed to address landscape natural and cultural resource needs at a national level, and can effectively bridge conservation research and management. While other federal programs are more narrowly focused, the LCCs promote broad, interdisciplinary science and conservation action.

The Great Basin LCC enters the next stage with optimism and determination, ready to continue producing high-quality products, working with the conservation community, and exploring innovative ways to tackle the most vexing conservation challenges in our region.

## For More Information

Want to get involved? The Great Basin LCC is always looking for new ways to collaborate and advance landscape-scale conservation in the Great Basin. Please contact us any time at [info@greatbasinlcc.org](mailto:info@greatbasinlcc.org). Learn more about the Great Basin LCC or sign up for quarterly newsletters at [greatbasinlcc.org](http://greatbasinlcc.org).



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## What We Do

### Our Vision

Great Basin landscapes that sustain natural and cultural resources now and in the future.

### Our Mission

The Great Basin LCC supports landscape-scale conservation, promotes science, and enables management based on traditional knowledge and science so human and ecological communities can respond and adapt to climate and land use change.

### Goals

- Great Basin communities develop mutually agreed upon landscape-scale conservation strategies and deliver conservation actions guided by those strategies.
- The Great Basin is more resilient to climate change and other landscape-scale stressors because of increased collaboration, optimized conservation investments and efforts aligned to a common vision.
- Traditional knowledge and contemporary science are shared and/or integrated, as appropriate, to further Great Basin conservation priorities and land stewardship.
- Communication and understanding about science, management and cultural resources are enhanced and this information is accessible and discoverable by the broader conservation community.