

Please Join-Us! Bonus Post-Symposium Sage-Steppe Tools Workshop

Sign up for the workshop by contacting Dominique Bachelet (dominique@consbio.org) so we can prepare the room for the appropriate group size. Lunch provided.

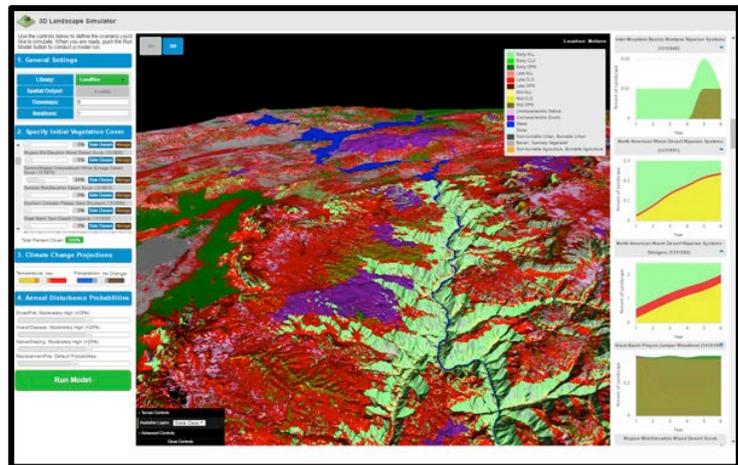
When and Where: The workshop will be held immediately following the NW Basin and Range Ecosystem Symposium - the afternoon of February 16, 2017 at the Lakeview Interagency Office. Hosted by the Conservation Biology Institute & the Bureau of Land Management

Purpose: Managers discover and learn how to use new sage-steppe focused web tools. Participants will have a chance to provide third round of feedback to web developers to improve three web applications designed for them.

Over the last two years, a team from the Conservation Biology Institute (CBI) in Corvallis conducted a series of phone interviews where sagebrush land managers from Oregon, Idaho, and a few other western states were asked to identify climate or weather-related threats and management strategies relevant to their sagebrush management areas. Managers assessed a series of web-based climate tools, and provided feedback about what features they found intuitive, interesting and useful, or complicated, unnecessary, and in need of revision.

After gathering this treasure trove of information, the CBI team is now looking for honest feedback on several web tools they designed specifically with the managers' requests in mind.

- First, the **sagebrush climate console** (climateconsole.org/sagebrush) that provides climate projections, exposure and sensitivity maps for the western U.S. It will be officially launched before December 2016.
- Secondly, a new interactive web tool called the **landscape simulator** (landscapesimulator.org), using state and transition simulation models, visualizes the impacts of climate, disturbance and management activities on vegetation cover over time.
- Thirdly, the **seedlot selection tool** (<https://seedlotselectiontool.org/sst/>), was initially geared towards forest managers, but if there is interest, a twin site could focus on sagebrush subspecies and grass seed zones.



CBI web developers and scientists will be on-hand to gauge the interest of managers in these tools so they can better focus their resources towards developing useful products. Managers will have the opportunity to directly interact with the tool developers and learn first-hand how to access and start using these new applications. Managers will be able to suggest changes and improvements to help meet their needs.