

Virtual Workshop

Defending and Growing the Core by Breaking the Cycle of Annual Grass Invasion

Date: April 3, 2024

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm Mountain Time

Format: Online via Zoom

Registration: Free and open to all

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Annual Grasses Invading
Natural Ecosystems

Invasive annual grasses—such as cheatgrass, medusahead, and ventenata—are the leading cause of degradation and loss of America's sagebrush grasslands, reducing forage and habitat, fueling more frequent and larger wildfires, and threatening rural economies. While invasive grasses are widespread, there remains a generational opportunity to proactively address this threat. However, many land managers may not be equipped with the information needed to plan and implement effective treatments.

In this one-day virtual workshop, participants will learn about guiding principles, strategic planning processes, tools, and tactics for managing annual grass invasion in sagebrush country. Participants will be introduced to the proactive “defend and grow the core” management philosophy, which emphasizes protecting intact and functioning native plant communities, and expanding them through improved management techniques, rather than initially starting with the most degraded areas. This workshop seeks to inspire participants and start conversations across the sagebrush biome on how to meet the invasive annual grass problem head on in their own watersheds. We hope this information will be especially useful to any land manager, landowner, or conservation practitioner working to conserve and protect the sagebrush biome.

Agenda Topics

- **Why now?**
 - Background and urgency of the problem
- **Biology and ecology:** What you need to do to break the invasion process.
- **Landscape planning**
 - Guiding strategies for proactive management
 - How to pick the best places to work at a landscape scale
- **Project-Scale planning**
 - What to do in the best places
 - Effective tools and tactics
- **Call to action**
 - Steps to get you started
 - Resources available to support you

Have questions about the workshop?

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