

# Buffalo-Skedaddle Sage-grouse Working Group

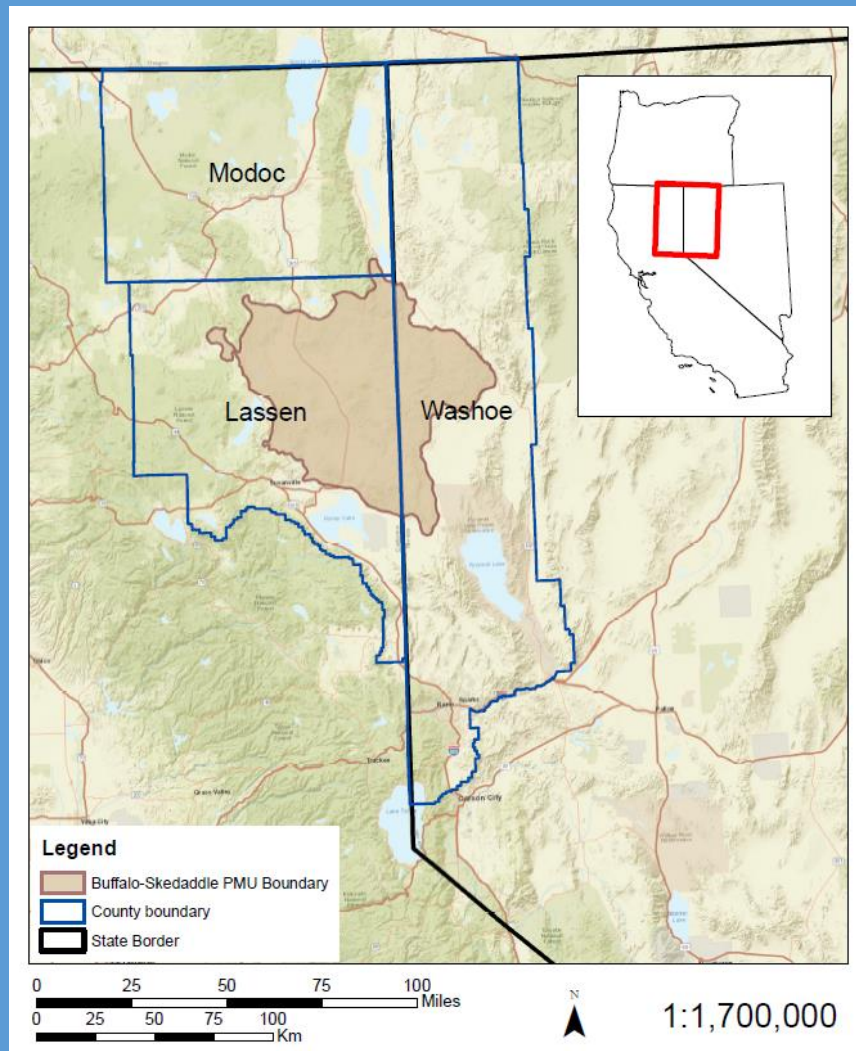
## Objectives:

The collective mission of the Buffalo-Skedaddle Sage-grouse Working Group is to develop and implement effective conservation and land management strategies that provide long-term conservation of Greater sage-grouse, sagebrush ecosystems, and working rural landscapes. The working group uses a collaborative process that capitalizes on collective knowledge and experience to achieve meaningful, longer-lasting outcomes.

## Upcoming Events:

- Monthly meetings the 4th Tuesday of every month
- Contact Janyne Little for details →

## Buffalo-Skedaddle Population Management Unit



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# Significant Achievements

## 2001

The Buffalo-Skedaddle Sage-grouse Working Group was established to organize conservation efforts for Greater Sage-grouse within the Buffalo-Skedaddle PMU.

## 2006

First Buffalo-Skedaddle PMU Conservation Strategy created to guide local recovery efforts of Greater Sage-grouse

## 2006-2021

Implemented projects outlined in the 2006 Conservation strategy including:

- ~35,000 acres of juniper removal to enhance sage-grouse habitat
- Riparian restoration efforts to elevate stream beds, alleviate erosion, and stabilize adjacent meadow areas
- Developed springs, re-developed non-functioning springs, and protected water sources from large hoofed grazers

## 2021

Updated the Buffalo-Skedaddle PMU Conservation Strategy



# Recent Activities

Oct, 2020  
Riparian Restoration  
37 Zeedyk Structures installed  
around Sheep Spring near Horse  
Lake in the Ranch Fire scar

April-Sept, 2021  
Spring Enhancements  
Fences installed and/or spring  
developments completed on 5  
springs in the PMU

July, 2021  
Juniper Removal  
5500 acres of juniper removed  
near Black Mountain and Spanish  
Springs.

Oct 2021  
Annual grass control  
7,000 acres of aerial Imazapic  
spray to suppress annual invasive  
grasses

Oct-Nov, 2021  
16,250 sagebrush seedlings  
planted in fire scars

## Sheep Spring Zeedyk Structure



Before



After

## Sagebrush Seedling Planting



# Future Goals

## Goals and objectives for Future Actions:

- Improve livestock grazing management for sagebrush ecosystem resilience
- Continue researching new techniques and locally adapted solutions, and report on results
- Monitor and assess success of projects and conduct adaptive management
- Revisit Action Items within the 2021 Conservation Strategy yearly to identify and prioritize next actions

## Activated Carbon Seed Pellet Study



## Spring Improvements



# Resource Needs

- Funding for cultural surveys and project implementation
- Capacity to implement projects and/or manage contracts
- Volunteers to implement and monitor projects
- Funding to support the Buffalo-Skedaddle Sage-grouse Working Group Coordinator Position beyond Summer 2022
- Continued participation and support from partners

