

Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Through Prisons



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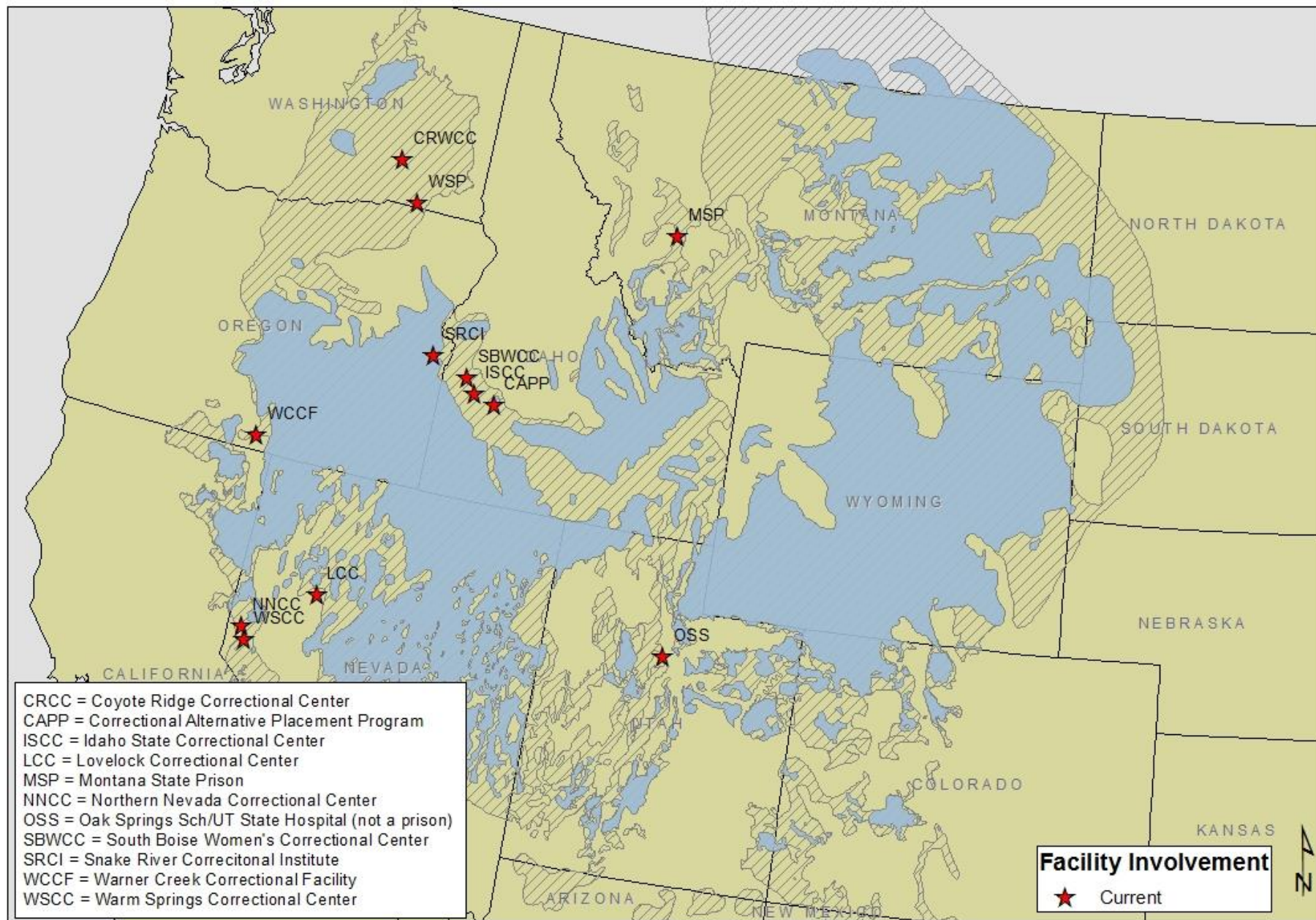
Improve habitat for greater sage-grouse by engaging state prison systems in production of sagebrush for habitat restoration on BLM lands



Greater Sage-Grouse



Overlay of Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat and Prison Facilities



0 50 100 200 300 400 Miles

Map Date: 3/31/17

Current Range Historic Range



GREAT BASIN SAGEBRUSH PROJECT



Working to bring science and nature education opportunities into prisons.
We provide unique and meaningful activities to incarcerated men and women with
the goal of helping our natural environment.



2014: One Prison



2015 – Five Prisons in three states



2016/17 - Eleven Prisons in six states















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Education/vocational Opportunities





Benefits of propagation program

- Provide high quality plants , detailed work experiences
- Help reduce idleness and behavior problems within prison
- Gives inmates valuable skills – reduces recidivism
- Provides good image to the public
- Restorative justice
- BLM and DOI Priorities: Shared Conservation Stewardship, Getting America back to work, preserve ecosystem benefits for local communities







Photo: Gary Kramer

SER MOVIE

“WHAT GROWING SAGEBRUSH MEANS TO ME”

By Mr. Jones, inmate WCCF 11/17/16



I’ve watched for many years and one thing continually comes to my attention is that our world is tiring. Without our participation and us listening to the cry of our depleted world, then our children will not get to experience the wonders we have.

I’ve contributed very little in my adult life while battling my afflictions.

The sagebrush program has been good for my soul. This project has done more than rescue the sage grouse, it’s allowed us men to do and be something positive.

Through this project, men’s’ lives begin to have worth; we see that we can be positive and benefit the world instead of bringing it down. Someone smiling and saying well done can move a man’s heart and give him back hope.

We’ve made mistakes but in a way we are all alike.

Yes, I’ve made mistakes, we all have, but the one I don’t want to make is missing the chance to give back to the world that has taken care of me.

Given the chance you will see the goodness in us all.