Bureau of Land Management U.S. Forest Service Perspectives on Ranch Level Assessments Using SRR Indicators

SRR Ranch Assessments

 The careful collection and use of monitoring information about social, economic and ecological aspects of a ranch operation provides the information needed to make sound decisions

Agency Data Needs

- Agencies always need more data
- Ranchers can provide information that wouldn't be available from other sources
- Joint Cooperative Monitoring Agreements
- Inclusive public process

Limitations on the Use of Data Provided by Outside Sources

- Data provided can be inaccurate or even biased
- No approval of data in advance
- Must be filed timely the agency must have the opportunity to review the data
- Must include metadata what was collected, how, when, and where it was collected

Cooperation and Communication

 This is the most significant factor in agency acceptance and use of data

 If this occurs in advance of data collection everyone benefits

Value of Working Together

The data and the ability to use the data is improved

 Working toward common goals is more important than the data itself

Resource Monitoring

 Ranchers and agency rangeland management specialists are constantly faced with new issues that require data

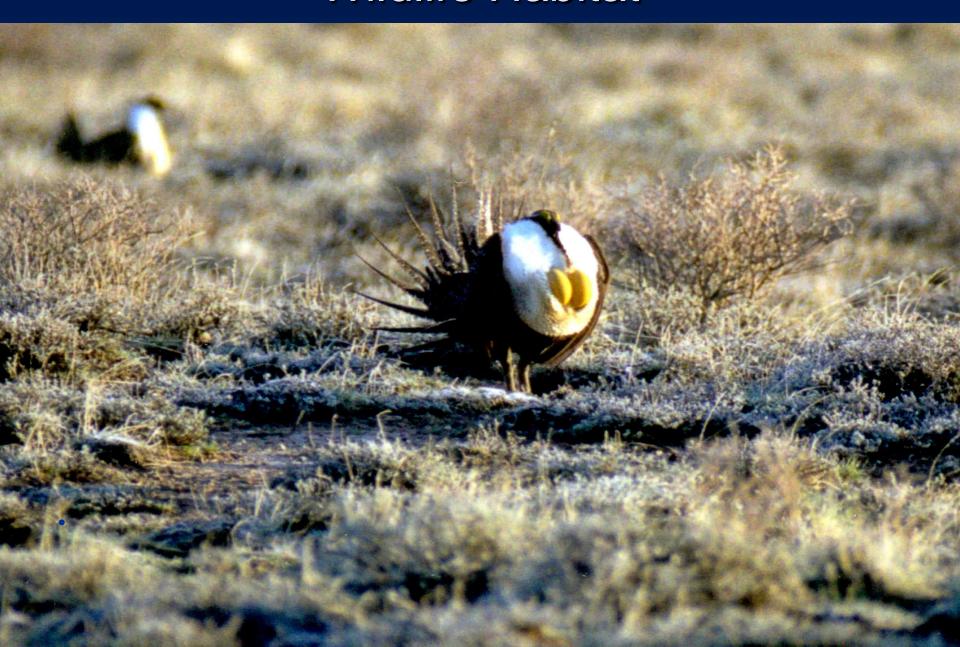
Upland data – soil, vegetation, wildlife

Riparian data – water, riparian, fish

Agency Effectiveness is Influenced by the Uses on Adjacent Land

- Benefits from keeping our neighboring lands in open space and natural plant communities
- Even more important when you look at land ownership patterns which are often closely intermingled with private lands

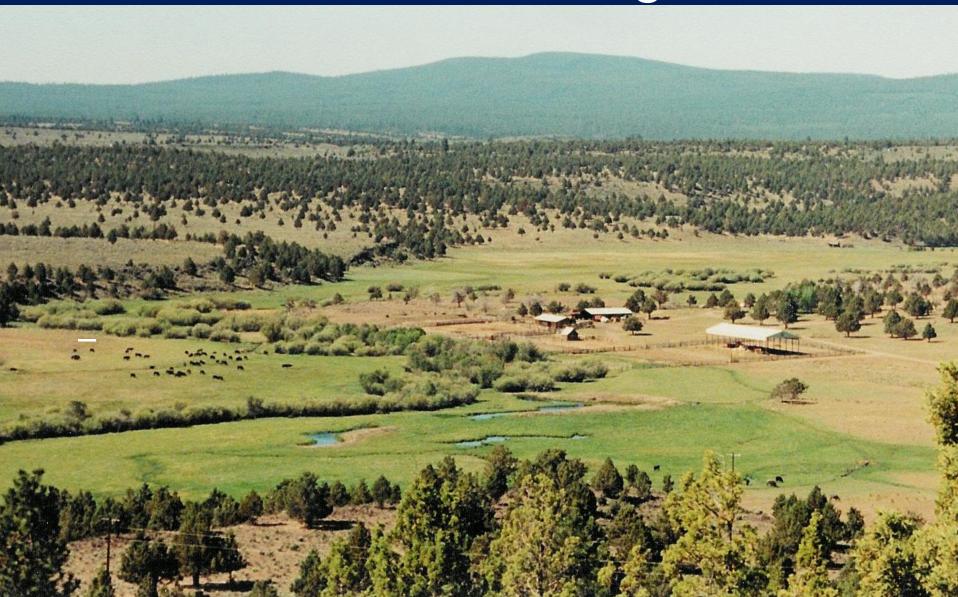
Wildlife Habitat



Fire/Fuel Reduction Management



Our Next Door Neighbor



Business Planning

 Primary benefit is stronger more sustainable ranches

 The agencies shouldn't have personal financial information

 The value of the grazing permit to the overall operation

Summary

- Actions that help maintain open space and natural plant communities on adjacent lands, benefit public lands
- Better information gained through these SRR Ranch Assessments helps maintain those compatible uses
- Any information provided on public land could be used in decision making and help defend those decisions.

How Agencies Use the Data

Information supplements agency data

Information on socio/economic impacts

 Improved NEPA analysis produces better management and better conditions

More defendable decisions