



TOWARD A PRODUCTIVE & HEALTHY WEST

“One cannot be pessimistic about the West. This is the native home of hope. When it fully learns that cooperation, not rugged individualism, is the quality that most characterizes and preserves it, then it will have achieved itself and outlived its origins. Then it has a chance to create a society to match its scenery.”

Wallace Stegner, *The Sound of Mountain Water*

We urge Congress and the Administration to advance the following principles to achieve rural economic health and a productive agricultural sector, provide for our human needs, and protect the landscapes in which we live and work.

The long-term economic health and resiliency of our nation is directly dependent on responsible management of our natural resources – including productive public and private lands, and abundant water supplies.

Across the West, communities and organizations are working together to restore and manage forests and rangelands while creating local and regional jobs. Together we are committed to the care and stewardship of our natural resources and are investing in our country’s future. We believe the rural West can play a vital role in solving some of America’s biggest challenges, including protecting working lands, and maintaining the cultural values of both cooperation and independence.



Advancing policies and practices that sustain working lands, connected landscapes and native species.

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WesternLandownersAlliance.org



Protecting water for Western irrigated agriculture.

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Working together for healthy landscapes and vibrant rural communities throughout the American West.

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WE BELIEVE THAT:

- Working lands, human communities, and wild places are all important and interdependent. Their health must be protected and advanced together.
- Ecosystem productivity, social equity, and economic well-being go hand in hand. Good public policy builds on and reinforces these linkages.
- Large-scale resource planning that is cross-boundary and inclusive, and science- and place-based, is essential.
- The cooperative management of private and public lands is good for business, public health, and species conservation.
- Voluntary, market- and incentive-based programs are key tools for landowners to participate in conservation, diversify their operations, and help keep landscapes intact.
- Hope for rural America lies in collaboration, common sense and non-partisan solutions that ensure sustainable working lands and diverse new economies.

We ask that you work in partnership with our communities and organizations to develop solutions based on these principles and include place-based expertise. We stand ready to provide specifics upon request and look forward to visiting with you in Washington, D.C. We also invite you to visit our lands and communities in the rural West -- to celebrate the grandeur of our landscapes and see these solutions at work.

262 Ranches - AR, NM
A Bar A Ranch - WY
Alianza Agri-Cultura de Taos, Inc. - NM
Altar Valley Conservation Alliance - AZ
American Forest Foundation - National
American Forests - National
Amigos Bravos - NM
Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council - OR
Araviapa Watershed Conservation Alliance - AZ
Audubon Rockies - CO, WY
Babacomari Ranch, Ft. Huachuca Sentinel Landscape - AZ
Beartooth Group - MT
Beyeler Ranches LLC - ID
Big Creek Ranch - WY
Blackfoot Challenge - MT
Blue Mountains Forest Partners - OR
Boies Ranches - NV
Borderlands Restoration L3C - AZ, NM, Mexico
California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts - CA
California Center for Rural Policy - CA
California Rangeland Conservation Coalition - CA
Carpe Diem West - US West
Cattlexpressions LLC - NE, NM, TX
Central Idaho Rangelands Network - ID
Chama Peak Land Alliance - CO, NM
Circle Ranch - TX
Citizen Alliance of Northern New Mexico - NM
Colorado Open Lands - CO
Colorado Water Trust - CO
Conservation Northwest - WA, BC
Crane Associates, LLC - CO
Desatoya Land & Livestock - NV
Dolores Watershed and Resilient Forest Collaborative - CO
Double Check Ranch - AZ, MO, NM
Earth Restoration Alliance - International
El Coronado Ranch - AZ
Elkhorn Ranch - AZ
Fire Safe Montana - MT
FireWise of Southwest Colorado - CO
Fishpond - International
Forest Stewards Guild - National
ForEverGreen Forestry - CA
Framing Our Community - ID
Future West - MT, ID, WY
Heart of the Rockies Initiative - ID, MT, WY
High Plains Grasslands Alliance - NM
HighBar Global - International
Holistic Management International - International
Hollow Top Angus - MT
Honey Boy Ranch - NM
Idaho Conservation League - ID
Integrated Biomass Resources - CA, OR, WA
Intermountain Impact Investments - ID, MT, OR, WA, WY
Lake County Resources Initiative - OR
Lemhi Regional Land Trust - ID
Malpai Borderlands Group - AZ, NM
Markegard Family Grass-Fed LLC - CA
Montana Aquatic Resources Services - MT
Mountain Island Ranch - CO, UT
MPG Ranch - MT
Mt. Adams Resource Stewards - WA
National Young Farmers Coalition - National
New Mexico Land Conservancy - NM
On Pasture - International
Owl Creek Foundation - WY
PastureMap - CA, CO, MT, TX
Pinchot Institute for Conservation - National
Pitchfork Ranch - WY
Public Lands Foundation - National
Quivira Coalition - US Southwest
Resiliency Lands, LLC - CO
Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust - NM
Ritter Land Management Team - OR
Rocky Mountain Farmers Union - CO, NM, WY
Rolling Thunder Ranch - WY
Salmon Valley Stewardship - ID
San Isabel Land Protection Trust - CO
San Marcos Ranch - NM
Shining Horizons Land Mgmt., LLC - AZ, CO, MT, NM, WY
Sierra Business Council - CA, NV
Sitka Conservation Society - AK
Siuslaw Institute - International
Skunk Ranch, LLC - CA
Sky Island Alliance - AZ, NM, Mexico
SkyBlue Center for Community Dev., LLC - OR, WA
Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition - AK
Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative - OR
Spur Lake Cattle Co - AZ, NM
Sustainable Northwest - CA, ID, NV, OR, WA
Sustainable Southeast Partnership - AK
Swan Valley Connections - MT
Taos Land Trust - NM
Tercio Foundation - CO
Tercio Ranch - CO
Termini Associates - NY, OR
The High Lonesome Ranch - CO
The Nature Conservancy - International
The Rio Puerco Rangeland Trust - NM
The Simple Group, LLC - AZ, KS, MT, NE, NM, OK, SD
The Wilderness Society - National
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership - National
Thornburg Foundation - NM
Thunder Basin Grasslands Prairie Ecosystem Assoc. - MT, WY
TomKat Ranch - CA
Topos & Anthros - US West
Tri-County FireSafe Working Group - MT
Trinchera Blanca Foundation - CO
Trinchera Ranch - CO
Trout Stalker Ranch - NM
Twodot Land and Livestock Co. - MT
Unique Places, LLC - NM
Wallowa Resources - OR
Watershed Research & Training Center - CA
Western Environmental Law Center - US West
Western Resource Advocates - Intermountain West
Whitman College Semester in the West - WA
Wild Farm Alliance - National
Wildlife Corridors LLC - AZ, NM, Mexico
Winecup Gamble Inc. - NV
Wyoming State Grazing Board - WY
Yellowstone Grassfed Beef - MT