

INTERMOUNTAIN WEST
JOINT VENTURE

conserving habitat through partnerships

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Ron & Thad:

On behalf of the Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV) Management Board and staff, I extend our sincere appreciation to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for partnering with the IWJV on the Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI) Strategic Watershed Action Team (SWAT).

Please find attached the SGI SWAT NRCS Quarterly Report for July-September 2016. The report also contains the following appendix: Objectives and Evolution of the SGI SWAT.

Please give me a call at (406) 549-0287 if you have any questions. We look forward to reporting on future SGI SWAT successes!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Smith".

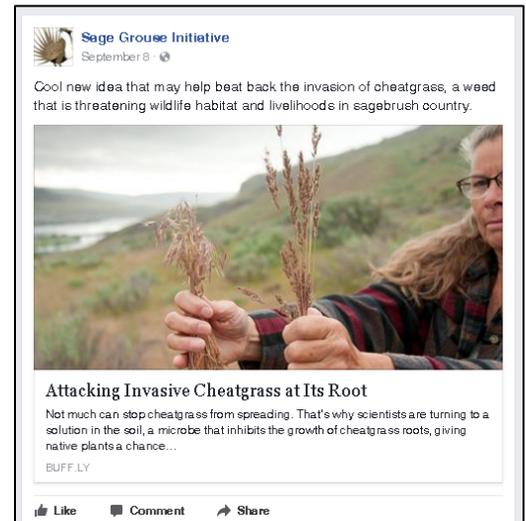
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- Top Tweets:
 - September 22 (earned 5,050 impressions, 15 retweets, ten likes): [Learn how we put practices, research, & people to work for #350species in sagebrush country. New 2016 REPORT here: bit.ly/2cpPyPS](#)
 - August 11 (earned 3,963 impressions, four retweets, 27 likes): [Forbs--like these flowers & the insects that live on them--are the foundation of #sagegrouse chicks' diets.](#)
 - July (earned 12,500 impressions, 17 retweets, 31 likes): [Good stuff. Thanks @Nature_ID for protecting prime #sagebrush habitat!](#)



Facebook

- 88 new page Likes, bringing the total to 3,880 followers
- 61 total posts
- Top Posts:
 - September 8 (12,678 people reached! 100 shares! 76 likes): [Cool new idea that may help beat back the invasion of cheatgrass, a weed that is threatening wildlife habitat and livelihoods in sagebrush country.](#)
 - July 28 (3,566 people reached, seven shares, 38 likes): [To the Helmick family, conservation and ranching are one and the same.](#)
 - July 10 (3,090 people reached, five shares, 37 likes): [Sometimes, you have to get your hands dirty to make a difference on the ground. Check out photos from SGI's 6th annual workshop.](#)



SUMMARY

The SGI SWAT is a model for science-based, landscape-scale habitat conservation—and a model for the future. It represents a landmark step forward in helping NRCS – through partnerships with the FWS, state fish and wildlife agencies, and others – address many of the bottlenecks that have long prevented Farm Bill conservation programs from realizing their true potential for wildlife habitat conservation in the West.

