

HIGH DESERT  
*Partnership*

# *Collaboration and Agriculture in Harney County*

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A vibrant and resilient Harney County where diverse groups work together for the benefit of all.



VISION

Fostering a culture of working together

PURPOSE

Champions of Common Ground

COMMUNITIES

Everyone is Welcome at the Table(s)

STRATEGIES

Convening Collaborative Working Groups

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ↔ HEALTHY LANDS & WATER ↔ ENDURING RURAL WAY OF LIFE

OFFERINGS + OUTCOMES

Listen & understand • Forge relationships • Build trust • Voice perspectives • Mutually-beneficial solutions • Ensure follow-through • Track progress • Keep people informed • Raise public awareness • Advise other communities

*Water is a  
connector to  
everything out  
here*

Today, we rely on *ranching, agriculture, entrepreneurship*—all of which have unique challenges in a rural environment.



# *Landscape Scale Management*


Wildfire knows no boundaries.  
This requires landscape scale  
management to go beyond  
jurisdictional boundaries and  
partner cooperation.





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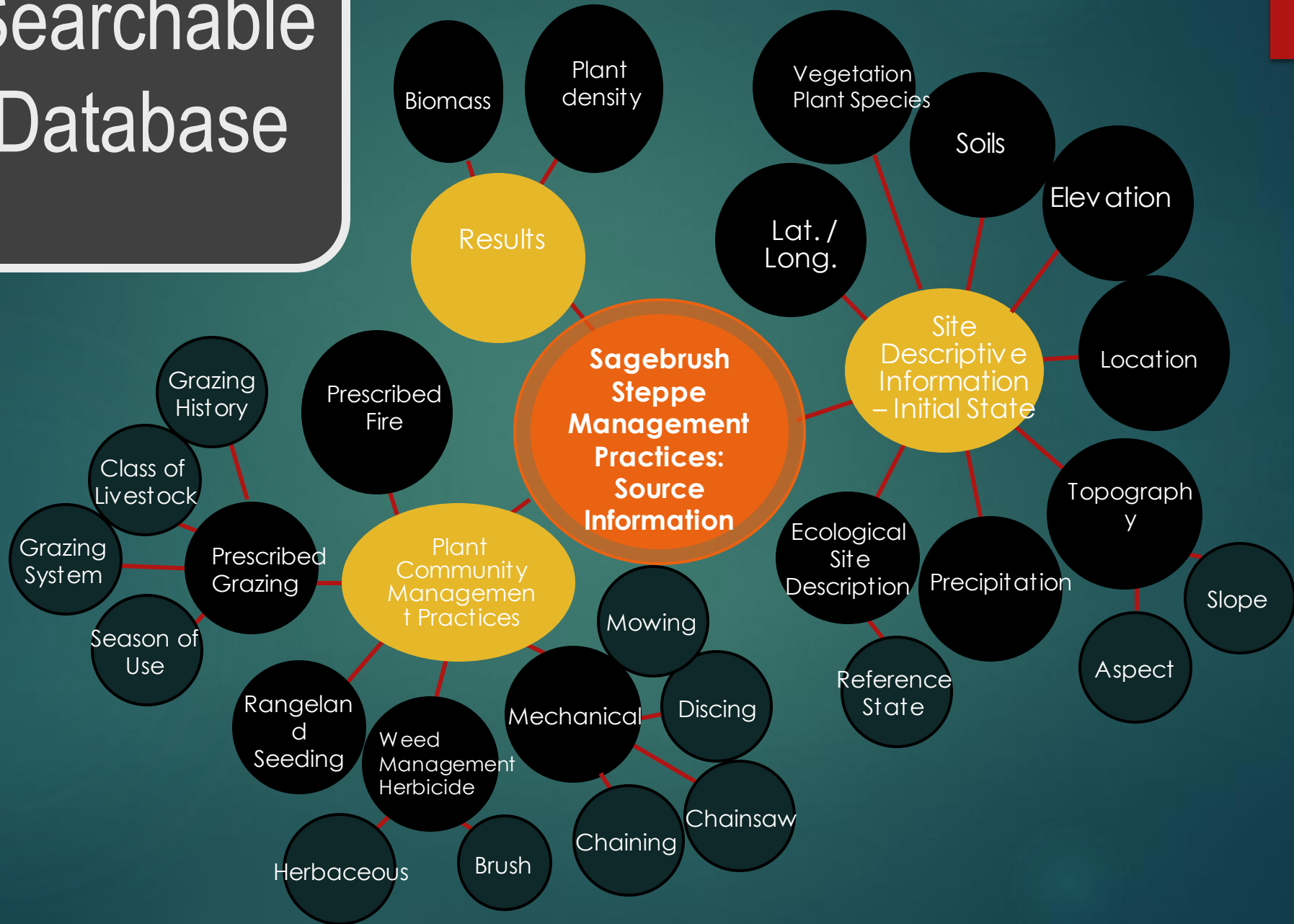
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Scientists often do not share a common language or thought process with the rest of the World.

- ▶ Who really knows what “randomized block design” means?
- ▶ What does significant difference mean?
- ▶ What is success?

# Searchable Database





# One basic decision

- ▶ Yes or No
- ▶ Sure, there are qualifiers, but most people want to know if something is going to work or not.



# Predicting Response to Management Practices



# The value of partnerships to scientists and why we should participate:

- ▶ Opportunity to interact with people from a wide variety of backgrounds.
- ▶ Chances to present one's science to a broader audience and receive feedback. New ideas are often generated.
- ▶ May provide the ability to propose solutions based on science and land managers can test the ideas in a real-world setting.