

The Nation's Leading Voice for Private Land Conservation

### 2005 - Created Cooperative Sagebrush Initiative

- Address more than single species/ecosystem
- Engaged variety of stakeholders
- Looked at appropriate incentives
- Included people in management equation
- Launched at Rocky Mountain Arsenal



#### **CSI Partners**

Anadarko Petroleum

**Audubon Society** 

**Black Bear Conservation Committee** 

**Boone & Crockett Club** 

**BP** America

Bureau of Land Management

Colorado Cattlemen's Association

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Devon Energy

DRU Consulting, LLC

EnCana Oil & Gas USA

**Environmental Defense** 

**EOG** Resources

Fidelity Exploration and Production

FMC (Trona Corporation)

Independent Petroleum Assoc.

Leon River Restoration Program

Morris K. Udall Foundation

National Cattlemen's Beef Association

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

National Wildlife Federation

Natural Resources Conservation Service

North American Grouse Partnership

Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group

O'Keefe, John Landowner

Peabody Energy

Powder River Energy

Quester Exploration & Production

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Secretary of Interior Office

Shell Exploration & Production Co.

Ultra Petroleum

**USDA Forest Service** 

US Fish & Wildlife Service

Vermillion Ranch

**US Geological Survey** 

U.S. Inst. for Env. Conflict Resolution

Weatherby Foundation

Western Governors Assoc.

Wildlife Management Institute

Williams Energy

Wyoming Game and Fish Department



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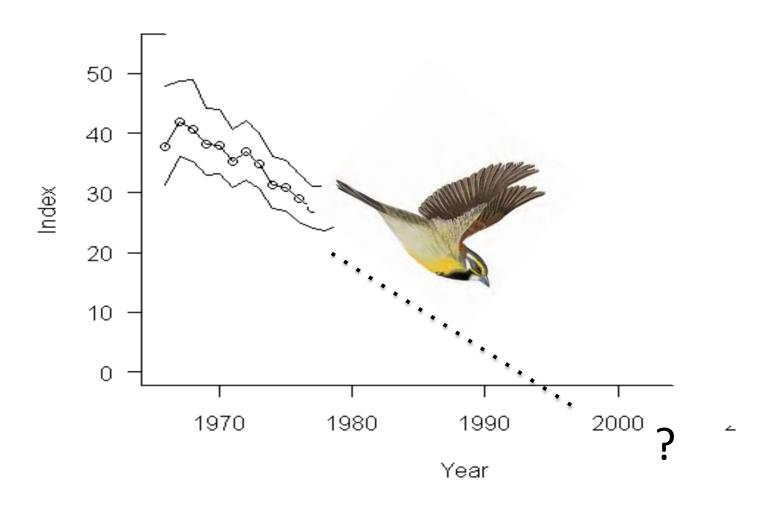


# Results: Unprecedented Conservation Less Social Disrupton



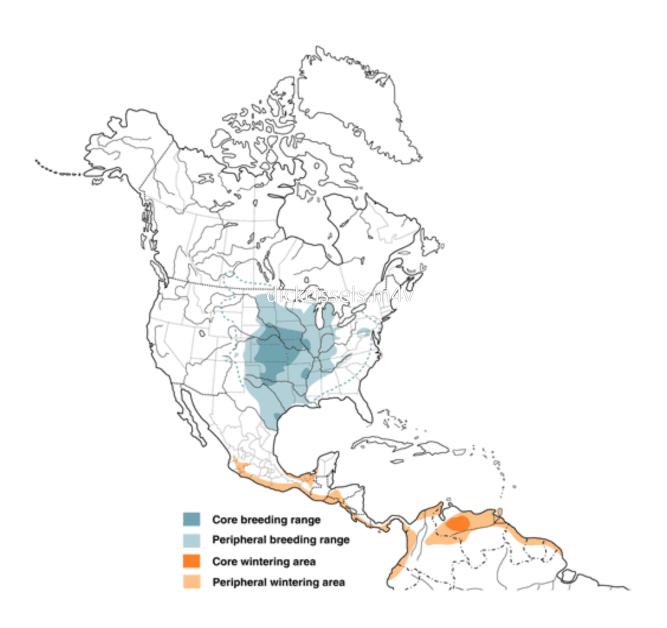


### **Dickcissel Population Trends**





### **Extinction Averted**









## Spraying Roosts at Night to Control "Pest"



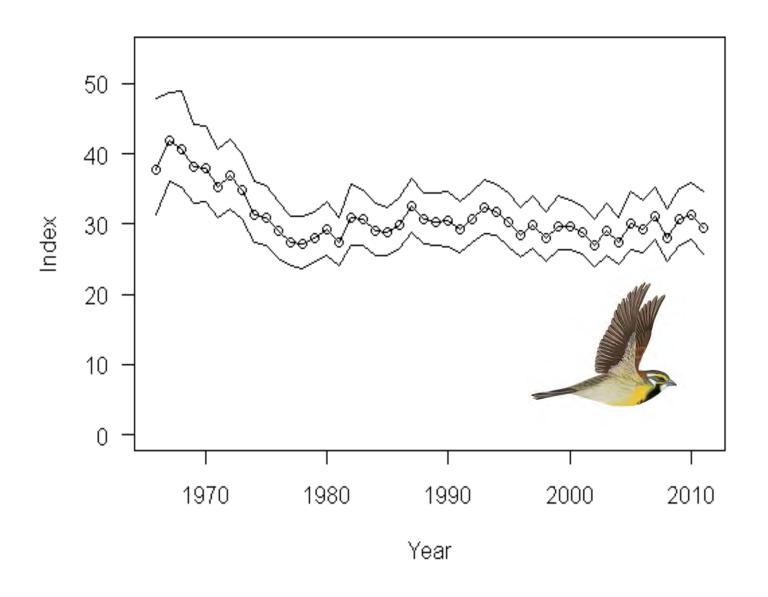


### "Management" Before Intervention





### Population Stable and Not Threatened



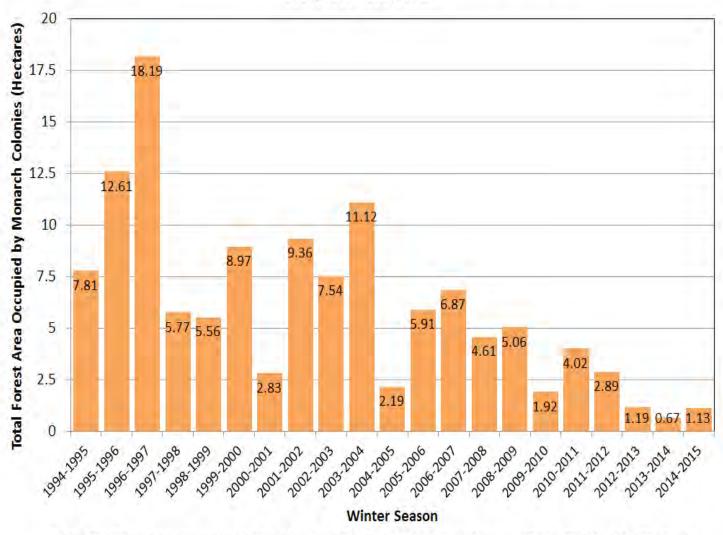


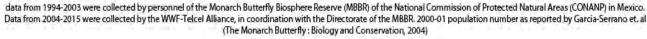
## Monarchs Depend on Milkweed



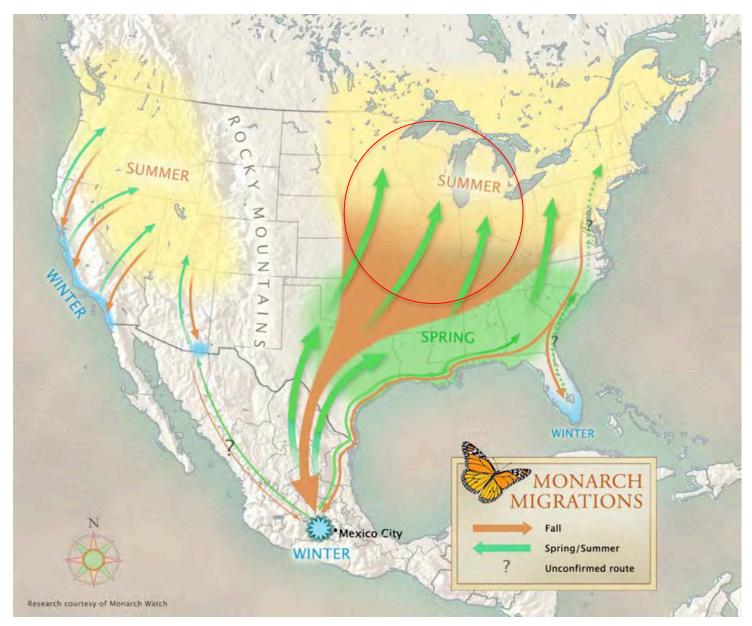


#### Total Area Occupied by Monarch Colonies At Overwintering Sites in Mexico 1994/1995 - 2014/2015

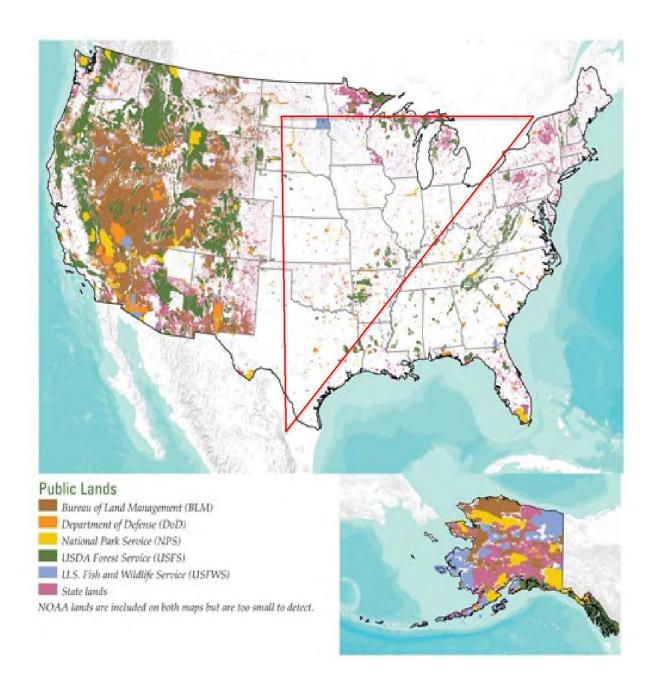




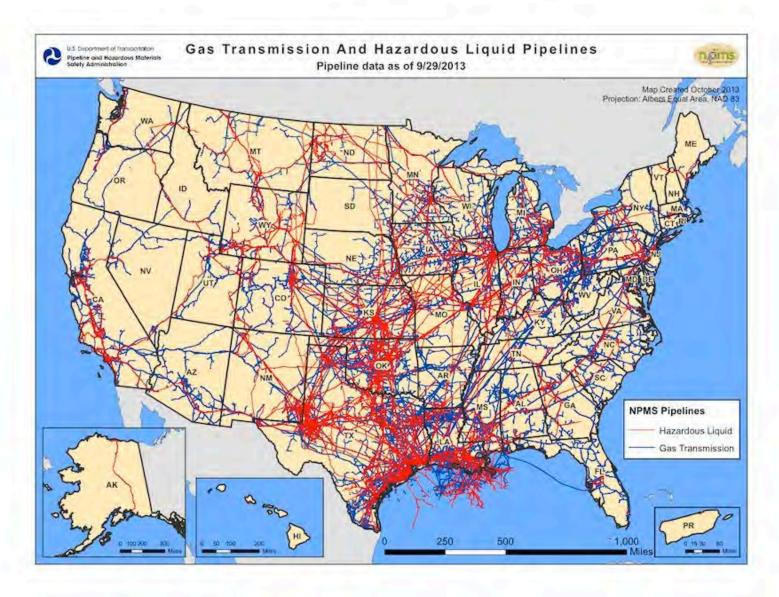














### Conclusions

- 1. Most wildlife habitat is on private land
- 2. ESA prevented extinction but not delivered recovery
- 3. Landowners farmers, ranchers, timber owners respond to the right incentives
- 4. We have a hole in our conservation policy that threatens species and people
- 5. We need to find a way to solve this and take on one of the "third rails" of environmental policy





When land does well for its owner, and the owner does well by his land; when both end up better by reason of their partnership, we have conservation.

When one or the other grows poorer, we do not.

Aldo Leopold The Farmer as a Conservationist 1939