



## Rangelands Special Issue Puts the Focus on Invasive Annual Grass Management

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Now available from ScienceDirect [a special issue of Rangelands](#) authored by presenters at the December 2020 Invasive Annual Grass Workshop. High Desert Partnership, with help from the [Oregon SageCon Partnership](#) and [Oregon State University](#) Extension Service, brought together the rangeland community to provide a forum for discussion among practitioners addressing invasive annual grasses in the rangelands of Oregon and surrounding states. The authors in this Rangelands special issue were all presenters at this workshop who came together with their respective research and management perspectives to provide a comprehensive picture for effectively coordinating and collaborating in managing invasive annual grasses at a landscape scale.

While this workshop took place in the depths of Covid-19 restrictions, the virtual platform made it possible for more than 250 people to attend from across 9 states in the western United States. The workshop highlighted 32 speakers, moderators, and panelists, and allowed for all attendees to share knowledge and best practices of invasive annual grass management and wildfire mitigation. Experts shared current efforts on improving effectiveness of treatments and scaling up solutions.

The authors in this special issue represent a breadth of research and management experience. Paper topics in this issue comprehensively offer information on management strategies, ecological research findings to help inform management decisions, and case studies from the field with lessons learned in bringing people together to work collaboratively and coordinate across boundaries and agencies to be more effective in managing invasive annual grasses in sagebrush steppe.

This from Chad Boyd with the US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service in Burns, OR: "The complexities of annual grass management, perennial plant restoration, and fire management are not going away and should be addressed through proactive, thoughtful, and science-based approaches to dealing with what amounts to a chronic problem for Great Basin rangelands. The papers in this Special Issue discuss a variety of important aspects of such an approach, and it is our hope that they will foster ongoing and productive discussions that help us to better cope with invasive annual grasses and wildfire in the new Great Basin ecosystem".



The December 2020 Invasive Annual Grass Workshop served as a launchpad for meaningful change and this special issue is meant to carry the conversation forward, and spark continued dialog, innovation, and progress in the war against invasive annual grasses.

This entire Rangelands special issue can be accessed for free [here](#).

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