

Chapter Updates



SER-SW to Co-Host Pollinator Habitat Workshop

APRIL 12 \ \ TUCSON

The National Park Service Exotic Plant Management Team, the Society for Ecological Restoration SW Chapter, U.S. Geological Survey RAMPS, and Strategic Habitat Enhancements are sponsoring a one-day workshop for anyone who is working on a pollinator conservation / habitat / garden project, or thinking about starting one! This workshop will be useful for projects in both urban and wildland settings. Techniques will be generally applicable to lower-desert ecosystems (juniper woodlands, desert scrub, grasslands). The event is open to all members of SER-SW and the general public.

Topics that will be covered include:

- Introduction to Pollination Ecology
- Value of Pollinator Habitat Patches
- Plant Materials
- How to Design Customized Pollinator Planting Palettes
- Citizen Science Initiatives
- Project Funding
- Hands-on Planting Exercise

- And MORE!

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Canyon Country Restoration Working Group



SER-SW Supports New Group

Rebecca Mann, Natalie Day, Colin Tucker, and Steve Fick from USGS in Moab, plus Kristina Young (University of Texas El Paso and Science Moab) organized and hosted a working group meeting for Canyon Country restoration researchers and practitioners in Moab, Utah, on March 19th. Approximately 35 people participated in the event, representing the local Moab area plus closely neighboring communities including Monticello, UT, and Grand Junction, CO. Restoration-oriented presentations were given by local experts, including Mike Duniway (SBSC); these were followed by a group discussion how the local restoration community can build capacity for partnerships and networking. The meeting was sponsored by the Society for Ecological Restoration, Southwest Chapter. Photos: Becky Mann

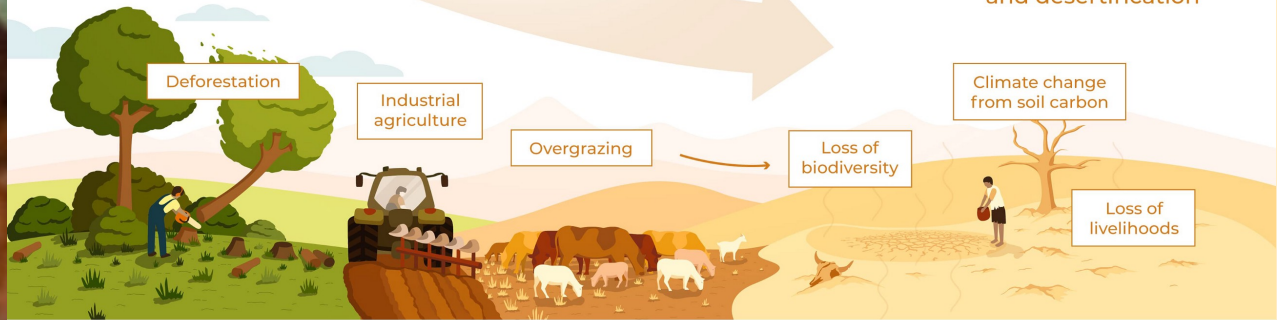
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NEWS

Restoration Receives Global Attention

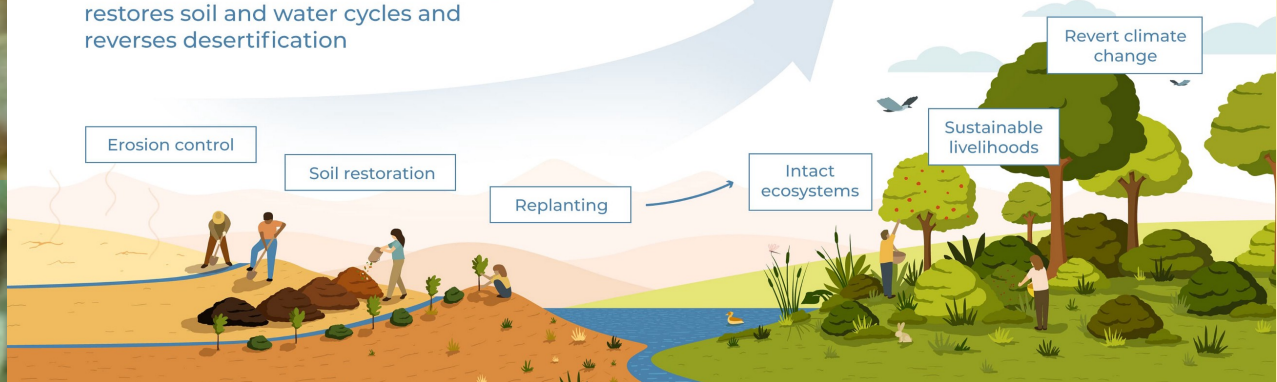
BAD LAND MANAGEMENT

leads to drought, soil erosion and desertification



ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

restores soil and water cycles and reverses desertification



Ecological restoration happens in degraded areas. Degradation is the result of multiple causes, often including those pictured, as well as, increasing aridity, natural disasters, development, and more. Forest thinning, farming, and grazing can also regenerate the land. A designation to support restoration will give practitioners the support we need to sequester carbon while supporting lives and livelihoods. Figure credit: ecosystemrestorationcamps.org

March 1, 2019. The UN declared 2021-2030 the decade of ecosystem restoration. This designation aims to massively scale up the restoration of degraded and destroyed ecosystems as a proven measure to fight the climate crisis and enhance food security, water supply and biodiversity.

Partnering with SER will help the UN reach its restoration goals in the coming decade!

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Are your restoration projects incorporating multiple perspectives?

A recent article in Restoration Ecology looked at the contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities to our discipline.

Implications for practice:

- Actively involving Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLC) in restoration efforts (1) can help in site and species selection for restoration, (2) can



Our southwestern region is wealthy with

increase local participation in the planning, execution, and monitoring of restoration activities, and (3) can provide historical information on ecosystem state and management.

- The contribution of IPLC and their knowledge systems to ecological restoration could be more successful if restoration initiatives (1) recognized IPLC customary institutions, (2) were built on partnerships with IPLC from their design, and (3) ensure both short-term direct benefits to IPLC and long-term support of the maintenance of restored areas.
- IPLC should also be included in any post-2020 Convention on Biological Diversity agenda on restoration.

western scientific, traditional, indigenous, and local ecological knowledge. A recent paper encourages & provides tips for authentic collaboration to improve restoration outcomes.

[Read the article here>>](#)

Citation:

Reyes-García, V. , Fernández-Llamazares, Á. , McElwee, P. , Molnár, Z. , Öllerer, K. , Wilson, S. J. and Brondizio, E. S. (2019), The contributions of Indigenous Peoples and local communities to ecological restoration. *Restor Ecol*, 27: 3-8. doi:[10.1111/rec.12894](https://doi.org/10.1111/rec.12894)

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Webinar from SW Fire Science Consortium

Title: New reforestation practices for post-wildfire landscapes: building early resilience

Presenter: Jens Stevens, USGS

Date: May 2, 2019 at 12 pm MDT (11am MST)

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Monarch Webinars

The MJV is partnering with the USFWS to develop and host a series of webinars on monarch biology, monitoring, and conservation.



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on the Colorado Plateau and
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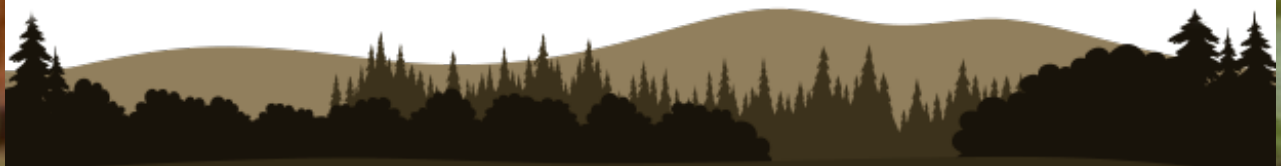


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