

Intermountain West Shorebird Surveys

Committed Partners Building a Regional Network
to Advance Hemispheric-scale Initiatives

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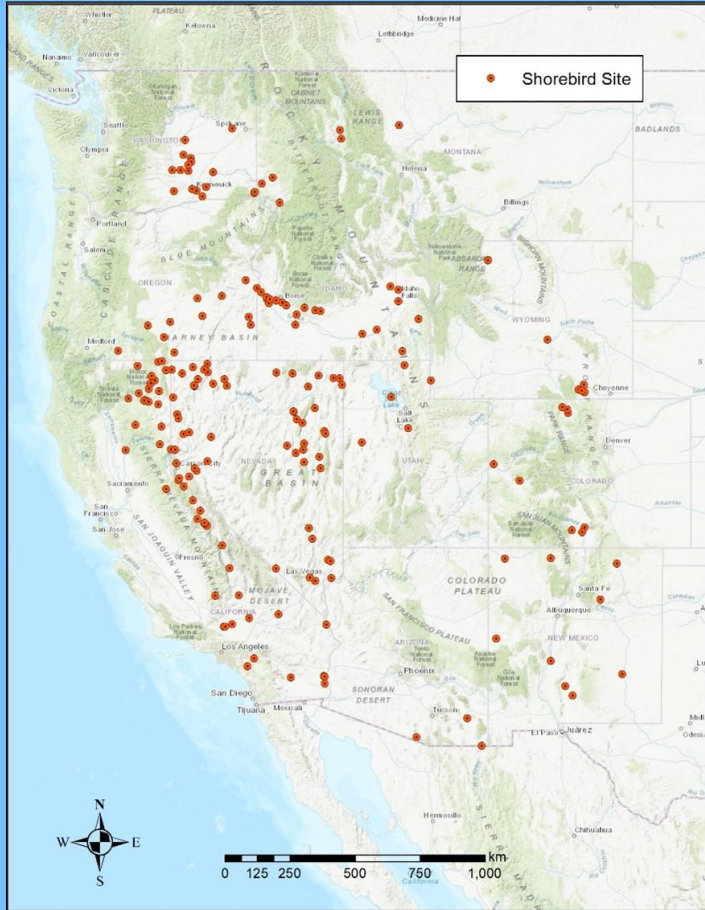
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Goal and Objectives

Advance conservation of freshwater wetland and saline lake ecosystems:

Multidecadal drought across IMW → reduced air and water quality → impacts to human health

1. Comprehensively survey shorebird sites in IMW
2. Compare current distributions to historic surveys¹
3. Identify environmental- and human-related factors driving shorebird distributions



Growing a Partnership Network

Since fall 2021,

- Startup funds awarded by USFWS
- Priority project for the Pacific Flyway Council's Nongame Technical Committee
- Commitments of support from seven state wildlife agencies, IWJV, USFWS, and other NGOs
- Developed volunteer recruitment strategies



Next Steps

- Expand partnership network, identify all potential survey sites
- Design surveys, train surveyors, conduct surveys at all sites
 - First surveys in Utah during spring 2022, expanding fall 2022+

Calls for Support

1. In-kind support for surveys across the IMW
2. Financial support to complete the project
 - State Wildlife Action Grant application in FY 2023
 - Framework includes multiple state agency and NGO partners

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