



Advancing policies and practices that  
sustain working lands, connected  
landscapes, and native species



We are the stewards of our nation's resources. It is a daunting task and not one we should take lightly but what a power, what an opportunity, what a gift.

-- Cooper Hibbard,  
Sieben Livestock, MT

# WLA GOALS

- Policy and economic conditions promote healthy, intact lands
- Knowledge and resources for successful stewardship
- The value of private stewardship is broadly understood and supported





# Working Wild Challenge

*Landowner-led solutions for Ranching with Wildlife*

## WORKING WILD CHALLENGE

FIND RESOURCES

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OUR GOAL

Thriving ranches and thriving wildlife.







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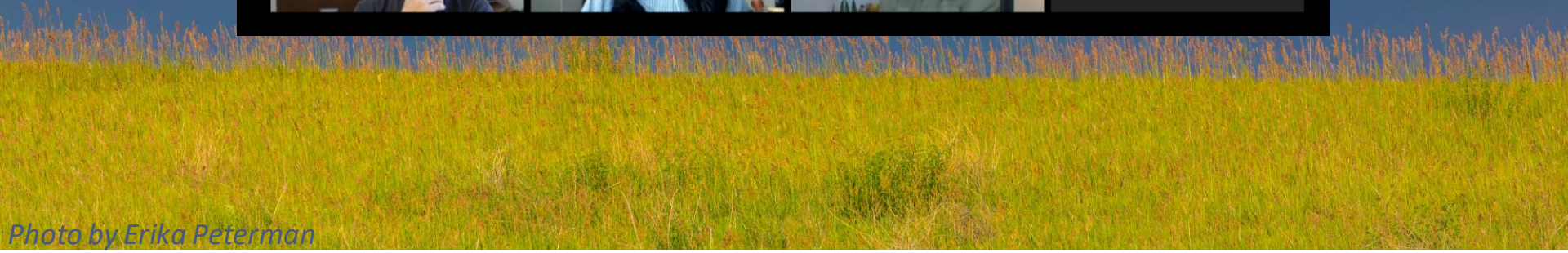


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# The Conflict Reduction Consortium

*Holding space for people and wildlife*

WHAT THE CRC IS ALL ABOUT

## MISSION

To reduce human-wildlife conflict and its impacts while supporting working landscapes that provide both economic viability and wildlife habitat.

WHAT THE CRC IS LOOKING FOR

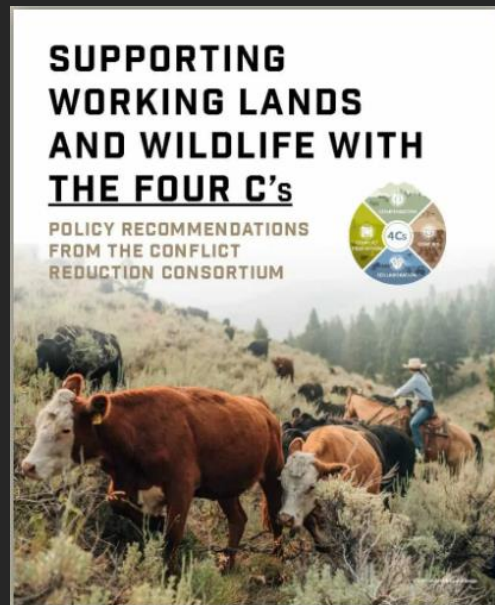
## VISION

We envision landscapes where people, livestock, and wildlife all thrive, where effective management practices reduce conflicts, and economic solutions support resilient, biodiverse working lands.

- **Communications**
- **Building a community of practice**
- **Scaling up conflict reduction efforts**
- **Economics of working lands**



# The 4Cs: A systems-based framework for conflict reduction





# WWC on the Ground

## *Elevating Landowner Voices*



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# Colorado Wolf Outreach

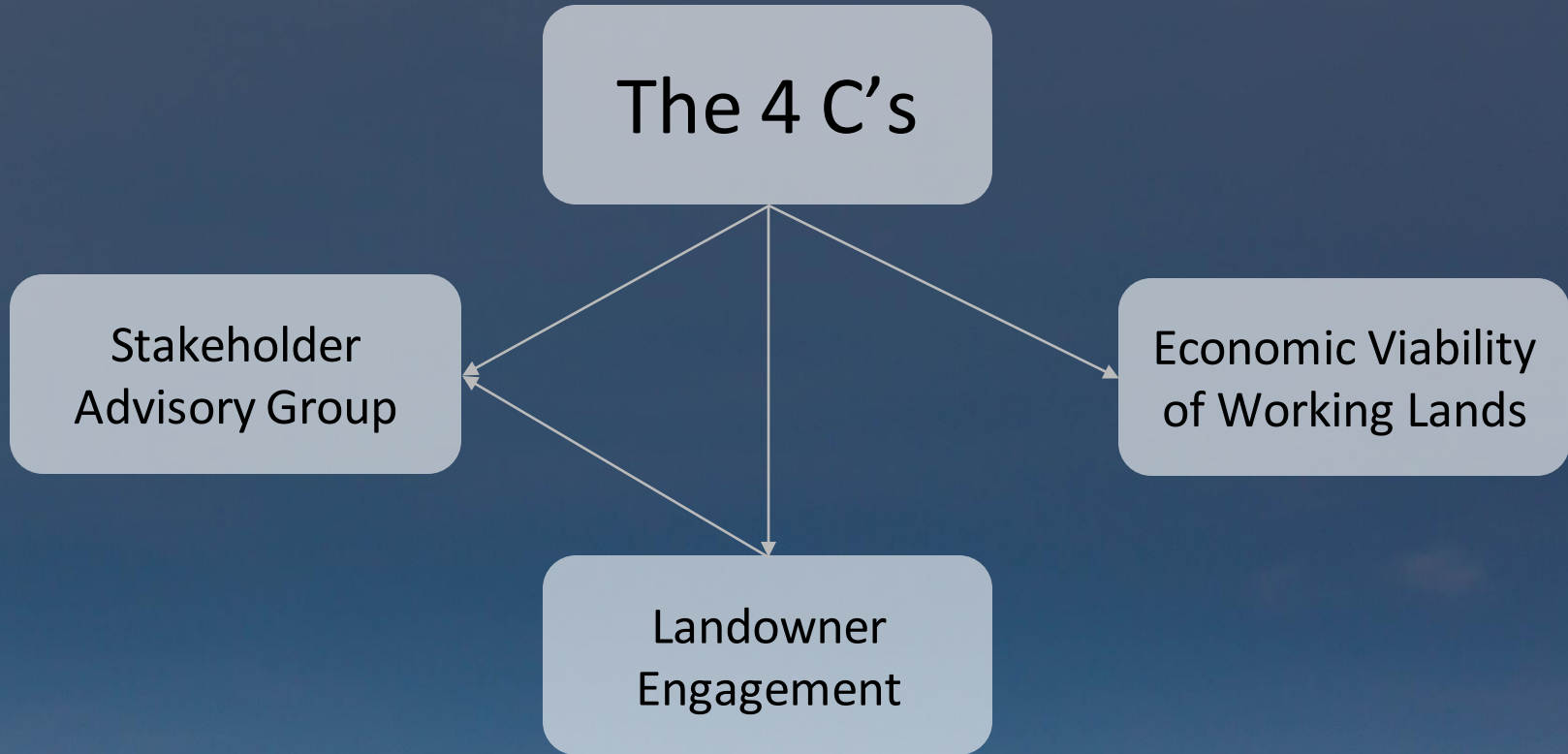
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## Podcast: Working Wild University

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“I listened to the first three episodes of Working Wild U yesterday as I drove home from the stock/wool growers convention in Casper. The podcast is exceptionally well done, revealing the intertwined complexity and beauty that is the shared working landscapes of the American West.” - Cat Urbigit

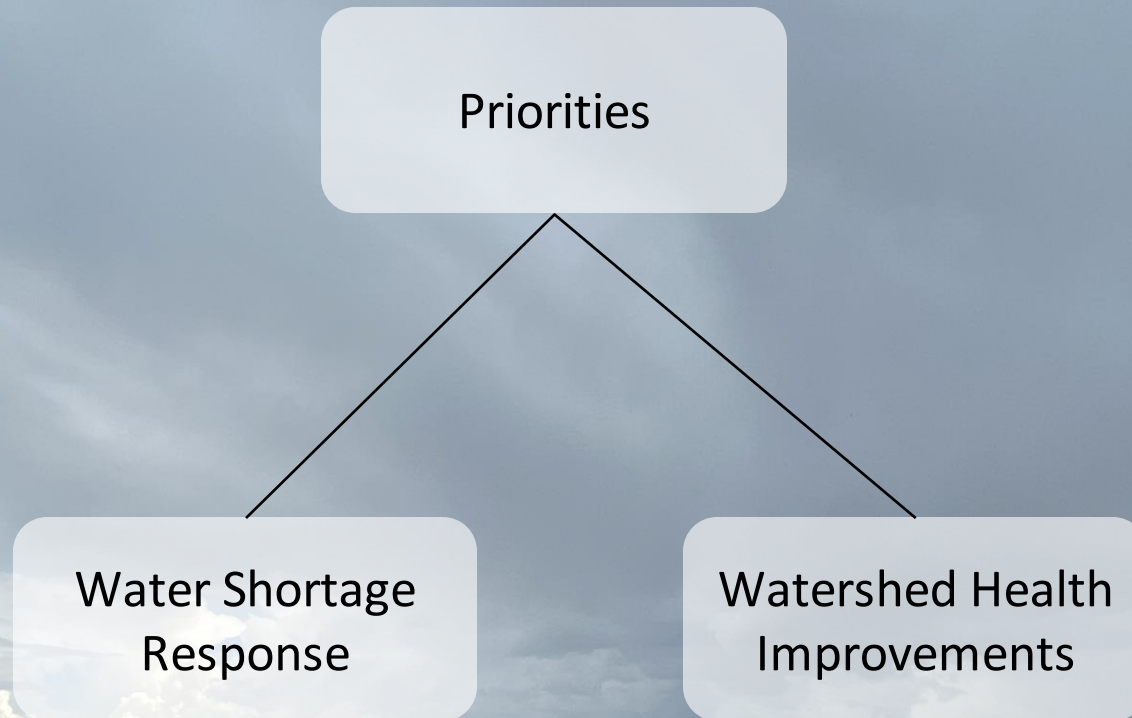


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### Agricultural Water Users' Preferences for Addressing Water Shortages in the Colorado River Basin

Drew E. Bennett<sup>1</sup>, Max Lewis<sup>1</sup>, Hallie Mahowald<sup>2</sup>, Matt Collins<sup>2</sup>, Travis Brammer<sup>1</sup>, Hilary Byerly Flint<sup>1</sup>,  
Lucas Thorsness<sup>1</sup>, Weston Eaton<sup>1</sup>, Kristiana Hansen<sup>3</sup>, Mark Burbach<sup>4</sup>, and Elizabeth Koebele<sup>5</sup>

#### Key Points

- Respondents unlikely to adopt practices as part of formal demand management system
- Documented overwhelming preference for local approaches to managing water shortages and a trust gap with non-local agencies.
- Understanding the perspectives and preferences of agricultural water users can help guide the development of solutions that work for producers and other users in the Basin.

# *Forest and Range*

## *Supporting landscape functionality*

### Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative

Support a western network of grazing lands coalitions and partnerships in enhancing and sustaining technical assistance delivery to land managers implementing the tool of grazing as an economically viable resource stewardship strategy.

### Climate Smart Commodities

Regionally pilot a new model of natural resource management, conservation and market-derived financing that values landscape functionality for both agriculture commodity production and a full suite of ecosystem services, including GHG benefits.

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