

# LOWER DESCHUTES FIRE RESTORATION

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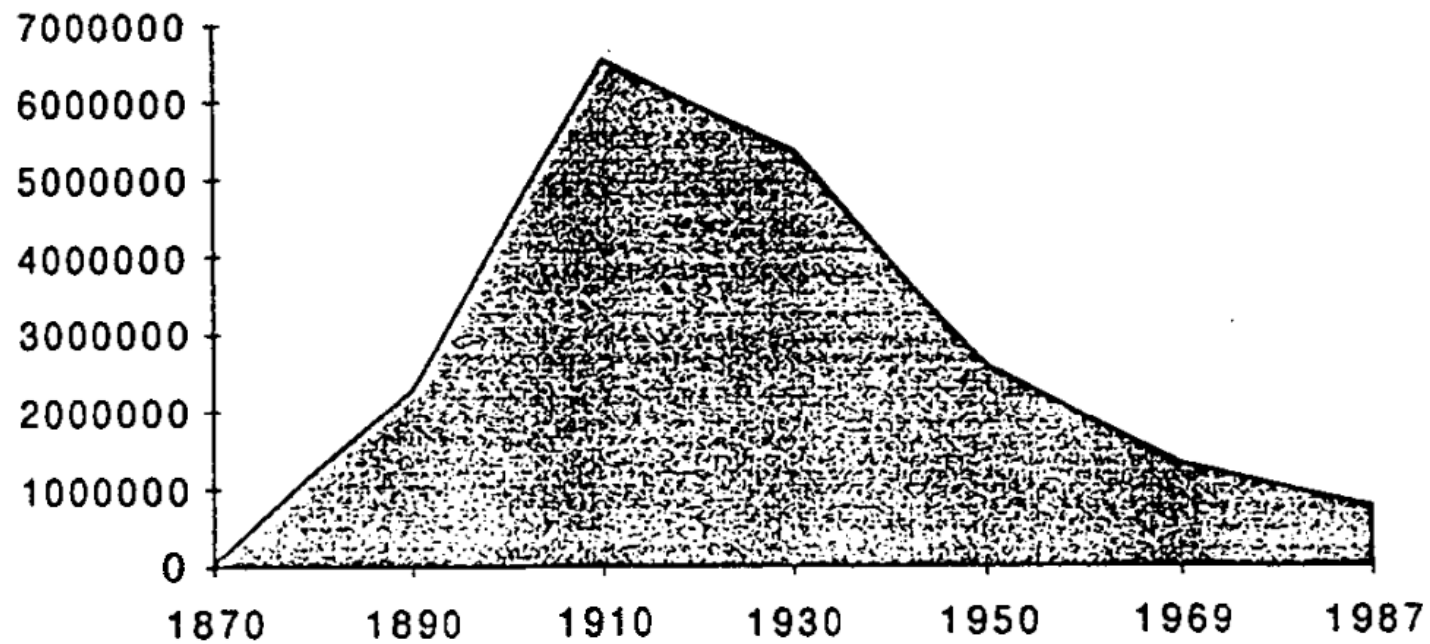
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# History of Lower Deschutes

- -"Bunch Grass Country"
- -Heavily utilized by livestock
- -Conversion to public trust

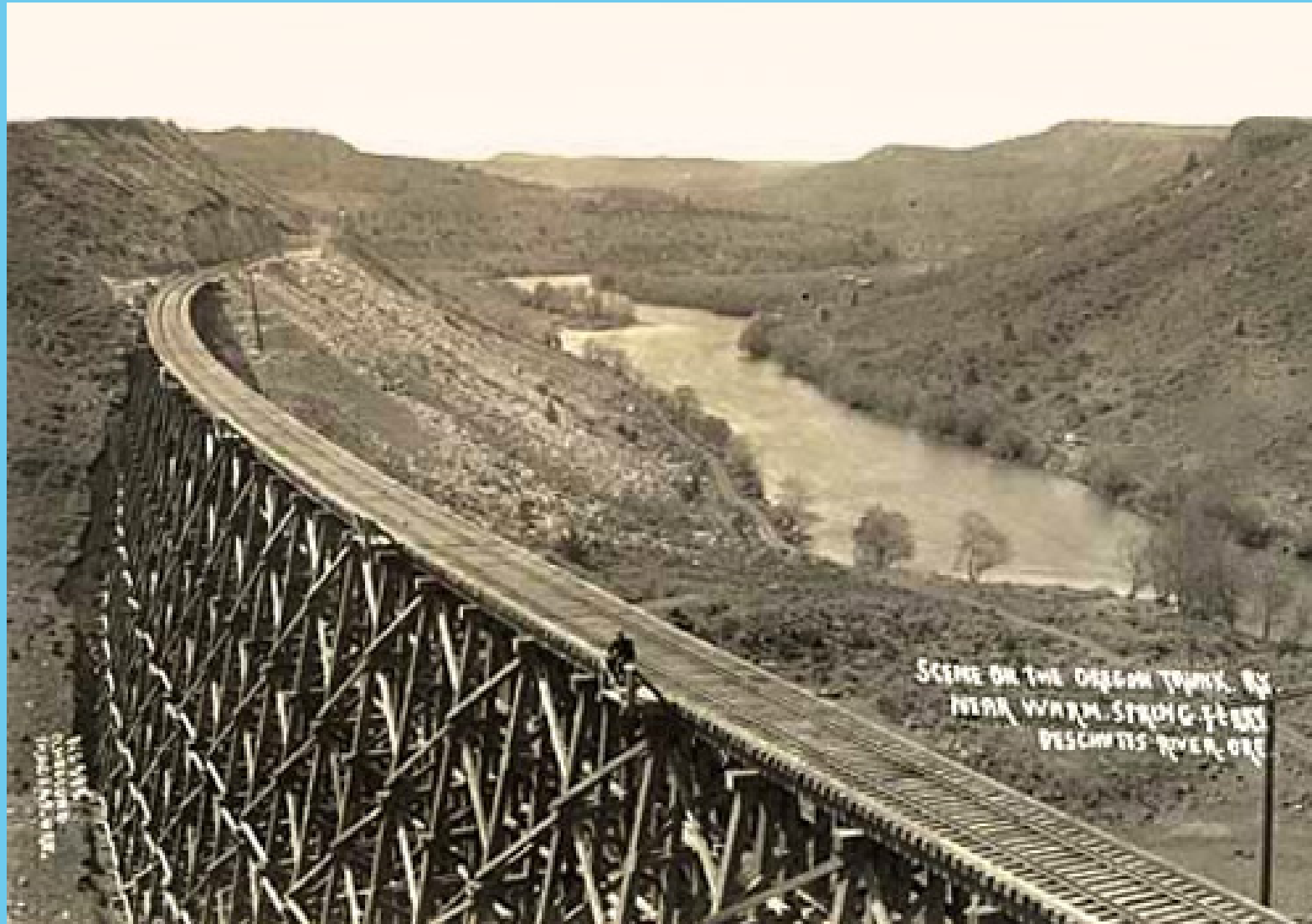
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Graph 3. Sheep Production, 1870-1987



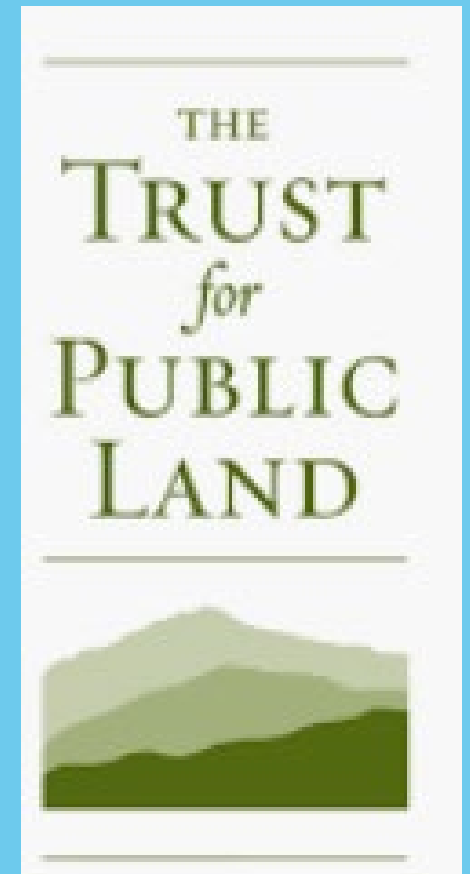
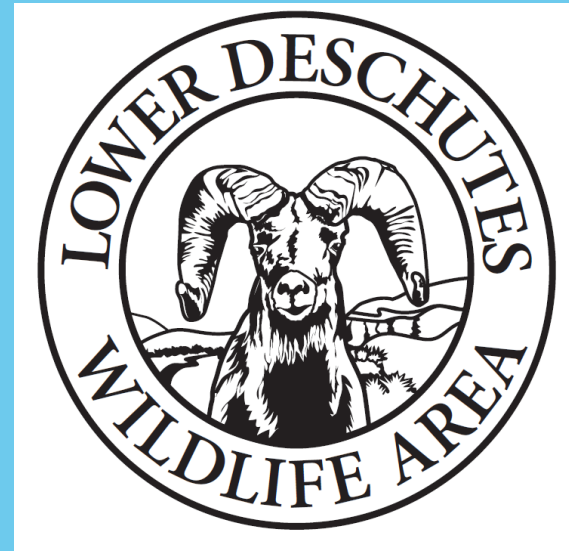
[Bureau of the Census 1872a, 1895a, 1913a, 1932a, 1952a, 1972a, 1987)

# History of Lower Deschutes





# Lower Deschutes Wildlife Area



# Fire return

Vegetation Community ( <a href="#">Potential Natural Vegetation</a> Group)	Fire severity*	Fire regime characteristics			
		Percent of fires	Mean interval (years)	Minimum interval (years)	Maximum interval (years)
Pacific Northwest Grassland					
<a href="#">Alpine and subalpine meadows and grasslands</a>	Replacement	68%	350	200	500
	Mixed	32%	750	500	>1,000
<a href="#">Bluebunch wheatgrass</a>	Replacement	47%	18	5	20
	Mixed	53%	16	5	20
<a href="#">Idaho fescue grasslands</a>	Replacement	76%	40		
	Mixed	24%	125		
<a href="#">Marsh</a>	Replacement	74%	7		
	Mixed	26%	20		

# Recent Fires

Date	Location	County	Cause	Date	Location	County	Cause
8/11/1984	End of Road	Sherman	Campers	6/25/2007	Colorado Rapids	Wasco	Equipment
	Rattlesnake			9/2/2007	Colorado Rapids	Sherman	Gas Stove
7/9/1985	Rapids	Wasco	Cigarette	7/3/2008	Deadhorse	Sherman	Equipment
7/20/1985	Lockett	Wasco	Unknown	8/7/2008	Lockett	Sherman	Lightning
8/29/1985	Moody	Wasco	Unknown	8/19/2010	Fall Canyon	Wasco	Railroad
7/9/1991	Moody	Wasco	Railroad	6/29/2011	Washout Rapid	Wasco	Equipment
10/9/1993	Colorado Rapids	Sherman	Match	6/3/2013	Harris	Wasco	Human
6/30/1994	Mouth	Sherman	Railroad	7/24/2015	Kunz	Wasco	Equipment
8/14/1996	Celilo	Wasco	Railroad	5/28/2016	Deadhorse	Sherman	Human
Apr-99	Mouth	Sherman	Equipment	8/10/2016	Moody	Sherman	Unknown
Jun-06	Kloan Road	Wasco	Unknown	7/18/2018	North of Bull Run	Both	Human
6/17/2007	Mouth	Sherman	Unknown	7/26/2018	South of Bull Run	Both	Equipment





# Effects of Cheatgrass



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- Early germination
- Shallow roots
- Reduces run-off
- High seed count
- Cures early
- Continuous canopy



# Past Treatments









2013 LDMA Trials						
	Plot					
% Basal Cover	1 2 oz seed	2 6 oz seed	3 10 oz seed	4 2 oz	5 6 oz	6 10 oz
Grasses	80	70	38	55	15	10
Forbs	6	10	50	5	30	40
Shrubs	1	5	2	15	5	5
Litter	8	10	10	10	15	10
Bare Ground	5	5	5	15	35	35



# 2013 LDMA Trials



**2 oz/ac Plateau  
Seeded**



**2 oz/ac Plateau**



# 2013 LDMA Trials



**6 oz/ac Plateau  
Seeded**



**6 oz/ac Plateau**



# 2013 LDMA Trials





















# Fire Restoration Plan

- Work with partner agencies for landscape approach
- Encourage re-establishment of native grasses
- Assess impact to riparian and shrub communities
- Develop plan for limiting and mitigating future fire impacts

# Landscape Approach

- Federal Lands
  - Plateau application above Maupin
- Private Lands
  - Plateau to approximately 20,000 acres 2018
  - Seeded 1000 acres 2018
  - Seeding 20,000 acres 2019
- State Lands
  - Spraying 10,00 acres fall 2019
  - Seeding approximately 5000 acres 2020

# LDMA Restoration Plan

- 7 oz/ac Imazapic
- Seed in mapped areas
- Funding through Federal Restoration monies, match from OWF
- Monitor treatment success for future needs

# Riparian



# Future Fire Planning



**Forage kochia firebreak. Photo by Mike Pellant.**



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# Questions?

