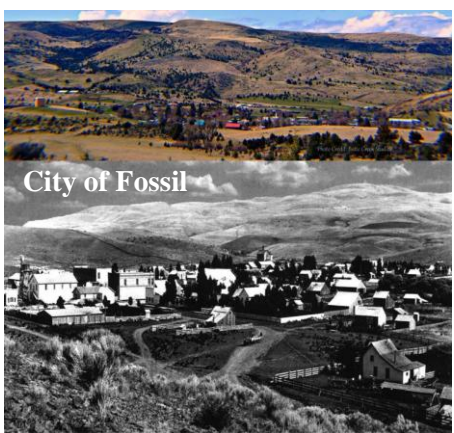


# Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District supports HB3135/HB3078 and removal of Western Juniper

## Wheeler SWCD Western Juniper Removal Success

Research studies have proven that the invasive encroachment of Western Juniper on range and forest lands has significantly reduced water availability, thus causing herbaceous vegetation to reduce to less than half of the original cover - damaging wildlife habitat and removing viable forage available for domestic livestock.



### Western Juniper removal from rangeland

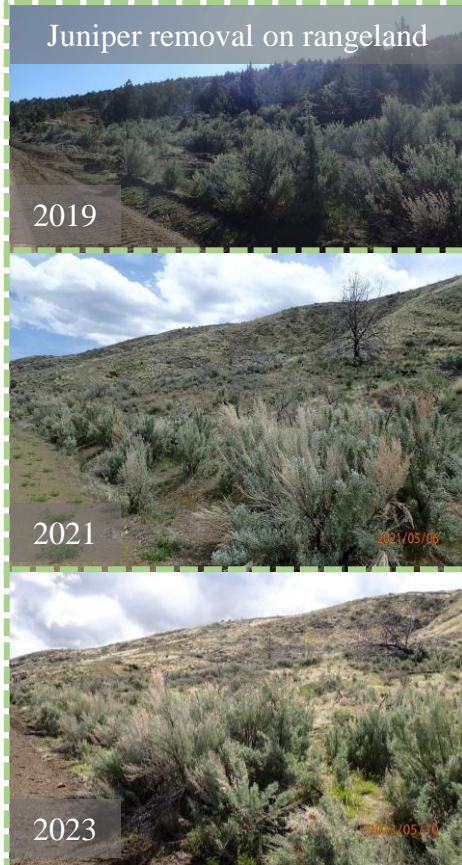
- 2024-2025 *to-date* 807 acres
- 2023-2024 520 acres
- 2022-2023 214 acres
- 2021-2022 1,430 acres
- 2020-2021 2,080 acres
- 2019-2020 1,163 acres
- 2018-2019 1,525 acres
- 2017-2018 *in-stream projects*
- 2016-2017 1,053 acres
- 2015-2016 3,808 acres
- 2014-2015 530 acres

( During 2015-2022, NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program award was implemented)

### Western Juniper removal from forestland

- 2024-2025 *to-date* 401 acres
- 2023-2024 120 acres
- 2022-2023 52 acres
- 2021-2022 100 acres

**Please consider including Wheeler SWCD in HB3078**



**13,803 acres improved by juniper removal in ~10 years**

