NCSS Federal Lands Advisory Group

National Cooperative Soil Survey
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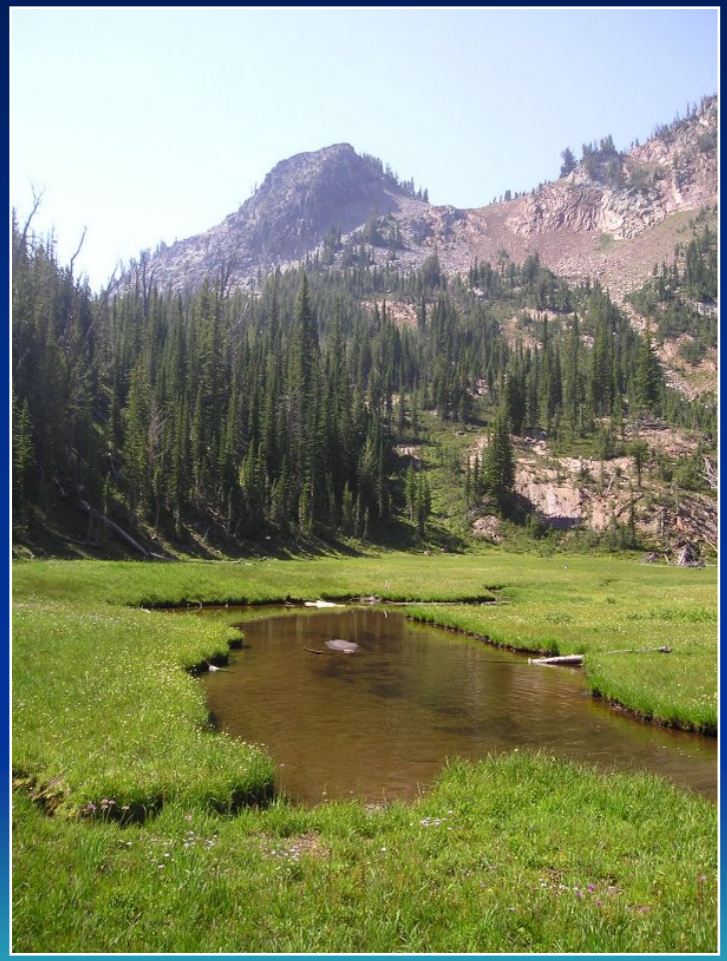
Outline

- FLAG Inception
- Representatives
- Progress Report
- Futuring



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2002 Supplemental Budget

- Requested NRCS, FS and BLM to complete a plan to complete the soil survey and the ecological classification of all lands of the USA, and
- Develop an interagency ecological classification system

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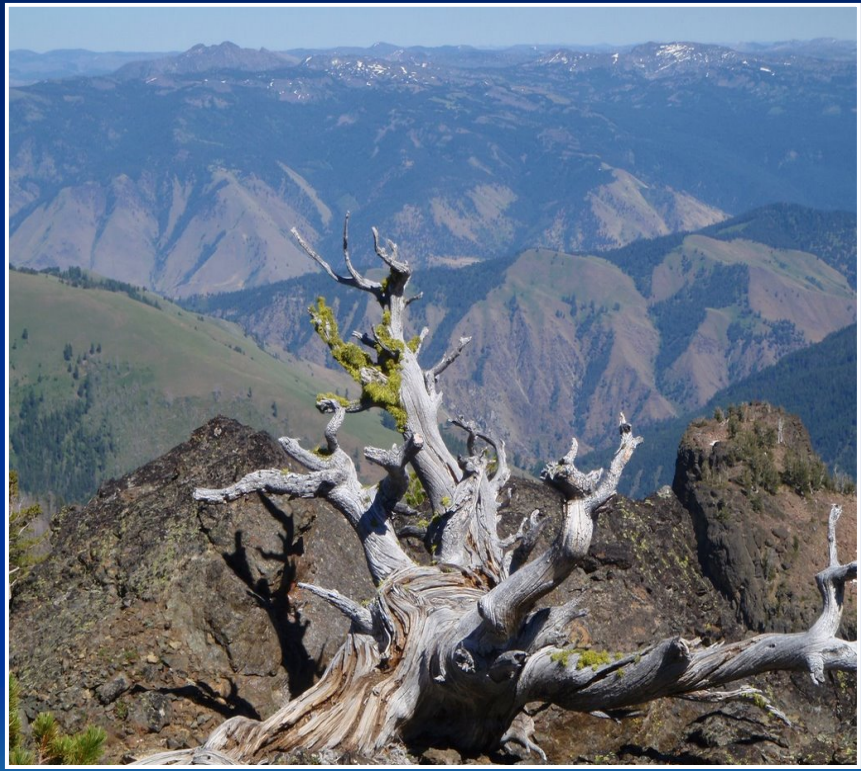
Purpose:

To facilitate the development and maintenance of the soil and ecological site inventories of the nation's federal lands in association with the other partners of the NCSS

Progress Report

- Initial Soil Survey and Terrestrial Ecological Unit Inventory areas prioritized
- Cost estimates of All Lands Initiative finalized
- MOUs
  - USDA Forest Service Updated
  - BLM in-progress
  - BIA being reviewed

What's Ahead!

- Finalize "All Lands Initiative"
- Complete MLRA implementation plan
- Develop personnel organization plan