

Great Basin Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Mission Statement:

- The GB-CESU is a partnership for research, technical assistance and education to enhance understanding and management of natural and cultural resources of the Great Basin.



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Objectives of the GB-CESU:

- Provide research, technical assistance and education
- Develop research, technical assistance, and education programs needed to address interdisciplinary problem-solving at multiple scales and in an ecosystem context
- Facilitate collaboration among federal agencies and universities



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Unique Role:

- Part of a national program that provides a funding mechanism for transferring project funds from federal partners to universities

Partners/Collaborators:

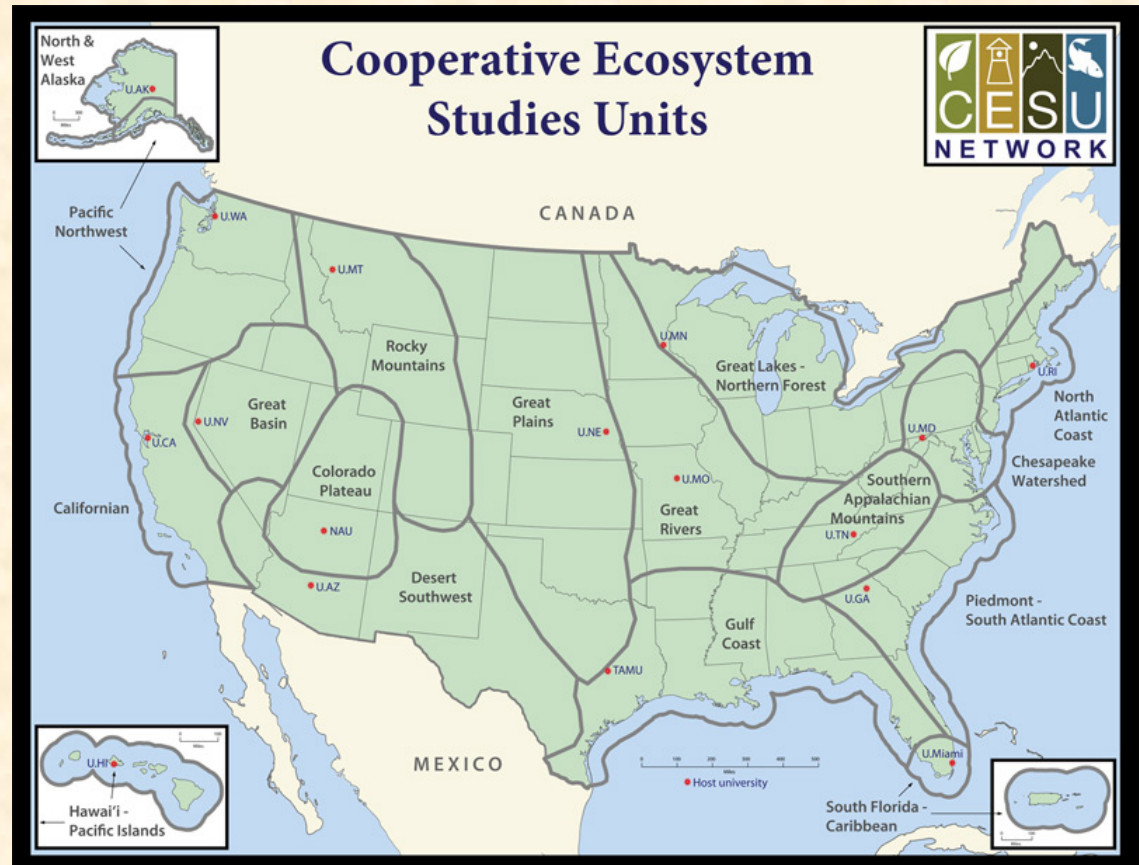
- Universities and federal agencies

Funding/Support:

- Projects supported with federal funds through a cooperative agreement

Staffing:

- In-kind



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Established in 2000

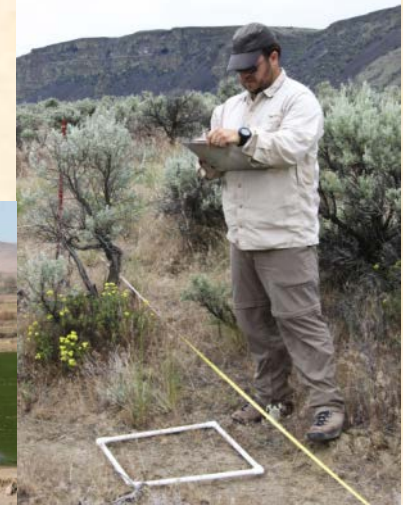
Cooperative Agreement renewed for 2011-2016

14 university partners

8 federal partners

Research Objectives of 5-yr Strategic Plan:

- Fire ecology and post fire rehab
- Inventory ecosystem conditions
- Assess impacts of invasive plants
- Understand causes of decline in populations of threatened species
- Protect and preserve human and cultural resources
- Promote effective use of water, soil and related resources



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2006-2011 Accomplishments:

- 277 projects involving 12 of 14 academic partners
- \$55 million in project funding

Source of funding:

- BLM: 87 projects; \$26.4M
- NPS: 124 projects; \$24.1M
- NRCS: 4 projects; \$160K
- USFWS: 40 projects; \$3.4M
- USGS: 22 projects; \$1.1M
- USFS & ARS projects funded through alternate instruments

