

High Desert Partnership & Collaboration in Harney County



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*The road ahead
isn't going to be easy,
but we're in this for
the long-haul*

Preserve healthy working lands
Adapt for water scarcity and climate change
Spur economic opportunity
Promote youth engagement
Equitable cultural preservation





Collaboration means everyone is welcome at the table



We convene *Collaborative Working Groups* to address local issues before reaching crisis. Bringing people together to listen and share their perspectives fosters greater understanding, relationships, and trust.



Working together is the Harney County way

What we can achieve together
better our local communities and
sends a ripple of positive change
stretching far beyond the
sagebrush.



Champions for common ground

**By working together, we've found
practical ways to tackle some of our
community's hardest challenges:**

Restoring degraded forests

Revitalizing wetlands

Mitigating wildfire

Creating opportunities for youth

Growing local economy



Landscape Scale Management

Wildfire knows no boundaries.
This requires landscape scale
management to go beyond
jurisdictional boundaries and
partner cooperation.



*Working
together is
success*

A culture of collaboration is preparation for taking advantage of opportunities and rising to challenges.



*Water is a
connector to
everything out
here*

Today, we rely on *ranching, agriculture, tourism, and entrepreneurship*—all of which have unique challenges in a rural environment.





*We didn't
always work
together*

For decades, the management of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge was a heated point of contention for many in the community.





*Community**

*** Anyone who shares our love and concern for this amazing place.**



Challenges and Opportunities



*Thank you for being in
Harney County today*

