# **Monitoring with IMAGINE**

Jaycie Arndt Chloe Mattilio Brian A. Mealor "At the most basic level, monitoring is just watching what is happening, then adjusting your management to make sure you will meet your goals. The only problem is, you have to watch those things...Too often we have collected useless information because we were told this is the best way, instead of monitoring for the information we really need."

Monitoring Rangelands: Interpreting What You See

### Why



Current distribution

Current severity

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Prioritization

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Do you have the opportunity for improvement?

Vegetation response to treatments

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Opportunity to investigate interactions



Provides data to improve remote sensing and modeling

### Logistics

- All data is uploaded to a single location in ArcGIS Online
- Only Chloe, Jaycie, and Brian have access
- No raw data or locations will be shared
- We will send your data once/month
- Used for
  - Spatial models
  - Decision-making support
  - Analysis of IAG impacts, treatments, wildfire recovery, etc.

### HOW

### More information



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- Systemic sampling
  - Best for determining variable cover across the landscape
  - Best for comparing to remote sensing data, as you need presence and absence points
  - Walk across the landscape and drop a point every 100-200 feet
- Stratified sampling
  - Best for obtaining more data in high-priority portions of the landscape
  - Drop points every 50 feet in designated high-priority areas.
- Presence sampling
  - For determining IAG presence
  - Drop points every time you pass invasive annual grasses. Record data only for specific species, i.e., ventenata. If you have complete cover across the landscape, drop new points every 50 ft.





## **Monitoring Protocol**

- Plotless ocular estimation
- Absolute cover
- IAG by species
- Pooled desirable perennial grass
- Big Sagebrush
- Other important shrubs
- Bare ground



Cover Classes 0% 0-1% 1-5% 5-15% 15-30% 30-50% 50-75% 75-100%

#### PERCENT COVER



85%

97.5%

5

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Figure: A cover reference photo provides 3 examples of percent cover amounts from 5-95%.



Challis Planning Area



### Photo





- Landscape
- Clear
- Distinguishes species





### Variety

- Presence and absence
- Aspects
- Land types
- Different plant communities







### ArcGIS Survey123

### Requirements

- Portable electronic device with GPS capabilities
- Survey123 form downloaded
- Battery pack
- Compatible charger
- Offline maps of the area for reference



### Download Survey123 App (Optional) Apple App Store Google Play

App Store Preview

ArcGIS Survey123 (4+) ESRI Designed for iPad ***** 2.8 • 178 Ratings Free

Open the Mac App Store to buy and download apps.





### ArcGIS Survey123



### **IMAGINE Survey123 Monitoring Form**

https://arcg.is/0i5nbq



### Click the Link and Choose

- Web browser or app options
- Can sign in with an existing ArcGIS account or not sign in at all



### Permissions – Location and Camera



## Name, Email, and Location

• Put your name in once, then can use your initials going forward

• Email address, enter once when you first start filling out the form so we can contact you if necessary

- Tap into gray box to record location
  - Cross hair button can be used to zoom to location

Observer Name\* Include your first and last name

#### **Email Address**

Please enter your email once while filling out the form

#### Location\*

Be sure to allow the app to record your location



### Photo and Invasives

- Click on the "Take a photo" box then hit the camera icon to capture image
  - Focus on vegetation
  - Make sure major species are recognizable
  - Try to keep shadows out of pictures
- Drop down selection for invasive annual grass canopy cover classes
  - Cheatgrass and Japanese brome are required
  - Ventenata, Medusahead, and Bulbous bluegrass are optional

ake a picture that represents your observation			
	Take a photo		
Cheatgrass canopy co	over (%)*		
-Please select-	•		
Japanese brome can	opy cover (%)*		
-Please select-	~		
Ventenata canopy co -Please select-	ver (%)		
Medusahead canopy	cover (%)		
-Please select-			
Bulbous bluegrass ca	nopy cover (%)		
-Please select-	-		

Photo\*

### Other Vegetation and Bare Ground

- Drop down selection for vegetation canopy cover classes
  - Perennial grass, Big sagebrush, and Bare ground are required
  - Other major shrubs are optional
  - Separate additional shrub species names with a comma

#### Perennial grass canopy cover (%)\*

-Please select-

#### Big sagebrush canopy cover (%)\*

-Please select-	•
-Please select-	•

#### Other major shrub canopy cover (%)

-Please select-	-
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#### Name(s) of major shrub species

#### Bare ground cover (%)\*

-Please select-

## Noxious Weeds and Notes

- If noxious weeds are present, select "Yes"
- List noxious weeds present with comma between species
- Make notes meaningful!
  - If there is a common observation, use the same code each time
  - Separate individual notes with a comma
  - Keep it brief

#### Noxious weeds present?\*

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#### Additional notes?



## Survey123 Outbox

- If you are offline while filling out the form, it will be sitting in your "Outbox"
- When you are back online, go to the survey, then the Outbox, and hit "Send"

#### 🛯 🏑 Invasive Annual Grass Survey 🔖 📃



Survey123 form for monitoring invasive annual grasses and other rangel... Owner: cmattili\_UWyo5

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observer\_name:Chloe Mattilio, photo:photo-20250512-202019.jpg, cheatgrass\_canopy\_cover:0, japanese\_br... Modified 5/12/25



### Make Sure to Download Survey for Offline Use



- Once you open the survey for the first time, whether you signed in or not, it should be in your list of available surveys on this device
- If you sign in, you have the option to download the survey for offline use
- If you plan to switch between Survey123 forms while offline, recommend signing in and downloading all desired forms for offline use

Questions or issues? Thank you! jarndt1@uwyo.edu cmattili@uwyo.edu



