

The State of The Nation's Ecosystems

Measuring the
Lands, Waters, and
Living Resources of
the United States

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Farmlands



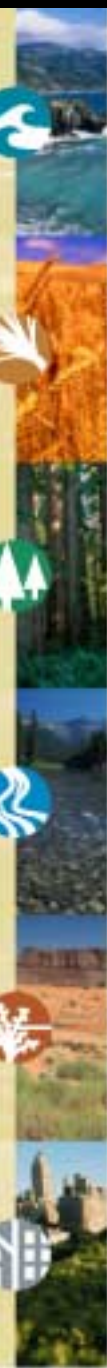
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Fresh Waters



Grasslands and
Shrublands



Project Goals

- **Identify strategic indicators of condition and use of U.S. ecosystems**
- **Lay the groundwork for periodic, high-quality, non-partisan reporting**

“Causes of Death”

- **Political capture**
- **Irrelevance**
- **Lack of technical credibility**

Strategies: Political capture

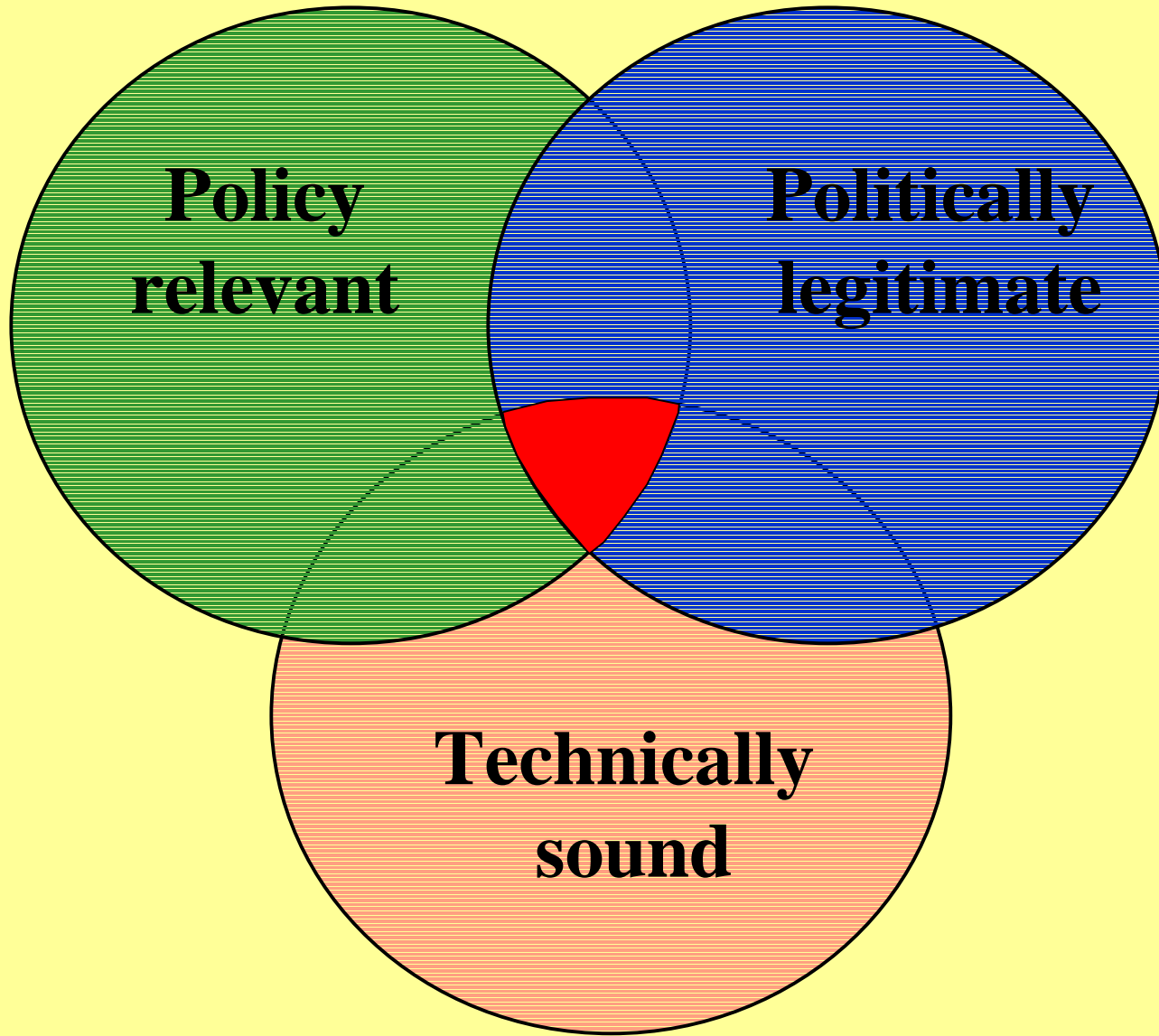
- **Extensive involvement of business, environmental, academic, government entities**
- **No “grades”, no policy recommendations**
- **Substantive coverage – something for everyone**

Strategies: Irrelevance


- **The “so what” test**
- **Cross-section of interests**
- **Careful attention to language**

Strategies: Scientific credibility

- **Direct involvement of practitioners and theoreticians**
- **Extensive internal and external reviews**



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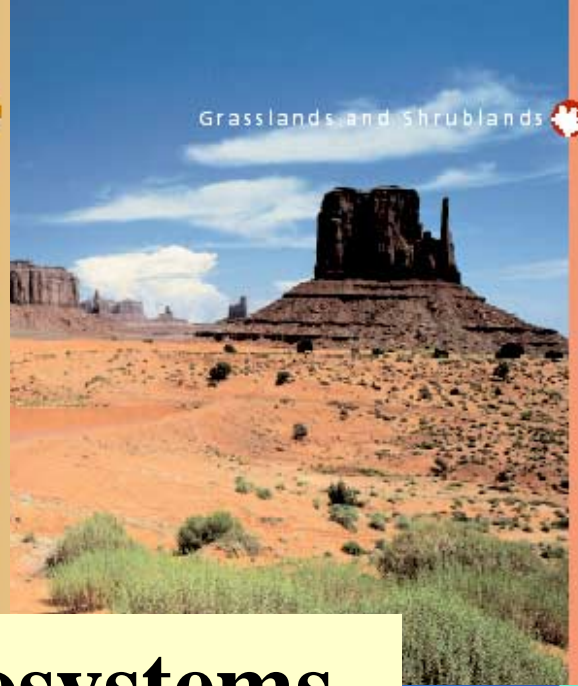
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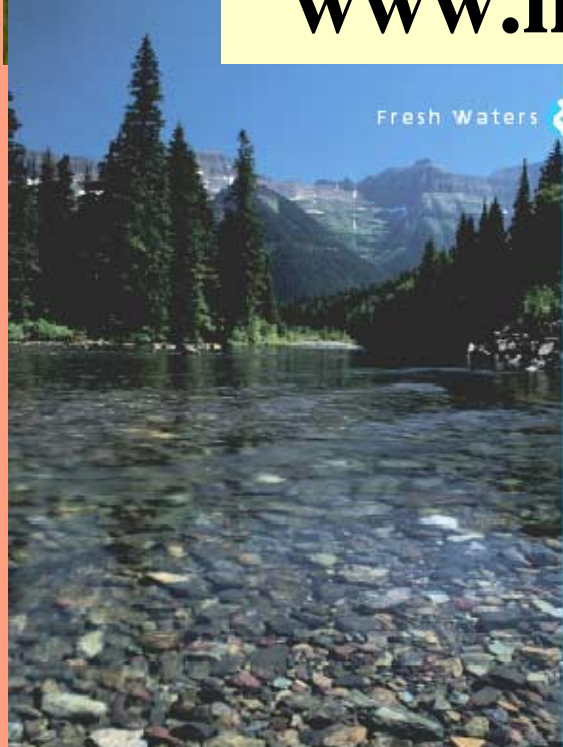



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