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Announcements

- **National Conference of State Legislators**
- **Desert Tortoise Information and Education Outreach**
- **California Archeological Association**
- **Giant Sequoia National Monument Association**
- **Water Quality Management Plan**

Legal Issues

- **WEMO**
- **Southern California Roadless**
- **Eldorado**

Top 5 Issues

- **Forest Plan Revisions**
- **Wilderness**
- **Image**
- **Coalition Building**
- **Membership and Involvement**

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2010 Top-5 issues affecting recreation.

Forest Plan Revisions

- **Administrative process**
 - **develops the guidelines for managing the national forests**
 - **challenge is to implement the plans**

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Budget ----
Political priorities...

Forest Planning Rule

- **2009, Court order set aside planning rule**
- **new planning rule is expected which will encourage collaborative processes**

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requires active involvement with the Forest Service to identify and protect recreation opportunities

Wilderness

- **pressure on Congress to set aside wilderness**
- **re-define wilderness**
 - **from preservation to protection**

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- **111th Congress is on the verge of moving long stalled wilderness proposals**
- **We need to support efforts to protect our public lands while allowing the enjoyment of the recreation**

Image

- **marked as “destroyers of the environment”**
- **does affect land management decisions**
 - **protection of resources is under consideration**
 - **projected to the public though advertising and our own web sites**

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Pictures of mayhem and over turned vehicles
Splashing through water.

Coalition Building

- **characterized by many facets, each with its own set of advocates**
- **build a coalition**
 - **develop strategy**
 - **set priorities for addressing issues in common**

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- **While we may recreate different manners, we are bound by two elements. We use a motorized vehicle and we need access to a place for recreation.**

Membership and Involvement

- **As we move into the future, we will be involved with change.**
 - **The sport is changing**
 - **Opportunities are changing**
 - **regulations are changing**
- **Membership and involvement are key ingredients to ensuring recreation remains a viable opportunity.**

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- **Increasing the membership and involvement of recreationists is important.**

You CAN be an activist

- **5 Minutes a Month**
- **15 Minutes a Month**
- **1-2 Hours a Month**
- **3-5 Hours a Month**

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All it takes
is

5 Minutes a Month

- **Put a note about your club activities in the company newsletter**
- **Leave a copy of your club or association newsletter at work**

15 Minutes a Month

- **Write a Letter to a public official to promote recreation opportunities.**
- **Write a Letter to the Editor about recreation issues.**

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Letter writing tips:

Short, hand written

Make your point

Facts, not emotion

1-2 Hours a Month

- **Take membership applications and newsletters to libraries and stores.**
- **Attend a local Planning Board meeting.**
- **Attend a BLM or Forest Service**

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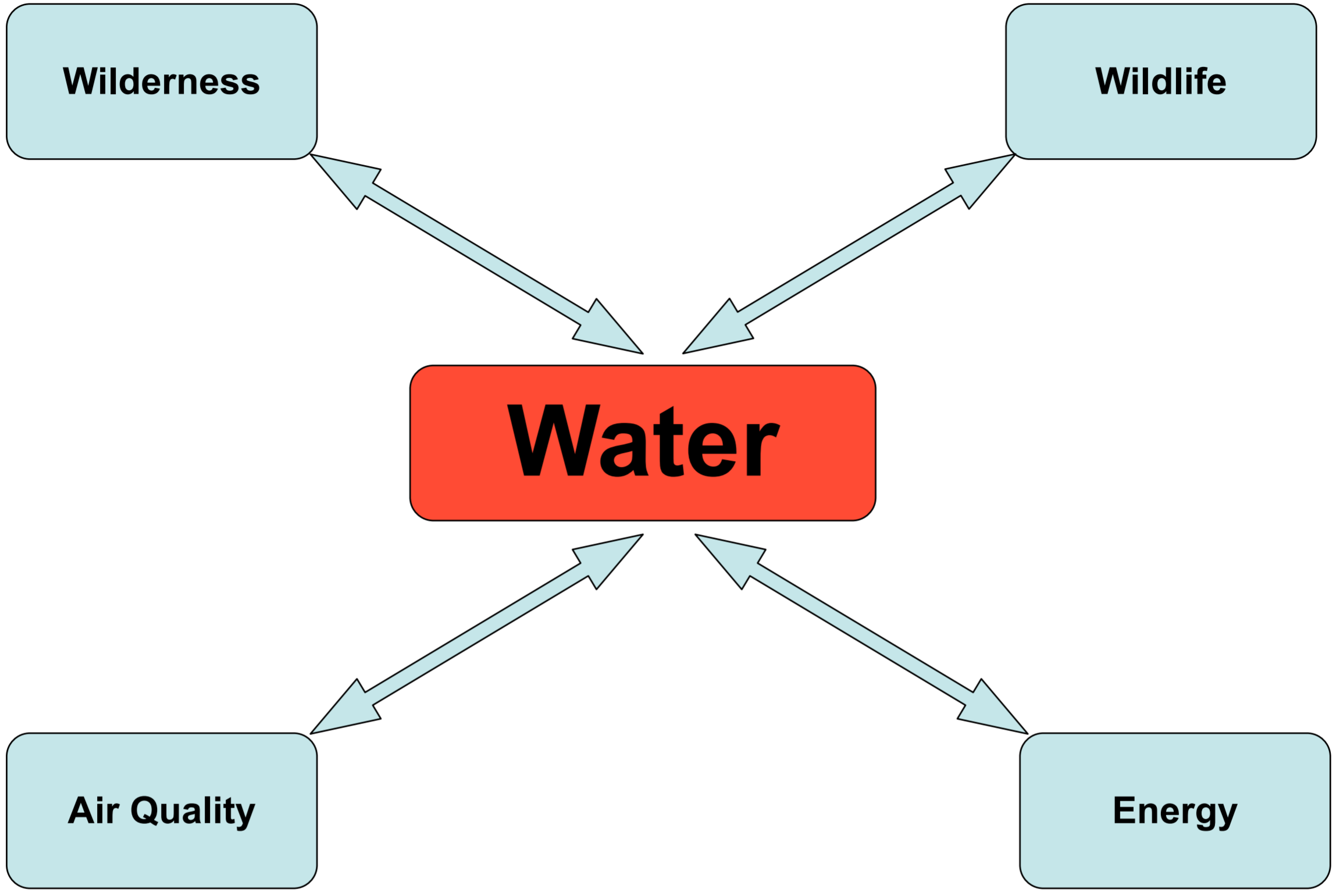
Promote your club through your local 4x4 shops.

3–5 Hours a Month

- **Work on a community service or Adopt-a-Trail project**
- **Take a friend to an association or club event.**

The Issues - in perspective

- **Wilderness**
- **Wildlife**
- **Water**
- **Energy**
- **Air Quality**



Wilderness

Wildlife

Water

Air Quality

Energy

Wilderness

- **Desert Protection Act of 2010**
 - **New National Monuments**
 - **More Wilderness**
 - **Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Areas**

Wilderness

- **Desert Protection Act of 2010 (cont)**
 - **Energy Accommodations**
 - **Water**
 - **Wildlife**
 - **Military**

Water - Quantity and Quality

- **Water - Quantity**
 - **Desert Protection Act Section 520**
- **Water - Quality**
 - **Red Mountain - Arsenic**
 - **Carnegie SVRA - Heavy metals**
 - **Rubicon Trail - Sediment and hydrocarbons**

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Section 520: Native groundwater supplies.

- Protects the Mojave Preserve's native groundwater supplies by prohibiting the Department of the Interior from processing rights-of-way applications for nearby projects that are likely to use more groundwater than is naturally restored to the local aquifer each year.

Section 102: Wild and scenic rivers.

- Designates 76 miles of wild and scenic rivers, including Deep Creek and the Whitewater River in and near the San Bernardino National Forest and the Amargosa River and Surprise Canyon Creek near Death Valley National Park.

Wildlife

- **Desert Tortoise**
- **Mojave Ground Squirrel**
- **Arroyo Toad**
- **Lizards**
- **17 species in ISDRA**

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Section 1903: Climate change and wildlife corridors.

- Requires the Department of the Interior to study the impact of [climate change](#) on California desert species migration, incorporate their results and recommendations into land use management plans, and consider the study's findings when making decisions granting rights of way for projects on public lands.

Energy

- **Solar**
- **Wind**
- **Geothermal**
- **Transmission and pipeline corridors**

Air Quality

- **Clear Creek**
 - **Asbestos**
 - EPA Super-fund Related
- **Oceano Dunes SVRA**
 - **Dust**
- **SoCal Desert**
 - **Particulate Matter**
 - PM 10 or 5 ??

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BLM Ridgecrest received ARRA grant for monitoring stations in Randsburg/Red Mountain area.

Travel Management

- **Sustainable Routes of travel**
- **Protect resources**
 - **Cultural**
 - **Wildlife**
 - **Water Quality**

Travel Management

- **Forest Service**
 - **Route Designation Plan Implementation**
 - **Annual Review**

Travel Management

- **BLM**
 - **lack good inventory**
 - **plan by plan**

Water

- **USFS Water Quality Management Plan**
 - **Watershed approach**
 - **Collaborative/Adaptive management**
 - **In conjunction with California State Water Boards**

Water

- **USFS WQMP**
 - **Stakeholders Group meeting**
 - I am State-wide OHV Representative
 - **Expect initial plan release Jan 2011**

The Future

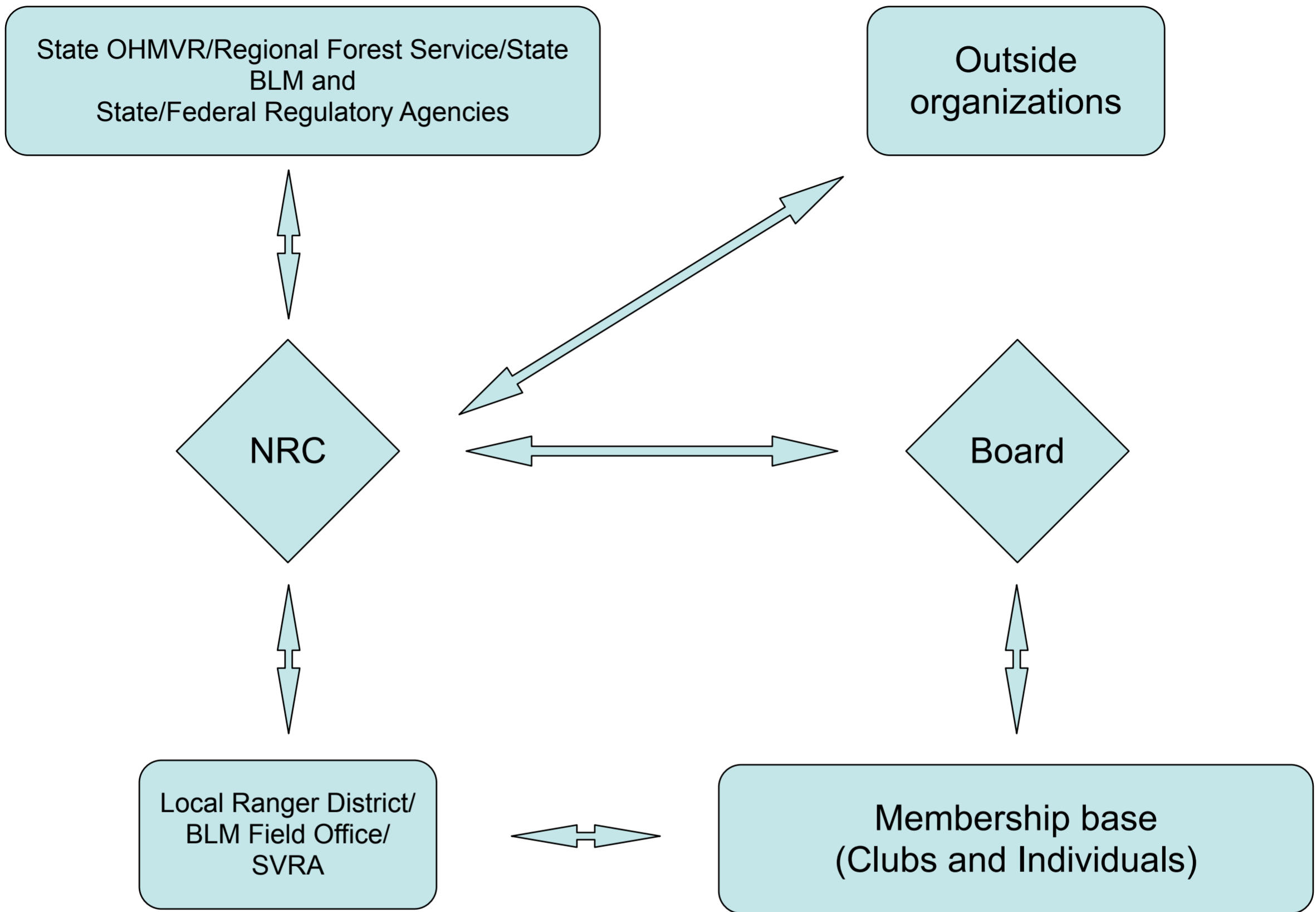
- **The Challenge**
 - **Budget**
 - **Priorities**
- **Create Solutions**
- **Change -- It is happening....**

The Future

- **Budget**
 - **Forest Service**
 - Received some “stimulus funding”
 - **BLM**
 - Received some “stimulus funding”
 - **State**
 - Chronic budget deficits
 - State Trust Funds at risk

The Future

- **Priorities**
 - **What is important to membership?**
 - **What are partner opportunities?**
 - **What are actions to be taken?**
 - **What are the Association Goals?**



Act Local...

- **Trail maintenance**
- **Clean-ups**
- **Volunteer Trail Patrol**
- **Get to know your local ranger**

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Questions, Comments, Concerns???



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