

Table S1: Soil series at each site extracted from the web soil survey (Ogeen 2017, <https://casoilresource.lawr.ucdavis.edu/gmap/>). Sites 4, 5, 19, 20 and 21 were not resampled in 2016

| Site | Invasion Stage | Elevation (m) | CaCO ₃ | Soil Series |
|------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | Intact sagebrush | 1462 | 0 | Fine, montmorillonitic, mesic Xerollic Durargids |
| 2 | Intact sagebrush | 1608 | 0 | Loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic, shallow Cambidic Haplodurids |
| 3 | Intact sagebrush | 1539 | 0 | Loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic, shallow Cambidic Haplodurids |
| 4 | Intact sagebrush | 1479 | 5% | Ashy over loamy, glassy over mixed, superactive, mesic Durinodic Haplocambids |
| 5 | Intact sagebrush | 1434 | 1% | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Typic Camborthids |
| 6 | Intact sagebrush | 1348 | 0 | Coarse-loamy, mixed, mesic Haploxerollic Durorthids |
| 7 | Intact sagebrush | 1600 | 0 | Coarse-loamy, mixed, mesic Haploxerollic Durorthids |
| 8 | Intact sagebrush | 1529 | 1-5% | Loamy, mixed, mesic, shallow Haploxerollic Durorthids |
| 10 | Invaded sagebrush | 1416 | 0 | Fine-loamy, mixed, mesic Xerollic Nadurargids |
| 11 | Invaded sagebrush | 1394 | 0 | Coarse-loamy, mixed, mesic Durixerollic Camborthids |
| 12 | Invaded sagebrush | 1478 | 0 | Coarse-loamy, mixed, mesic Durixerollic Camborthids |
| 13 | Invaded sagebrush | 1376 | 0 | Clayey over sandy or sandy-skeletal, montmorillonitic, mesic Durixerollic Natrargids |
| 14 | Invaded sagebrush | 1316 | 0 | Sandy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Xerollic Camborthids |
| 16 | Cheatgrass dominated | 1521 | 0 | Fine, montmorillonitic, mesic Xerollic Durargids |
| 18 | Cheatgrass dominated | 1412 | 0 | Clayey over sandy or sandy-skeletal, montmorillonitic, mesic Durixerollic Natrargids |
| 19 | Cheatgrass dominated | 1315 | 0 | Sandy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Xerollic Camborthids |
| 20 | Cheatgrass dominated | 1302 | 0 | Sandy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Xerollic Camborthids |
| 21 | Cheatgrass dominated | 1300 | 0 | Sandy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Xerollic Camborthids |
| 22 | Cheatgrass dominated | 1494 | 0 | Fine, montmorillonitic, mesic Xerollic Durargids |
| 23 | Cheatgrass dominated | 1448 | 1% | Loamy, mixed, mesic, shallow Entic Durorthids |
| 24 | Cheatgrass dominated | 1297 | 0 | Sandy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Xerollic Camborthids |
| 25 | Cheatgrass Die-off | 1441 | 0 | Fine, montmorillonitic, mesic Xerollic Durargids |
| 26 | Cheatgrass Die-off | 1451 | 0 | Fine-loamy, mixed, mesic Xerollic Nadurargids |
| 27 | Cheatgrass Die-off | 1469 | 0 | Coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Durixerollic Camborthids |
| 28 | Cheatgrass Die-off | 1384 | 0 | Loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic, shallow Xeric Natridurids |

Table S2: Species list

| Species | Species |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Achnatherum thurberianum</i> | <i>Grayia spinosa</i> |
| <i>Agropyron cristatum</i> | <i>Hesperostipa comata</i> |
| <i>Allium</i> sp. | <i>Lactuca seriola</i> |
| <i>Alyssum desertorum</i> | <i>Lepidium perfoliatum</i> |
| <i>Amsinckia intermedia</i> | <i>Leymus cinereus</i> |
| <i>Artemisia tridentata</i> | <i>Lomatium</i> sp. |
| <i>Astragalus lentiformis</i> | <i>Machaeranthera canescens</i> |
| <i>Bromus tectorum</i> | <i>Mentzelia albicaulis</i> |
| <i>Calochortus bruneaunis</i> | <i>Microsteris gracilis</i> |
| <i>Carex</i> sp. | <i>Oryzopsis hymenoides</i> |
| <i>Ceratocephala testiculata</i> | <i>Pascopyrum smithii</i> |
| <i>Chaenactis douglasii</i> | <i>Phlox diffusa</i> |
| <i>Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus</i> | <i>Phlox hoodii</i> |
| <i>Collinsia parviflora</i> | <i>Phlox longifolia</i> |
| <i>Crepis acuminata</i> | <i>Poa secunda</i> |
| <i>Cryptantha watsonii</i> | <i>Salsola tragus</i> |
| <i>Cymopterus ibapensis</i> | <i>Sisymbrium altissimum</i> |
| <i>Descurainia pinnata</i> | <i>Stellaria media</i> |
| <i>Descurainia sophia</i> | <i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i> |
| <i>Elymus elymoides</i> | <i>Tetradymia glabrata</i> |
| <i>Ericameria nauseosa</i> | <i>Tragopogon dubius</i> |
| <i>Eriogonum ovalifolium</i> | <i>Vulpia bromoides</i> |
| <i>Erodium cicutarium</i> | |

Table S3: Significant ($p < 0.5$) Correlations of plant function group cover and plant tissue concentrations with the NMS ordination. Soil variables were also tested but none were significantly correlated with the ordination.

| Variable | NMDS1 | NMDS2 | R ² | p |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|--------|
| Plant Functional Groups | | | | |
| AIG | 0.70 | -0.71 | 0.92 | 0.0001 |
| AIF | 0.60 | 0.80 | 0.70 | 0.0001 |
| PNG | -0.89 | -0.46 | 0.92 | 0.0001 |
| PNF | -0.31 | 0.95 | 0.43 | 0.0001 |
| Annuals | 1.00 | -0.01 | 0.95 | 0.0001 |
| Perennials | -1.00 | 0.01 | 0.95 | 0.0001 |
| Forbs | 0.16 | 0.99 | 0.87 | 0.0001 |
| Grasses | -0.16 | -0.99 | 0.87 | 0.0001 |
| Soil Nutrients | | | | |
| Soil Total C | -0.24 | 0.32 | 0.16 | 0.0279 |
| Soil Total N | -0.29 | 0.29 | 0.17 | 0.0219 |
| Plant Tissue Nutrients | | | | |
| Litter N | 0.12 | -0.35 | 0.14 | 0.0455 |
| Litter C | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.14 | 0.0478 |
| Other N | 0.37 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.0359 |
| Other C | 0.56 | -0.21 | 0.35 | 0.0002 |
| Poa C | 0.23 | -0.36 | 0.19 | 0.0458 |
| Poa C:N | 0.14 | -0.41 | 0.18 | 0.0427 |
| Bromus C | 0.38 | -0.29 | 0.22 | 0.0057 |

Table S4: Standard deviations of three replicated samples at each site, grouped by invasion stage and then averaged. Letters indicate significantly different groups according to a Bonferonni-adjusted Kruskal-Wallis test.

| | I. Intact Sagebrush | II. Invaded Sagebrush | III. Cheatgrass- dominated | IV. Cheatgrass Dieoff |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Litter N (%) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Litter C (%) | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| Litter C:N | 6.8 | 4.7 | 6.4 | 6.9 |
| Soil C:N | 1.0 ab | 1.8 a | 0.7 b | 0.8 ab |
| Soil Total N (kg/ha) | 109.1 | 78.2 | 91.4 | 75.7 |
| Soil Total C (kg/ha) | 1425.4 a | 1065.0 ab | 957.9 ab | 667.4 b |

Table S5: Mean understory cover values for each invasion stage.

| variable | Intact Sagebrush | Invaded Sagebrush | Cheatgrass-Dominated | Cheatgrass Dieoff |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 2013 | | | | |
| Bare Ground | 73.46 | 44.02 | 14.21 | 33.38 |
| Litter | 23.56 | 52.99 | 81.70 | 50.14 |
| Biological Soil Crust | 0.48 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 0.03 |
| Rock | 0.15 | 1.12 | 1.80 | 12.65 |
| Annual Introduced Grass | 0.21 | 2.38 | 4.15 | 2.72 |
| Annual Introduced Forb | 0.01 | 0.05 | 4.27 | 4.10 |
| Perennial Native Forb | 0.65 | 0.05 | 0.19 | 0.77 |
| Perennial Native Grass | 5.32 | 3.03 | 0.51 | 2.93 |
| Annual Native Forb | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.08 |
| 2016 | | | | |
| Bare Ground | 51.64 | 41.35 | 15.52 | 25.87 |
| Litter | 39.50 | 48.25 | 80.46 | 70.02 |
| Biological Soil Crust | 4.01 | 3.14 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| Rock | 1.67 | 3.80 | 0.70 | 1.65 |
| Annual Introduced Grass | 1.93 | 6.36 | 10.44 | 6.82 |
| Annual Introduced Forb | 0.53 | 0.98 | 6.48 | 12.73 |
| Perennial Native Forb | 0.28 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Perennial Native Grass | 6.46 | 4.47 | 0.52 | 1.80 |
| Annual Native Forb | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.01 |

Table S6: Path model results and fit indices.

| Model | df | p | X^2 | CFI | TLI | RMSEA | SRMR |
|-------------------|----|------|-------|-----|------|-------|------|
| Stages I and II | 11 | 0.99 | 3.18 | 1 | 1.32 | 0 | 0.03 |
| Stages III and IV | 2 | 0.90 | 0.21 | 1 | 1.15 | 0 | 0.01 |

Note:

CFI: Comparative Fit Index.

TLI: Tucker-Lewis Index.

RMSEA: Root Mean Square Error of Approximation.

SRMR: Standardized Root Mean Square Residual.

Table S7: Covariance matrix for the Soil C and N path model for invasion stages I and II

| x | sN | sC | lCN | PNG | NF | aet | p2 | Shrubs | BSC | sd_cwd |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| sN | 0.026 | 0.026 | 0.008 | 0.030 | 0.051 | -0.004 | -0.011 | 0.000 | 0.029 | 0.003 |
| sC | 0.026 | 0.042 | 0.030 | 0.031 | 0.080 | -0.004 | -0.028 | -0.004 | 0.052 | 0.013 |
| lCN | 0.008 | 0.030 | 0.076 | -0.006 | 0.046 | -0.002 | -0.028 | -0.003 | 0.013 | -0.003 |
| PNG | 0.030 | 0.031 | -0.006 | 0.182 | 0.112 | 0.006 | 0.005 | -0.042 | 0.084 | 0.007 |
| NF | 0.051 | 0.080 | 0.046 | 0.112 | 0.587 | 0.010 | -0.078 | 0.015 | 0.404 | 0.012 |
| aet | -0.004 | -0.004 | -0.002 | 0.006 | 0.010 | 0.056 | -0.022 | 0.018 | 0.020 | -0.013 |
| p2 | -0.011 | -0.028 | -0.028 | 0.005 | -0.078 | -0.022 | 0.075 | 0.014 | -0.129 | -0.009 |
| Shrubs | 0.000 | -0.004 | -0.003 | -0.042 | 0.015 | 0.018 | 0.014 | 0.069 | -0.045 | -0.018 |
| BSC | 0.029 | 0.052 | 0.013 | 0.084 | 0.404 | 0.020 | -0.129 | -0.045 | 0.873 | 0.009 |
| sd_cwd | 0.003 | 0.013 | -0.003 | 0.007 | 0.012 | -0.013 | -0.009 | -0.018 | 0.009 | 0.024 |

Table S8: Covariance matrix for the Soil C and N path model for invasion stages III and IV

| x | sN | sC | AIG | AIF | sd_cwd | p2 | aet | tmn |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| sN | 0.035 | 0.052 | -0.031 | -0.005 | 0.008 | -0.003 | 0.005 | 0.012 |
| sC | 0.052 | 0.085 | -0.078 | -0.046 | 0.009 | -0.021 | 0.009 | 0.011 |
| AIG | -0.031 | -0.078 | 0.315 | 0.143 | 0.018 | 0.120 | -0.025 | 0.020 |
| AIF | -0.005 | -0.046 | 0.143 | 0.853 | 0.027 | 0.120 | 0.041 | 0.048 |
| sd_cwd | 0.008 | 0.009 | 0.018 | 0.027 | 0.017 | 0.011 | -0.010 | 0.006 |
| p2 | -0.003 | -0.021 | 0.120 | 0.120 | 0.011 | 0.074 | -0.011 | 0.032 |
| aet | 0.005 | 0.009 | -0.025 | 0.041 | -0.010 | -0.011 | 0.032 | 0.006 |
| tmn | 0.012 | 0.011 | 0.020 | 0.048 | 0.006 | 0.032 | 0.006 | 0.037 |