Appendix S1 for: "Fuel connectivity, burn severity, and seedbank survivorship drive ecosystem transformation in a semi-arid shrubland."

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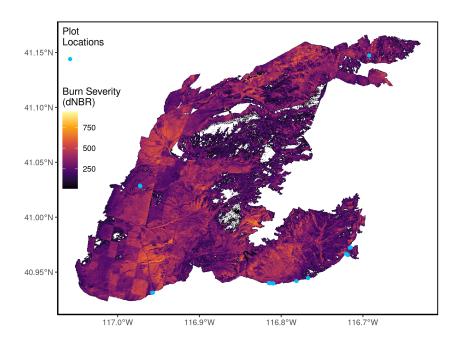


Figure S1: The 2016 Hot Pot Fire. Blue points represent sampling locations and the shaded color is the burn severity. The checkerboard pattern on the lower left corresponds to patterns of land ownership.

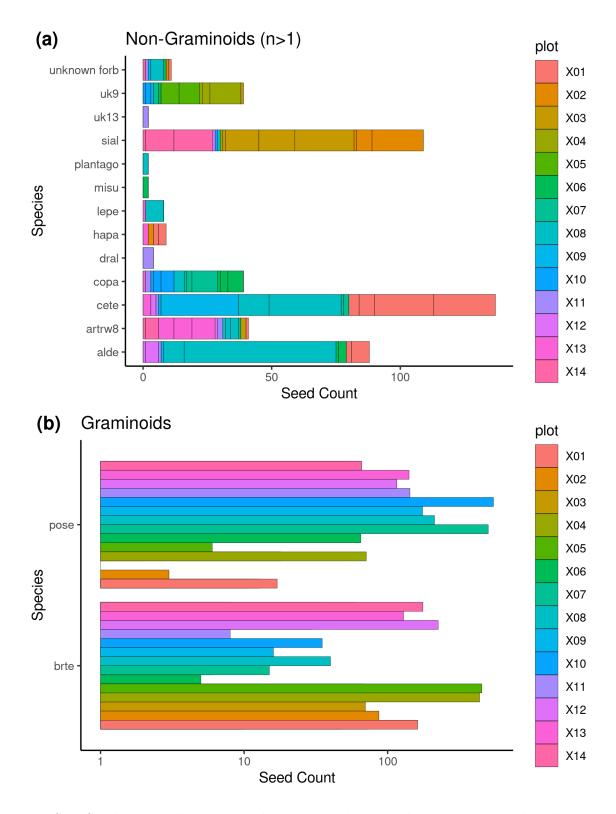


Figure S2: Seed counts by species that occurred more than once. Panel a shows non-graminoids, b shows graminoids.

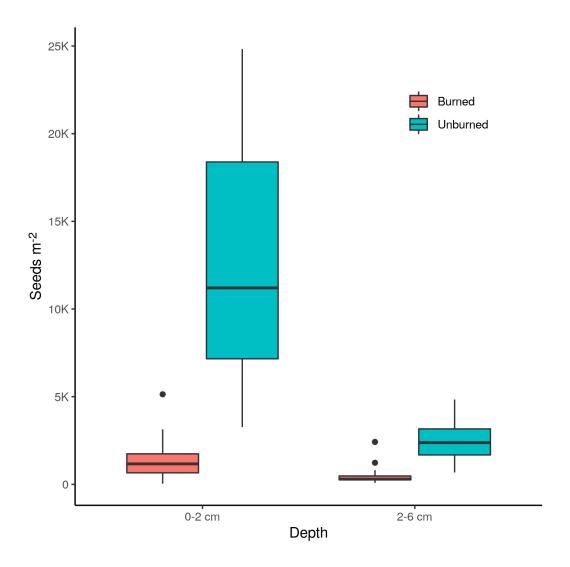


Figure S3: Total seed counts per plot.

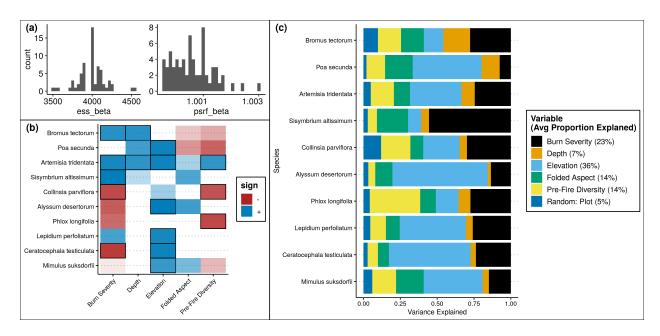


Figure S4: a) Model convergence diagnostics. On the left is the effective sample size after adjusting for autocorrelation (ideally 4,000), and on the right is the Gelman diagnostic, ideally 1. b) Predictor variables that had at least 80% support. Variables with 95% support are outlined in black. The level of transparency corresponds to the level of support. c) Variance partitioning by species. Average across all species per variable is given in the legend. Species are ordered by prevalence.

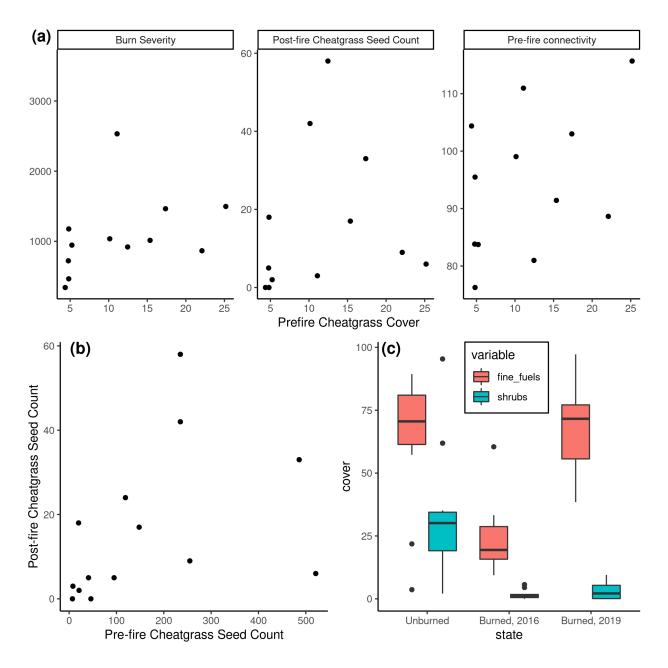


Figure S5: Panel a illustrates how we did not find convincing evidence that pre-fire cheagrass cover alone was predictive of any of the key components of our hypothesized feedback loop. Panel b shows how even pre-fire cheatgrass seed counts were not predictive of post-fire seed counts. Panel c shows the general change in structural composition, from woody to herbaceous, before and after the fire.

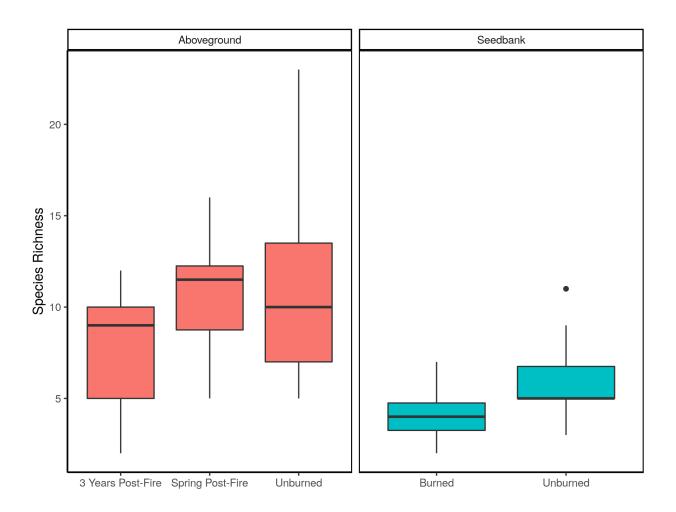


Figure S6: Species richness at different sampling times and locations.