

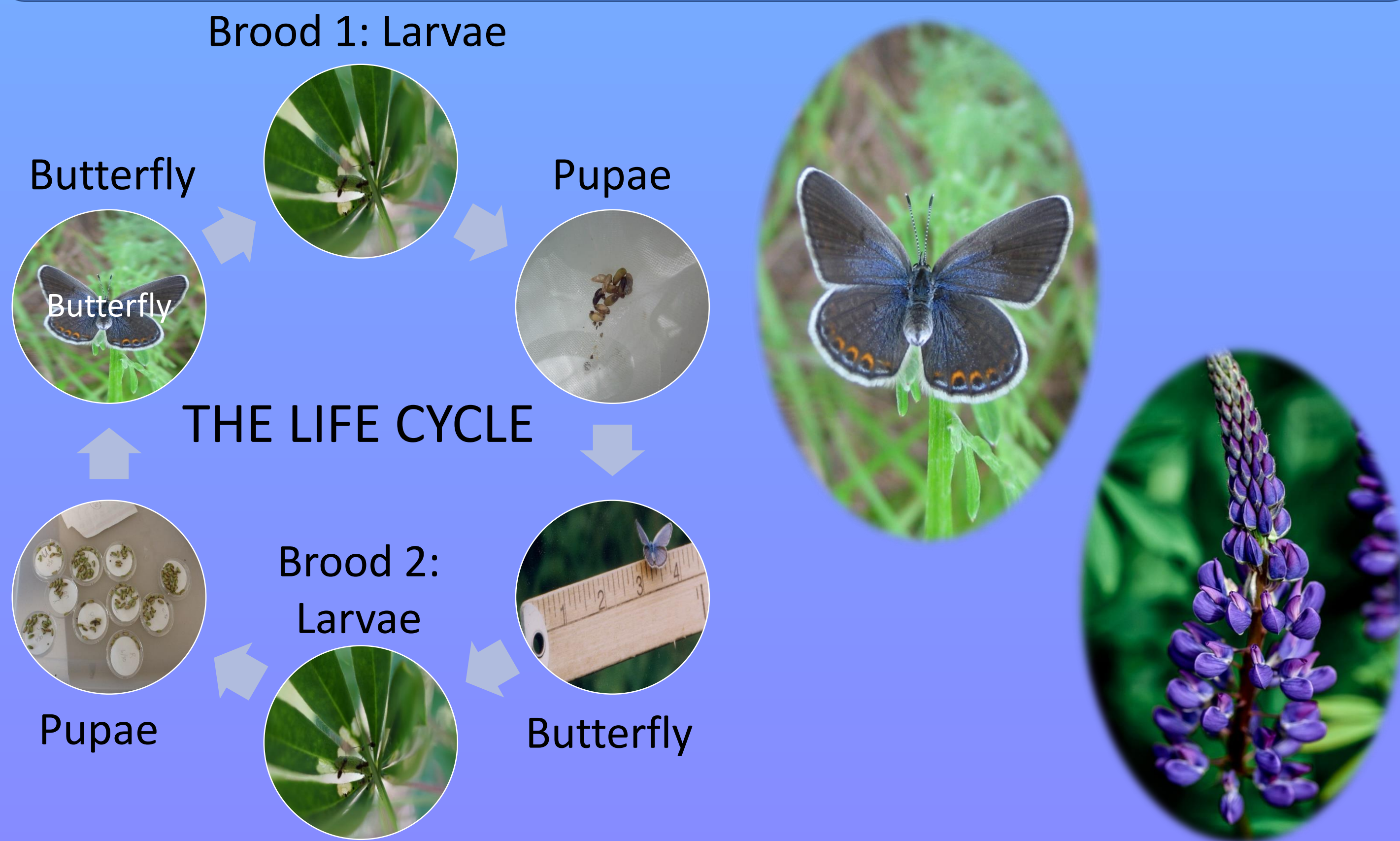
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The Karner Blue Butterfly: A Best Management Practice

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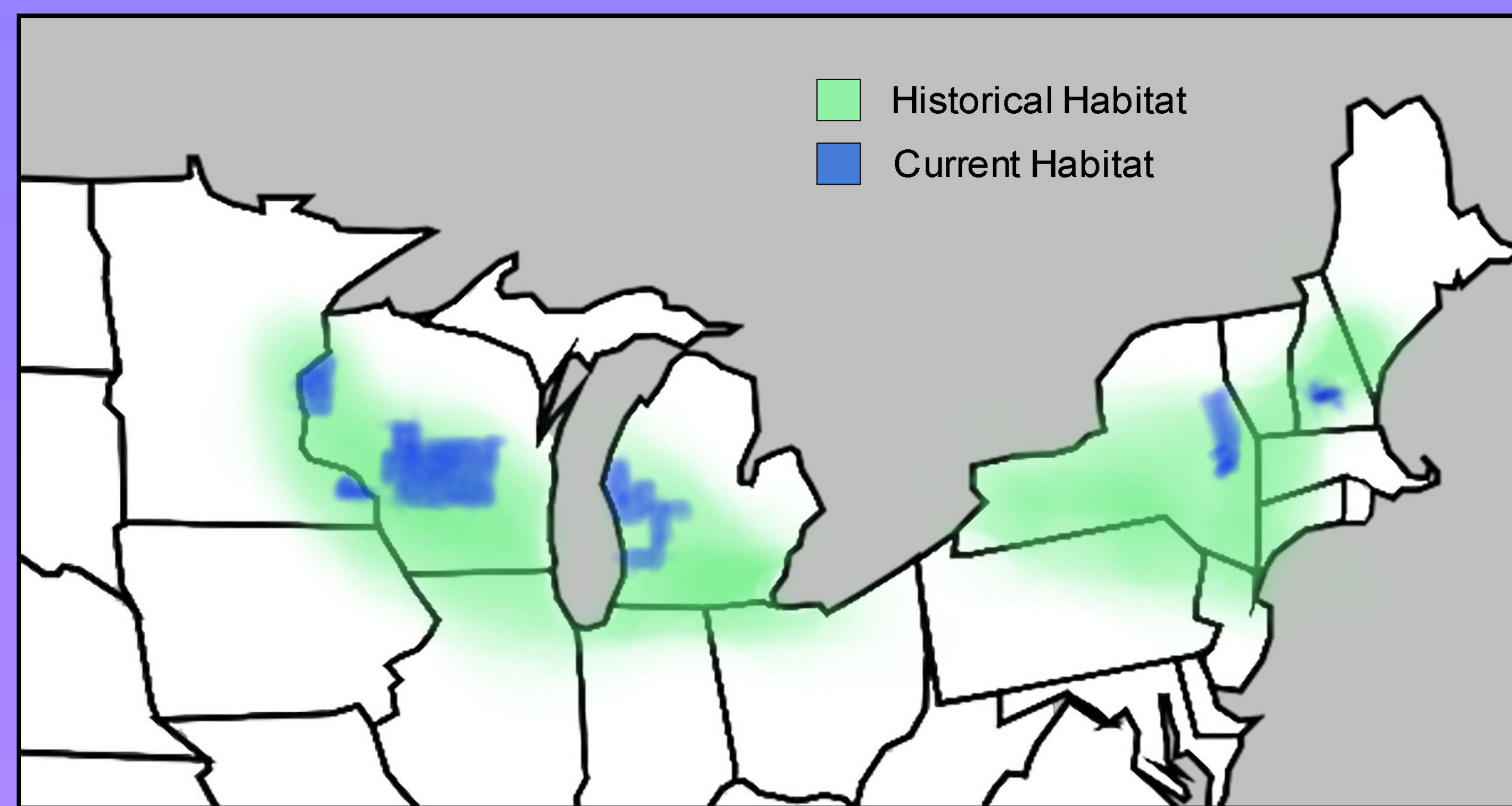


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THE PROBLEM

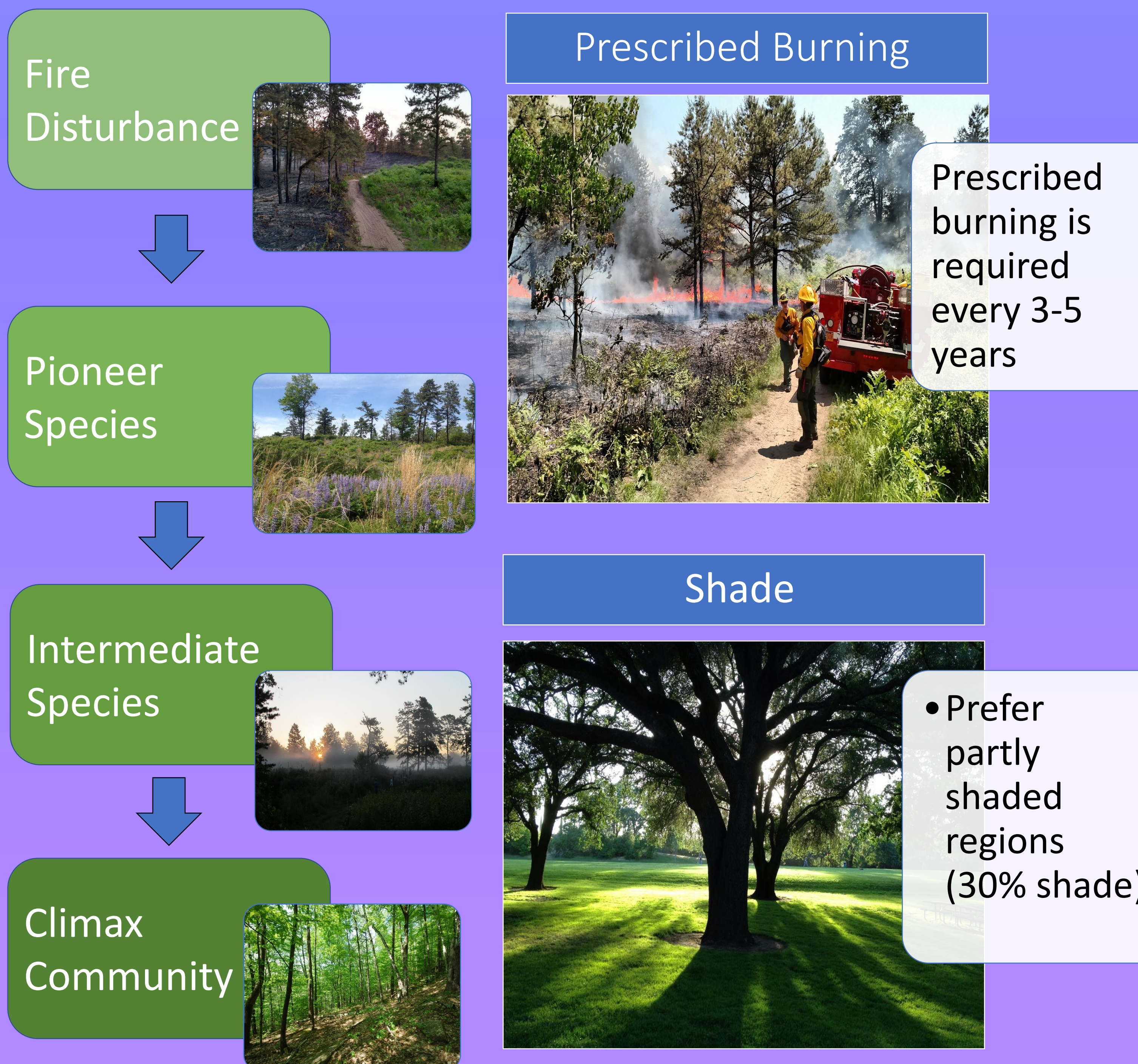
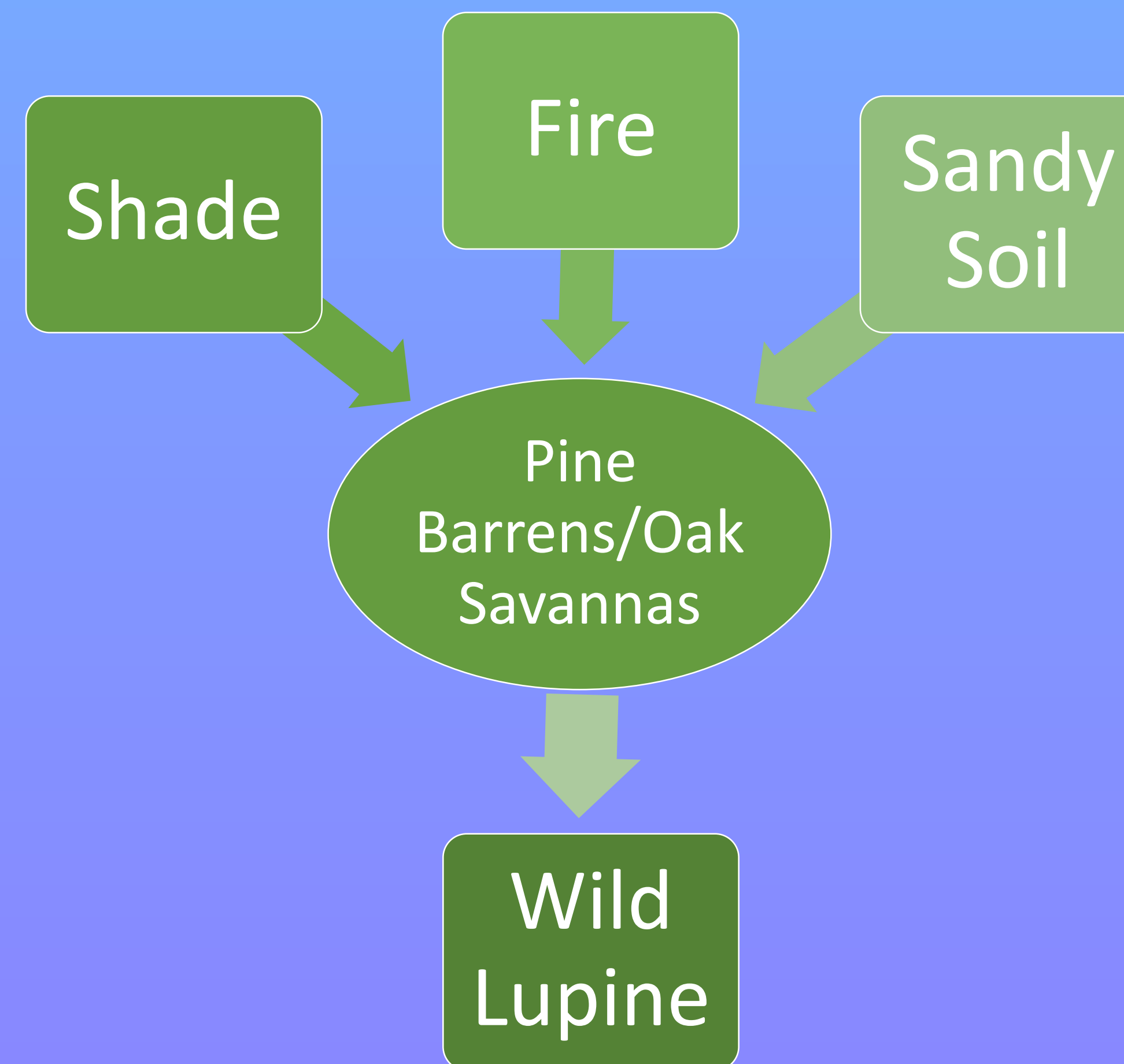
The Karner blue butterfly, *Lycaeides Melissa Samuelis*, habitat has decreased by 99.98% since the arrival of Europeans to America. This has drastically decreased the population of the Karner blue butterflies.



PROJECT GOALS

Create a Best Management Practice (BMP) that any individual or professional can use to maintain the Karner blue butterfly habitat in order to increase the population.

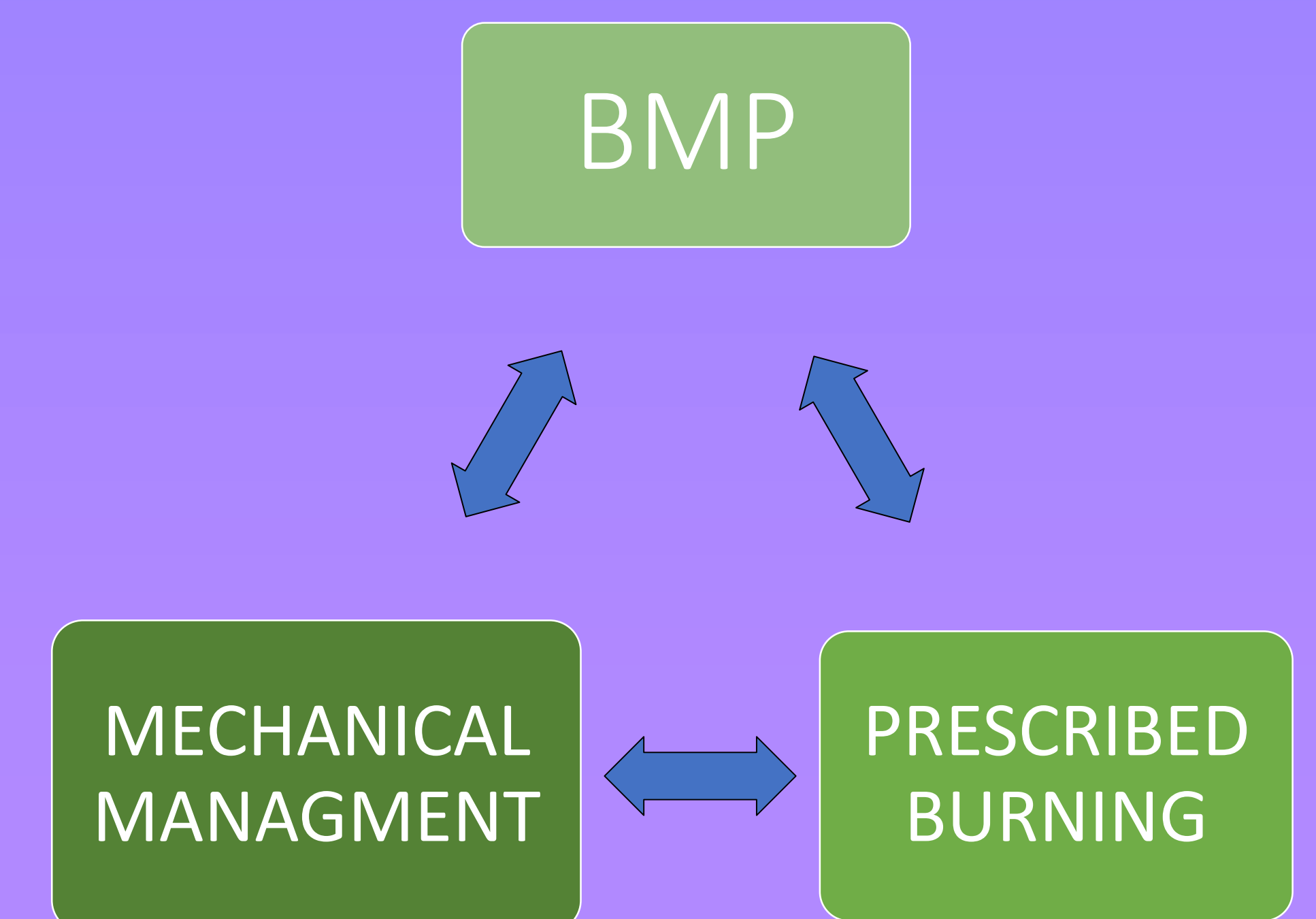
OPTIMAL HABITAT



CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

- Mechanical**
 - Mowing
 - Removal of trees and branches
- Herbicide**
 - Targeted at specific plants
- Seeds**
 - Mixture of native plants
 - Wild lupine
- Fire**
 - High intensity
 - Controlled

NEXT STEPS



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