# Integrated Habitat Management

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# The Forever ROW&E Program

- Assess vegetation
- Develop Integrated Habitat Management Plan / Develop sustainable habitat program
- Engage community landowners
- Advocate / implement conservation policies / practices
- Identify and overcome industry challenges



#### Mowing

#### **Conservation Mowing**

#### IVM

IHM



- Weed control
- Woody control
- Compliance
- Grass dominated



- PNS
- Increased diversity
- Residual cover
- Increased forage
- Nesting sites
- Thermal cover
- Predator escape
- Pollinator migration



- Significant increase in diversity, forage, cover (nest, thermal, escape)
- Migration Corridors





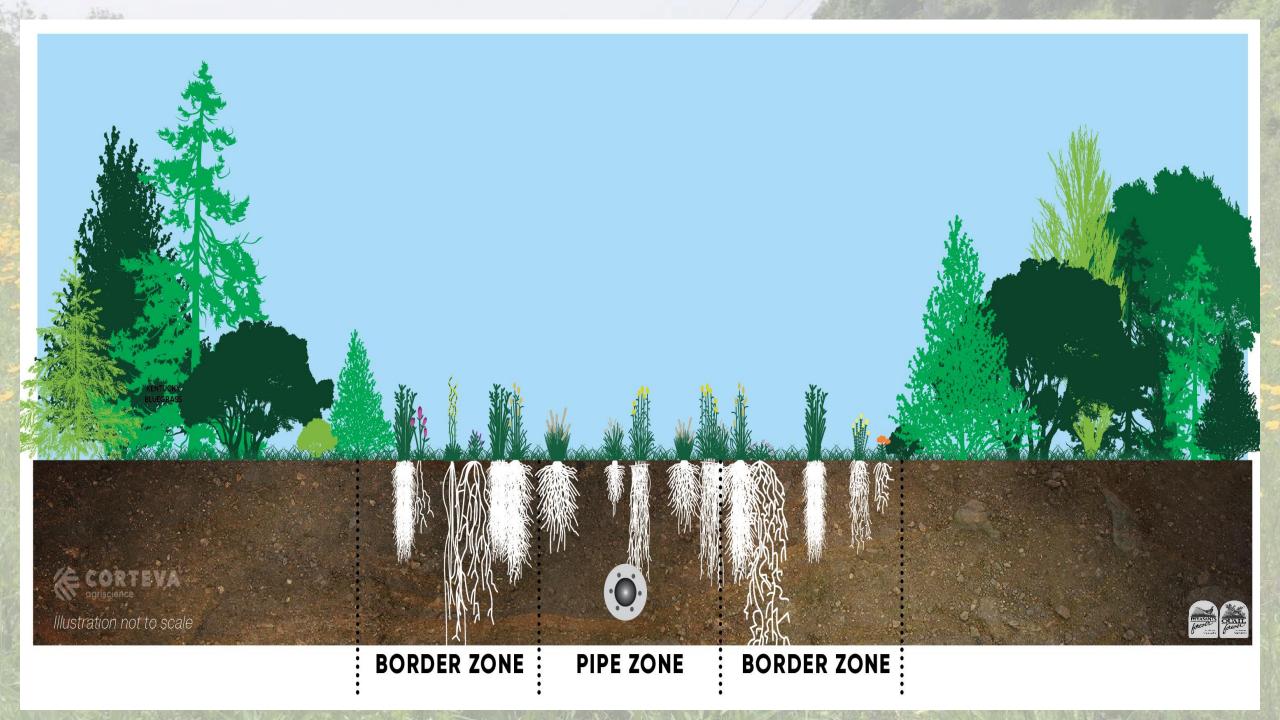
## IVM and IHM

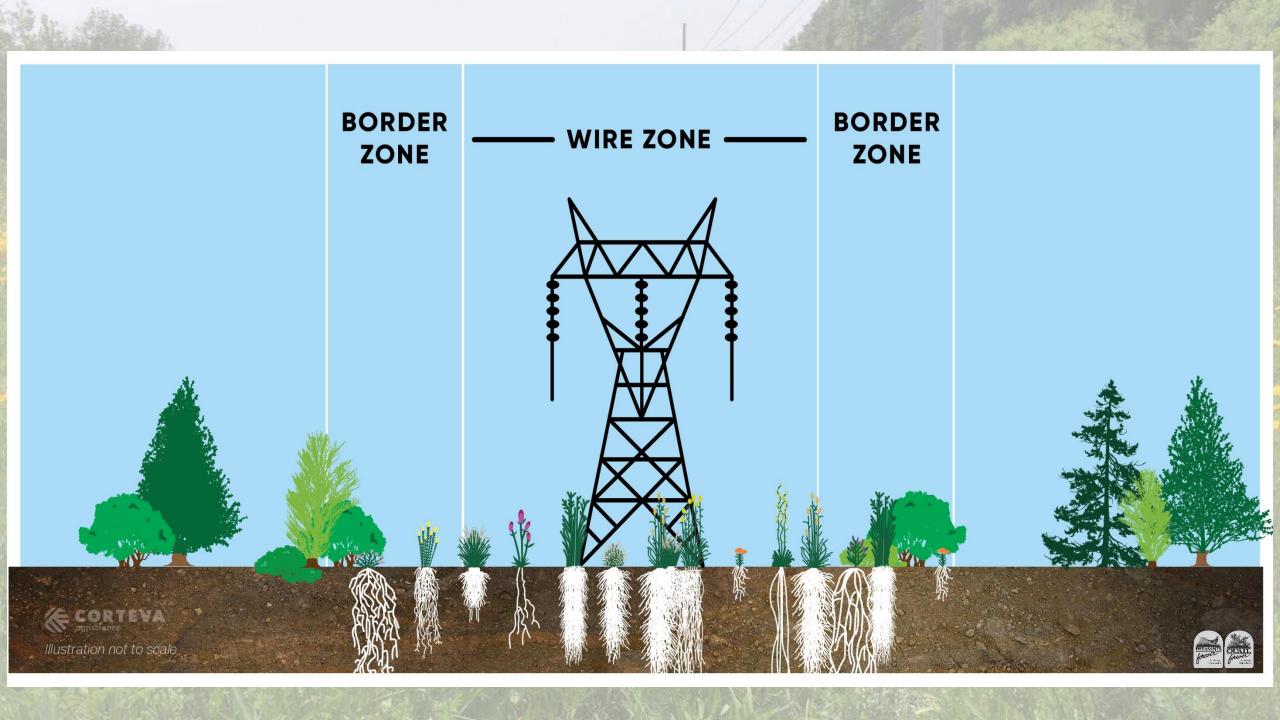
#### Integrated Vegetation Management

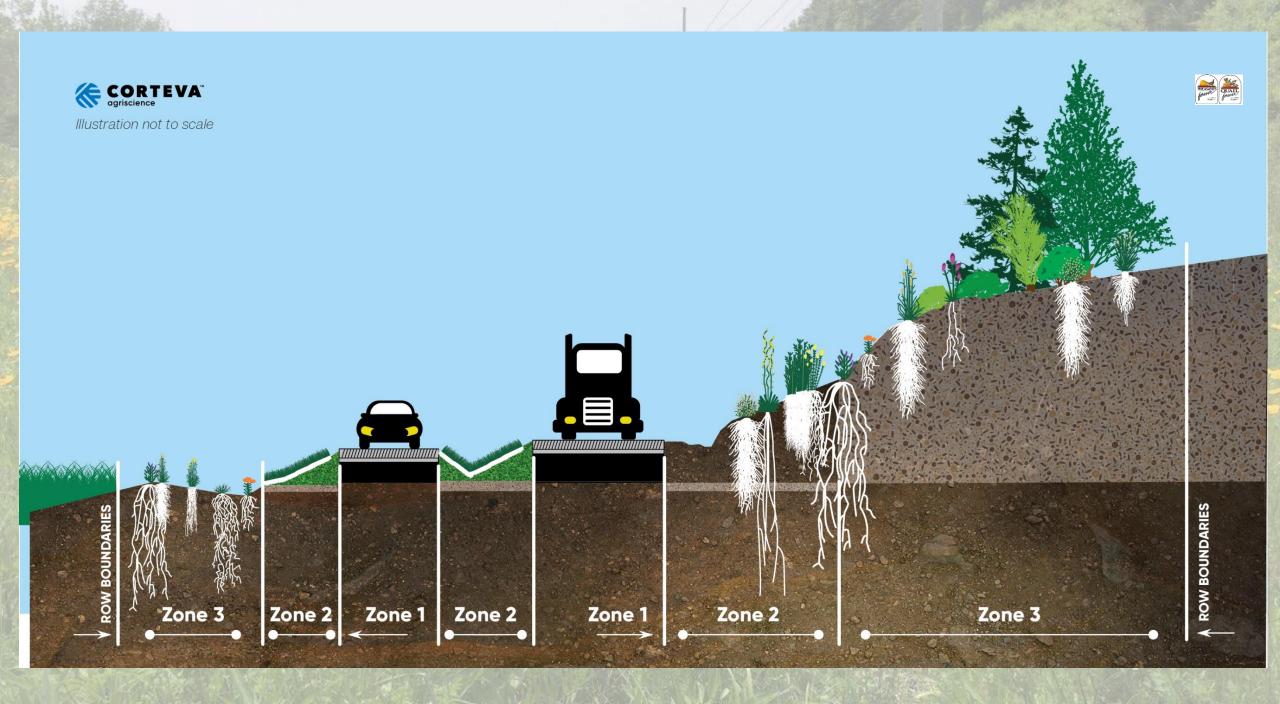
- Promote stable, low growing veg using environmentally sound and cost-effective control
- Eliminate non-compatible veg
- Maintain regulatory compliance
- Mechanical, biological, chemical
- Balance: cost, control, environmental quality, public health and safety
- Control of invasive, noxious AND undesirable species

#### Integrated Habitat Management

- Integrated vegetation management PLUS
- Intentional to also benefit wildlife / conservation
- Environmental Outcomes
- Promote early successional habitat communities and their ecological benefits
- Enhancements for additional benefits
- Connect project local people and natural communities (wildlife, pollinator, agriculture, corridors, habitat)







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