

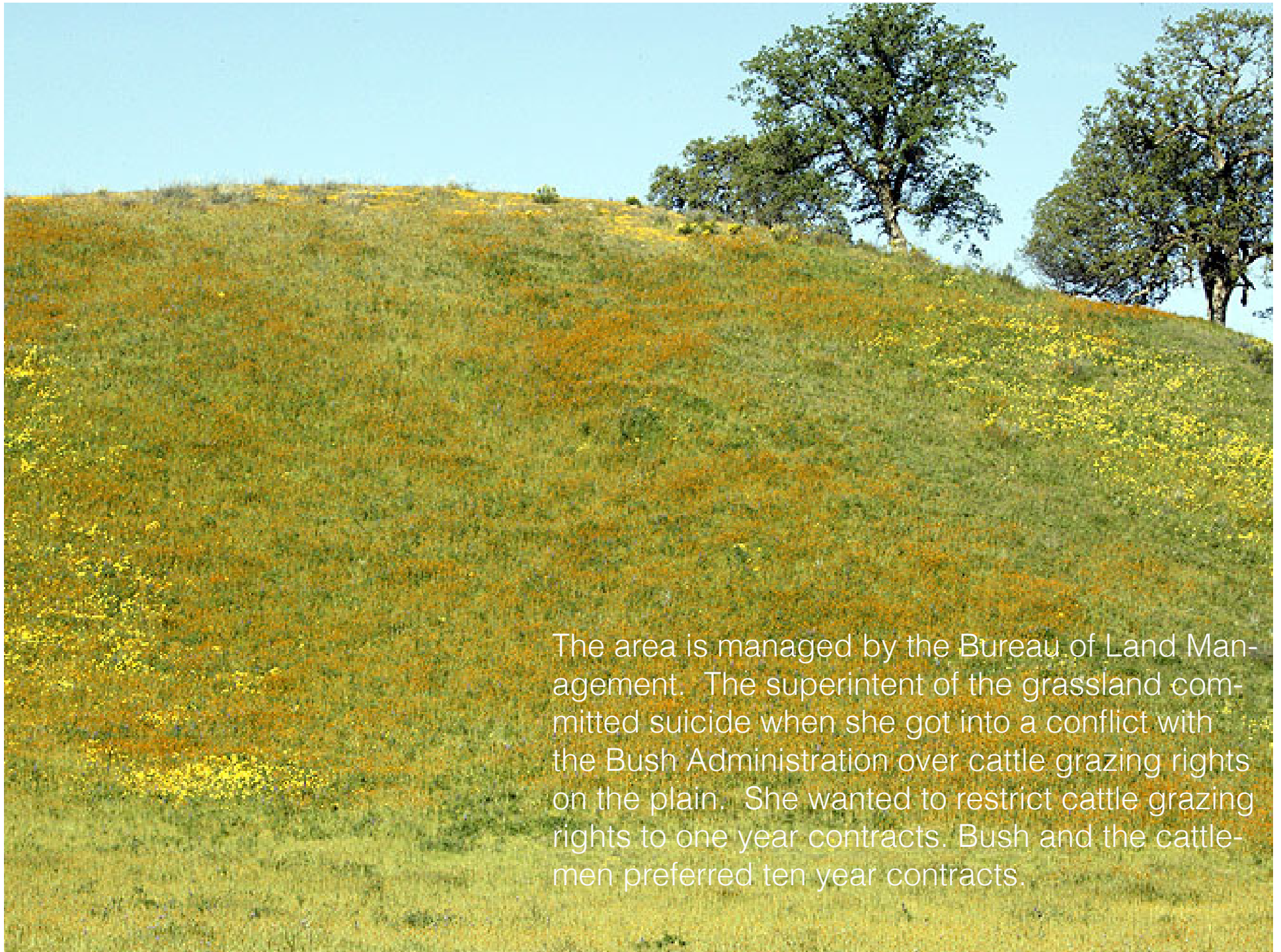


Carrizo Plain National Monument Volume I

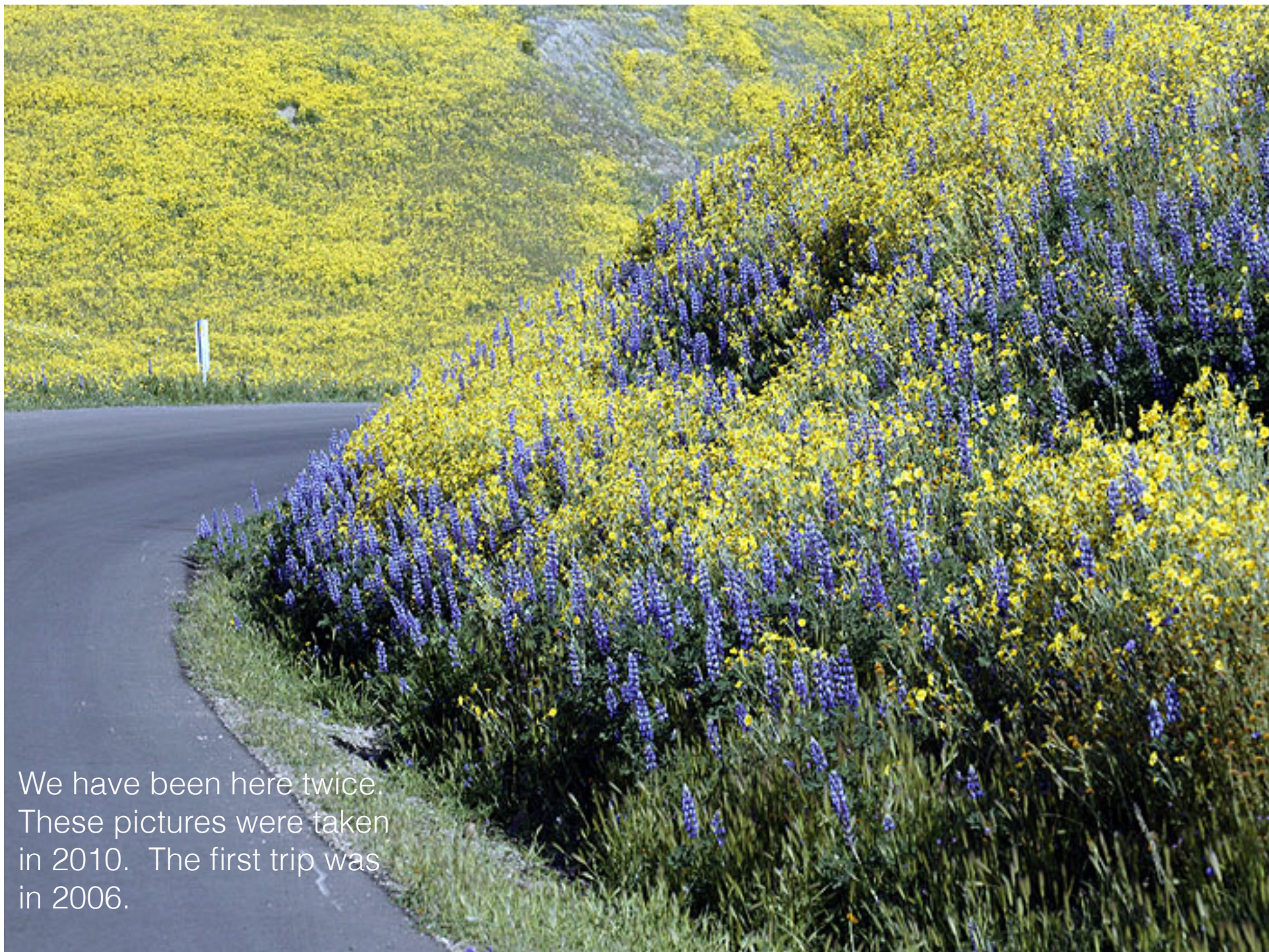
The Carrizo Plain is the largest native grass plain left in the U.S. It is about 50 miles long and at its widest 15 miles. The San Andreas earthquake fault runs down the eastern side of the valley.



The Carrizo Plain lies to the west of the San Joaquin Valley. The Temblor mountains separates it from the San Joaquin. The Caliente range borders the west side of the valley.



The area is managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The superintendent of the grassland committed suicide when she got into a conflict with the Bush Administration over cattle grazing rights on the plain. She wanted to restrict cattle grazing rights to one year contracts. Bush and the cattlemen preferred ten year contracts.



We have been here twice.
These pictures were taken
in 2010. The first trip was
in 2006.































ies built upon the circular street pattern.





































