# Development of native bee identification keys for the Pacific Northwest

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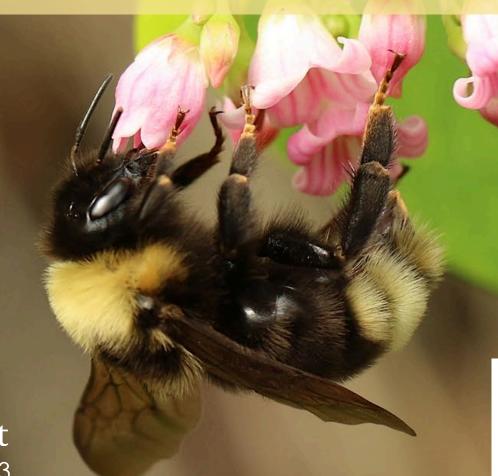
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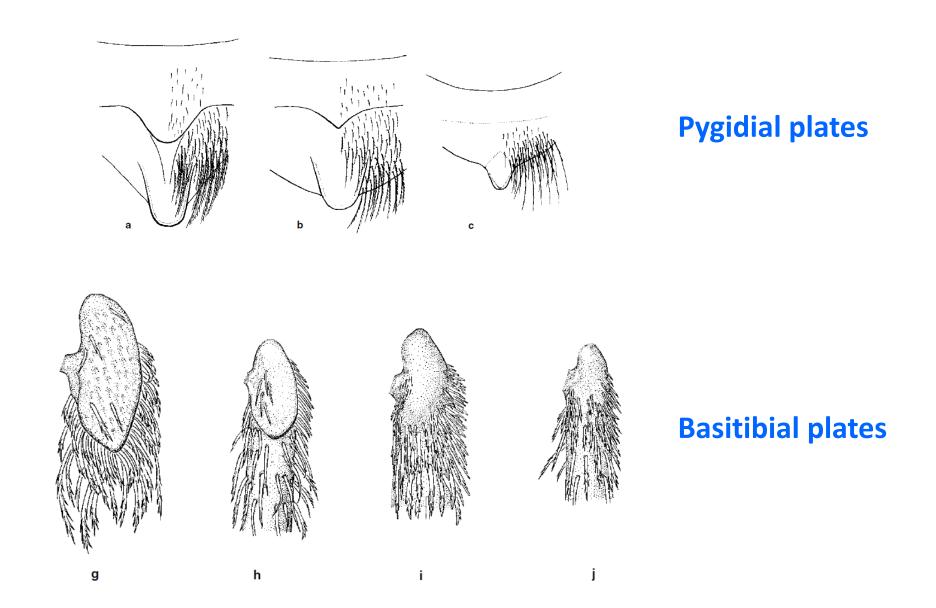




# Available bee identification keys are challenging to use, even for experts

- 1. Scopa weak (Figs. 8-5a, 8-6) or absent; T5 with longitudinal median zone of fine punctation and short hairs weakly developed or absent; apical labral process without keel (as in Fig. 65-1i) or keel reduced to weak carina ..... 2
- —. Scopa present from hind trochanter to tibia (Fig. 8-5b), forming corbicula on underside of femur; T5 with well-developed longitudinal median zone of fine punctation and commonly short, dense hairs, this zone dividing prepygidial fimbria (Fig. 65-1j); apical labral process with strong longitudinal keel on anterior surface (Fig. 65-1a, b, e).

#### Idealized drawings often don't work well in the real world



#### Key used to teach bee identification in Oregon Bee School

CANPOLIN - Bee Course 2012

Key to Bee Genera in Canada

The sexes in bees can generally be differentiated by counting the number of metasomal terga -6 in females, 7 in males, or the number of apparent segments of the antenna -12 in females, 13 in males (excluding *Holcopasites*). The second antennal segment is sometimes largely retracted within the first, particularly in some wasp-like bees.

Three submarginal cells (Fig. 1)...2

One or two submarginal cells (Fig. 2)...33



## Our project will create two wild bee identification keys, in both online and print formats

**Generic-level key for the PNW fauna** 



Species-level keys for:

Bombus ♀ and Bombus ♂



# Joshua Dunlap ODA

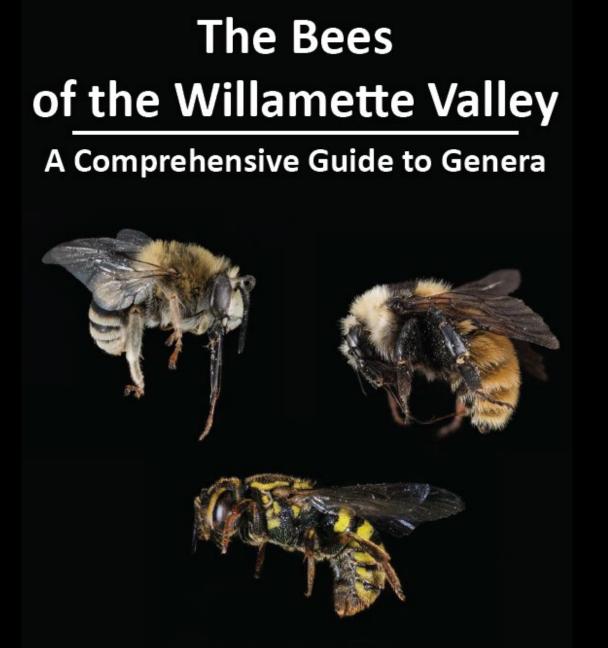
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Abdomen with long ovipositor (females) (a)	2
Abdomen without long ovipositor (males) (b). *Males are rarely encountered or collected. Consequently, they will not be included in this key.	Males*







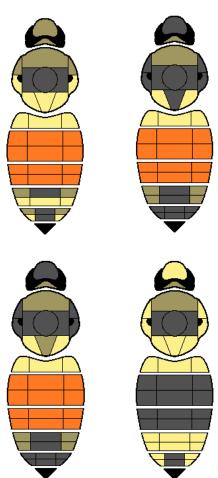


By August Jackson

Bumble bee key encompasses 28 species and will leverage 473 existing ID templates from Paul Williams (NHM, London, UK)

Black-tailed Bumble Bee (Bombus melanopygus)







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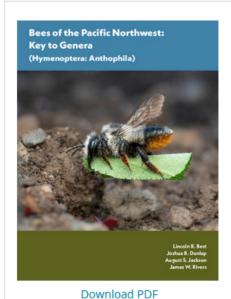
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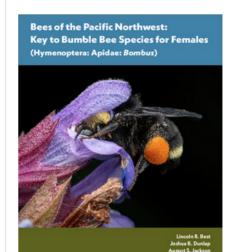
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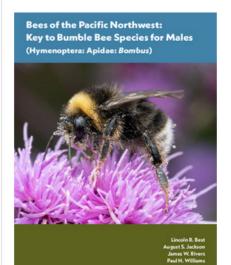
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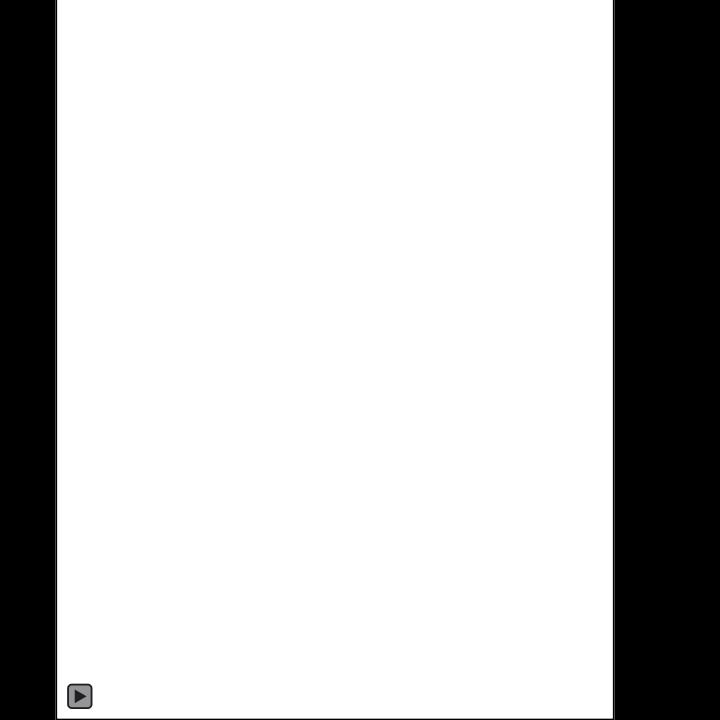
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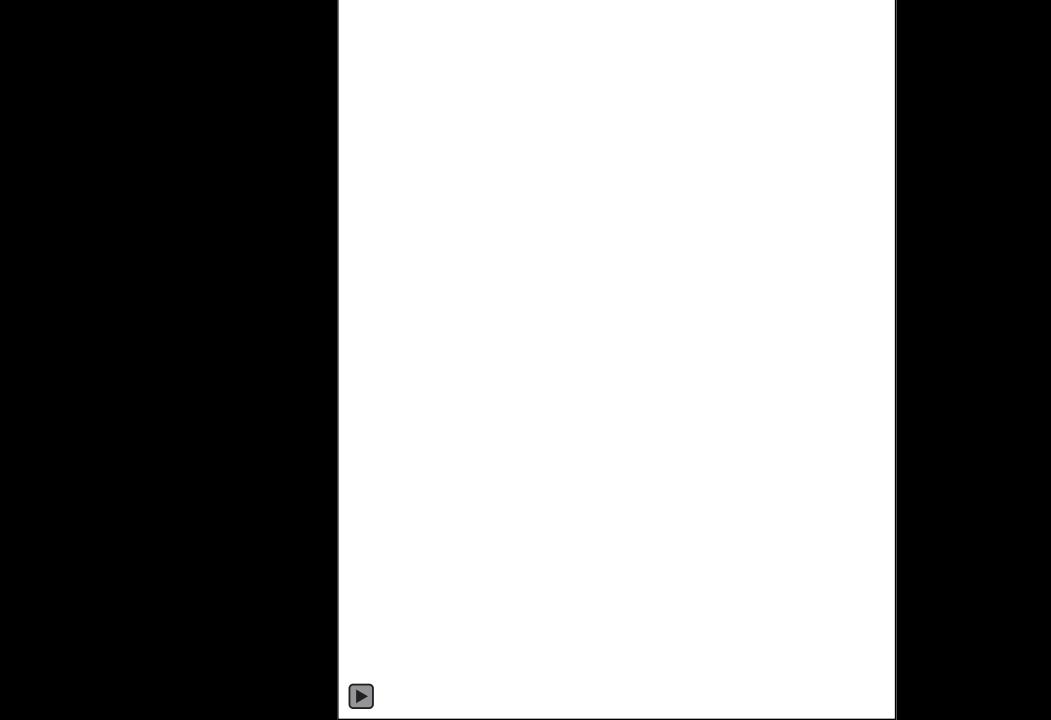


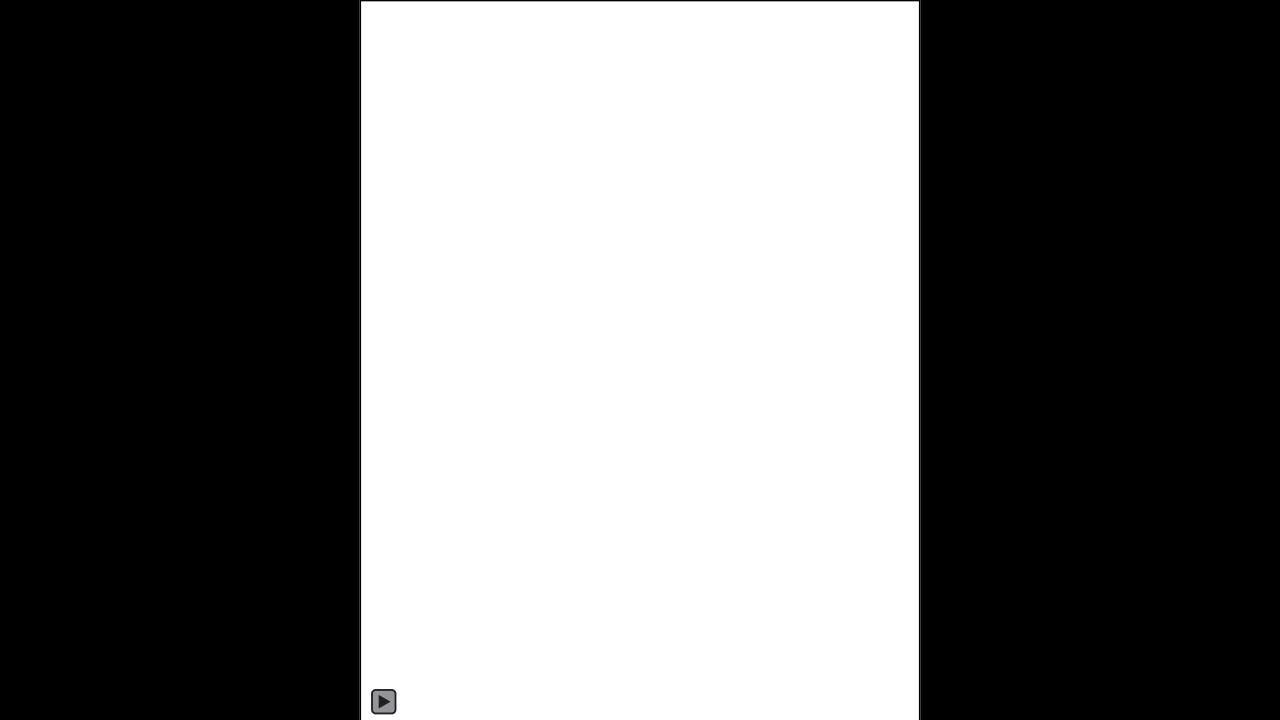
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#### REQUIREMENT 1: COMPLETE SIX SELF-PACED TRAINING MODULES

Six self-paced online modules are provided in Canvas. All six modules must be completed and passed with a minimum grade of 85% for certification. It is strongly encouraged that modules 1-3 be completed prior to attending your first field training event.

Suggested to complete in spring (before field season begins):

Module 1: Why become a Master Melittologist

Module 2: Catching bees and preparing specimens

Module 3: Entering and verifying records

Suggested to complete during summer:

Module 4: Surveying for wild bees

Suggested to complete in the fall and winter:

Module 5: Intro to taxonomy and curating your first collection of bees

Module 6: Bee Biology 101

To satisfy this requirement, module completion should be reported here.

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A variety of field training events are offered throughout the collection season (typically spring through fall). To learn about these events, including how to sign up, see the Calendar of Events in



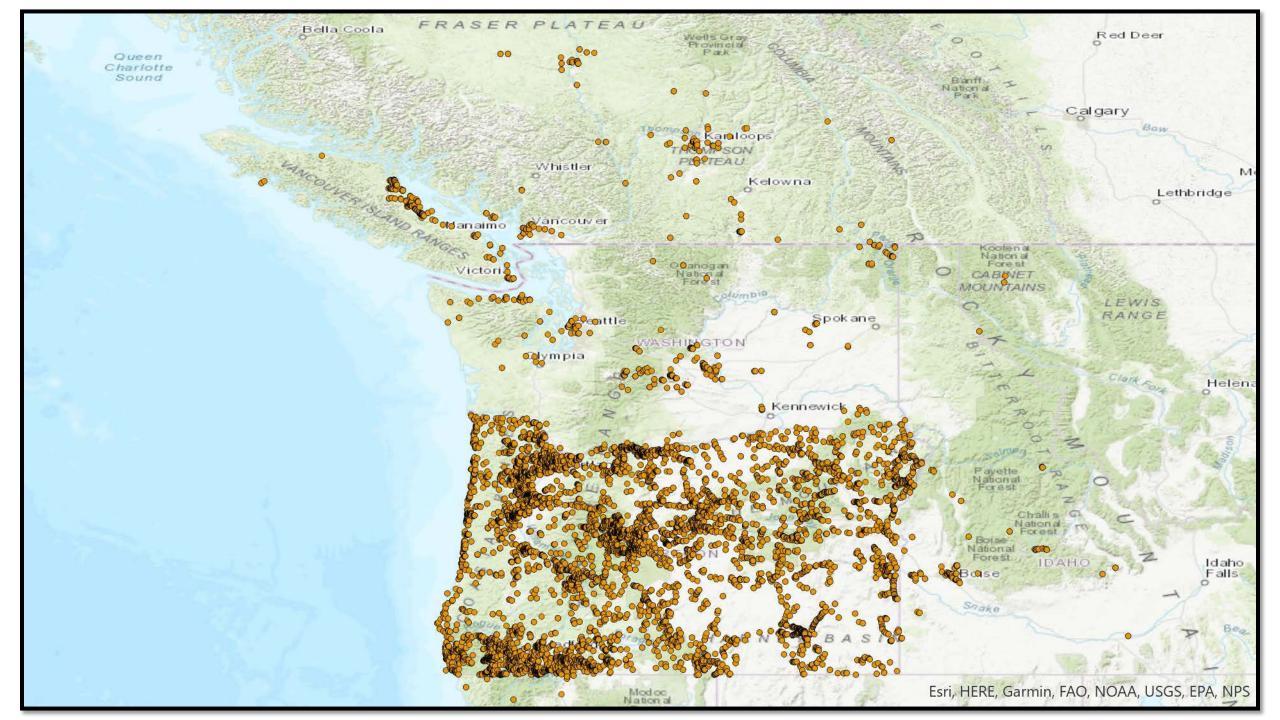






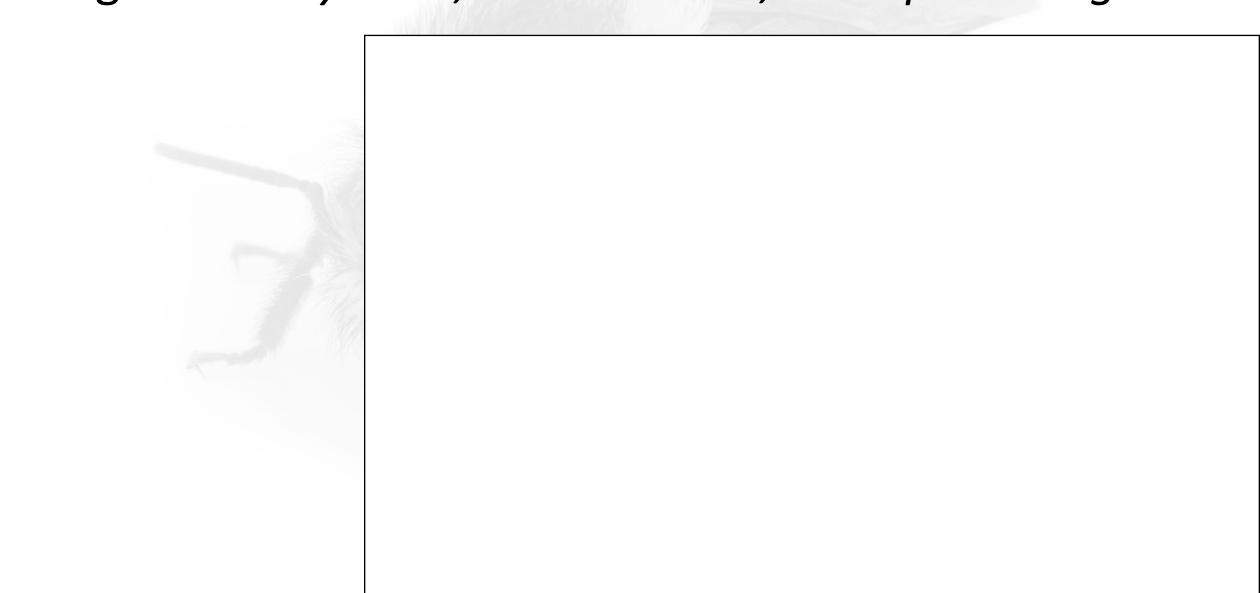






### What's next?

Keys to subgenera and species for Oregon Lasioglossum subgenera: Evylaeus, Hemihalictus, and Sphecodogastra





#### Many thanks...

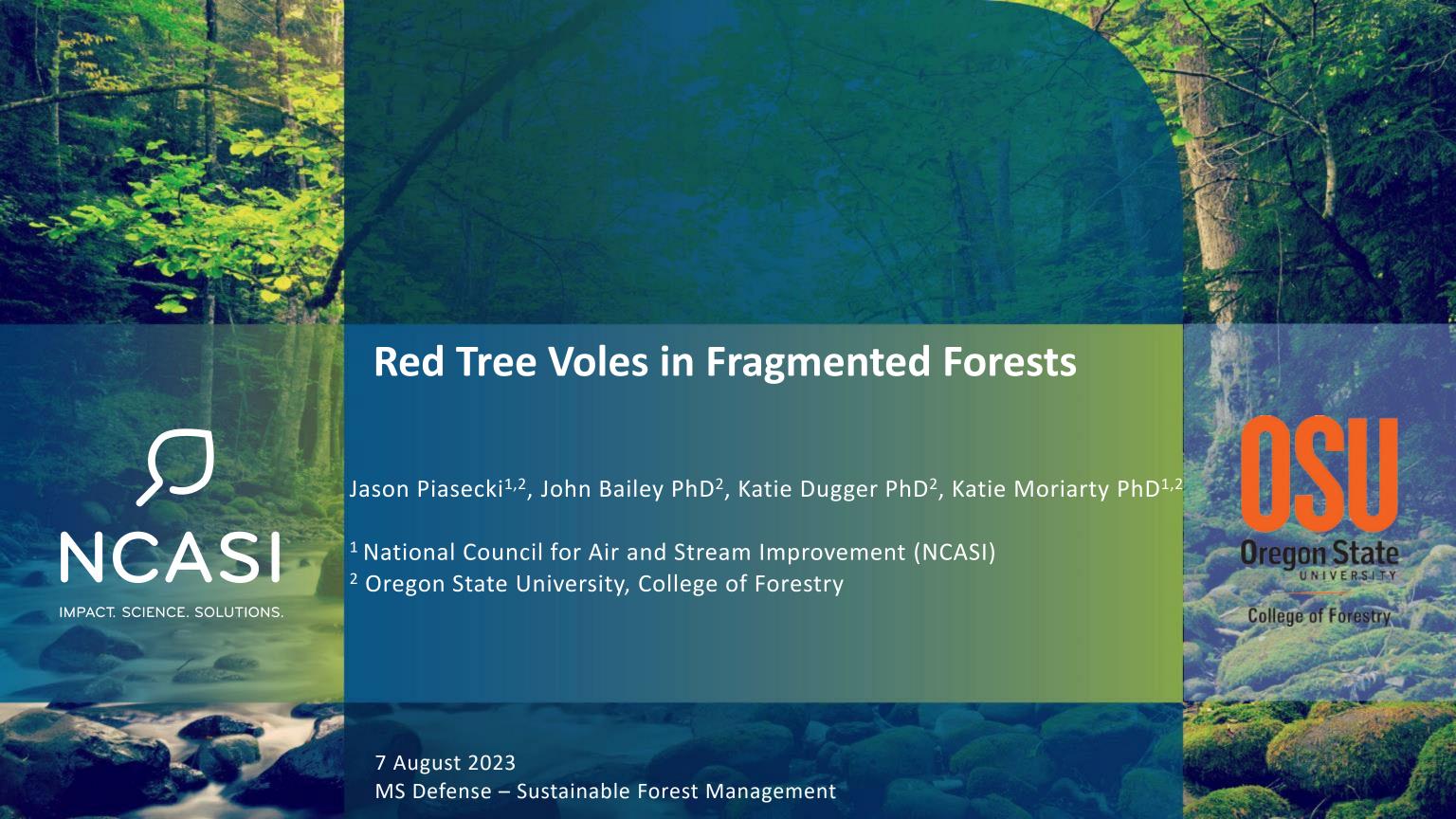
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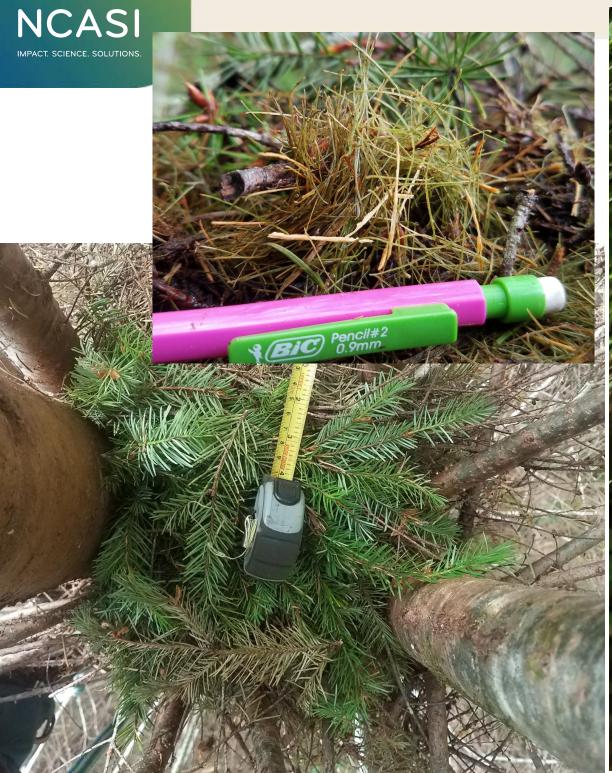
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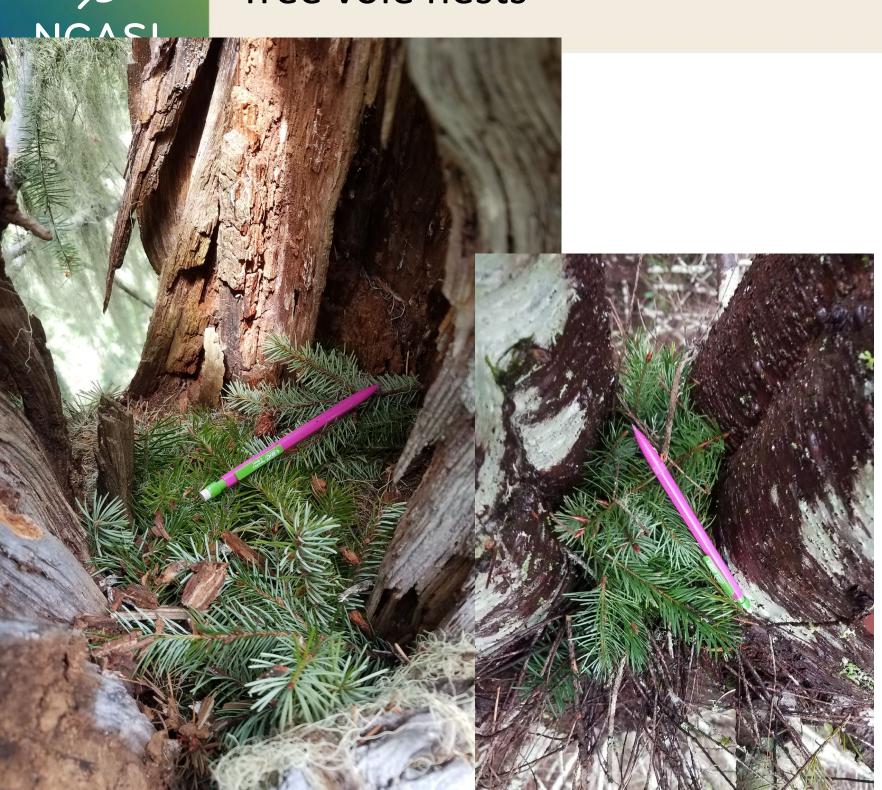
Red tree vole (*Arborimus longicaudus*)











- Construct nests in live crown
- Spend most of their time in nests
  - Reproduction and rearing young
  - Cover and concealment from predators
  - Sleeping/resting
- Often supported by tree structures (e.g. cavities, split trunks)
- Indicator of tree vole population dynamics





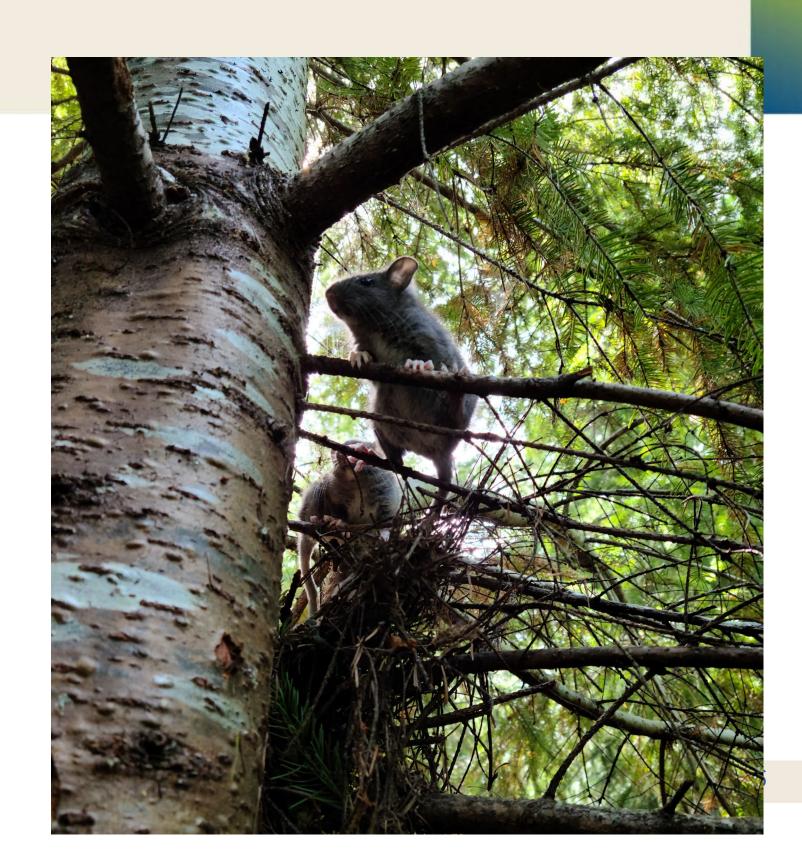


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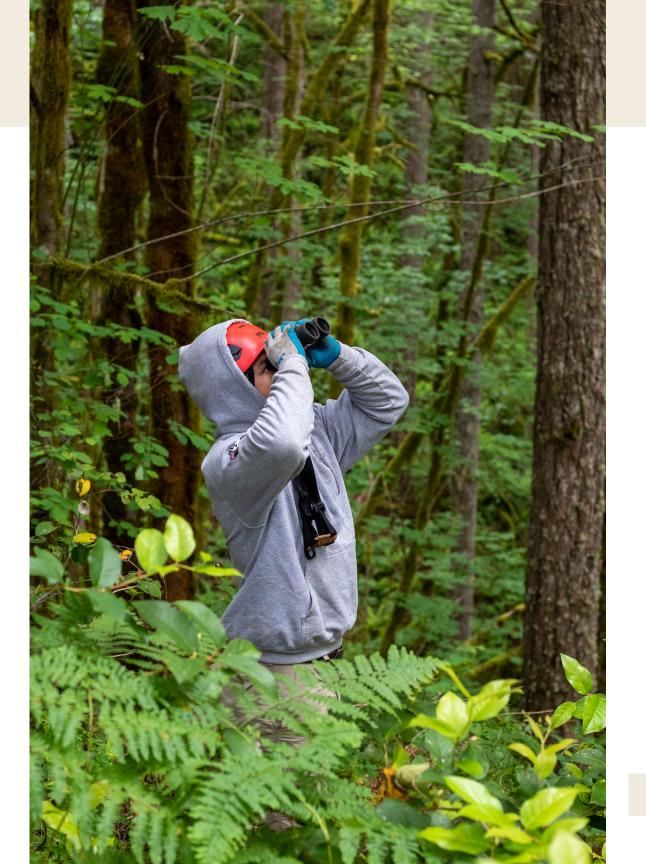


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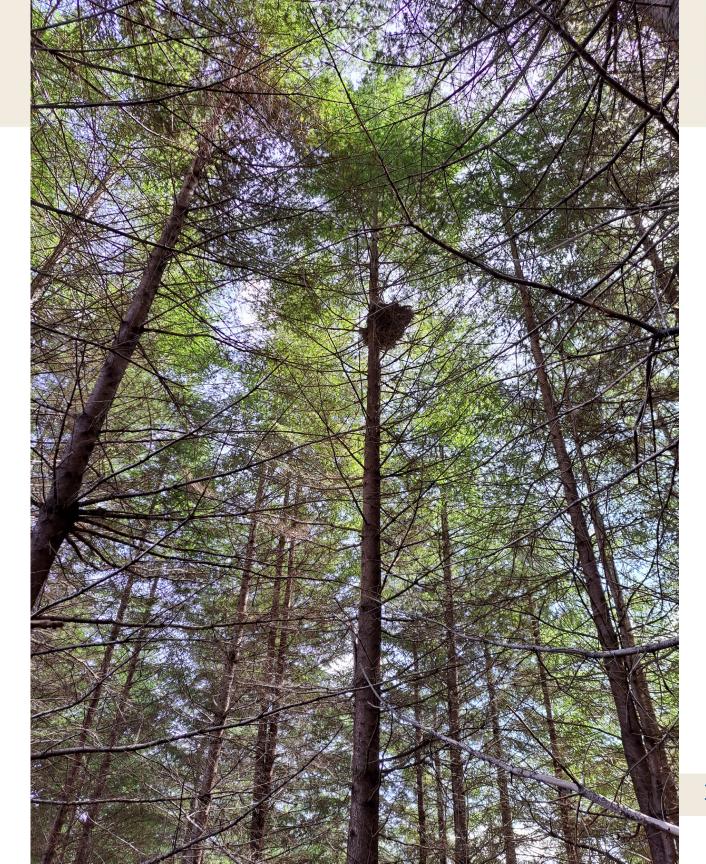


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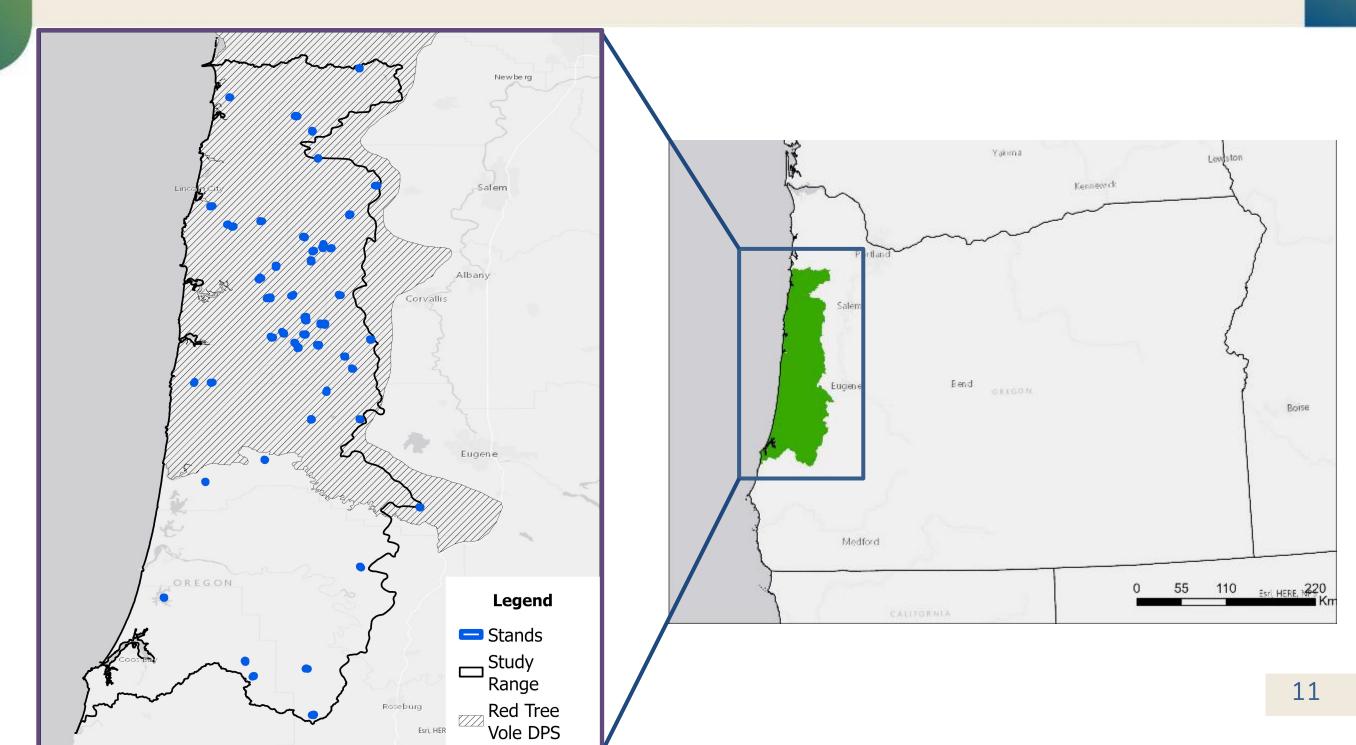


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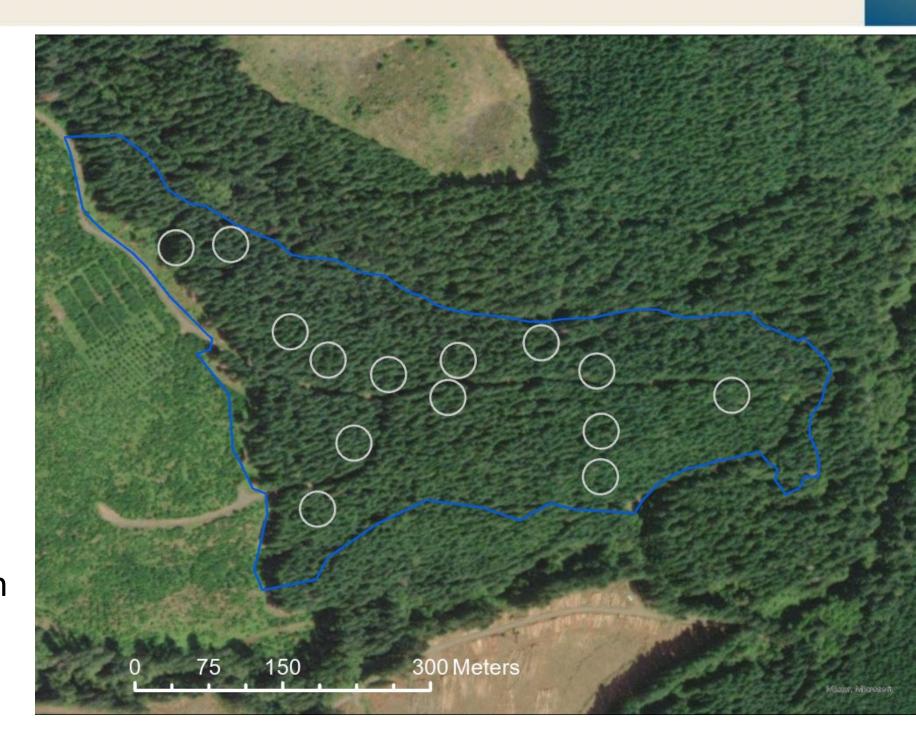
### Project Study Range





### Stand selection

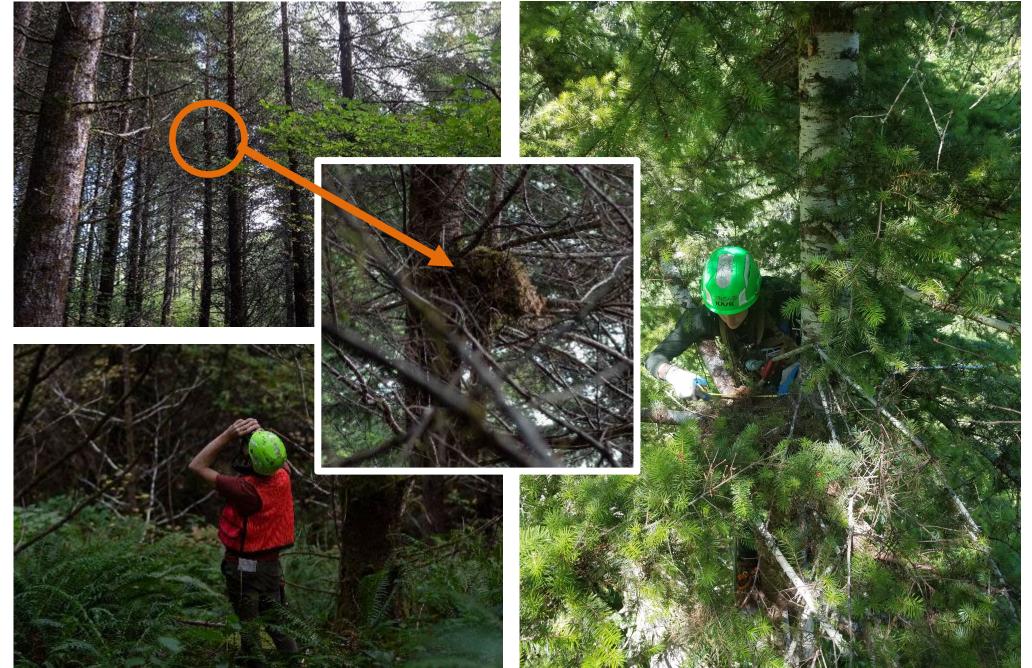
- Collaboration!
  - Federal (USFS, BLM)
  - State (ODF)
  - Private (Weyerhaeuser, Manulife, Starker, Hampton, Lone Rock)
- Age classes 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-79, >80
- Distance from old forest 0-5000m
- Random 1km² plots (1/ha)







### Surveying for nests in young forests



- Ground based search
- All nests in live crown climbed
- Cameras installed to confirm tree vole occupancy

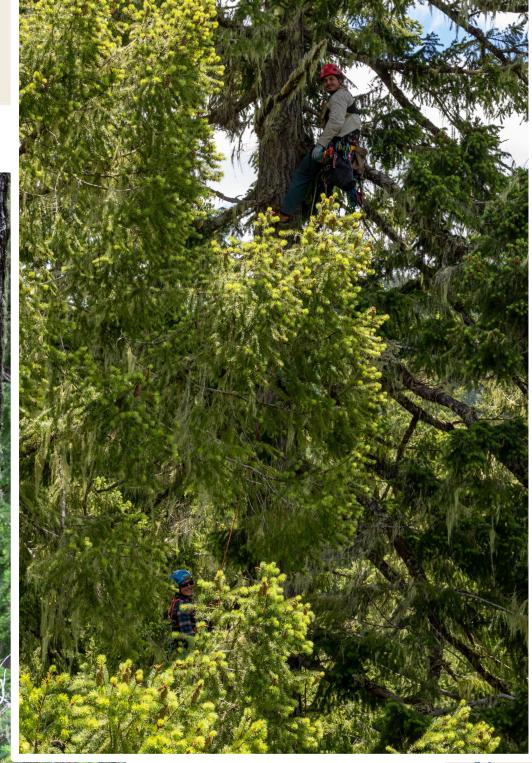




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Resin ducts



Douglas-fir cuttings



### **Project Summary**

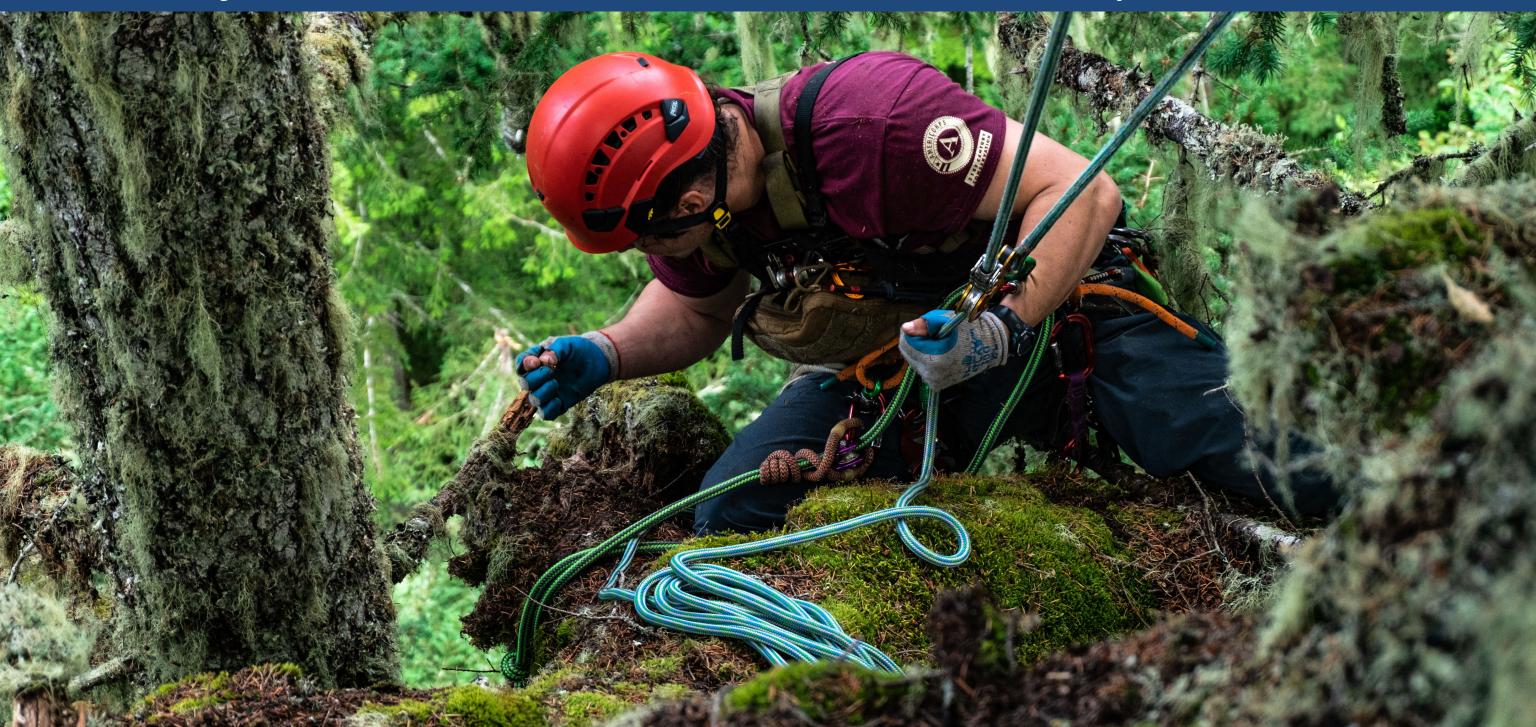
2019 to 2022 (22 months total)

- 63 stands surveyed (153 surveys)
- 6179 trees surveyed
- 1044 individual nests climbed
- 2048 nest survey points over study





### Objective 1: Arboreal and tree vole nest persistence





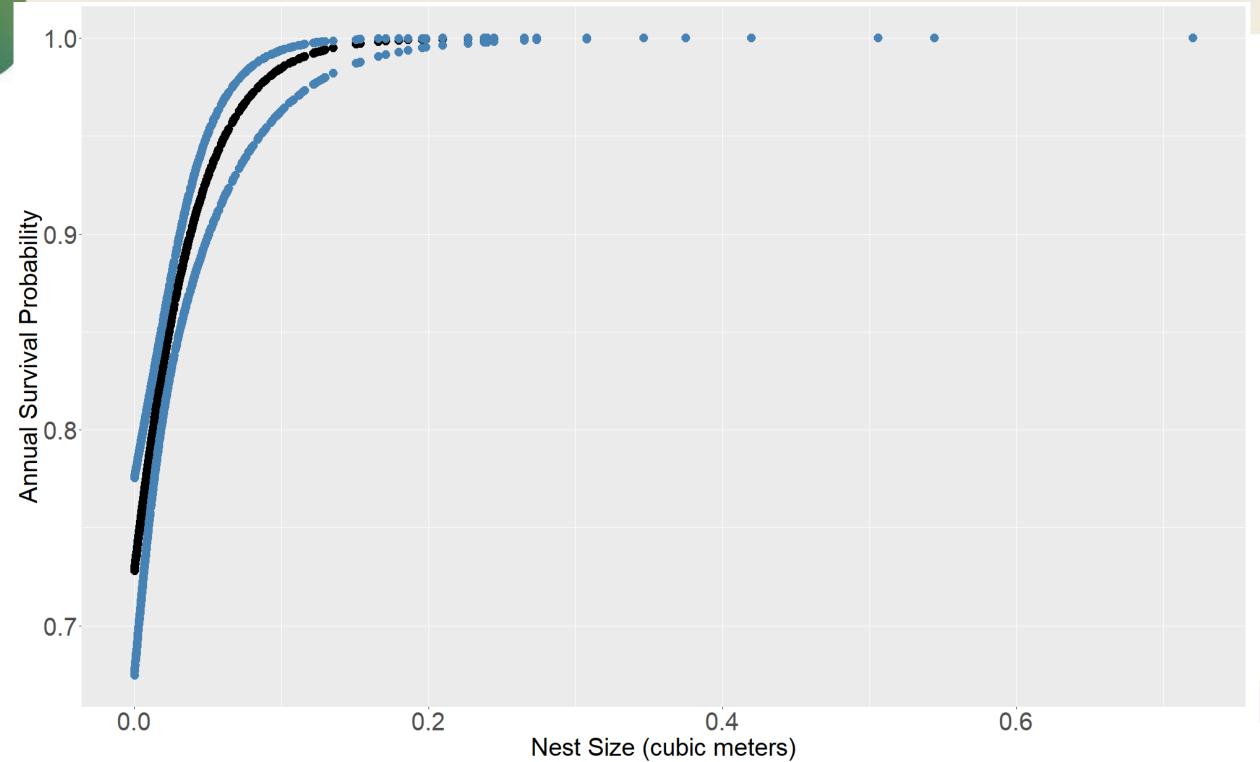
### Arboreal nest persistence and red tree voles



- Longevity of nests on the landscape
- Nest platform availability
- Limited nest space in young forest (Linnell et al. 2018)

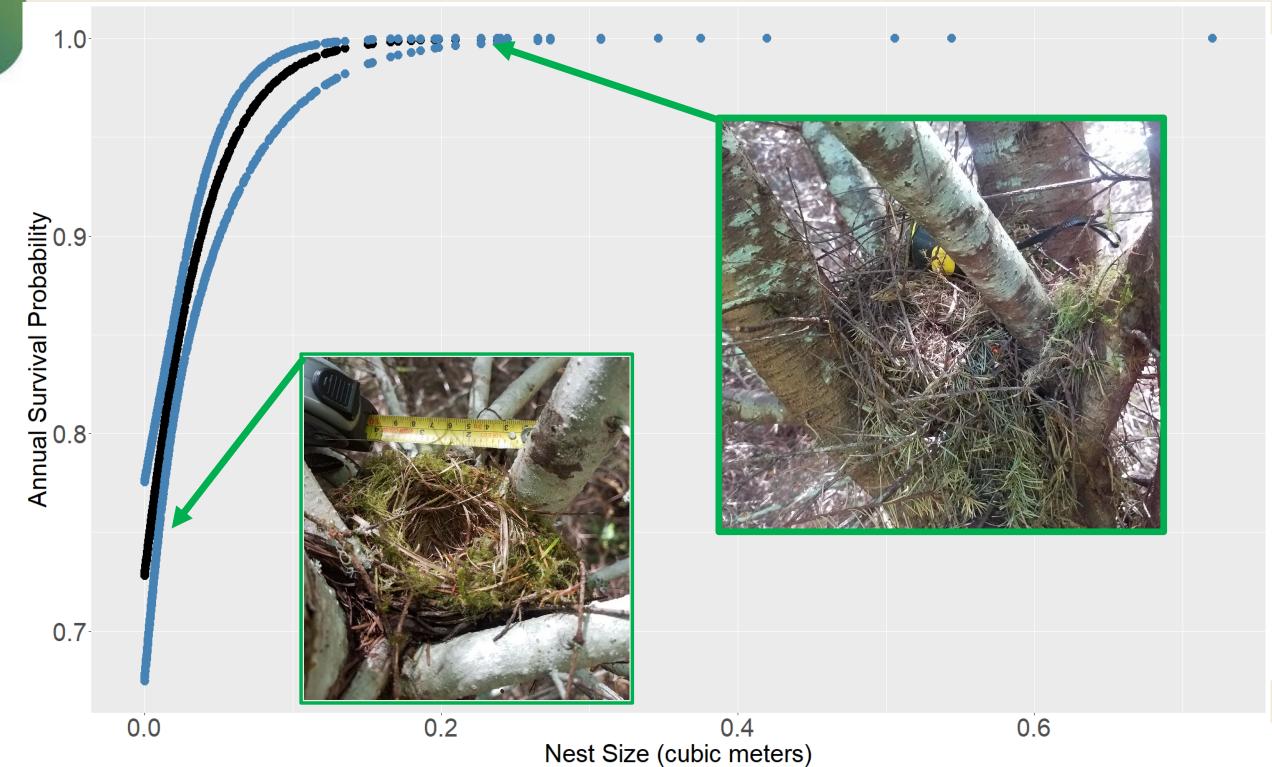
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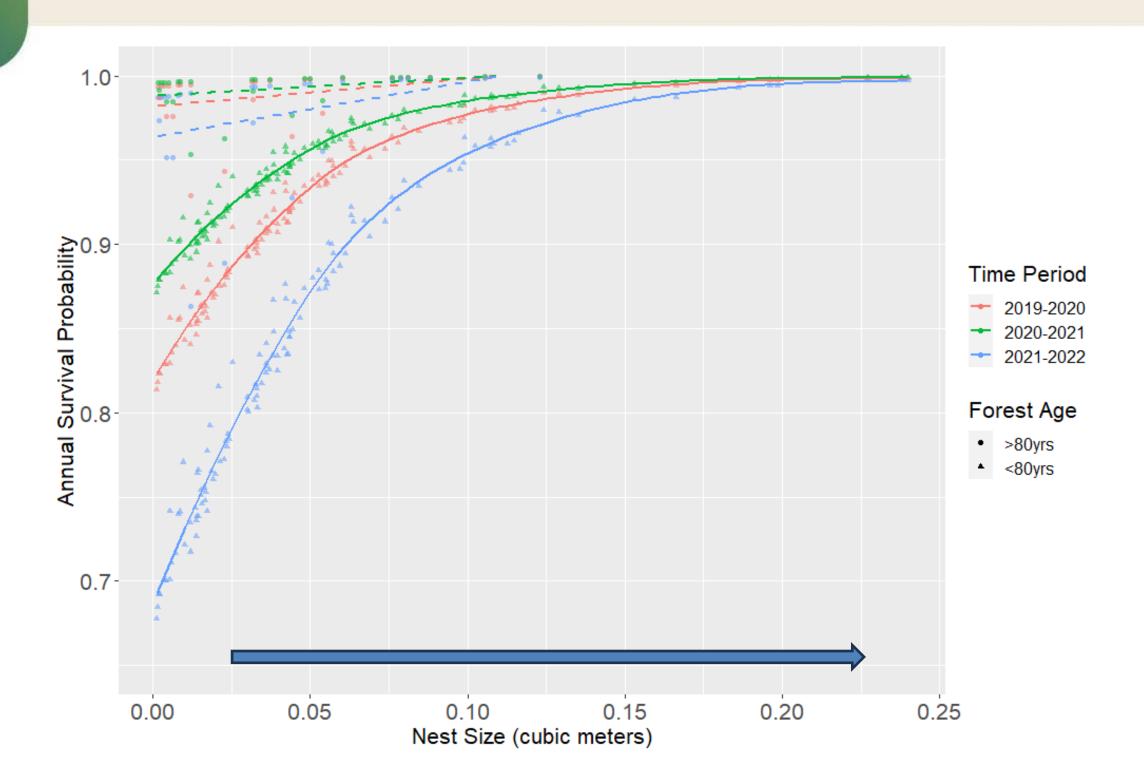
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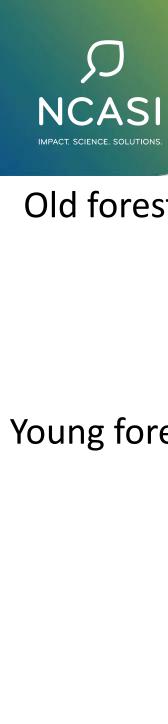


Nest Size (cubic meters)

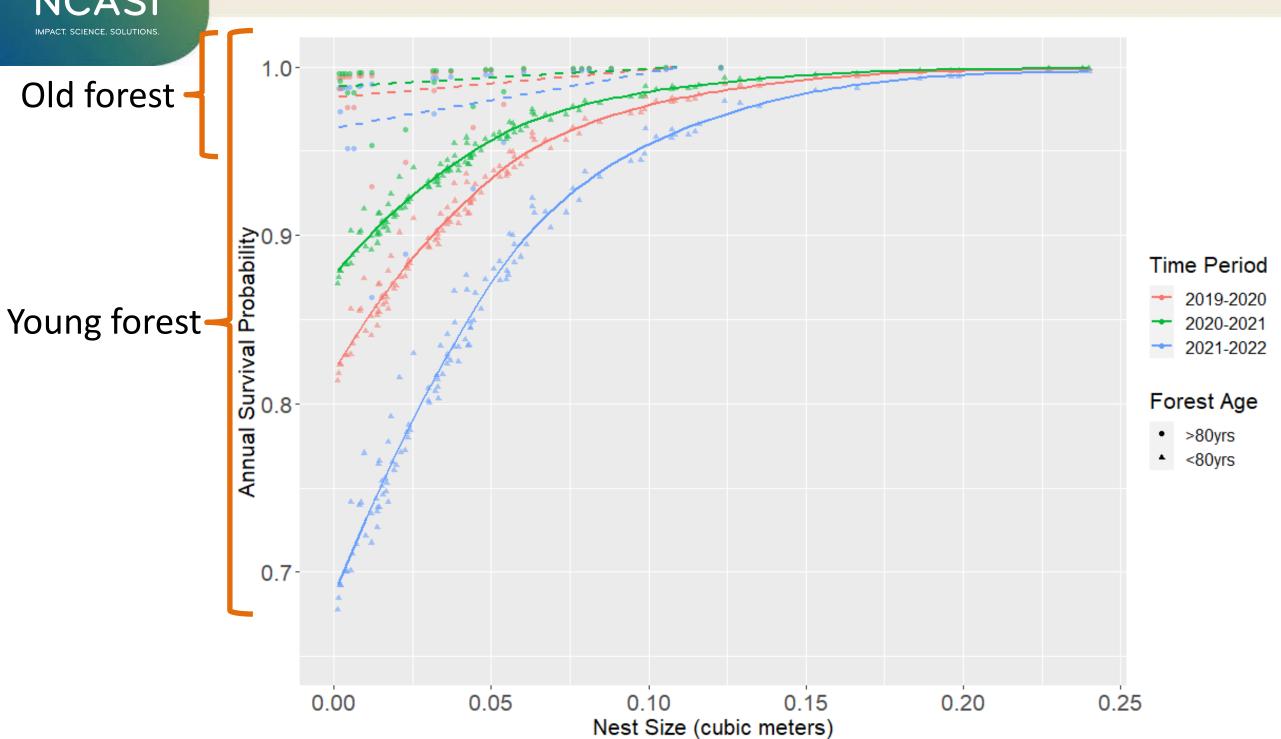


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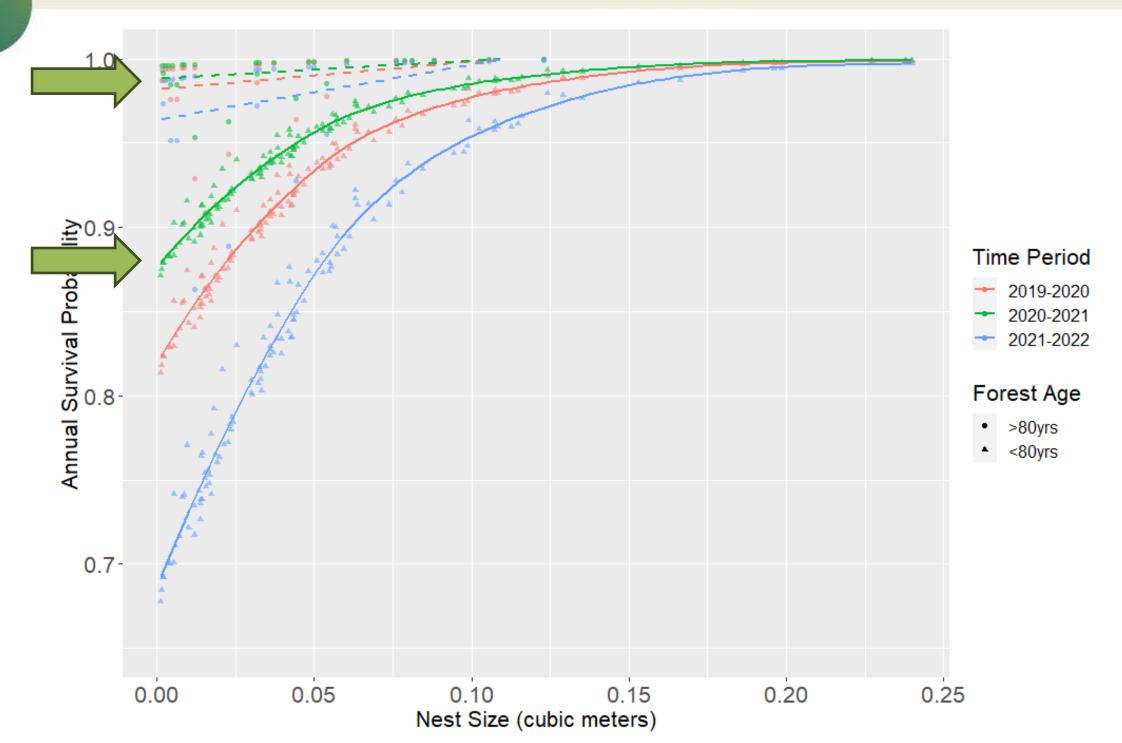


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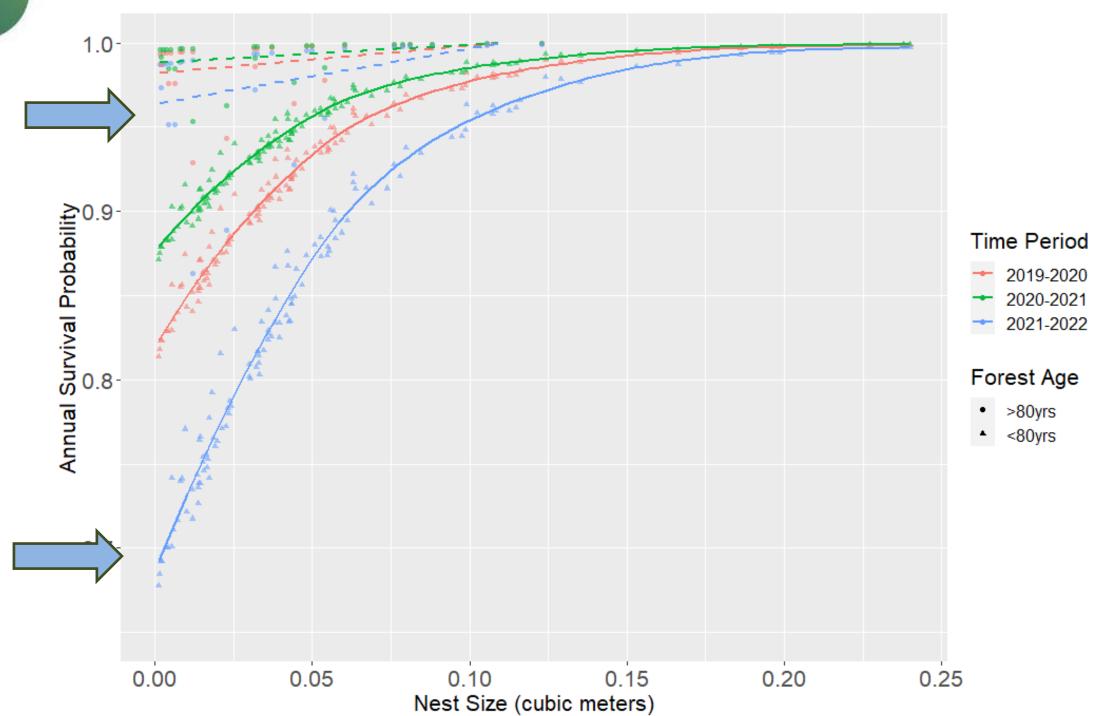


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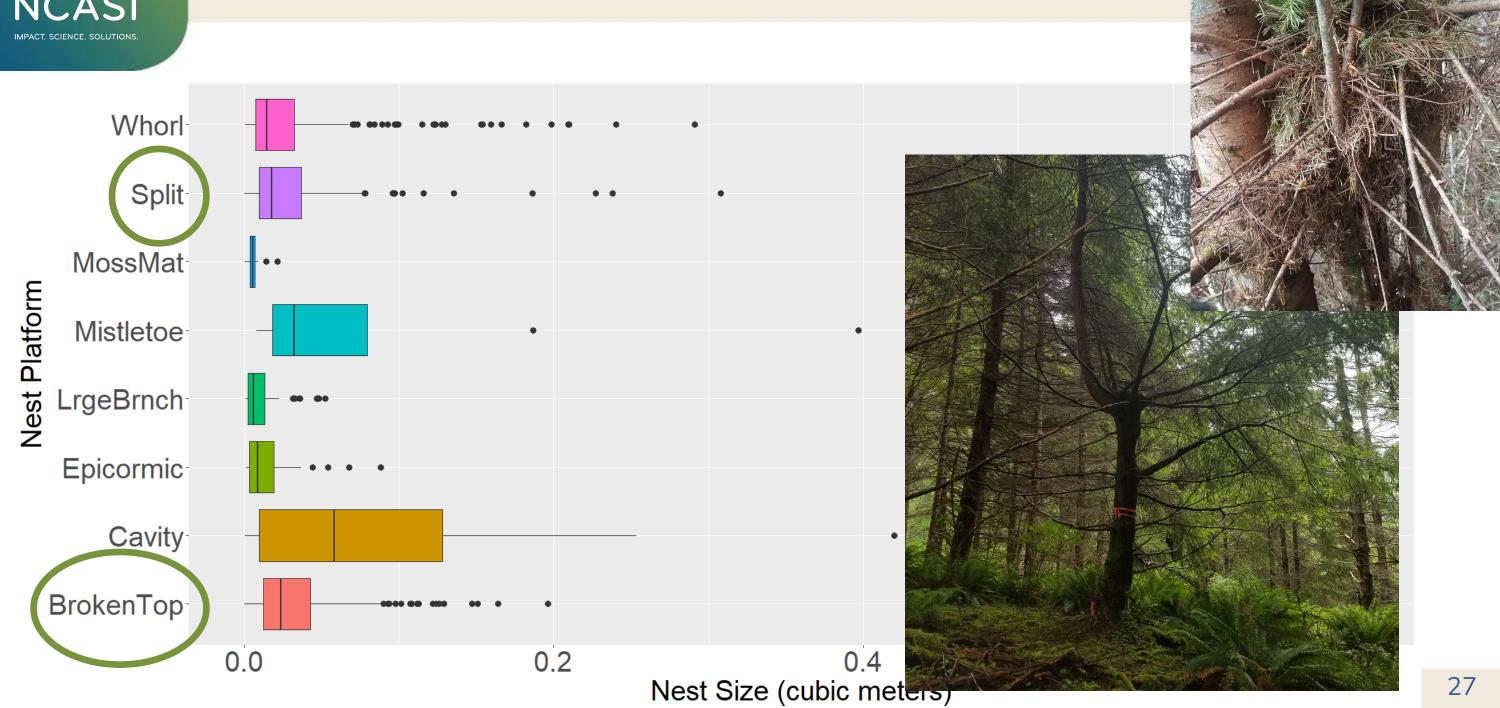


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### Supporting large nests in young forests



# Objective 2: Nest Construction and Use by Other Species





### Tree vole nest tree selection

### Young forest structures per tree

Random sample

0.24

Nest trees

0.81

ANOVA p < 0.05

Old forest structures per tree

Random sample

3.4

Nest trees

5.57

ANOVA p < 0.05





### Nest construction and use by other arboreal species



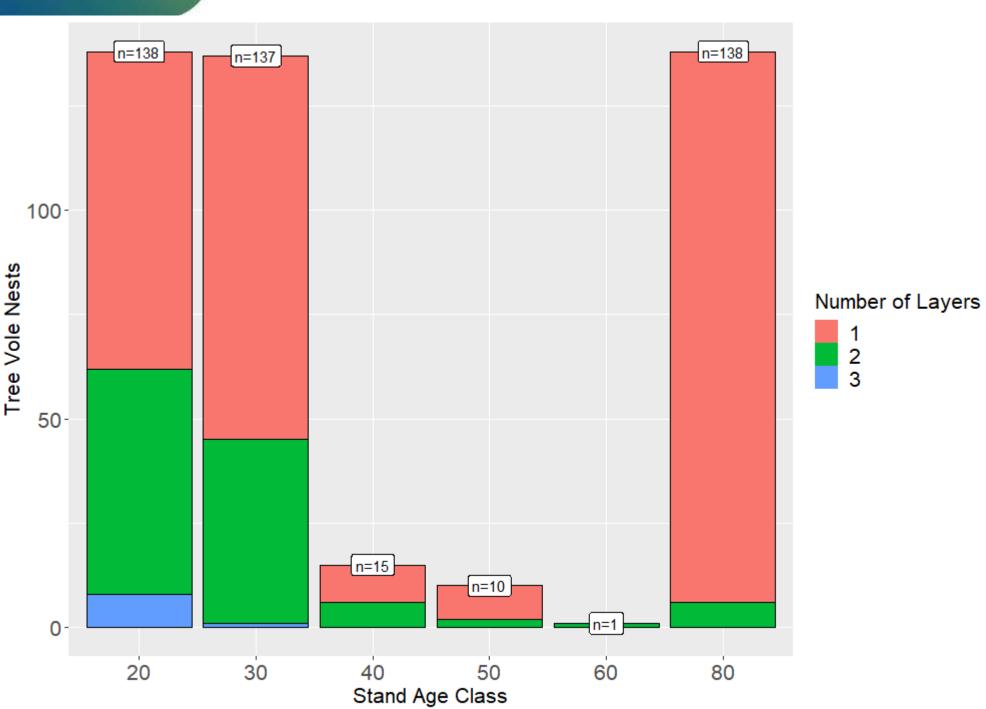
Bald eagle

Bushy-tailed woodrat





### Multi-layer tree vole nests







### Niche Overlap?

43% of tree vole nests originally constructed by Humboldt's flying squirrel

29% of tree vole nests recolonized by Humboldt's flying squirrel







## Objective 3: Arboreal Nest Detectability





### Known-fate Huggins p and c model (Program MARK)

18 stands

56 plots

n = 25 nests

Top model: p(.) (AICc weight = 32.9%)



Detection rates in young forest were not affected by stand age



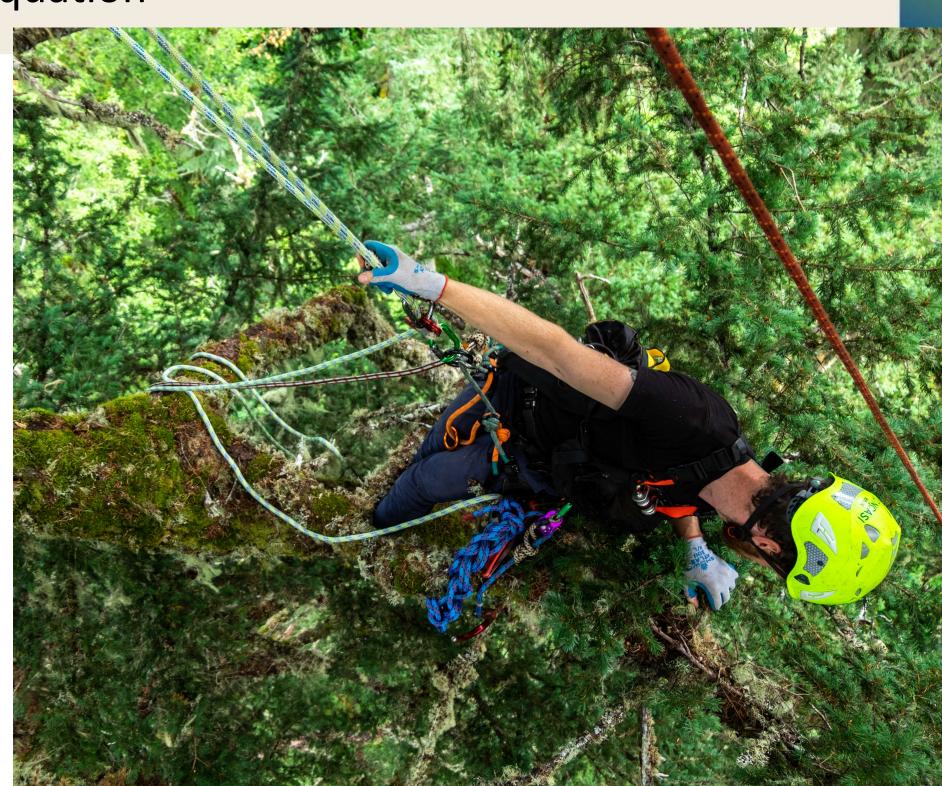
Detectability = 0.84, 95% CI (0.72, 0.96)



### Lincoln-Peterson Equation

3 stands
n = 9 plots
131 trees
35 nests

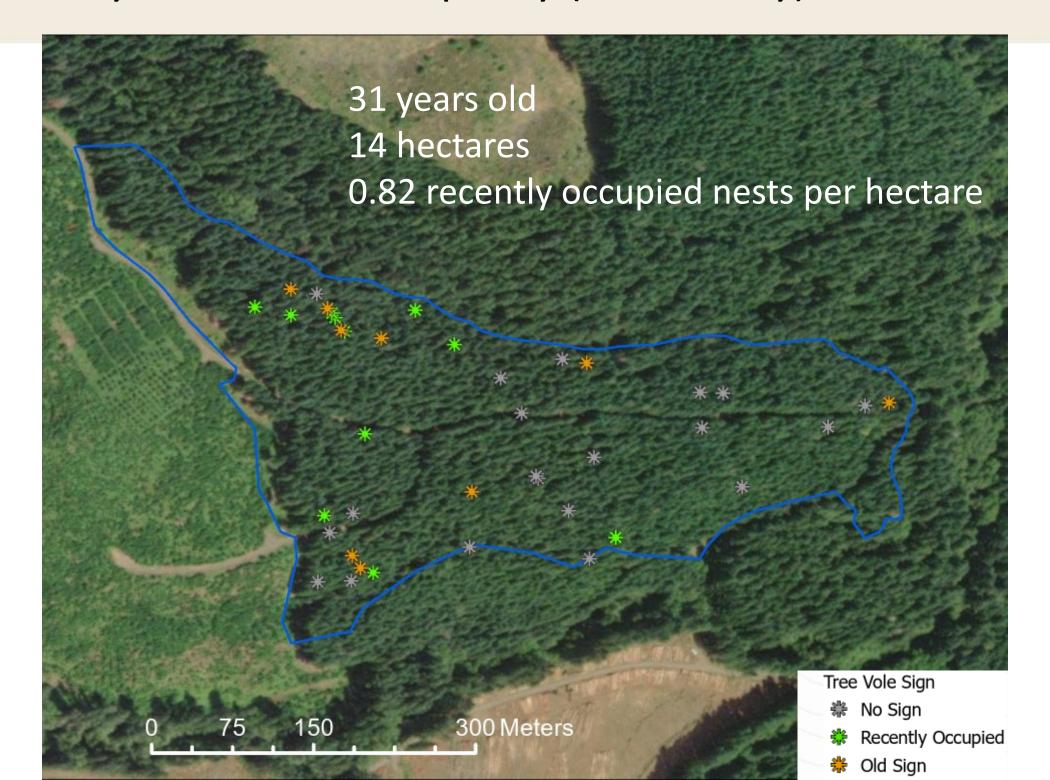
 $\bar{p}$  = 0.055 (95%CI 0.0, 0.12)



# Objective 4: Assessing Survey Effort

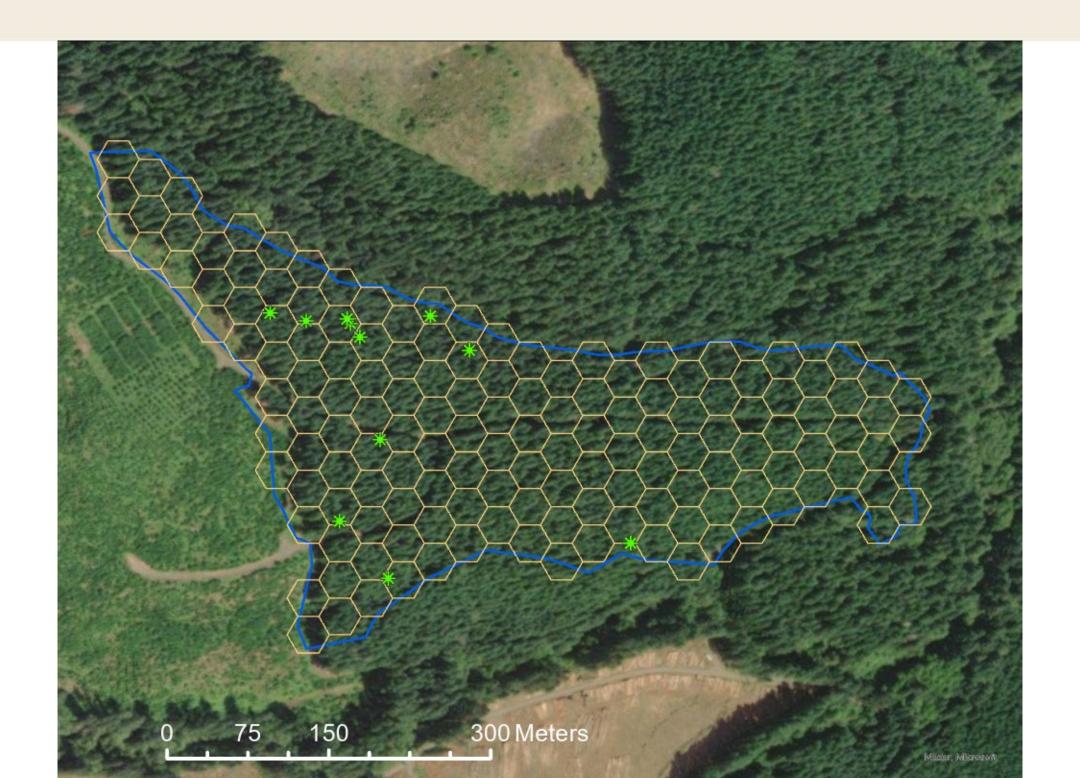


### Survey Effort and Occupancy (Case Study)



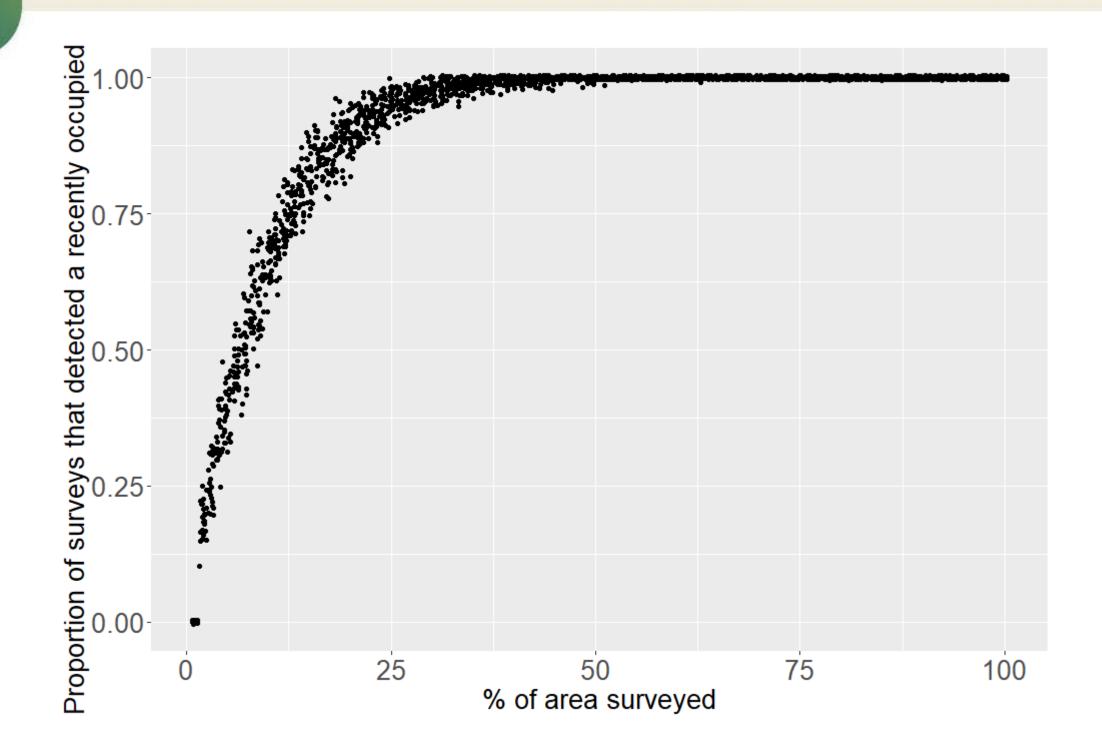


### Simulating plot-based surveys





### 250000 surveys, 2500 data points





### 38% Survey Effort – near 100% accurate



### Objective 5: Estimating Stand Occupancy





### Single-season Occupancy Model (MacKenzie et al. 2002)

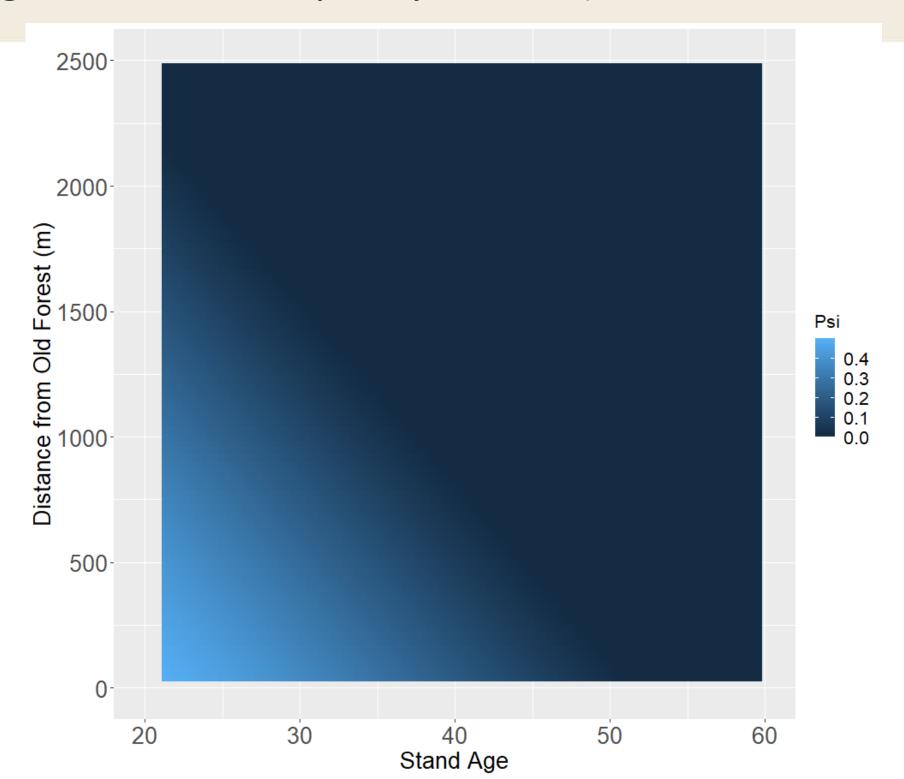
- 2022 field season
- 48 young forest stands
- Covariates: Stand age and distance from old forest

Top model:  $\psi(stand\ age + distanceOF)\ p(.)$ AICc weight (39.7%)

Adjusted ψ for bias introduced by 'space for time' approach 0.3 Root mean square error (Guillera-Arroita 2011)



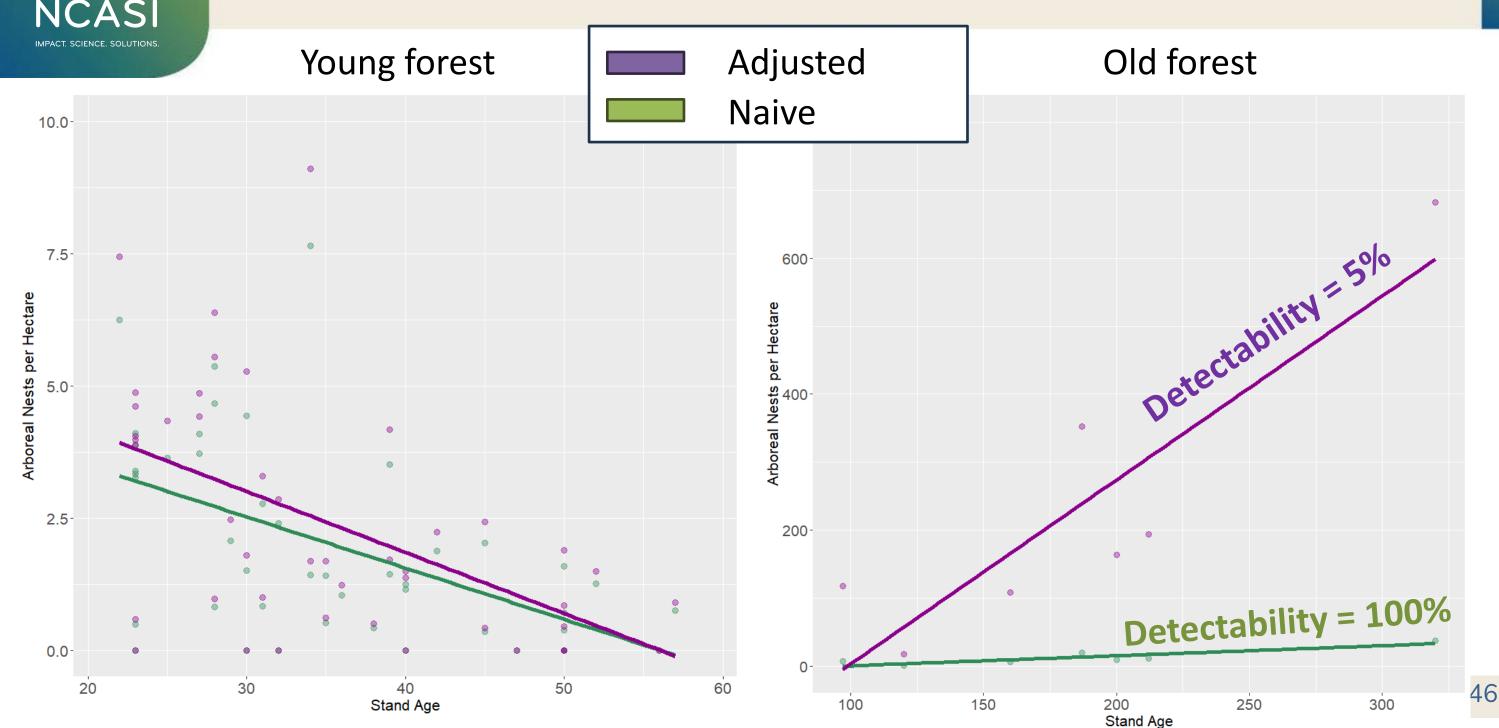
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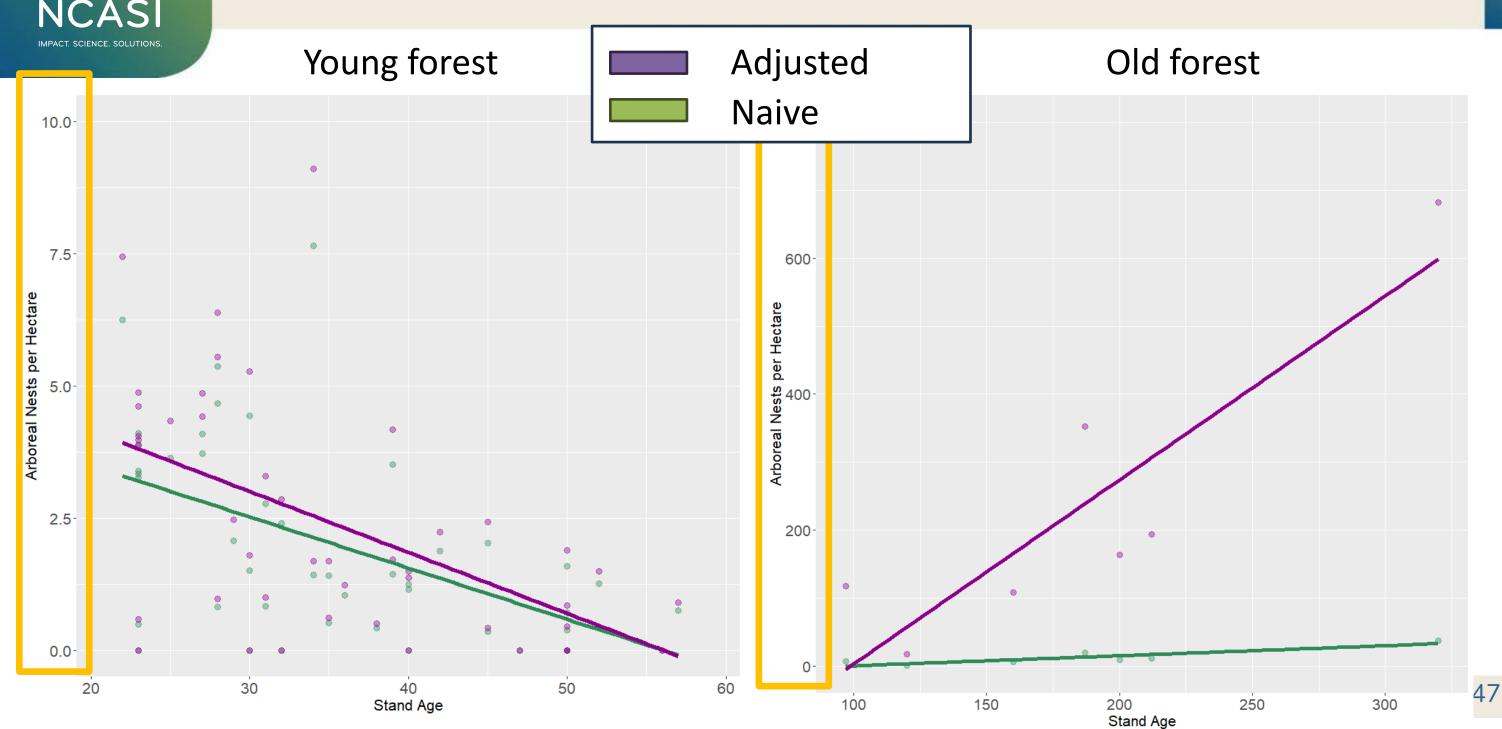
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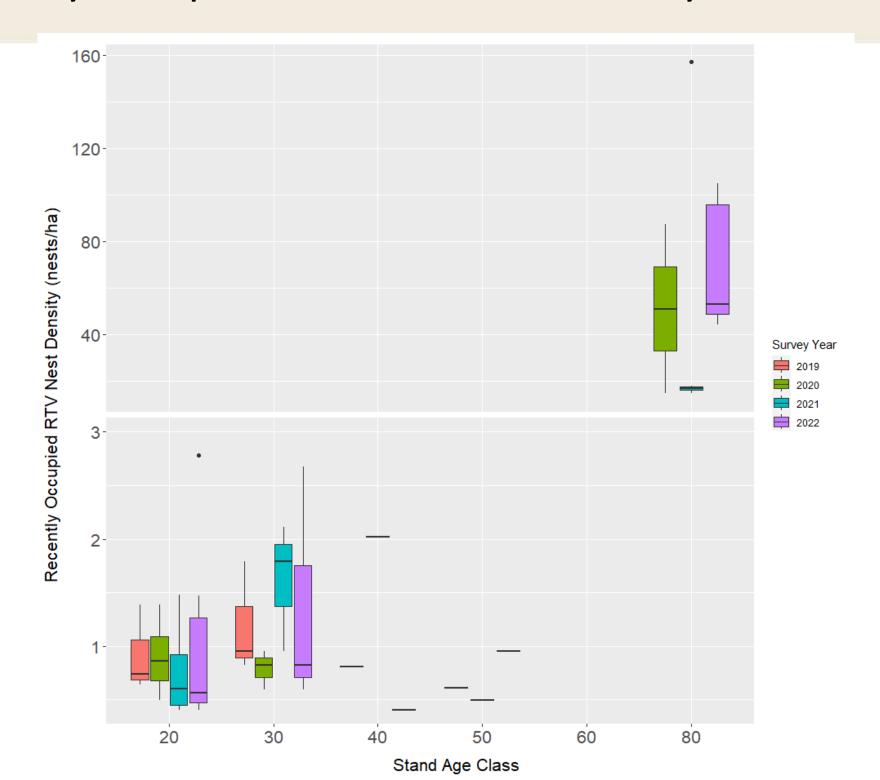


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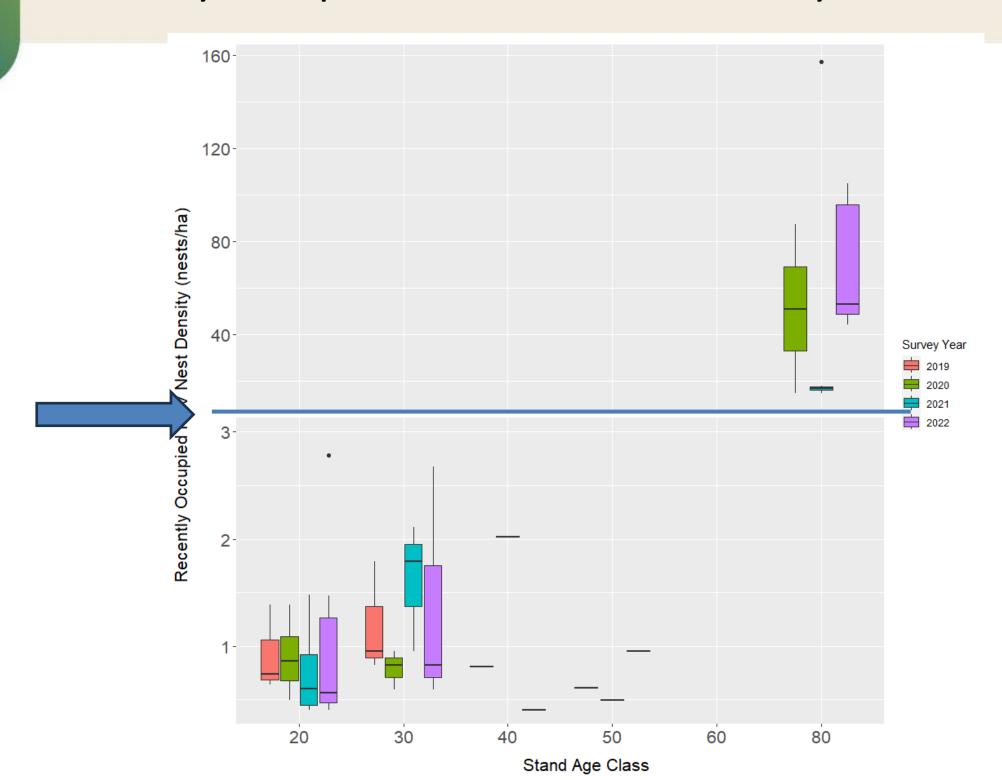


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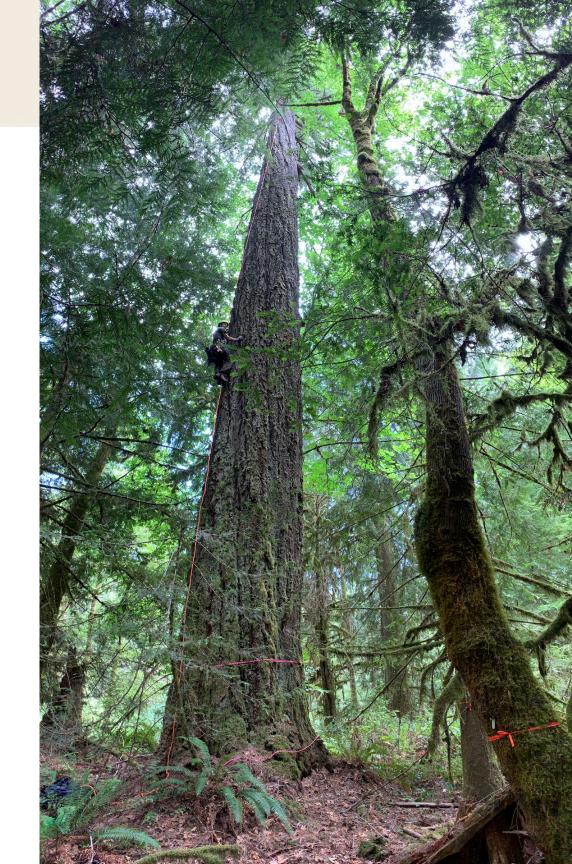
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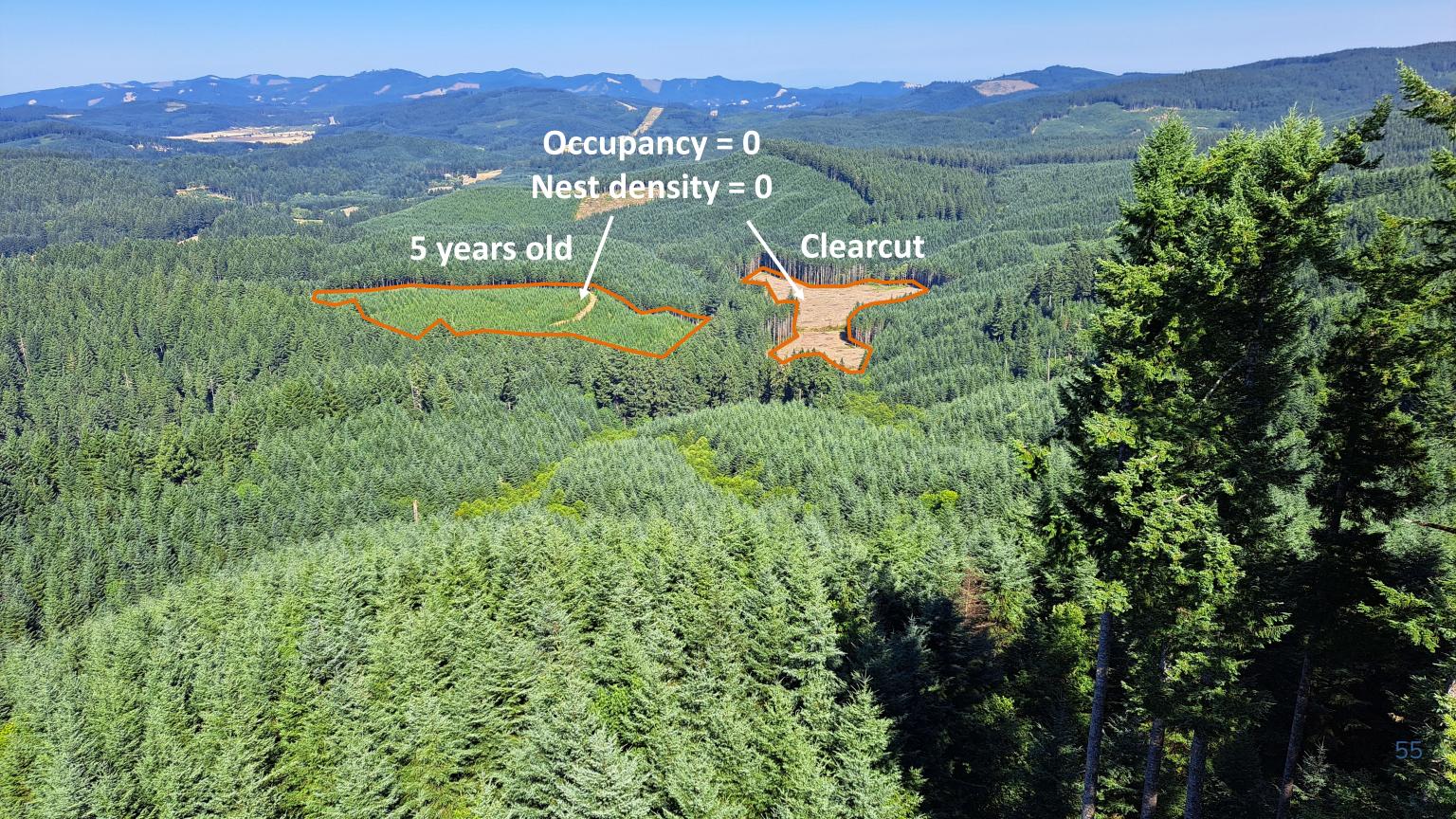


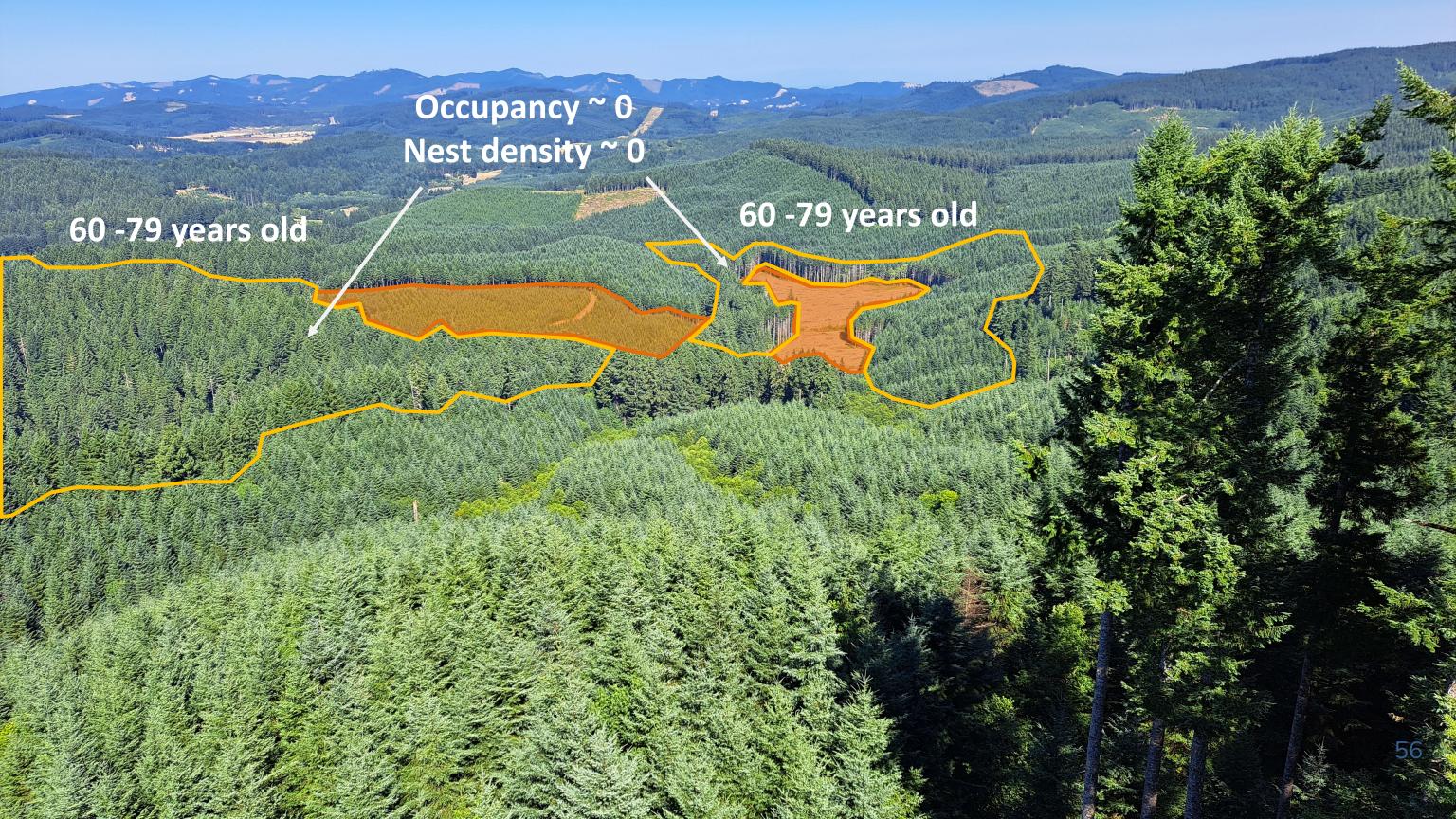
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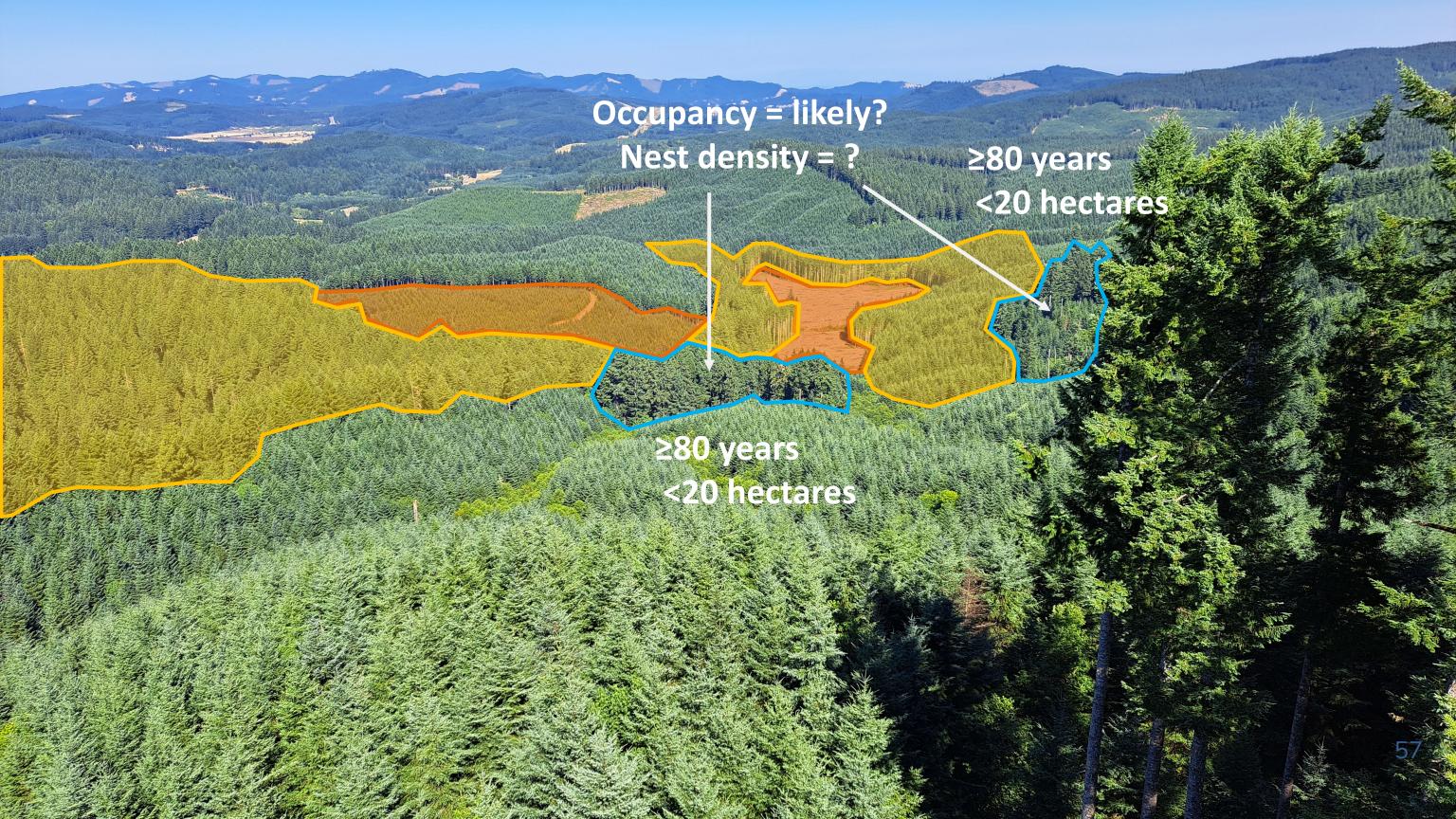
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  - Facilitate movement
  - Support large nests

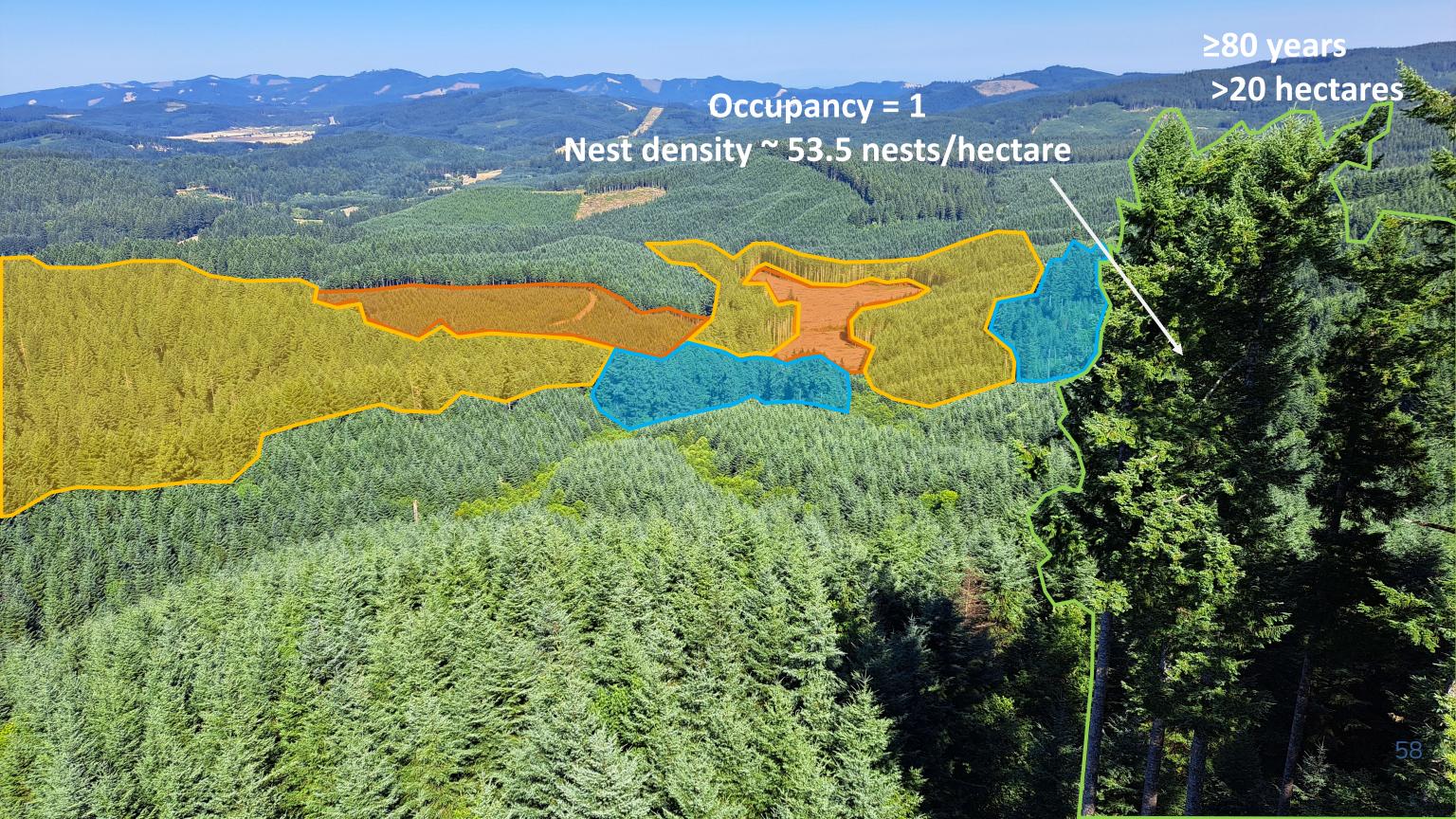


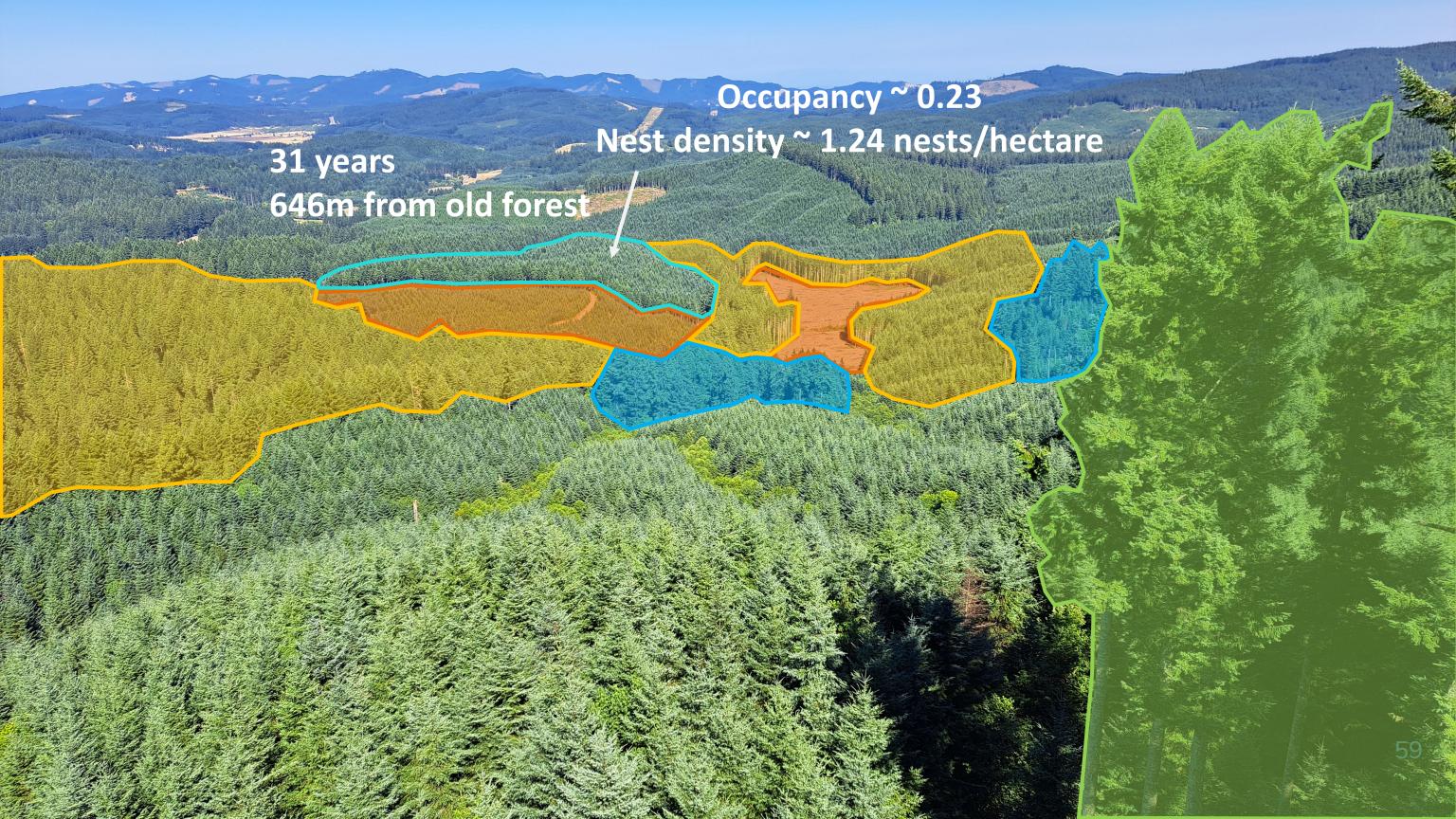


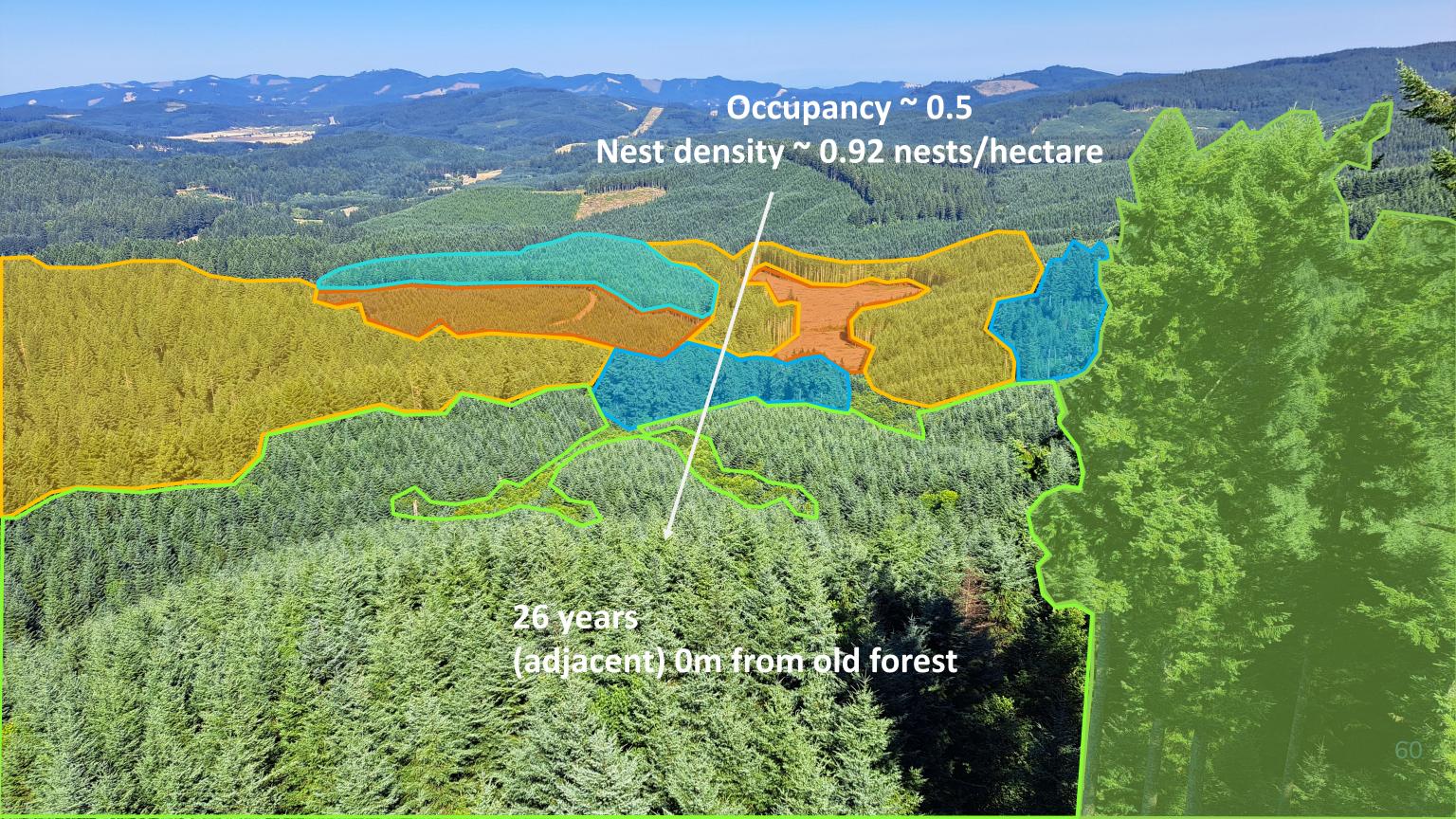


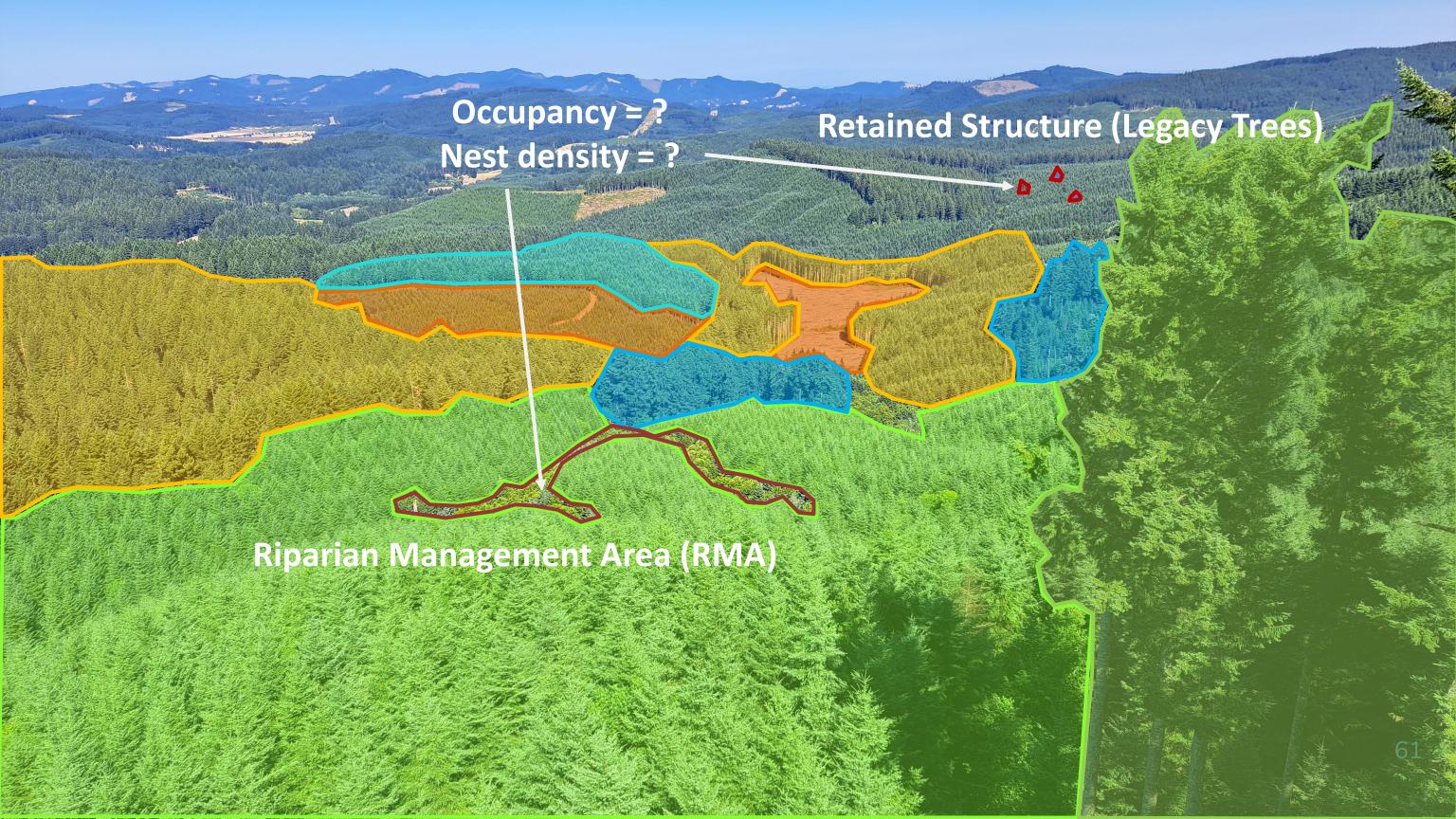








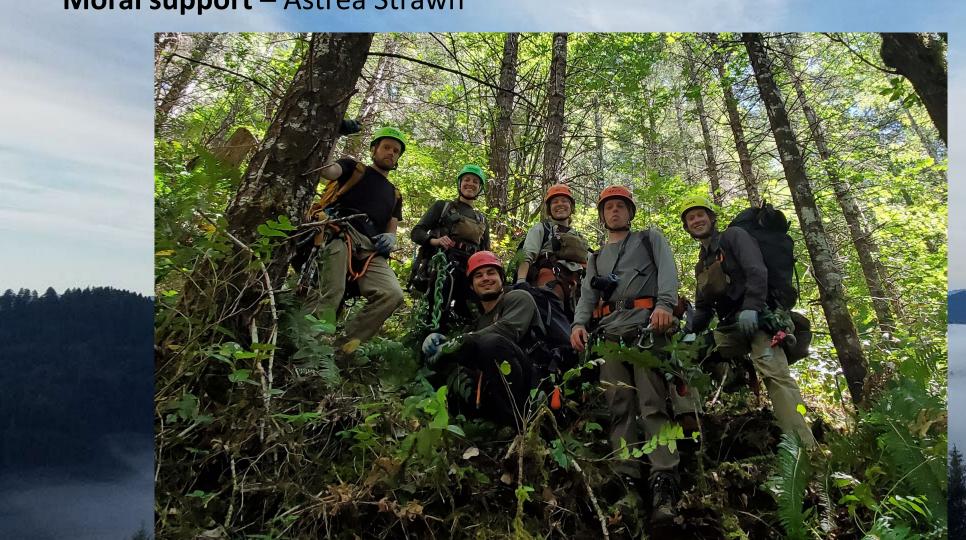




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# Where is it the Most Effective to Restore Streams? Salmon Habitat Restoration using Large Wood: Linking Stream Geomorphic Change and Restoration Effectiveness

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#### Background

- LW restoration efforts are increasingly popular due to the numerous ecosystem services provided
  - Improve stream hydraulics during winter flow conditions
  - Create habitat heterogeneity through sediment fluxes
  - Have lasting impacts on the aquatic biota
- Knowledge gap on cumulative benefits experienced instream at an increased time scale

Name of Ecosystem Service	The Presence of LW Enable/Enhance
Increased channel heterogeneity	Channel heterogeneity by amount and orientation of LW
Specific habitat creation	Creation of unique habitat
Channel sediment flux	Controls sediment flux and accumulation
Erosion control	Control of possible river reach erosion.
Invertebrates	A habitat for population of invertebrates
Flood regulation	Flood risk and regulation
Organic matter input	An input of organic matter (e.g., DOM)
Water quality	A quality of flowing water
Carbon sequestration	To study a carbon sequestration
Fish provisioning	A habitat for fish population
Educational	Possibility to study and train knowledge
Recreation	Possibility to enjoy free time
Aesthetics	Experience of beauty of the environment

Poledniková, Z., Galia, T., 2021. Ecosystem Services of Large Wood: Mapping the Research Gap. Water 13, 2594. https://doi.org/10.3390/w13182594

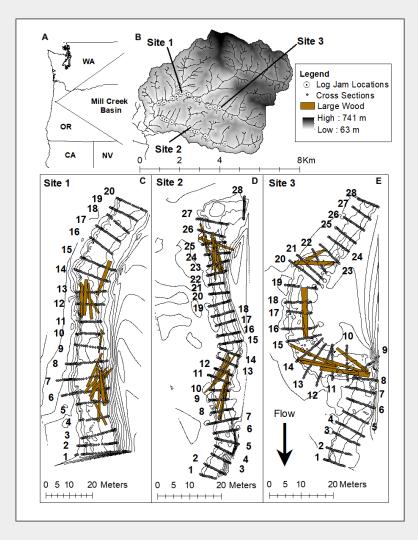
#### Research Objectives

- 1. Assess the stability/resilience of the stream **hydraulics**
- 2. Investigate the changes in the **geomorphology**
- 3. Assess the stability of <u>LW</u> structures
- 4. Investigate the **fish** response



#### Mill Creek Basin

- Weyerhaeuser Timberland in Oregon Coast Range
- Perennial and fish bearing
  - ODFW monitoring since 1997
- Entire basin restored with 63 large wood (LW) jams in 2015



#### Mill Creek Reaches

#### Site 1:

- DA: 16 km<sup>2</sup>
- Q<sub>Bankfull</sub>: 8.7 m<sup>3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>
- Low sinuosity
- 20 XS
- Volume<sub>I W</sub>: 198.2 m<sup>3</sup>
- Sandstone and basalt

#### Site 2:

- DA: 5 km<sup>2</sup>
- Q<sub>Bankfull</sub>: 2.4 m<sup>3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>
- Medium sinuosity
- 28 XS
- Volume<sub>I W</sub>: 72.9 m<sup>3</sup>
- 100% sandstone

#### Site 3:

- DA: 5 km<sup>2</sup>
- Q<sub>Bankfull</sub>: 2.5 m<sup>3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>
- High sinuosity
- 28 XS
- Volume<sub>I W</sub>: 108.6 m<sup>3</sup>
- Sandstone and basalt





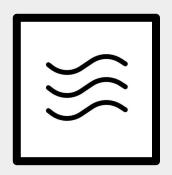




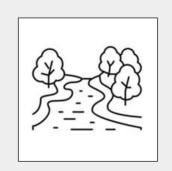




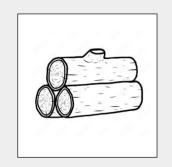
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Objective 2



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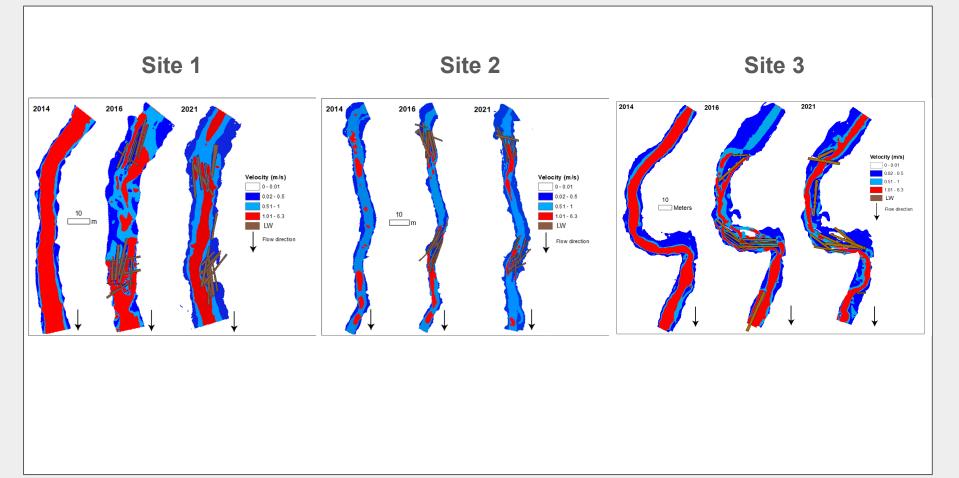
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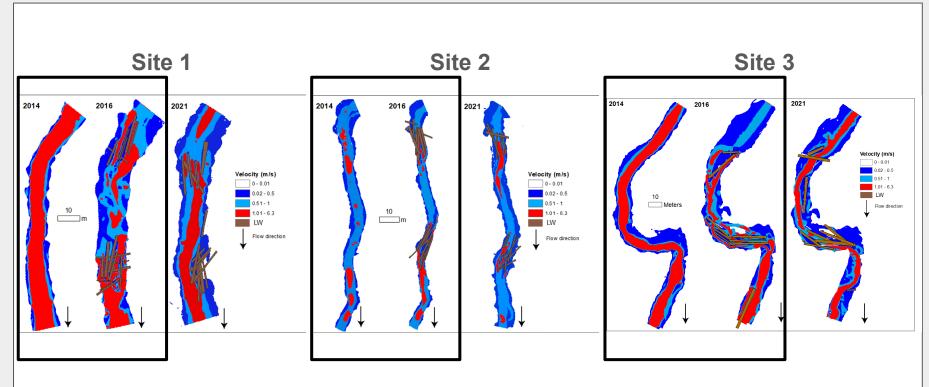
#### Field methods:

- Detailed topographic surveys of streambed and banks in 2014, 2016, and 2021 for model boundary
- Pebble counts for manning's roughness coefficients
- Stage-discharge rating curve at peak flow
- WSE at several flows for calibration

#### Analysis:

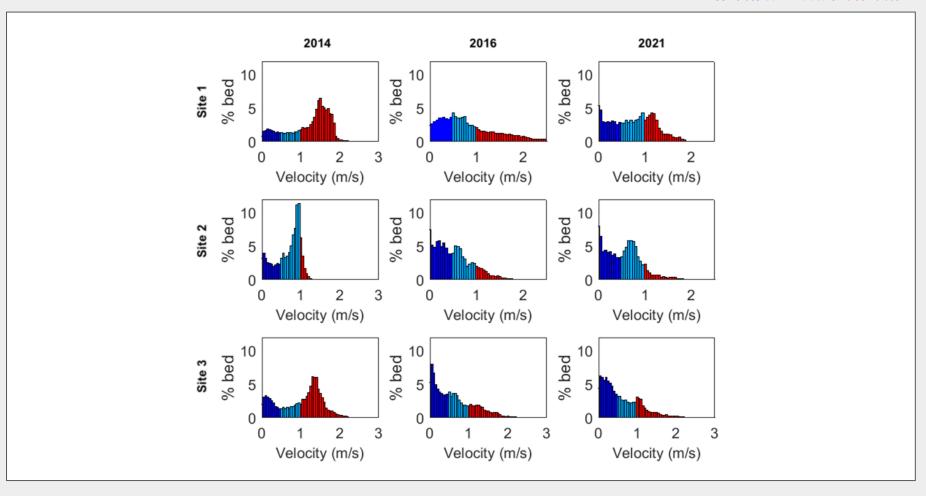
- iRIC Nays2DH (2-dimensional, quasi-steady hydraulic model)
- Thresholds of habitat velocities considering juvenile coho salmon limitation:
  - Desirable velocity (0.02 0.5 m/s)
  - Survivable velocity (0.51 1.0 m/s)
  - Undesirable velocity (1.01 6.3 m/s)

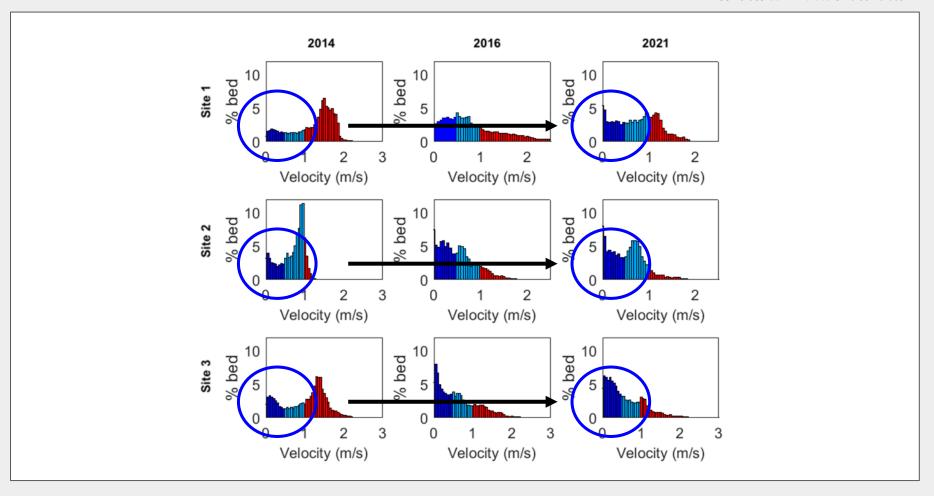


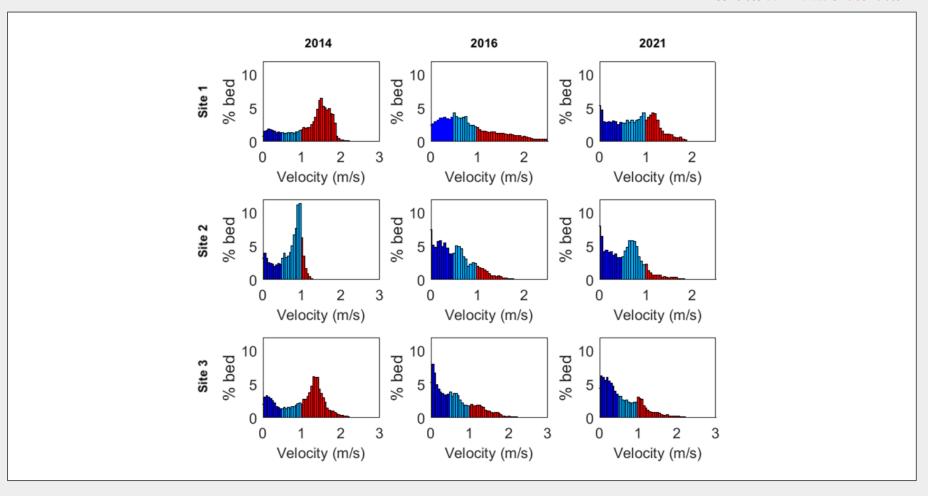


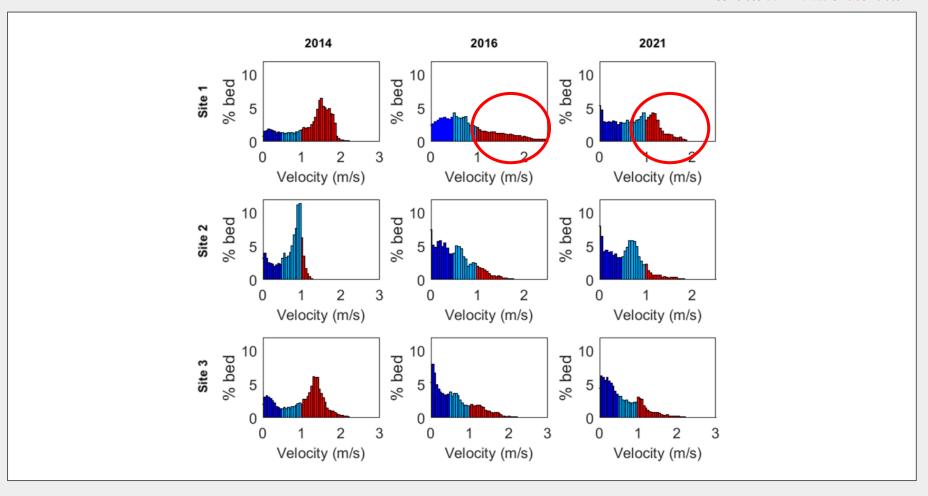
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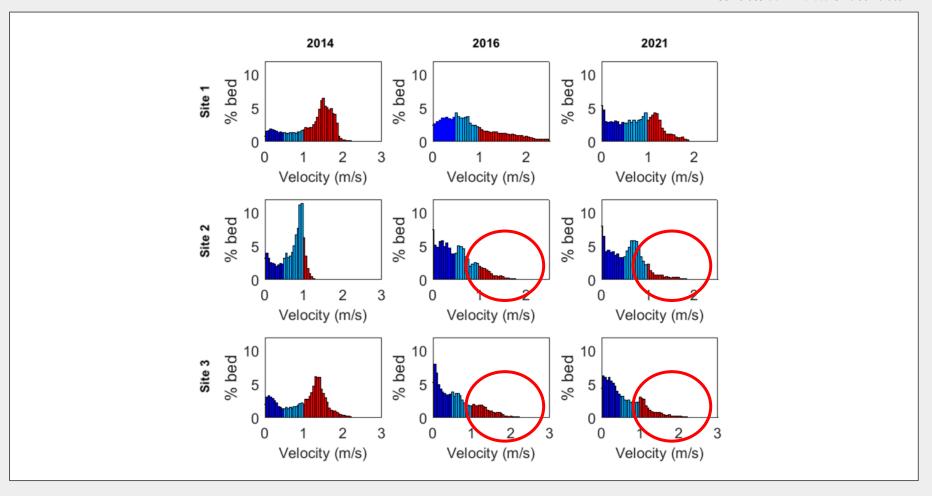
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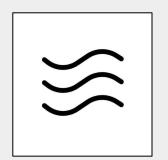




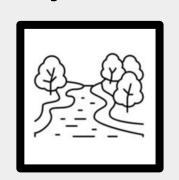




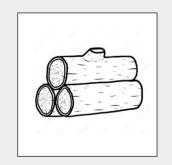
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Objective 3



Objective 4



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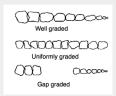
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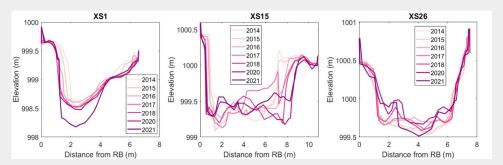
- Cross section surveys
  - Topographic surveys
  - Pebble counts

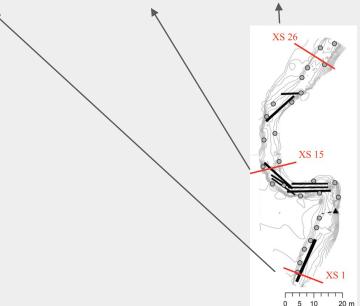
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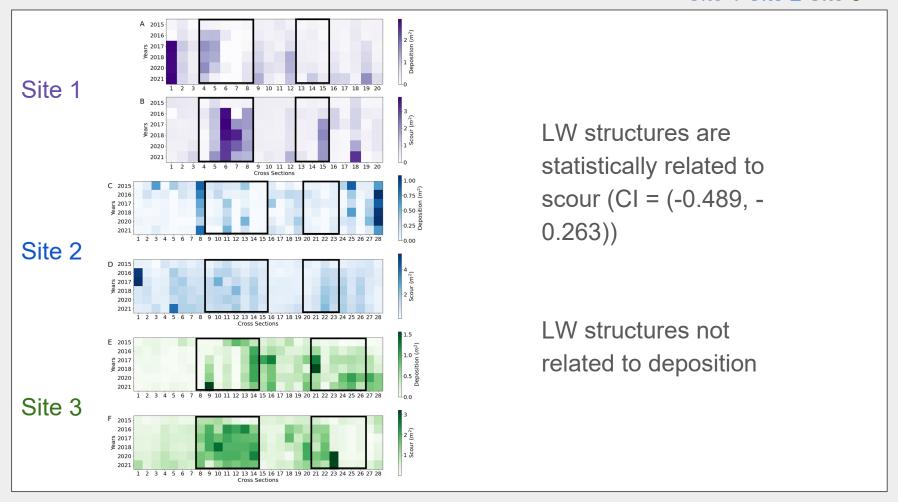
- Calculate changes in cross sectional profiles from annual topographic surveys
  - Scour, deposition, total change, and net change
- Investigate annual fluctuations in sediment sizes
  - Sediment percentiles (D<sub>84</sub>, D<sub>50</sub>, D<sub>16</sub>)
  - Gradation coefficient

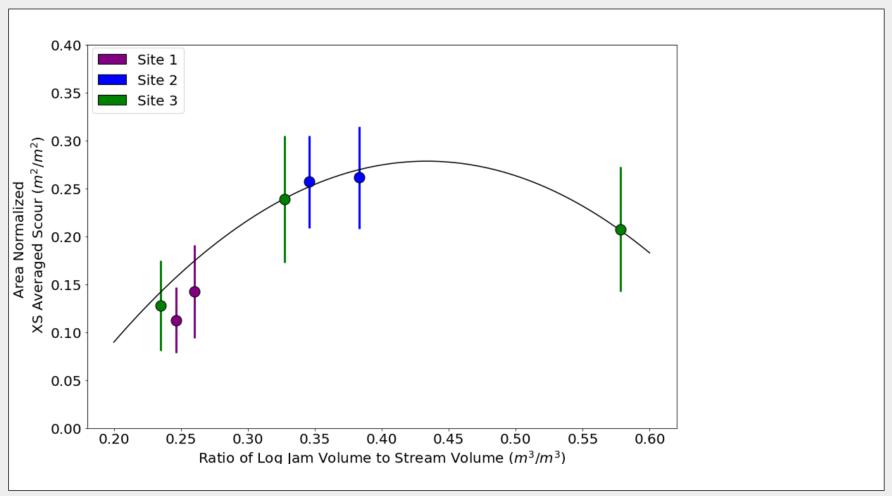
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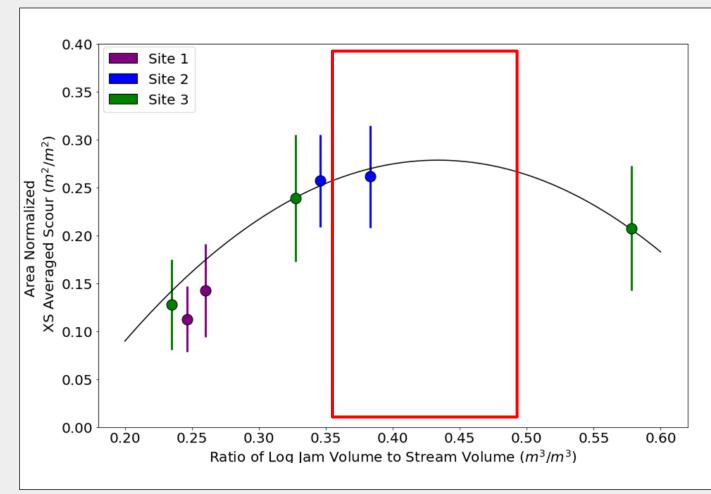






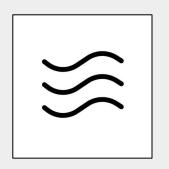




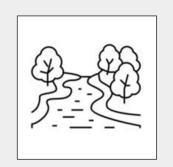


LW structures that occupy between 35–50% of the stream elicit a maximized amount of scouring

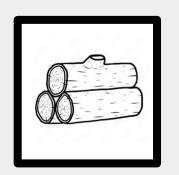
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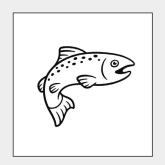
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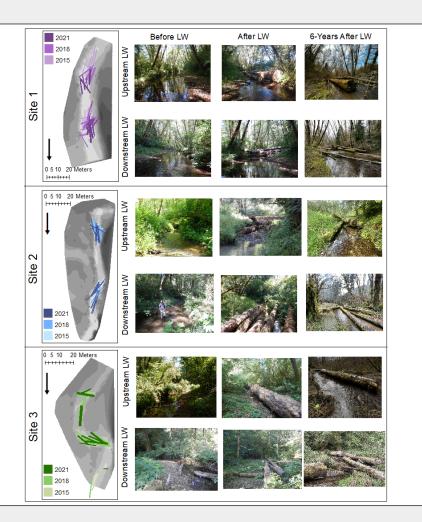
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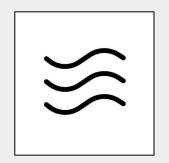
#### Objective 3 Methods

- Field Methods:
  - Detailed topographic surveys of LW structure movements
    - **2016**
    - **2018**
    - **2021**
- Analysis:
  - Show movement and rearrangement over the years
  - Extrapolate to the basin scale

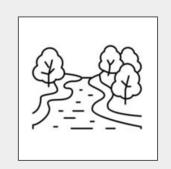
Increased downstream movement of the LW structures in the larger site.



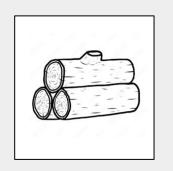
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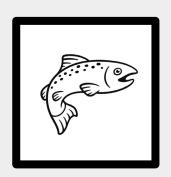
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Objective 3



**Objective 4** 



#### Objective 4 Methods

- Field methods from ODFW:
  - Screw trap on the mouth of the watershed
    - Traps migrating smolts
    - Captures rearing adults
  - Electrofishing surveys
- Analysis:
  - Look at variations in fish abundance,
     biomass, condition factor within Mill
     Creek and compared to Lobster Creek.



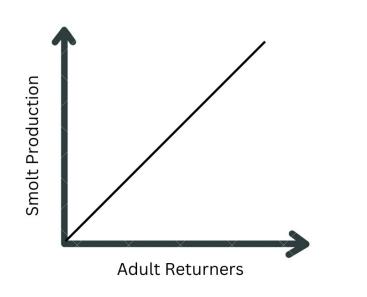


#### Objective 4 Background

Assume...

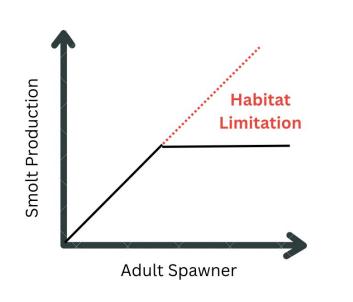
Low adult returners = low smolt production

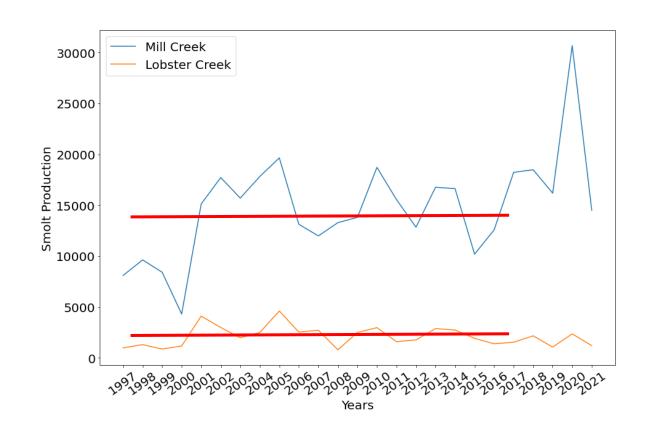
High adult returners = high smolt production



#### Objective 4 Background

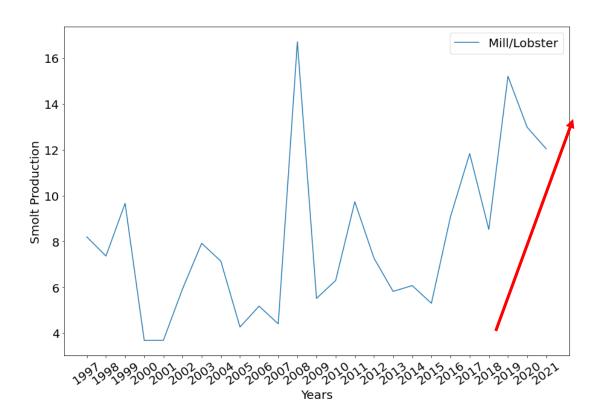
High adult spawners with low smolt production results from some sort of limiting factor





Coho smolt production was at a relative plateau in both Mill Creek and Lobster Creek

Relative to the Reference Reach, smolt production increased immediately after the LW introduction



#### Planned Work

- Objective 1:
  - Analyze streambed stability data
    - Thresholds for sediment entrainment
      - No sediment transport (τ <τ<sub>c</sub>)
      - Partial sediment transport (τ<sub>c</sub><τ <2τ<sub>c</sub>)
      - Full sediment transport (τ >2τ<sub>c</sub>)
- Objective 2:
  - Submit manuscript for publication.
- Objective 3:
  - Scale up the analysis of LW movement and stability data from the reach level to the basin level.
- Objective 4:
  - Continue analyzing data from 2014 to 2021 to identify patterns and explanations for coho salmon population changes.

#### **Anticipated Publications**

- Maffia, Segura, Warren, Suring, Yager, Bair. Restoring Streams with Large Wood: An Analysis of Geomorphic Changes 7 Years Post-Restoration in Streams of Differing Size; to be submitted to Geomorphology or Earth Surface Processes and Landforms in 2023.
- Maffia, Segura, Suring. Longevity of Large Wood Restoration Success to Improve Coho Salmon Habitat: A 2D Modeling Approach; to be submitted to Earth Surface Dynamics in 2024.
- Maffia, Warren, Segura, Lorion, Suring. Basin Response of Coho Population to Large Wood Restoration in the Oregon Coast Range; to be submitted to Journal of Fish Biology in 2025.

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#### Research Objectives

- 1. Assess the stability/resilience of the fish habitat changes observed 1-yr post Large Wood (LW) restoration to changes observed 6-yrs post restoration.
- 2. Investigate the geomorphological changes triggered by LW restoration in three reaches based on the comparison of annual topographic surveys conducted 1-yr pre- to 5-yrs post-restoration.
- 3. Assess the stability of LW structures at the basin scale by comparing wood surveys conducted between 2016 and 2021.
- 4. Investigate the relationship between local and basin scale habitat/geomorphic metrics and fish population response after the restoration in the context of long-term fish population data.

# Quantifying the effects of wildfire on water quantity, water quality, and fish: The Hinkle Creek Watershed Study revisited

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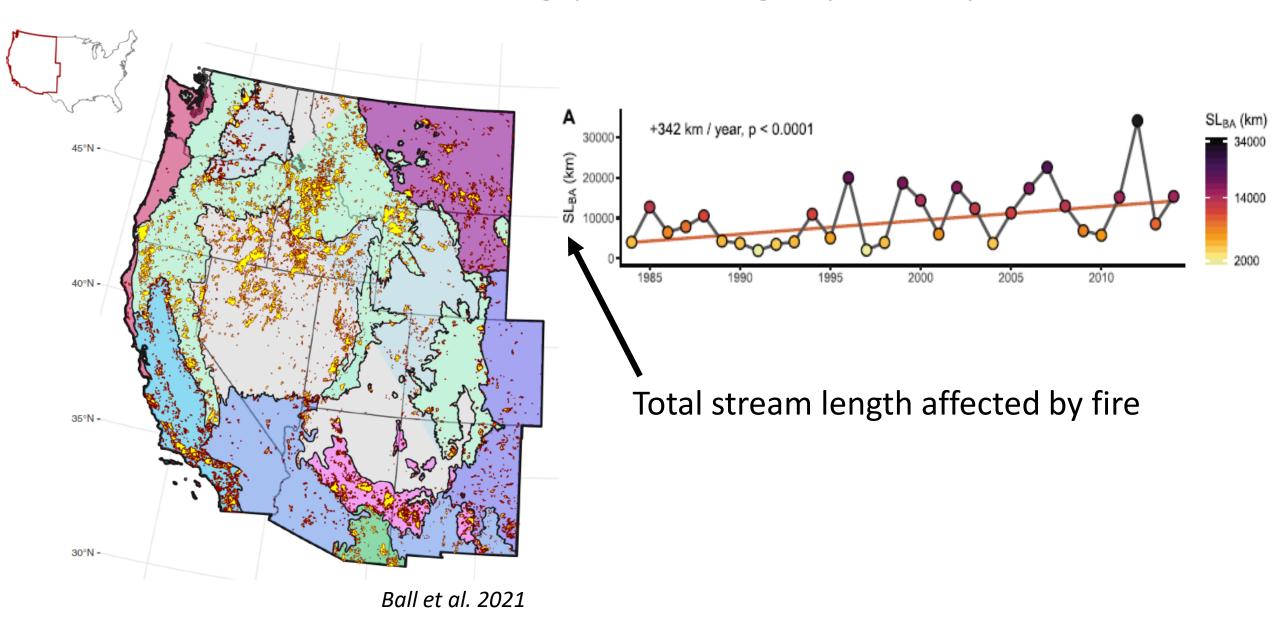




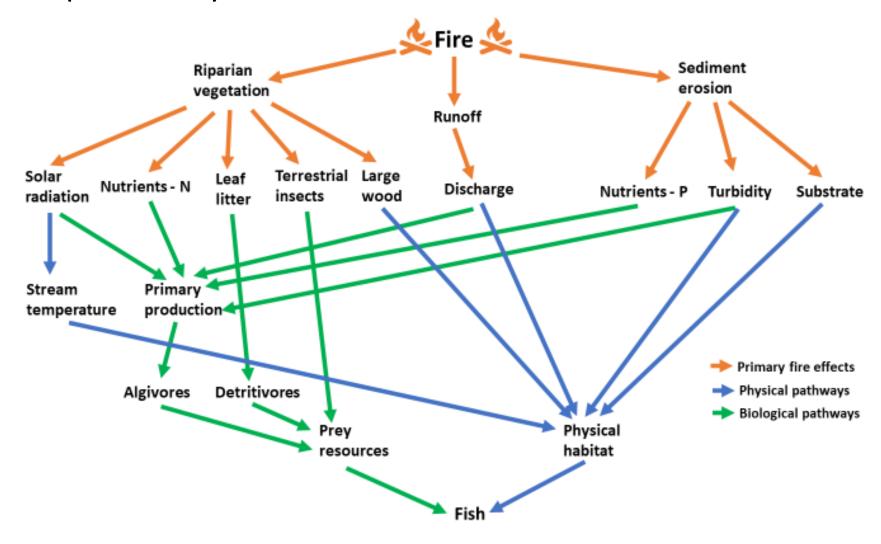
Wildfires are widespread natural disturbances that structure forested landscapes



# Wildfires are increasingly affecting aquatic systems

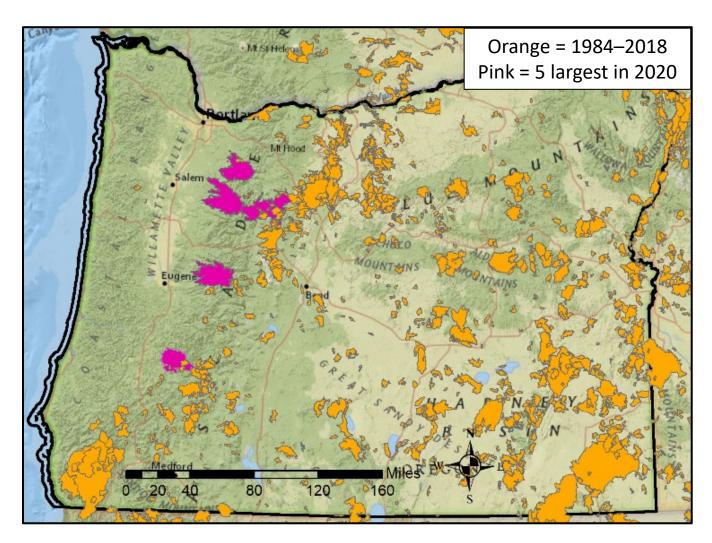


# Fires can influence fish via a combination of *both* physical and biological pathways



#### 2020 fires in western Oregon a unique research opportunity

- Effects of fire remain poorly understood in westside forests of PNW
- One limiting factor is the lack of pre-fire data
- 2020 Oregon wildfires burned more than ~1.19M acres (4,815 km²)



#### Hinkle Creek watershed

 Archie Creek Fire in Umpqua River Basin burned 131,542 acres (531 km²)

Burn severity

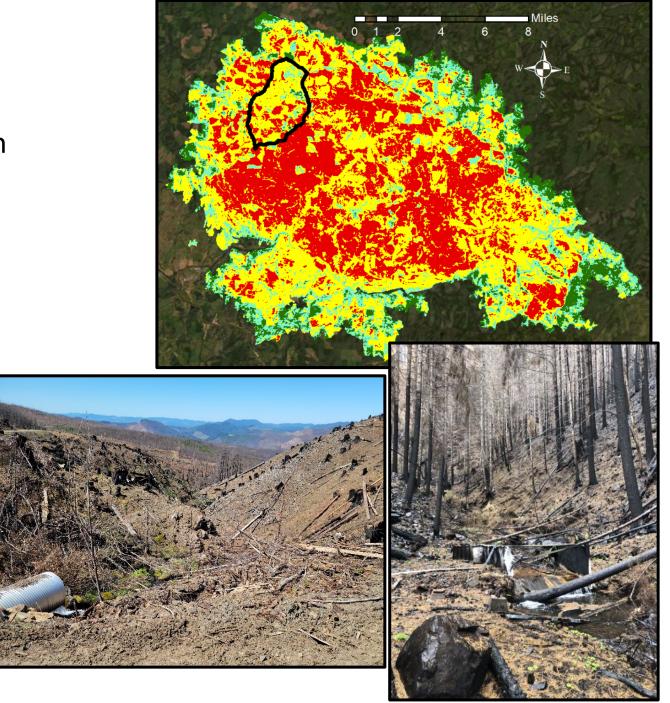
• High: 32.9 %

Moderate: 44.0 %

• Low: 14.2 %

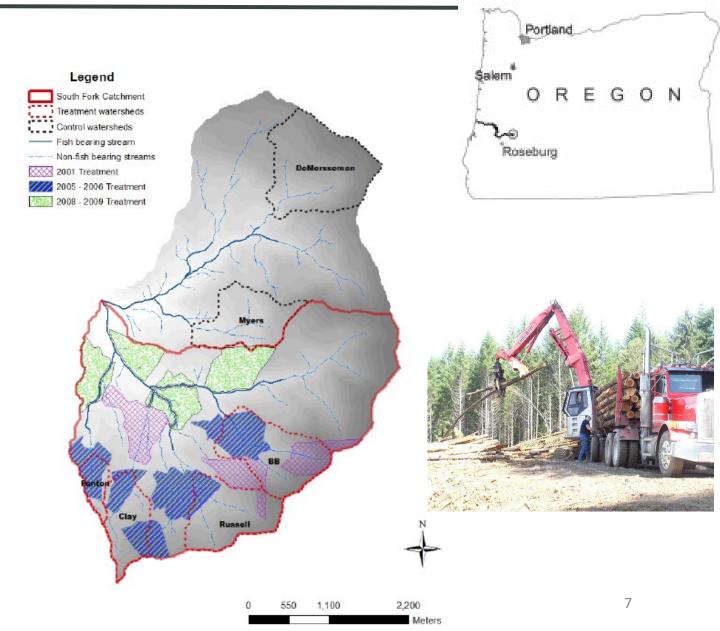
Unburned: 8.9 %

 Burned area included sub-watersheds from the original Hinkle Creek Watershed Study



# Original Hinkle Creek Watershed Study (2001–2011)

- Paired watershed experimental design
- Pre-harvest 2001-05, headwater harvest 2005-06, mainstem harvest 2008-09
- Parameters measured:
  - Physical habitat
    - streamflow
    - suspended sediment
    - stream temperature
    - water quality
  - invertebrates
  - fish and amphibians



# Dramatic shift in watershed conditions...

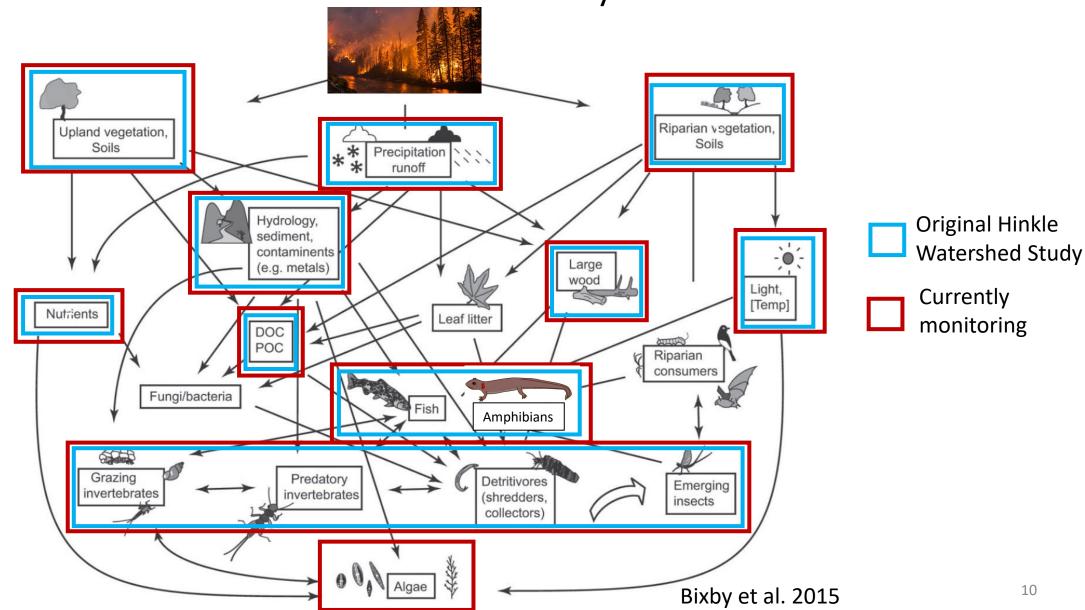


A. Skaugset 2013

# So, how do wildfires affect fish and their habitats?



We are monitoring many of the same variables collected in the original Hinkle Watershed Study



### Research Objectives

- 1) Quantify effects of fire on water quality (nutrient concentrations) and relate those to broader food web including fish and amphibians
- 2) Quantify effects of fire on water quantity (streamflow) to track nutrient yields, water supply, and fish and amphibian habitat quantity and quality
- 3) Relate water quantity and quality responses to spatial data to identify drivers of post-fire variability
- 4) Leverage data from **original Hinkle Creek Watershed study** to compare relative magnitude of disturbance types (fire and post-fire management vs. timber harvest)

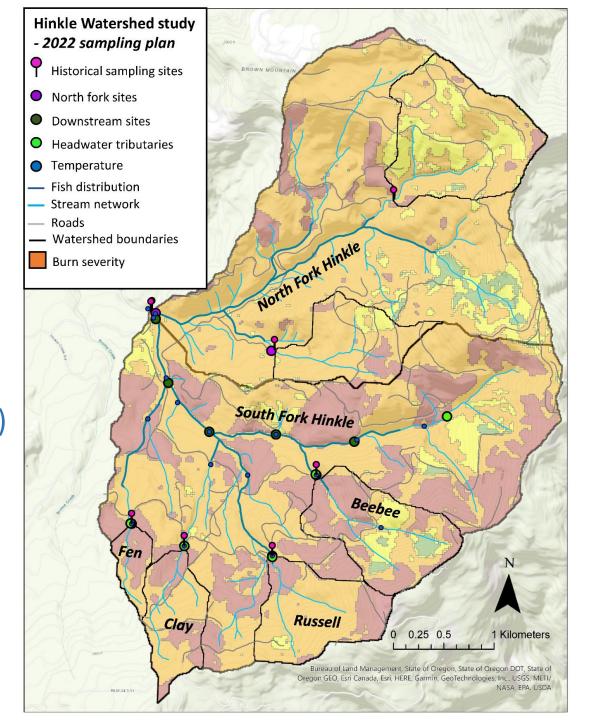




	Archie Crk. fire	<b>♣</b> n
2001-2011	2020	2021
Investigate timber harvesting effects on water quality	•	Post-fire monitoring begins

# Experimental design

- Post-fire monitoring focused on SF Hinkle and tributaries
  - Repeating locations from original study
- Measuring suite of parameters:
  - Water quality nutrients (Objective #1)
  - Water quality sediment (Objective #1)
  - Water quantity streamflow (Objective #2)
  - Riparian canopy cover
  - Stream temperature
  - Aquatic ecology
  - Fish and amphibian communities



## Fire effects on physical dimensions of aquatic habitats

- Water quality nutrients: grab samples for N, P, and DOC
- Water quality sediment: ISCO's (automated water samplers)
- Streamflow: flumes, physical discharge measurements, and pressure transducers
- Riparian canopy cover: hemispherical photography
- Stream temperature: digital temperature sensors







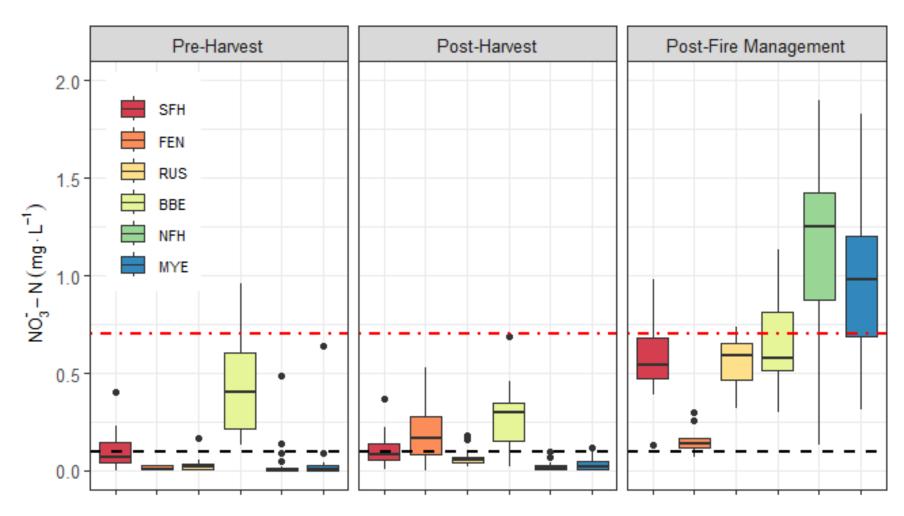






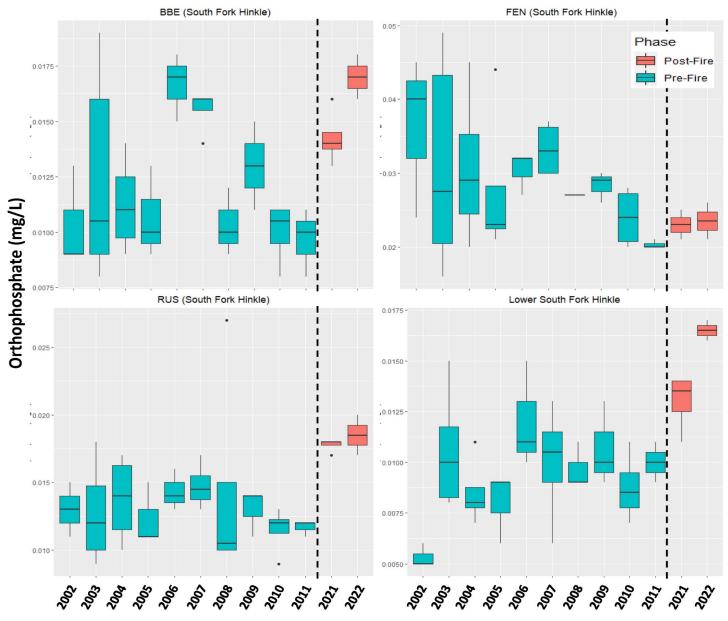
# Evidence of substantial post-fire increases in **nitrate concentrations**





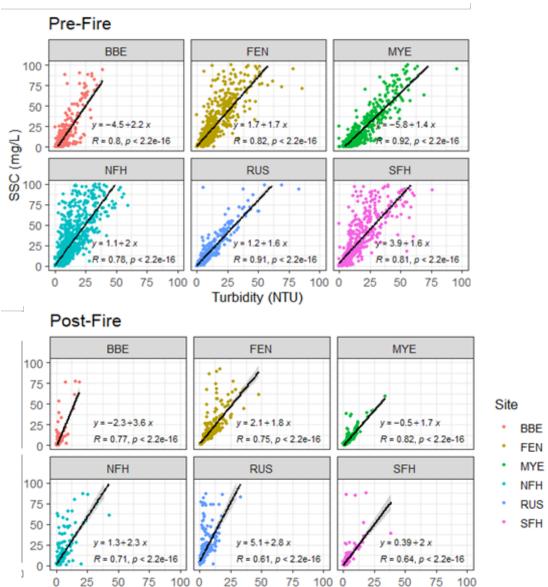
#### Post-fire phosphorus concentrations more variable so far





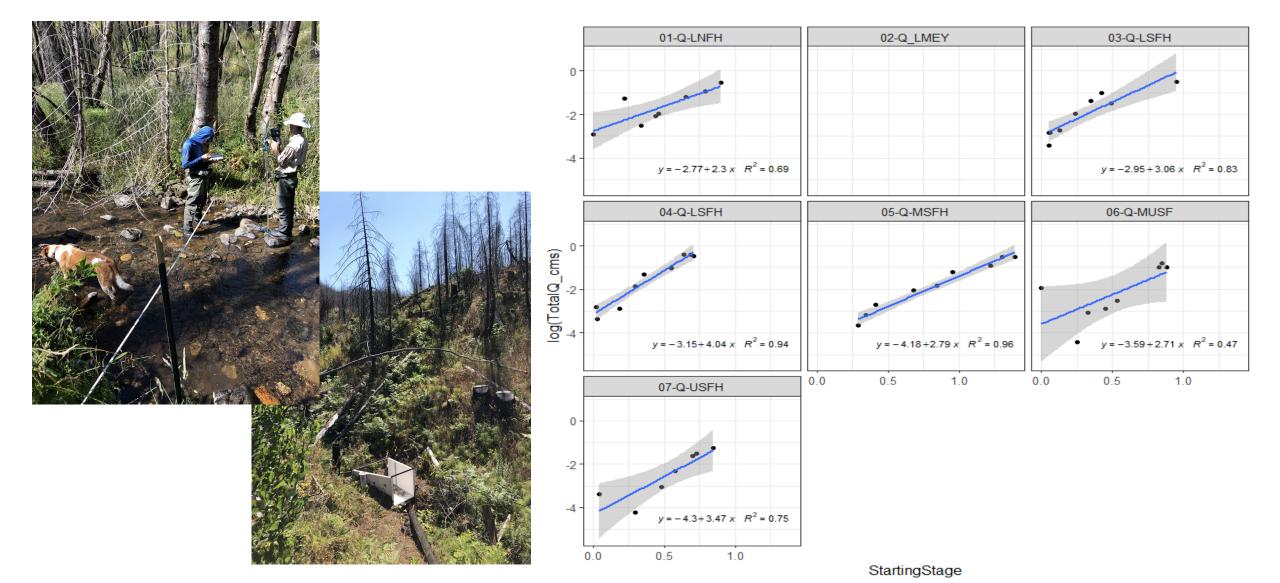
### Post-fire turbidity-sediment concentrations muted so far





Turbidity (NTU)

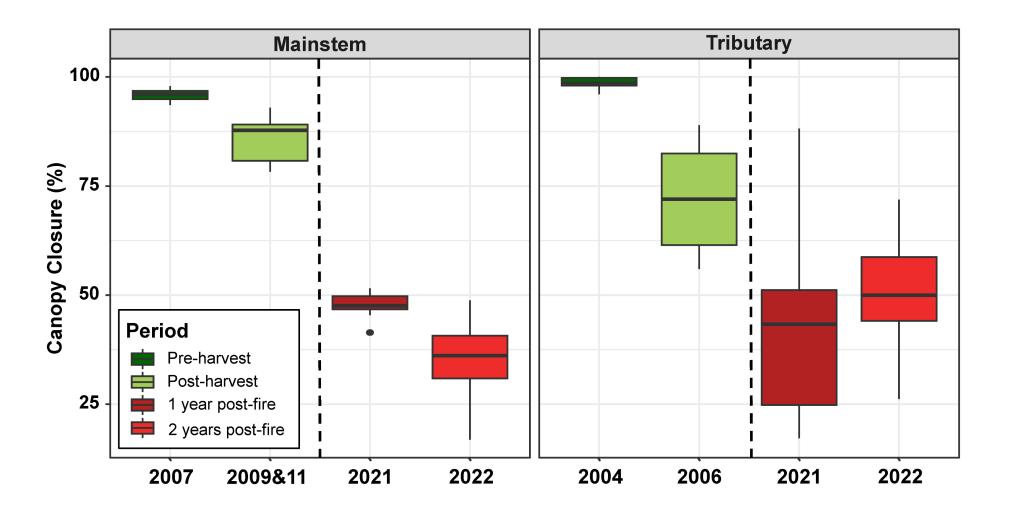
# Post-fire **streamflow** analysis still in progress, rating curves combined with level loggers to estimate continuous discharge



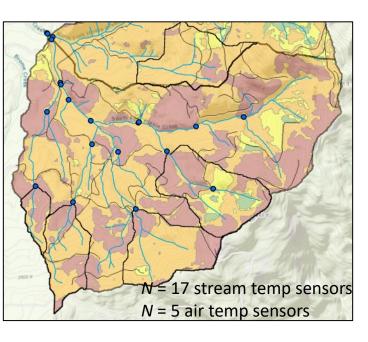
### Substantial post-fire reductions in riparian canopy cover



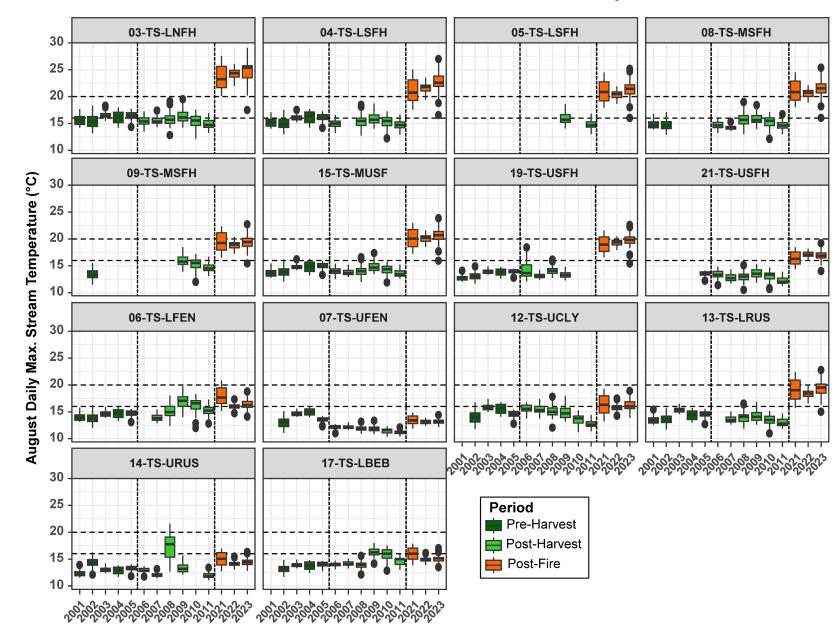




#### Major post-fire increases in summer stream temperature







### Fire effects on aquatic ecology, fish, and amphibians

- Stream periphyton/primary production: benthotorch and measurement on natural and artificial substrates
- Macroinvertebrates: benthic communities and predator diets
- Fish and amphibian communities: backpack electrofishing at reach and watershed scales







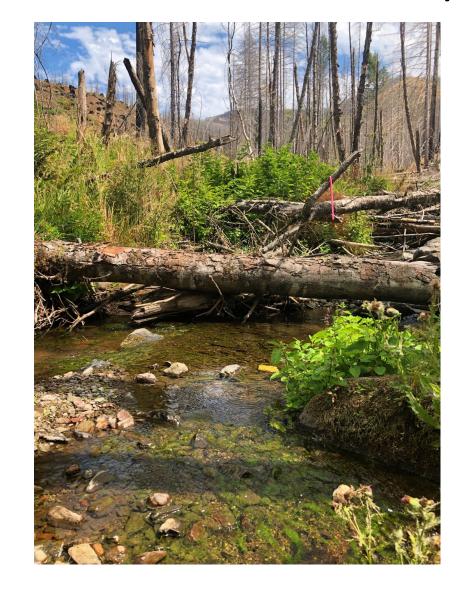


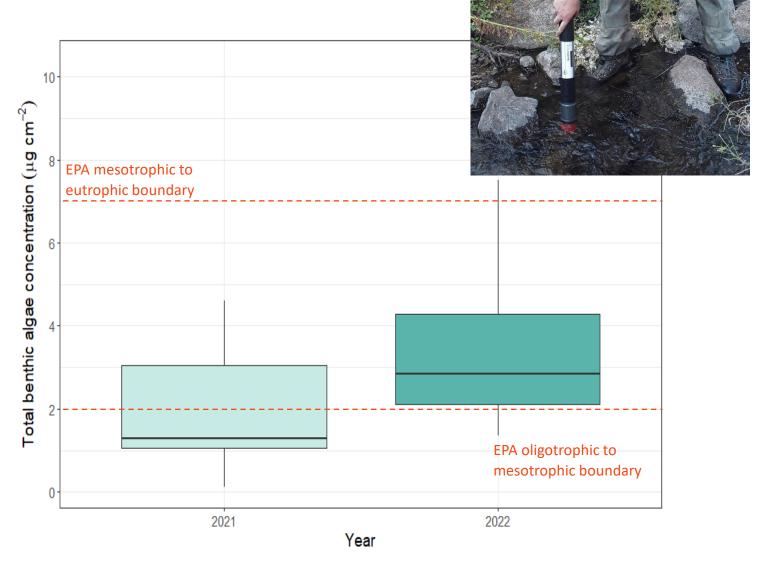




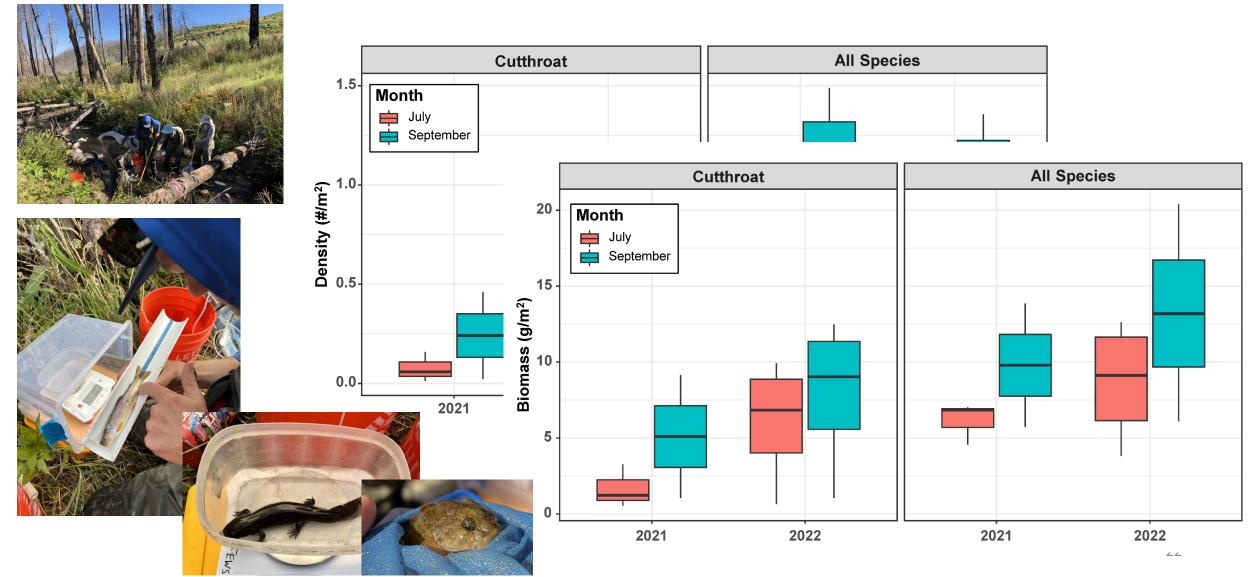
Lab work still in progress, but preliminary results suggest post-

fire increases in stream periphyton





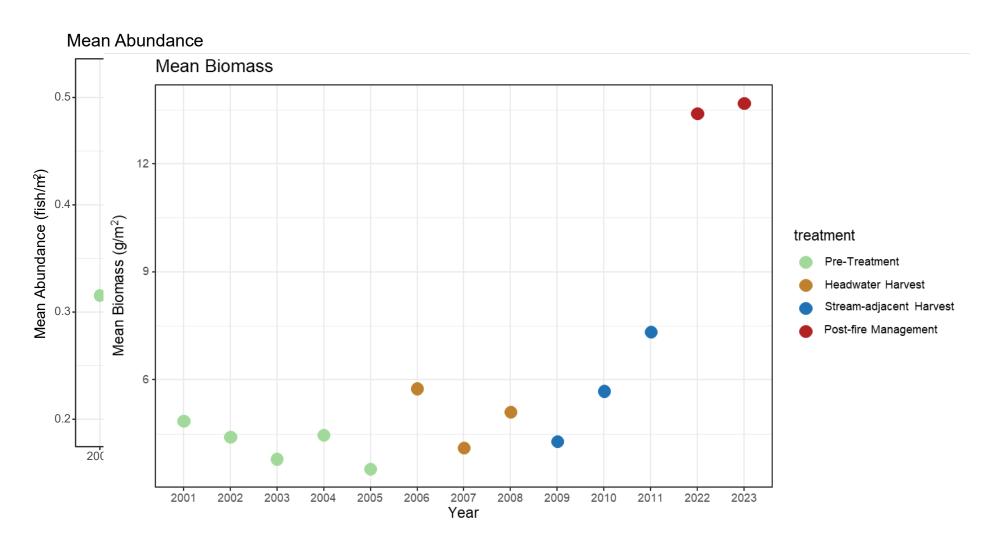
# Reach-scale surveys suggest initial post-fire persistence for cutthroat trout and other aquatic species



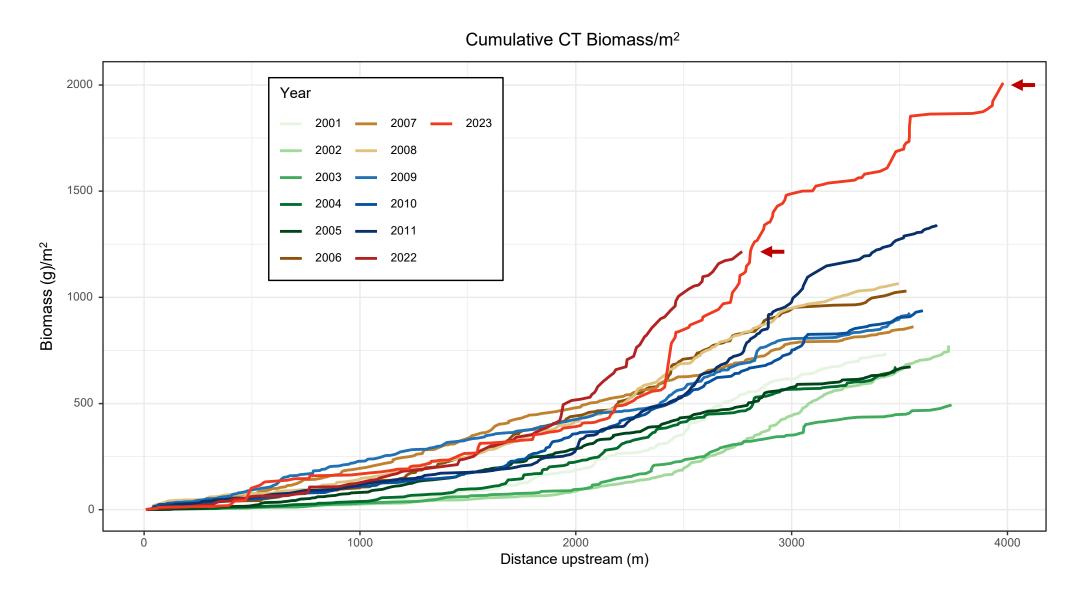
# Watershed-scale pool surveys suggest post-fire increases in cutthroat trout populations







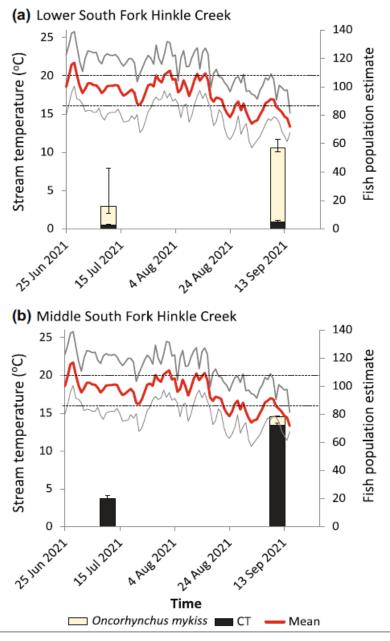
# Watershed-scale pool surveys suggest post-fire increases in cutthroat trout biomass



# Mechanisms driving post-fire fish resilience?

- Prey resources?
- Thermal refugia?
- Other ideas?





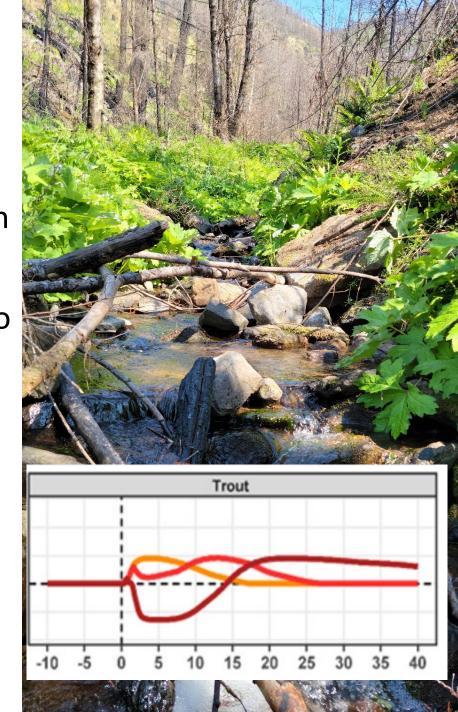
## Next steps

- Continue monitoring to track initial post-fire responses and recovery over time (Objectives #1&2)
- Relate responses to spatial data to identify drivers of post-fire variability (Objective #3)
- Leverage data from original Hinkle study to quantify pre- and post-fire changes (Objective #4)



#### **Conclusions**

- Adding water quantity and water quality provide essential contextual pieces to better understand fish, amphibians, and aquatic habitats responses to fire on working landscapes
- Leverage data from original Hinkle Watershed study to quantify effects of fire and post-fire management to other disturbance types (e.g. forest harvest)
- Whole-system understanding crucial to understand effects of fire and post-fire management in westside forests of Oregon
- Preliminary results suggest some interesting initial post-fire changes to aquatic habitats and fish, but long-term monitoring needed



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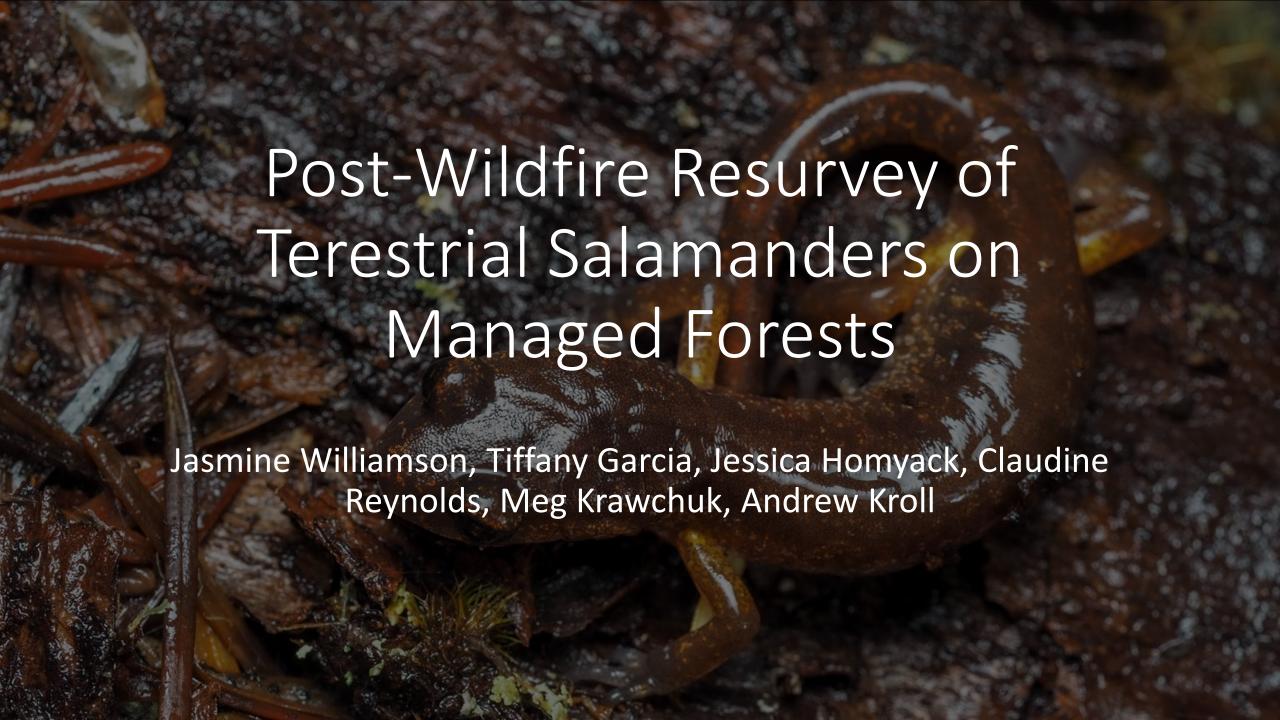




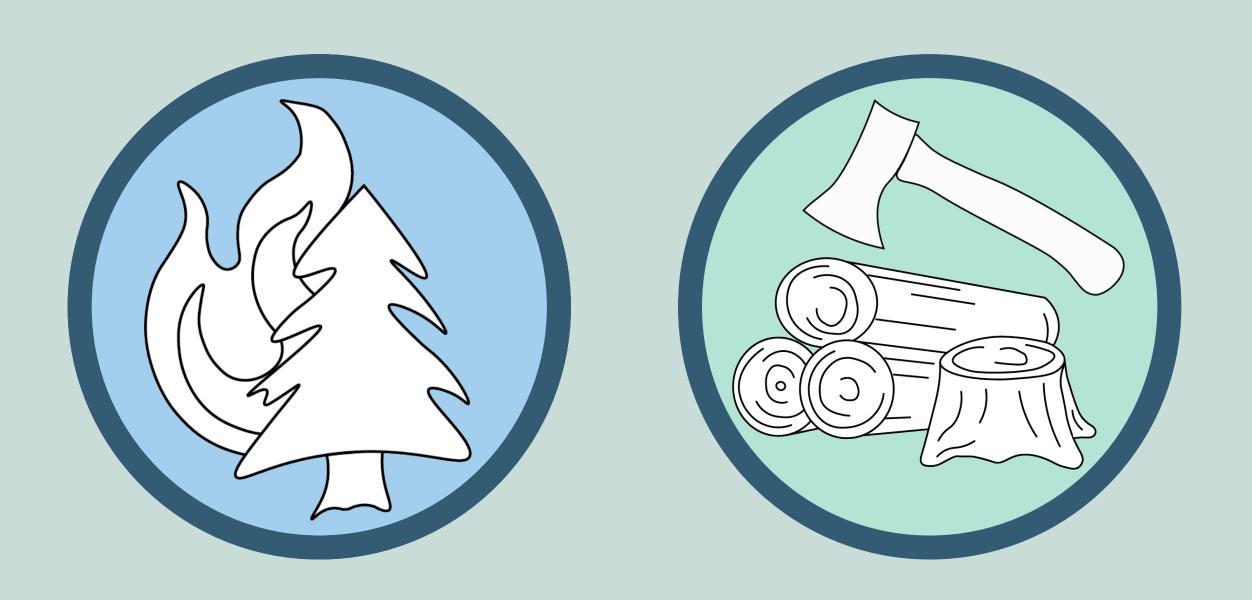


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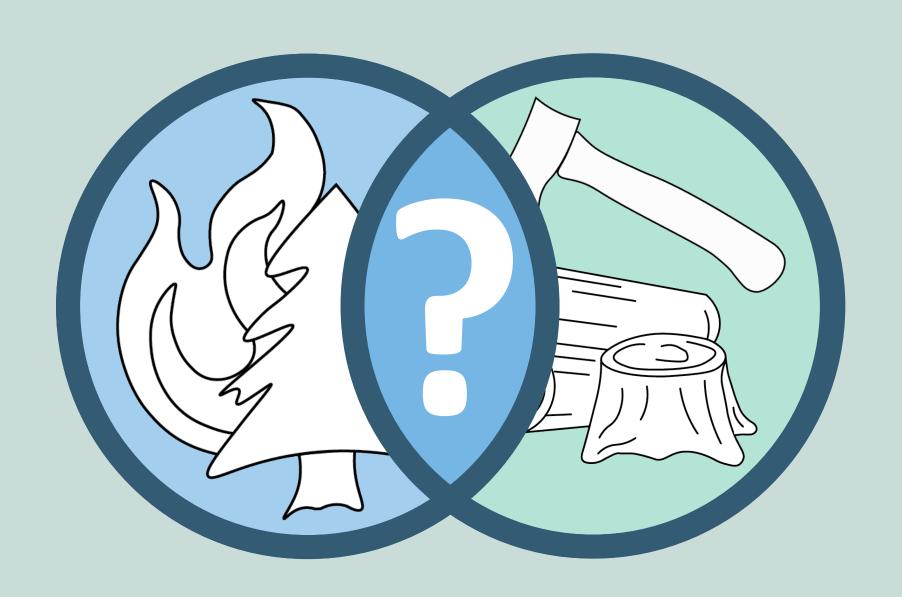




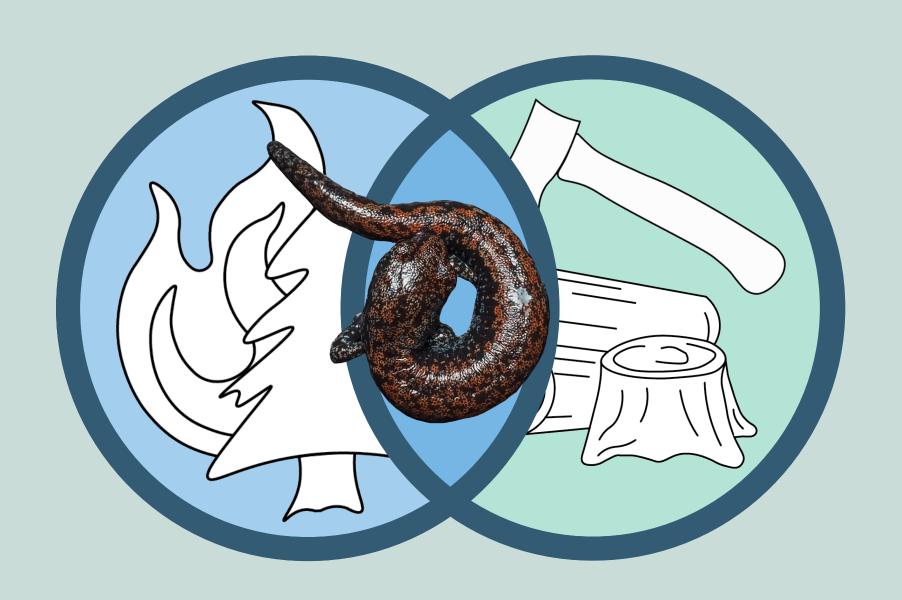
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#### Study Species



#### Oregon Slender, Batrachoseps wrighti (BAWR)

- Endemic to Oregon
- Mid-elevation old growth, OR Cascades
- Low dispersal, small home range
- Downed-wood associated
- Oregon priority species



#### Ensatina, Ensatina eschscholtzii (ENES)

- Common species in PNW forests
- Widespread generalist
- High dispersal, large home range
- Downed wood associated

#### Background: Timber Harvest

#### Control



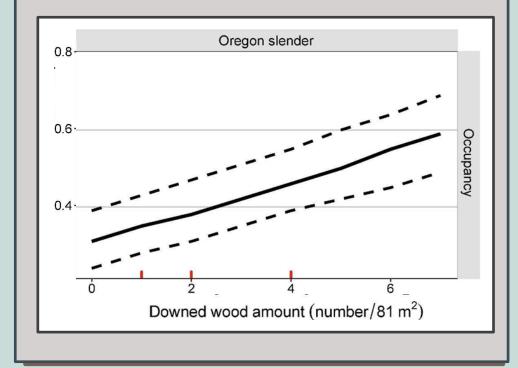
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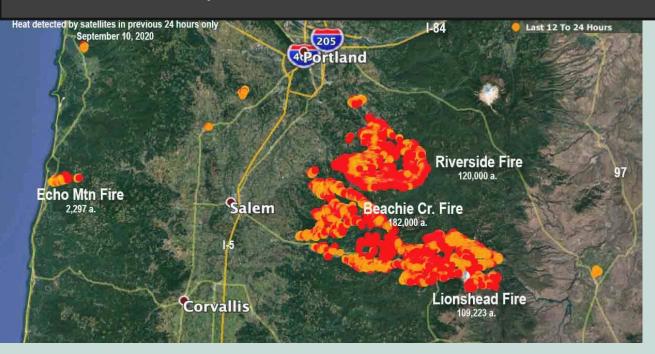


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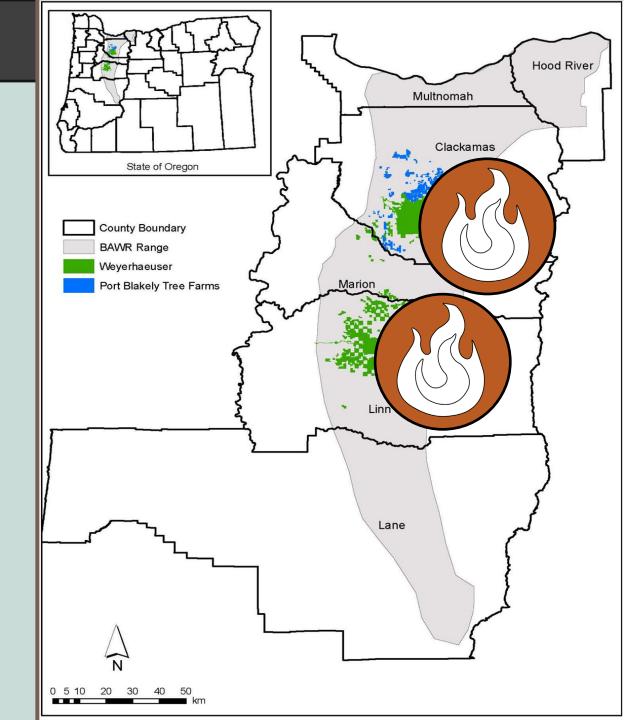
# Occupancy tied to downed wood amount



#### Natural Experiment



Half of historical study sites burned!



#### Methods

Control



Harvest



Wildfire





Harvest, Wildfire

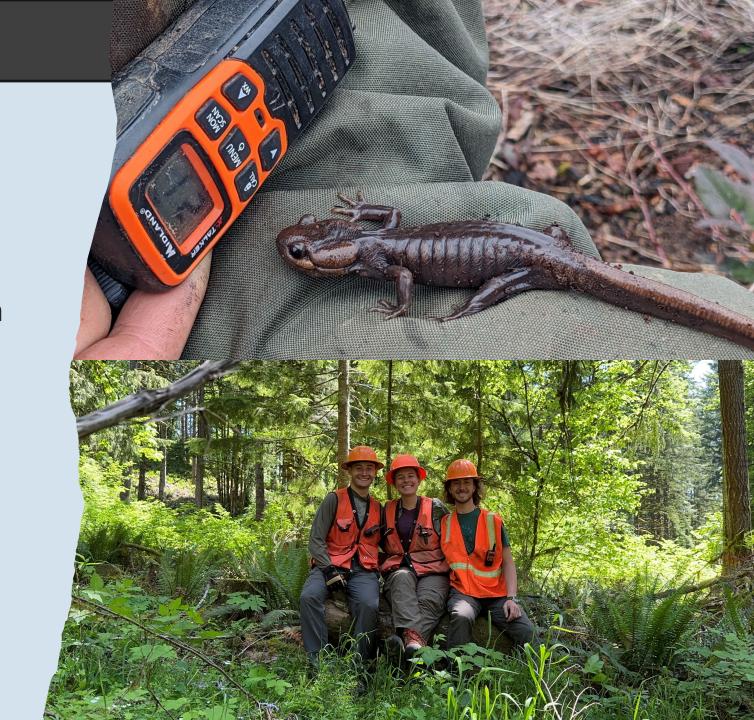


Wildfire, Salvage Logged

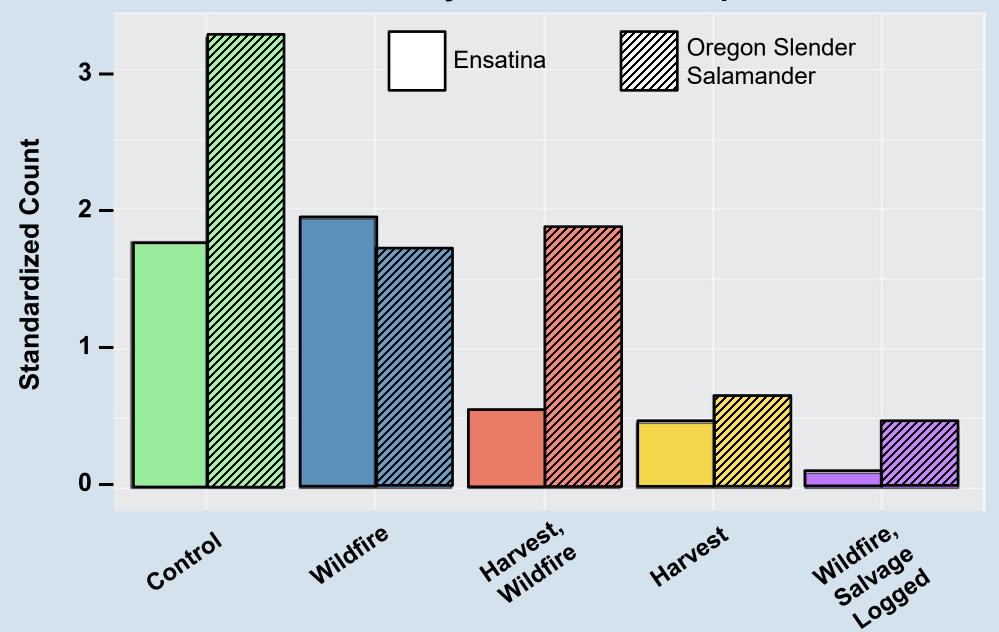
#### Methods

#### Replicated survey methods

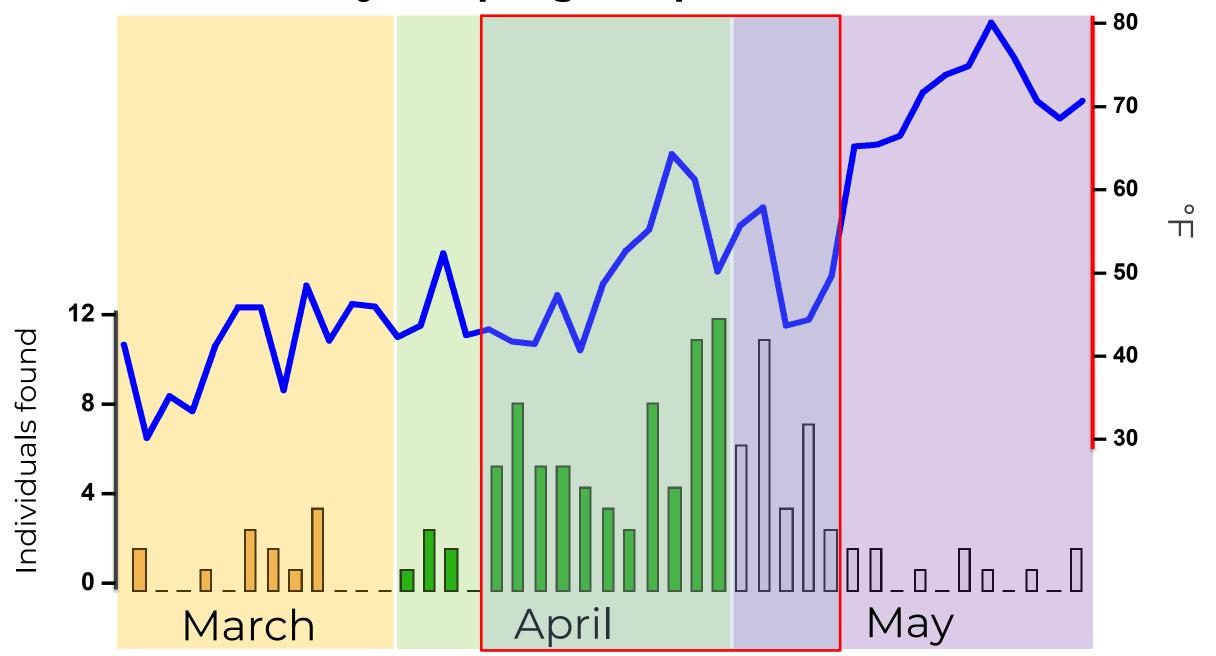
- Seven 9x9m subplots
- · Time-constrained, active search
- 67 stands 2023 (planning 2024 survey)
- 10-15 stands per treatment
- Salamander presence
- Habitat/climate variables



#### **Salamander Counts by Treatment and Species**



## **Daily Sampling Temperature**



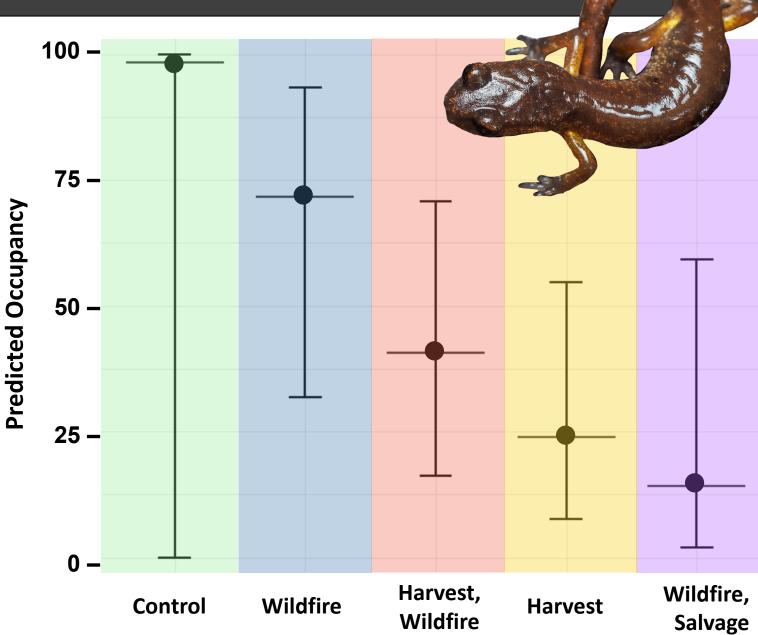
## Preliminary Results

#### Model Comparisons



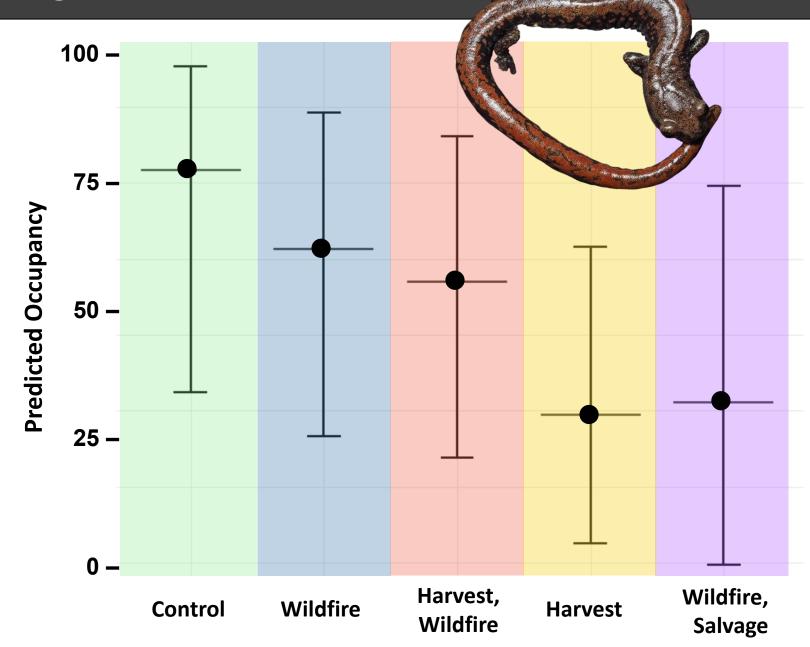
# Preliminary Occupancy: Ensatina Salamander





Preliminary Occupancy: Oregon Slender Salamander

- Similar point estimate trend
- Less variable by treatment
- No "significant" treatment differences





# Moving forward

- Small sample size
  - 5 treatments
  - Inclement weather
- · Second field season 2024
- Bayesian occupancy
- Temporal differences using pre-fire data



# Implications

- Good model for environmental change
- Important role in forest communities
- Species Specific responses to disturbance
- OSS are an understudied species

#### Communication and Timeline

- Williamson et al. 2022. The Wildlife Society, Oregon Chapter. Bend, Oregon. Oral Presentation.
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Richardson et al. 2012 – Freshwater Science

#### Fish and Wildlife Habitat in Managed Forests Research Program

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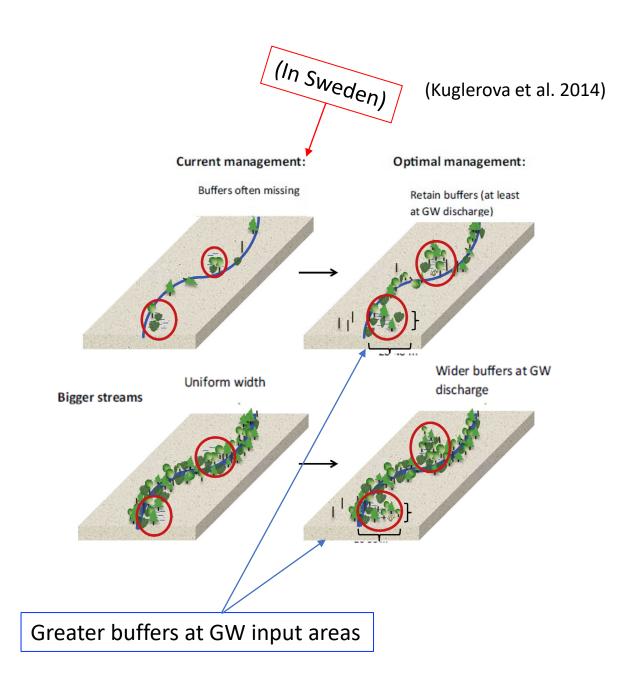
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     which can and should change as we learn.

Modify fixed width standard to actively manage for specific ecological outcomes

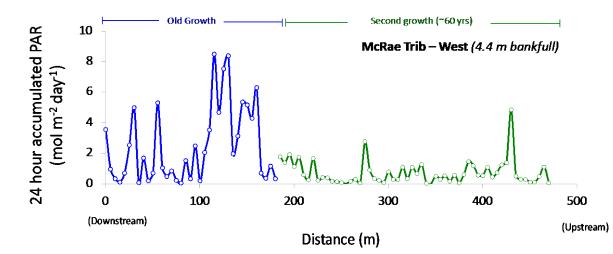
- Promote "desired future conditions" in riparian zone
- Emulate natural disturbance
- Cultivate riparian vegetation diversity
- Protect sensitive habitats
- Mimic late-succession light environment

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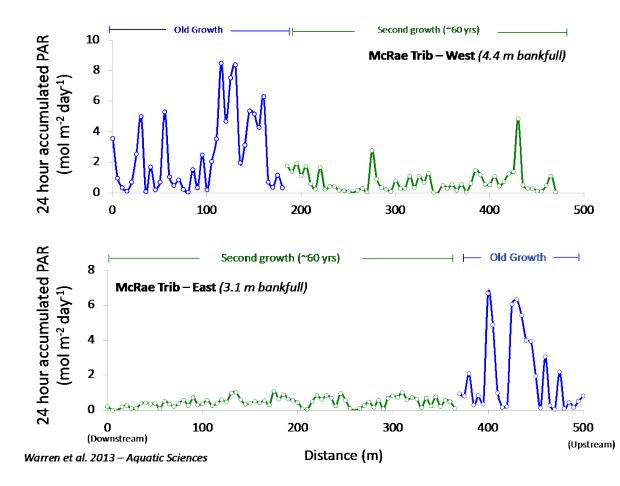
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#### Expected responses to alternative buffer configurations

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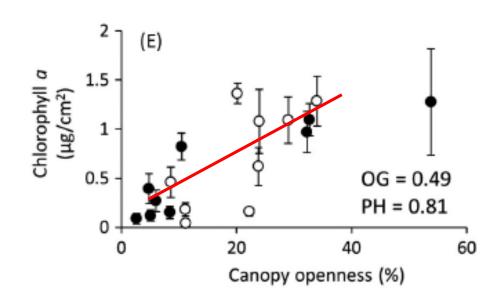
**Hypothesis 5:** no change

**Hypothesis 2**: Alternative buffers that create greater increases in light result in increases in temperature that negatively affect fish and other apex predators

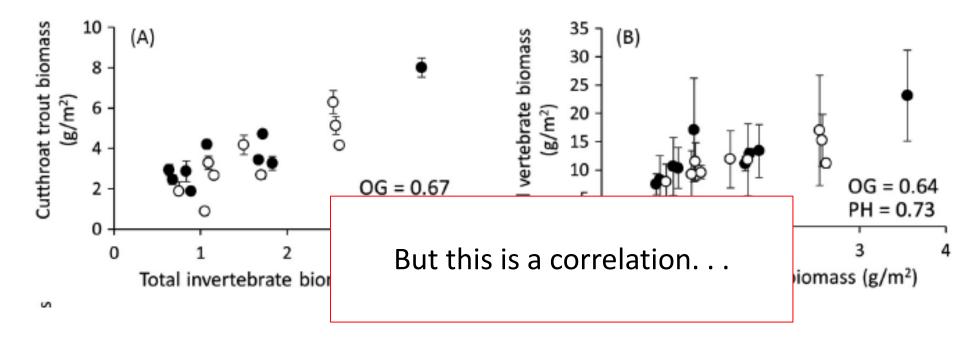
**Hypothesis 3:** Fish and apex predators increase due to changes in habitat and food associated with litter and wood input after management

**Hypothesis 4:** Fish and apex predators decline due to negative impacts of management (e.g. sediment input)

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In western OR streams, sites with more light generally have more biofilm, more bugs and more fish and salamanders

#### We need experiments to understand mechanism or link pattern to process

Assessing the response of aquatic biota to alternative riparian management practices



Moving from Theory to Practice



#### **BACI study design**

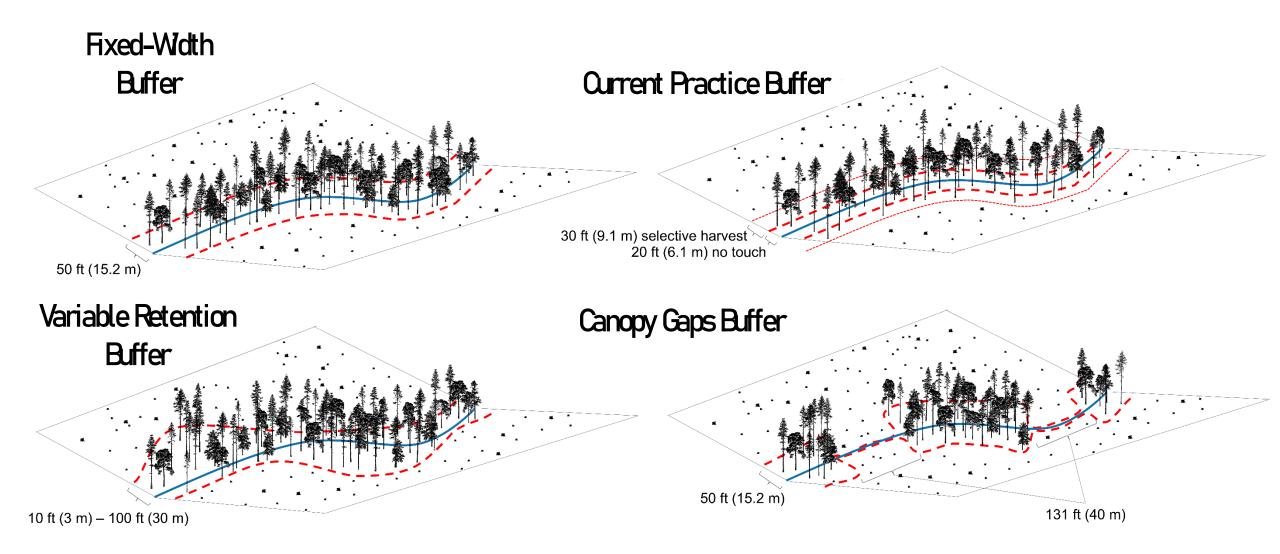
- 2 years Pre-treatment sampling
- 2 years Post-treatment sampling
- Staggered start/finish

## Study goal

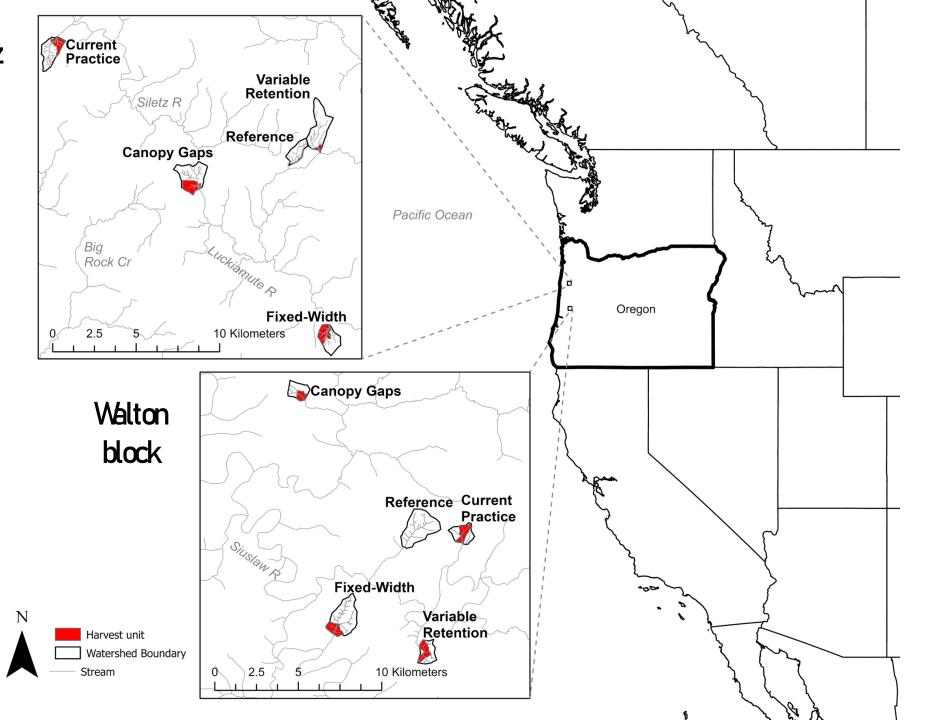
Determine how stream biota respond to five alternative riparian management options that provide varying degrees of increased light:

- Buffers with gaps,
- Current practice (mostly fixed but flexible with BA minimum)
- Variable retention
- Fully fixed-width (no BA min.)
- Unharvested (~30-60 yr stand)

### Study Design



#### Valsetz block



## **Valsetz** Portland Salem Willamett National Forest Siuslaw National Forest Eugene Standard Practice 7 Variable Retention Fixed Width Watershed Boundary 9 Kilometers

## Control (unharvested)



# Portland Salem Siuslaw National Forest Eugene Standard Practice 7 Variable Retention Fixed Width Harvest Unit Watershed Boundary 9 Kilometers

#### **Valsetz**

## Fixed Width (50 ft)



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### Current Practice (>20 ft)



\*affected by 2021 ice storm



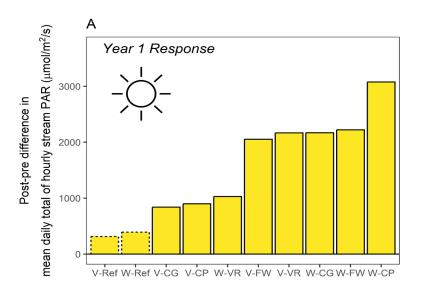
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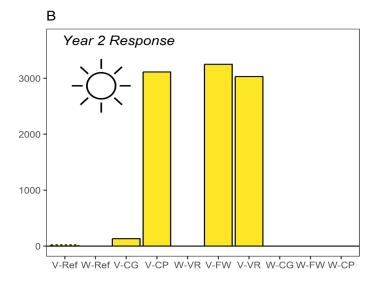
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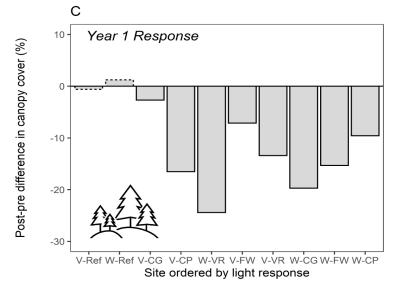
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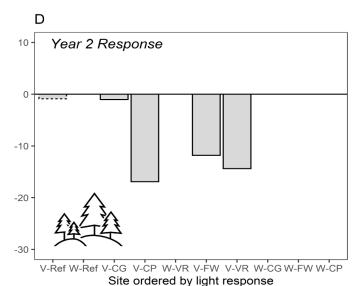


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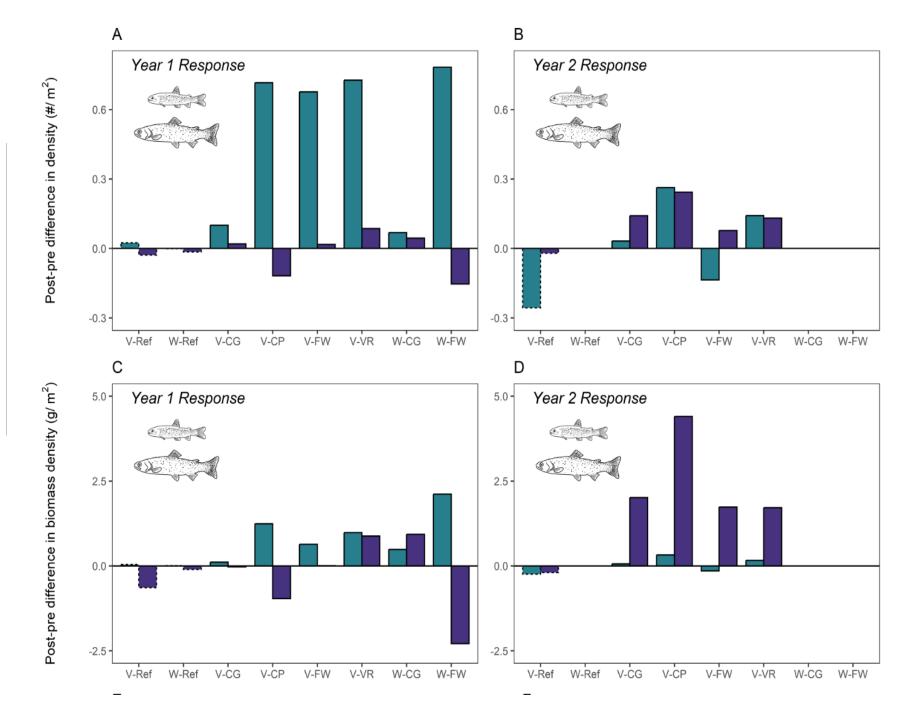




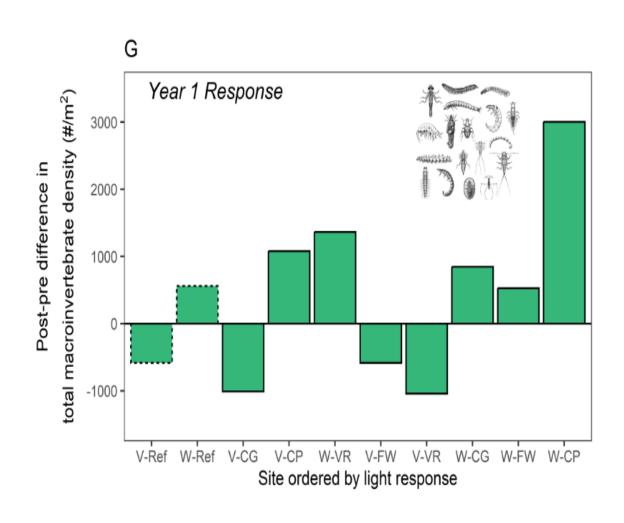


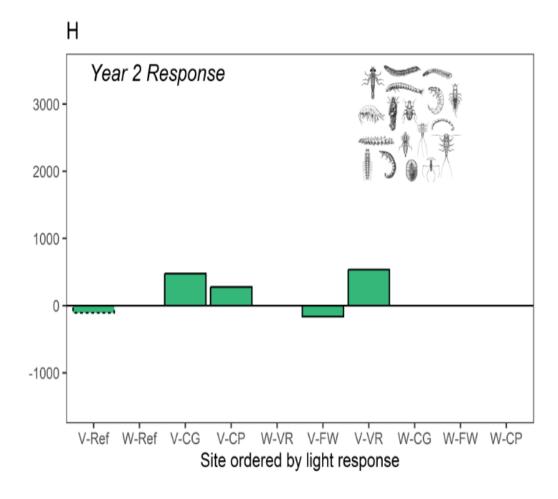
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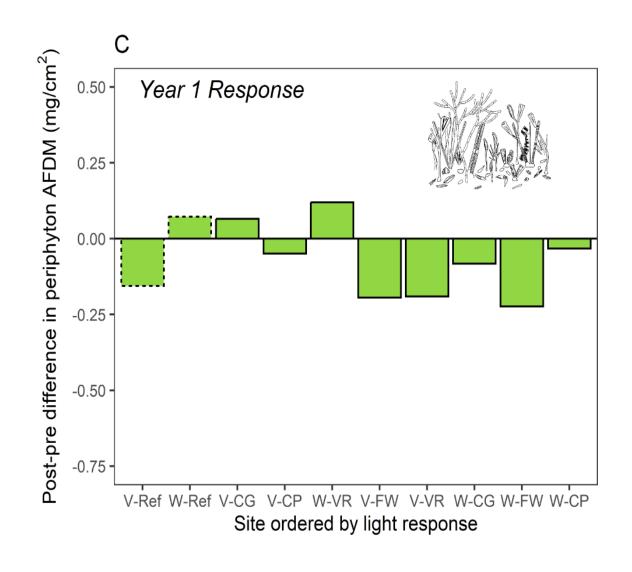


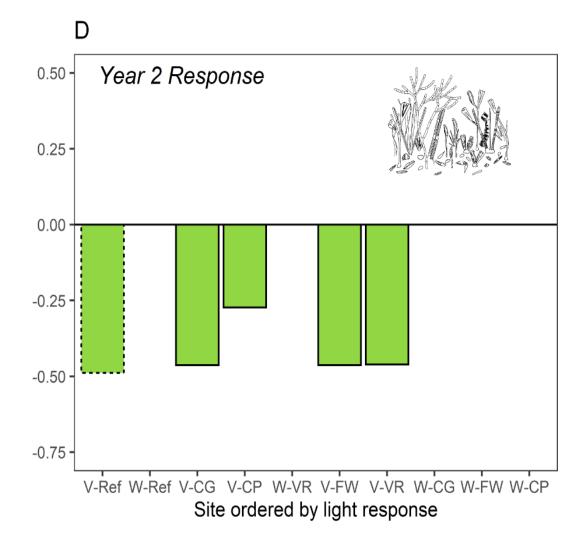
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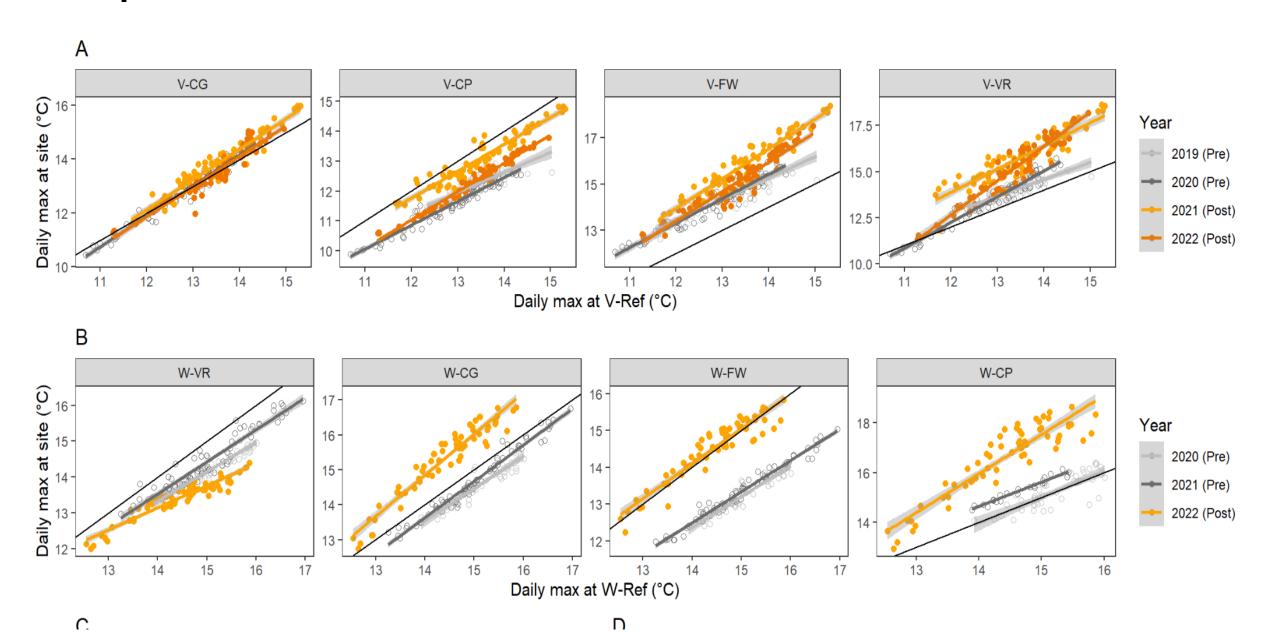


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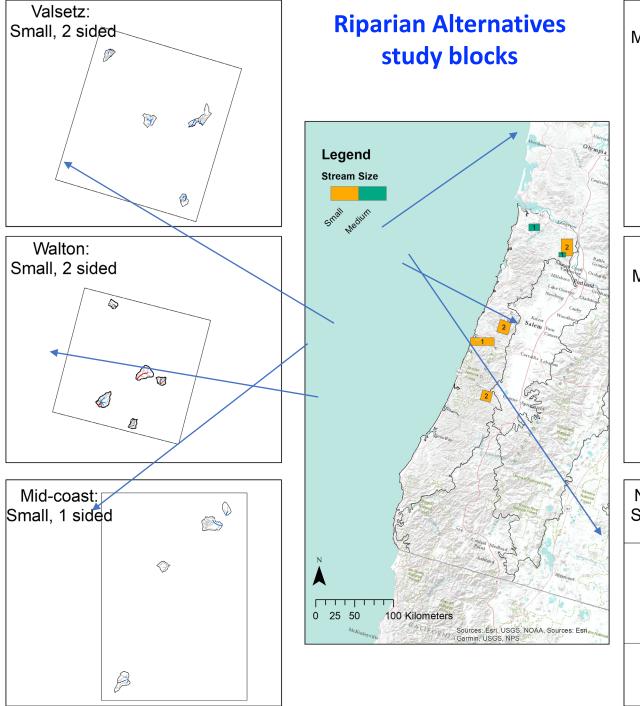


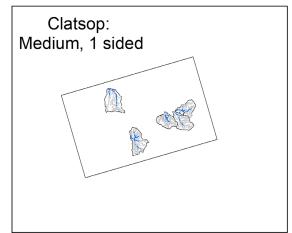


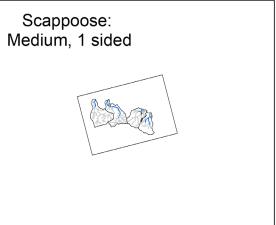
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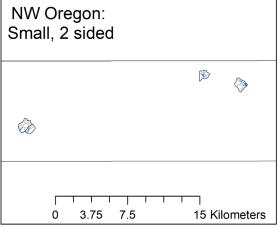


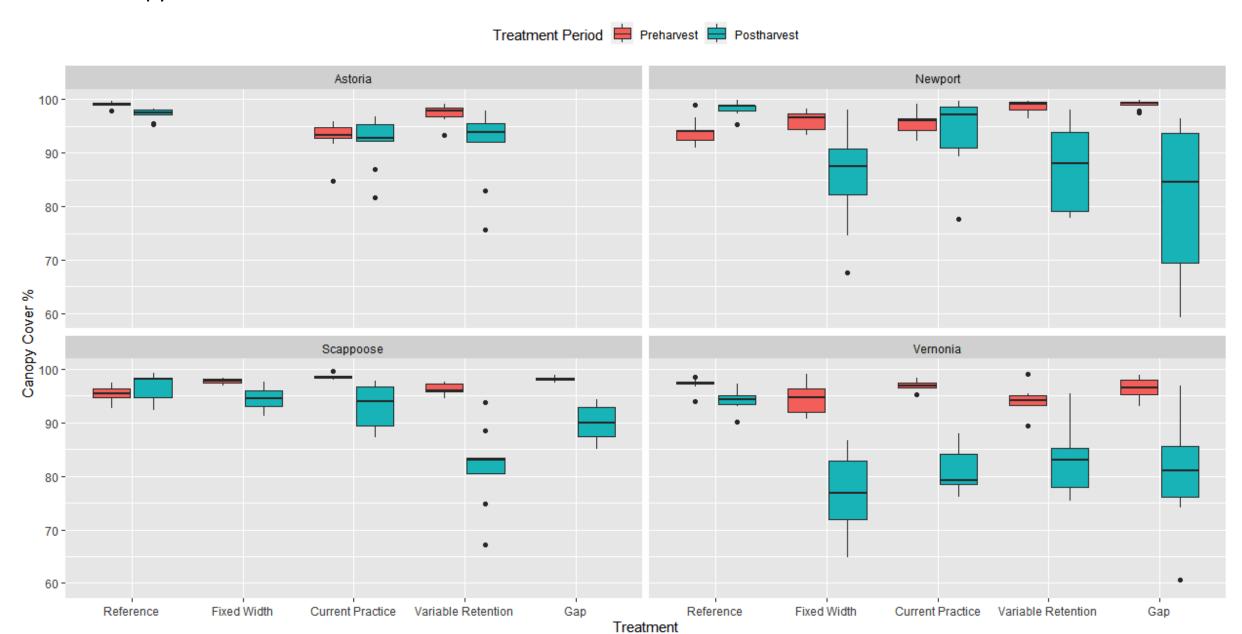
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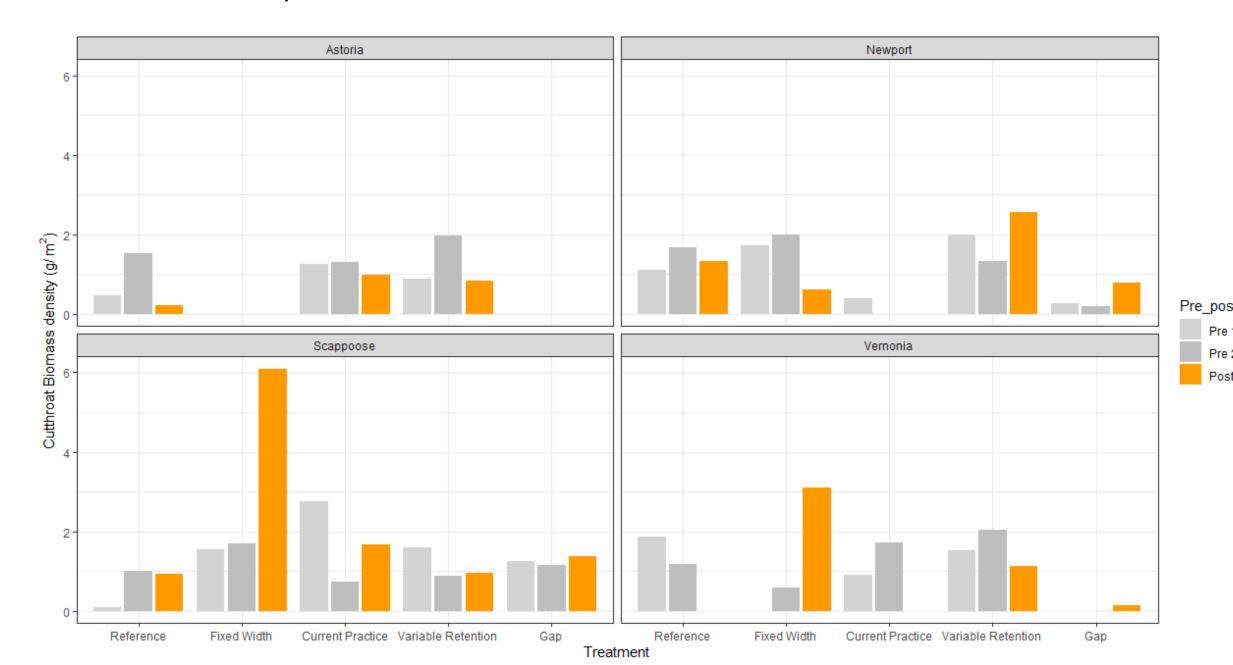




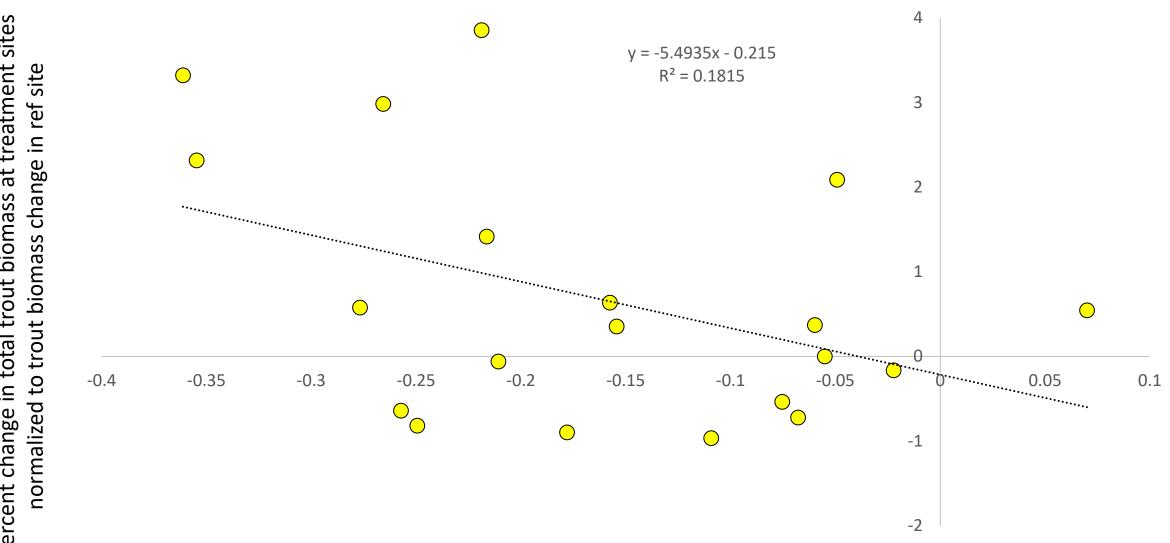




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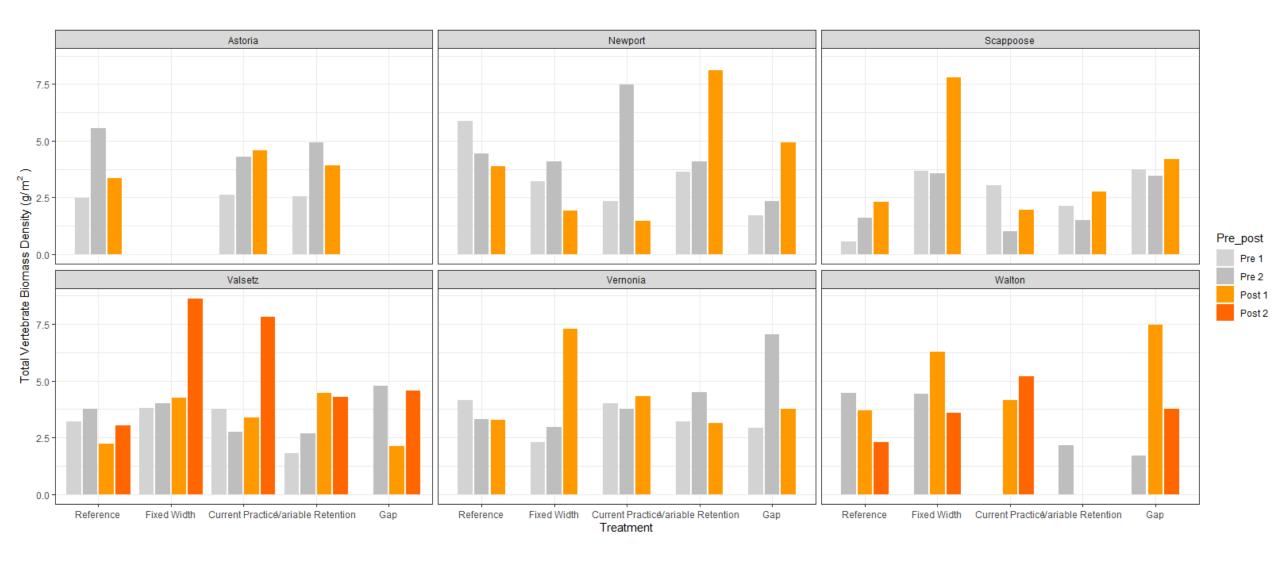


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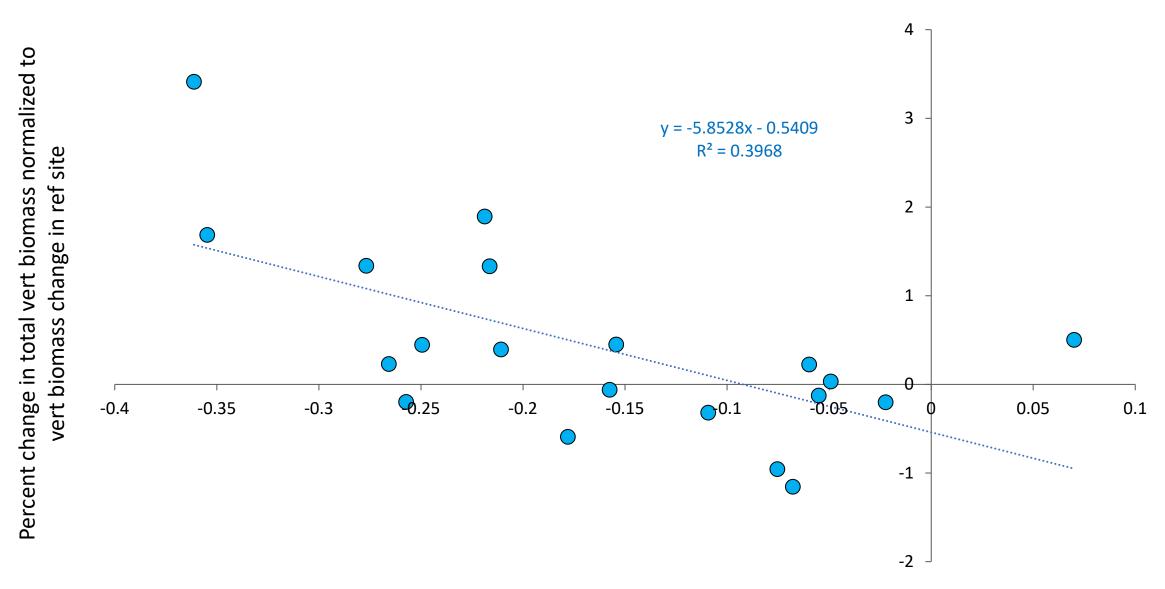


Percent change in canopy cover normalized to change in ref site

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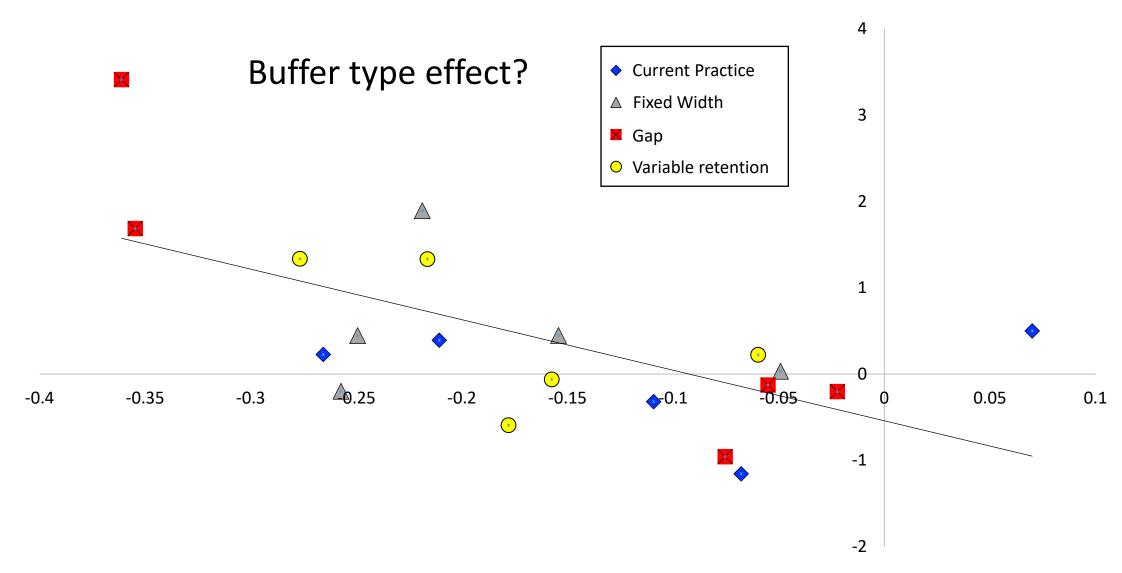


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#### Questions?

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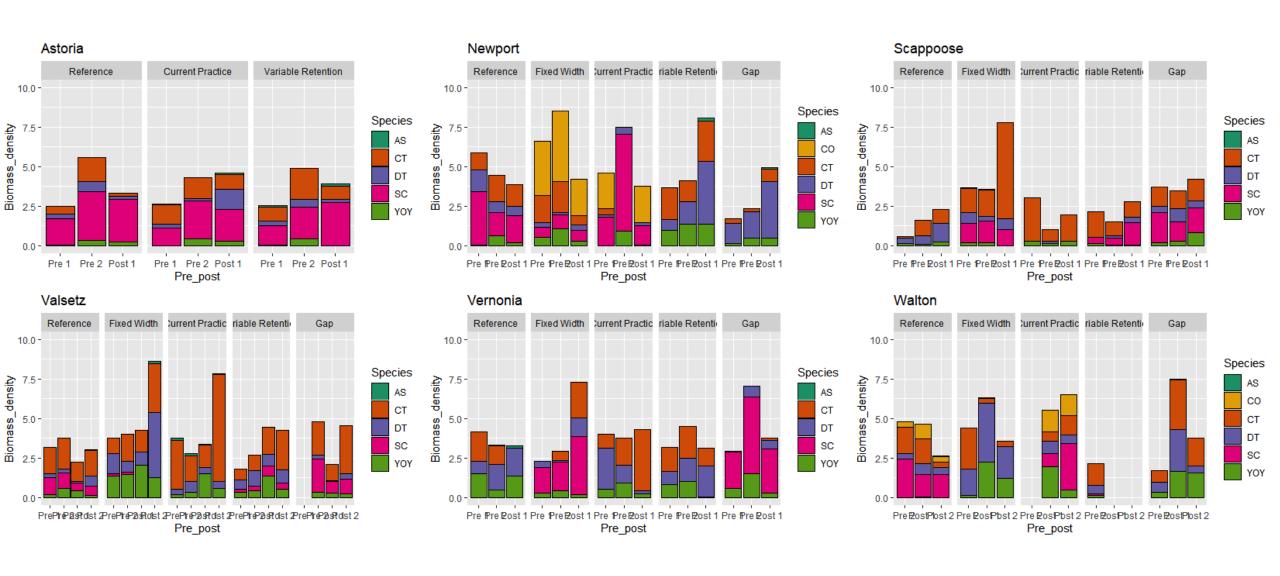




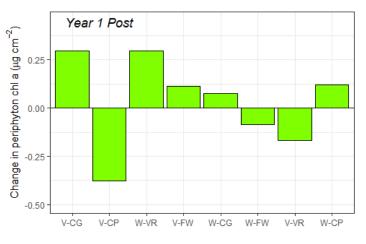


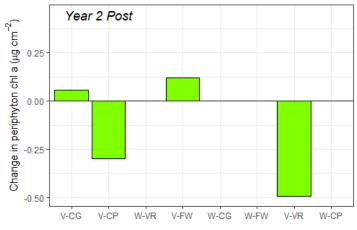


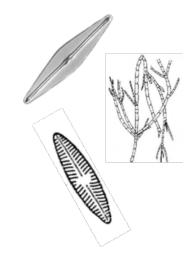
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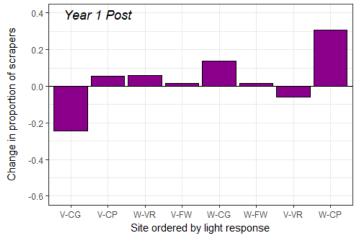


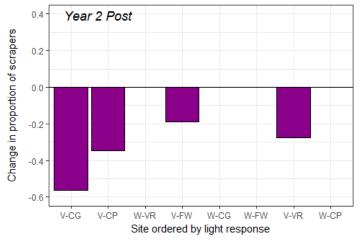
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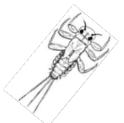




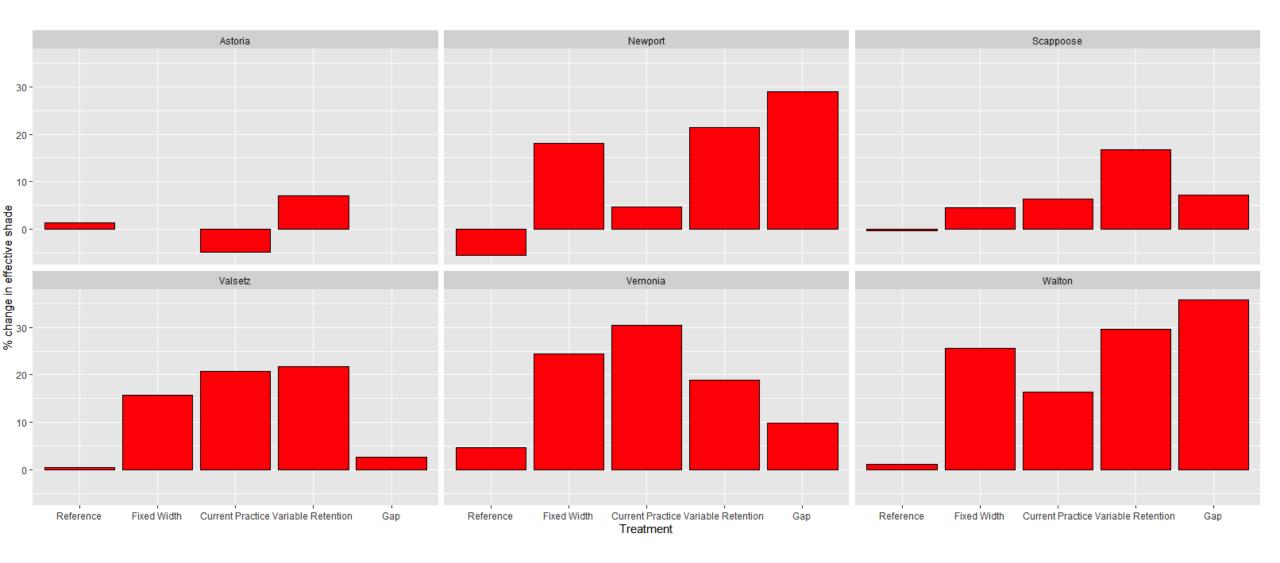




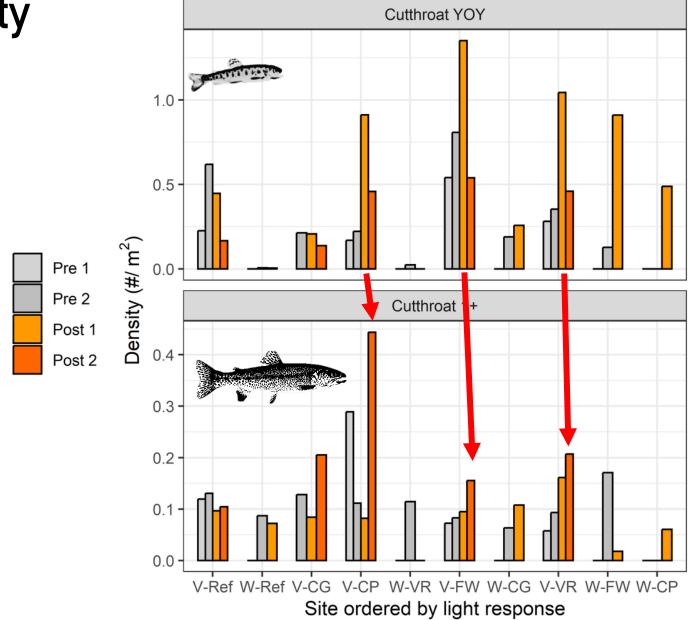








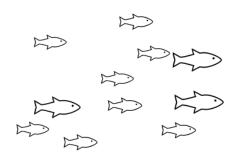
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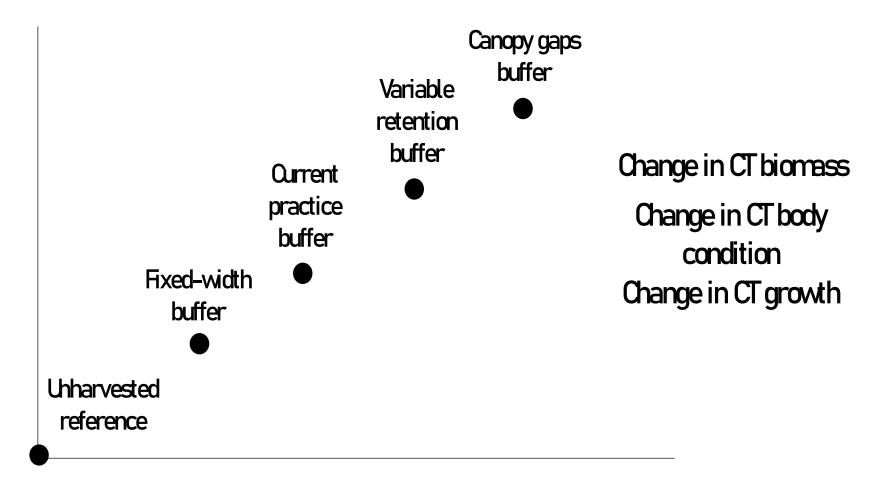


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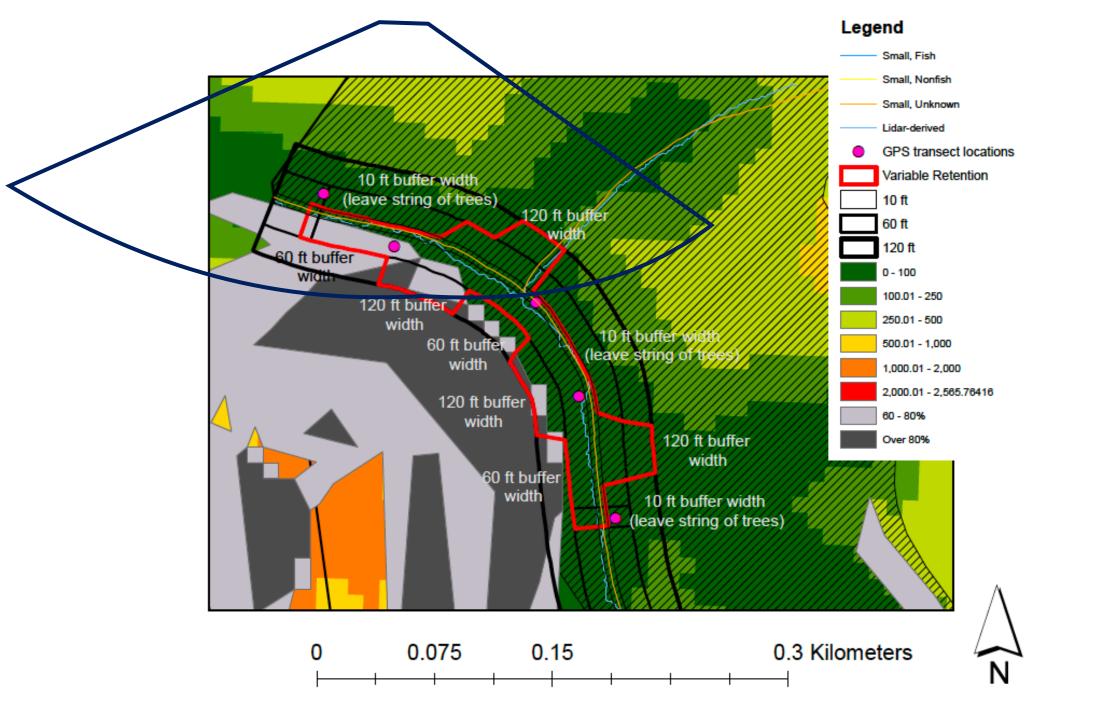
P2.3 Carrying capacity at streams with greater streamlight increases because of increased food availability

"Arising tide..."





Change in Light





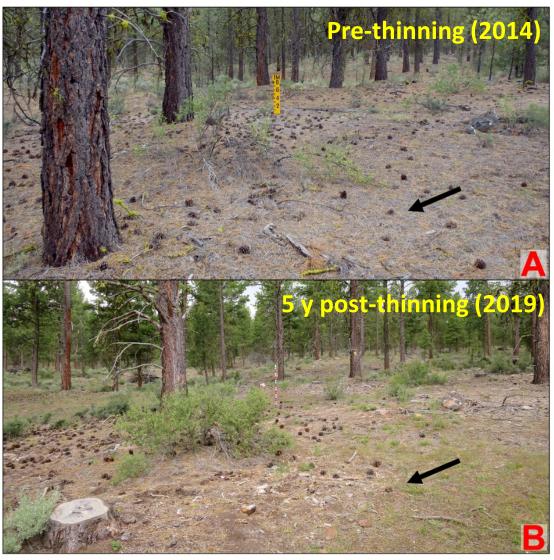


# **Evaluating insect pollinator response to dry forest fuels treatments**

Jim Rivers<sup>1</sup> and James Johnston<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Dept. Forest Engineering, Resources, and Management <sup>2</sup>Dept. Forest Ecosystems and Society Fuels treatments are a management priority in dry forests of the western U.S.





# The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) supports thinning to reduce fuels and restore forest resilience

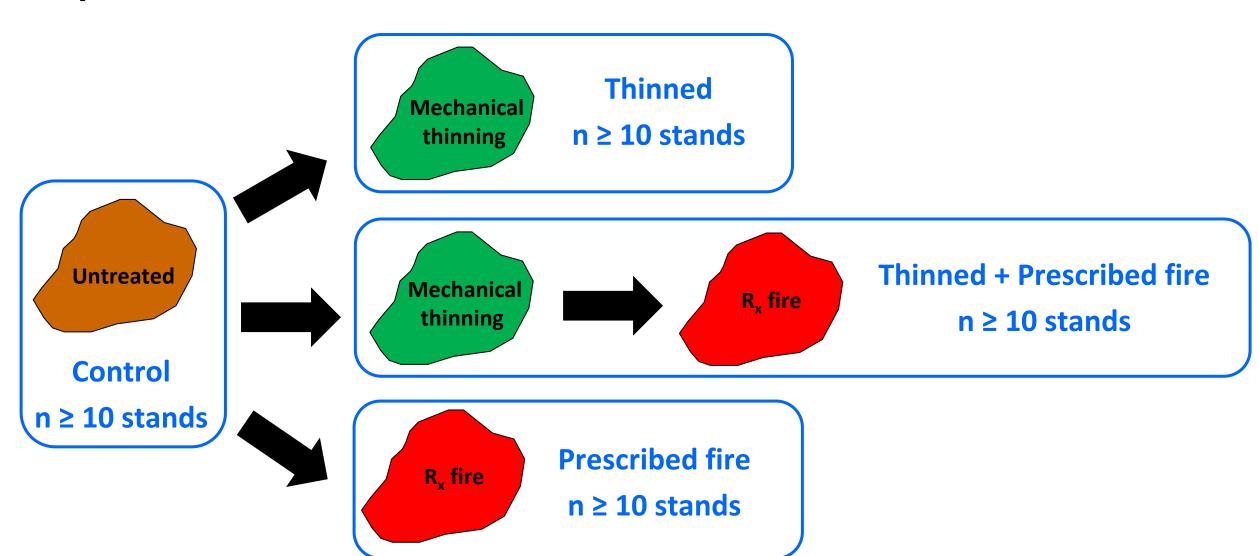




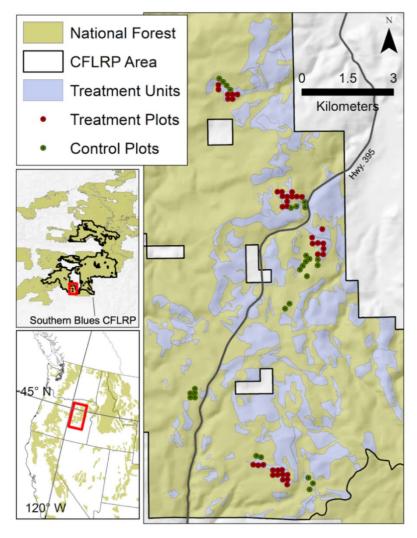


Johnston et al. 2021

# We will assess bee response to the treatments currently being implemented to reduce fuel loads



# Data collection will take place within established plots on the Malheur National Forest











Johnston et al. 2021

### A general timeline for the next year

Interviews and select finalist for M.S. position (>40 applicants!): December 2023

Procure additional funding for field technicians: January to March 2024

Finalize study field site selection: January to March 2024

Interview and select field technicians: January to February 2024

Purchase field gear: February to March 2024

Undertake field season #1: May to August 2024

M.S. student matriculates into CoF: September 2024

### Multi-scale Habitat Value of Slash Piles for Conserving Rare Carnivores

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<sup>1</sup>National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, Inc.

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Funding from Fish and Wildlife Habitat in Managed Forests research program and the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, Inc.

November 2023





# Pacific fisher (Pekania pennanti)

- Southern Sierra population State (2019) and Federally (2020) Endangered
- New petition for listing entire west coast population filed Sept. 13, 2022



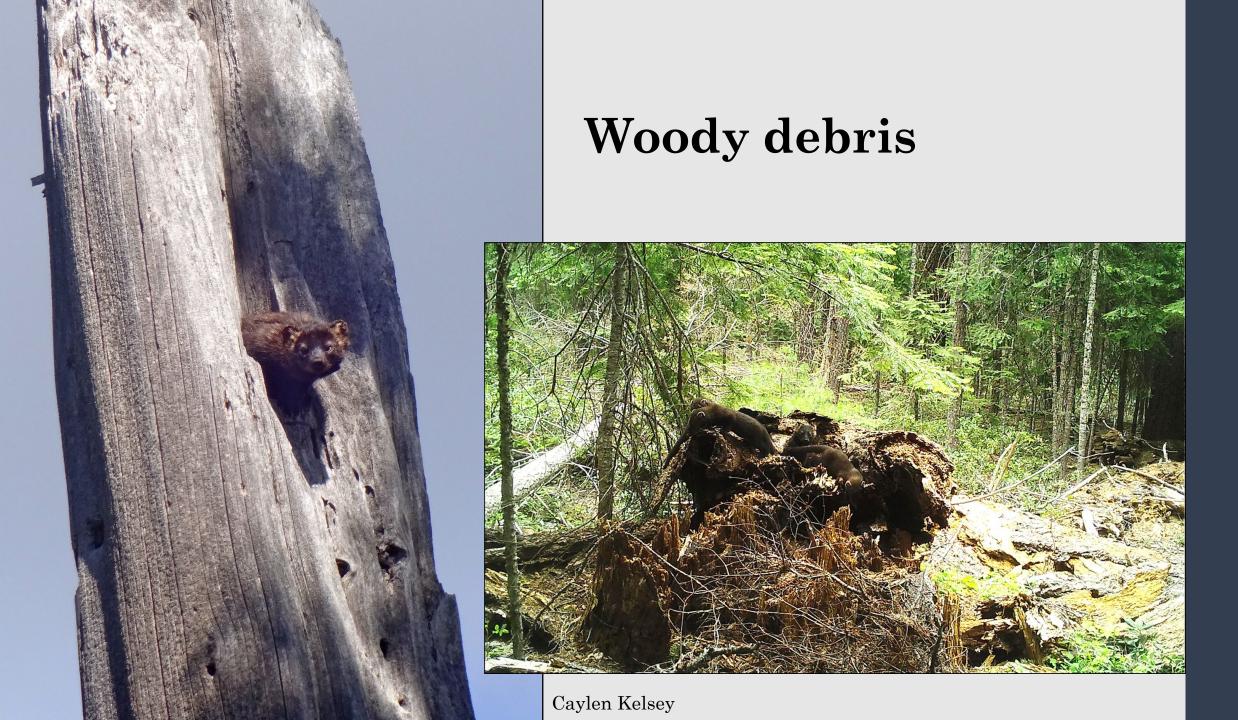
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# Pacific marten (Martes caurina)

- Coastal Distinct Population Segment Federally Threatened (2020)
- State Endangered in California (2019)

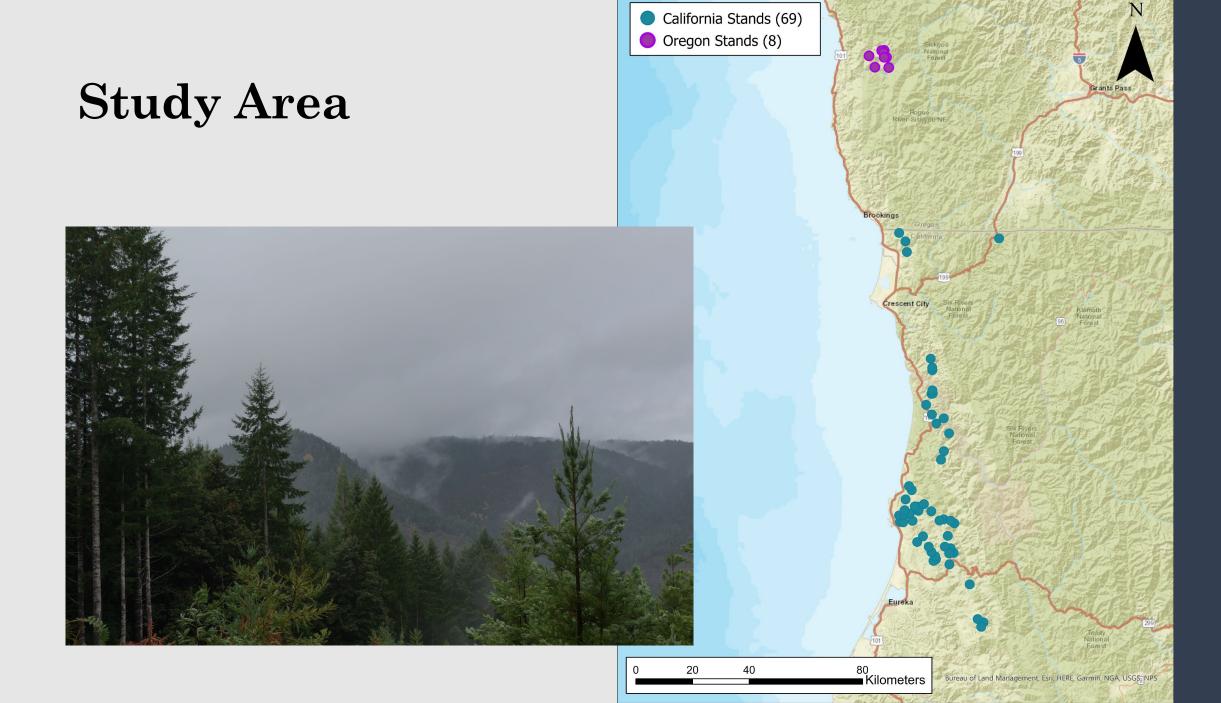


### Slash Piles





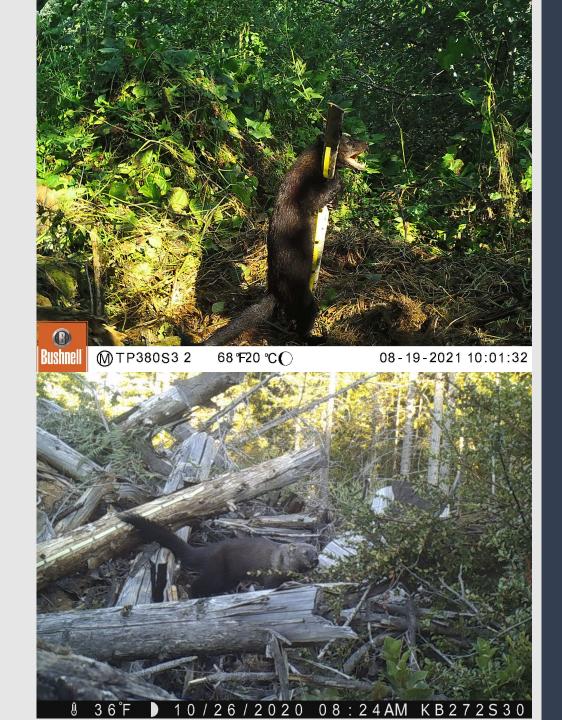




### **Objective 1: Pile Visitation**

Document pile visitation by martens and fishers

Quantify associations between pile visitation and stand/pile characteristics



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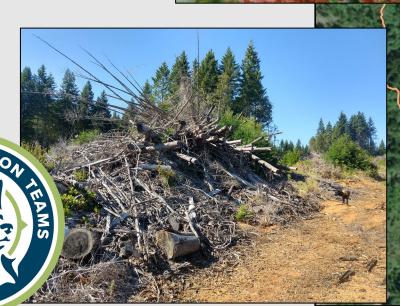
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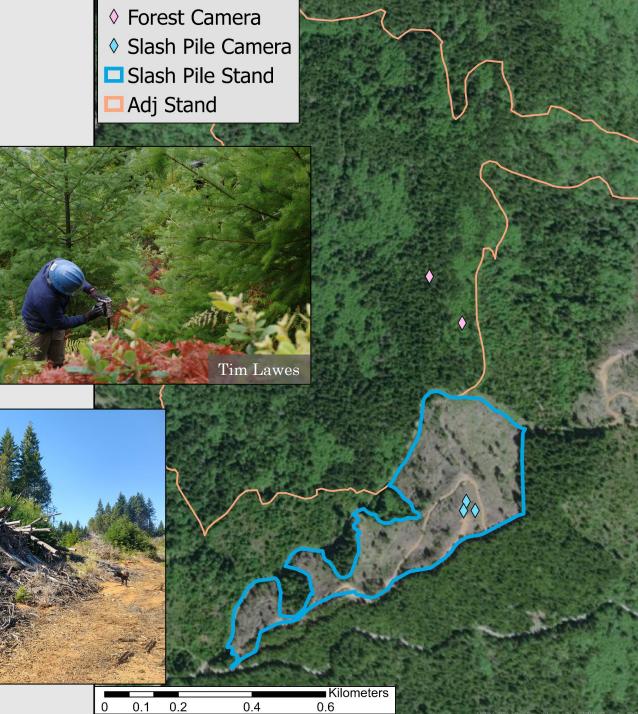
(California only)

- •69 stand-pairs surveyed
- •354 cameras
- •>1.6 million photos collected and tagged

### Detection dog teams

•Used to survey stands in California (n = 45) and Oregon (n = 8)









Martens detected within 8 stand-pairs
Detected at 1 slash pile

**Fishers** detected within **59** stand-pairs Detected at **36** slash piles

### Final results anticipated December 2023

### Stand and pile characteristics

	All $(mean \pm sd)$	Non-Detections (mean $\pm$ sd)	Detections $(mean \pm sd)$
Mean Shrub Cover (%)	$55.77 \pm 20.14$	$55.65 \pm 20.16$	$62.80 \pm 17.22$
Pile Age (years)	$3.96 \pm 3.64$	$3.93 \pm 3.63$	$5.73 \pm 4.00$
Approx Pile Volume (m³)	$367.33 \pm 327.93$	$368.13 \pm 328.18$	$318.38 \pm 309.62$
Distance to Forest Edge (m)	$28.97 \pm 17.42$	$28.89 \pm 17.37$	$34.06 \pm 19.34$

### Season

	Total survey days	Detections	Non-	Proportion
			detections	(Detections/Total
				Days)
Summer	2379	16	2363	0.007
May - Sept 20				
Fall/Winter	3443	78	3365	0.02
Sept 21 - March				

## Objective 2: Small mammal communities

Generate estimates of small mammal abundance, diversity, and energetic biomass at slash piles and in the surrounding landscape

18 stands, subset of N. California stands

Final results anticipated early 2024



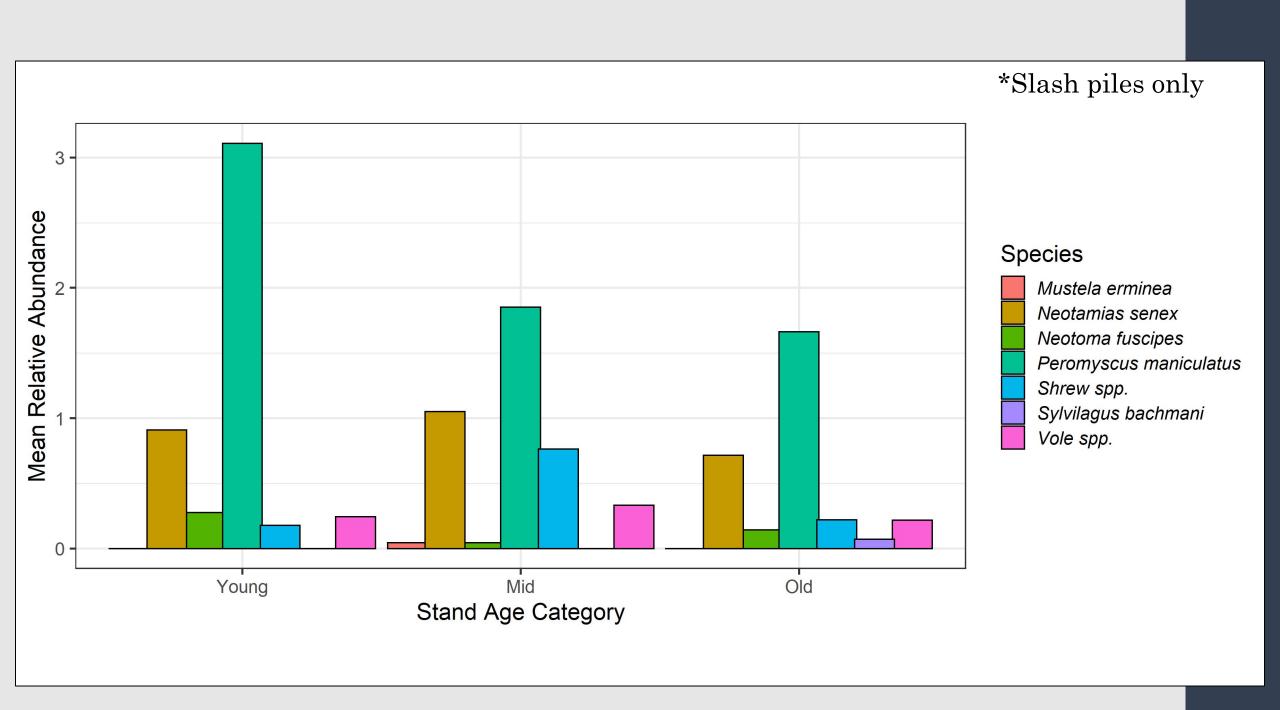


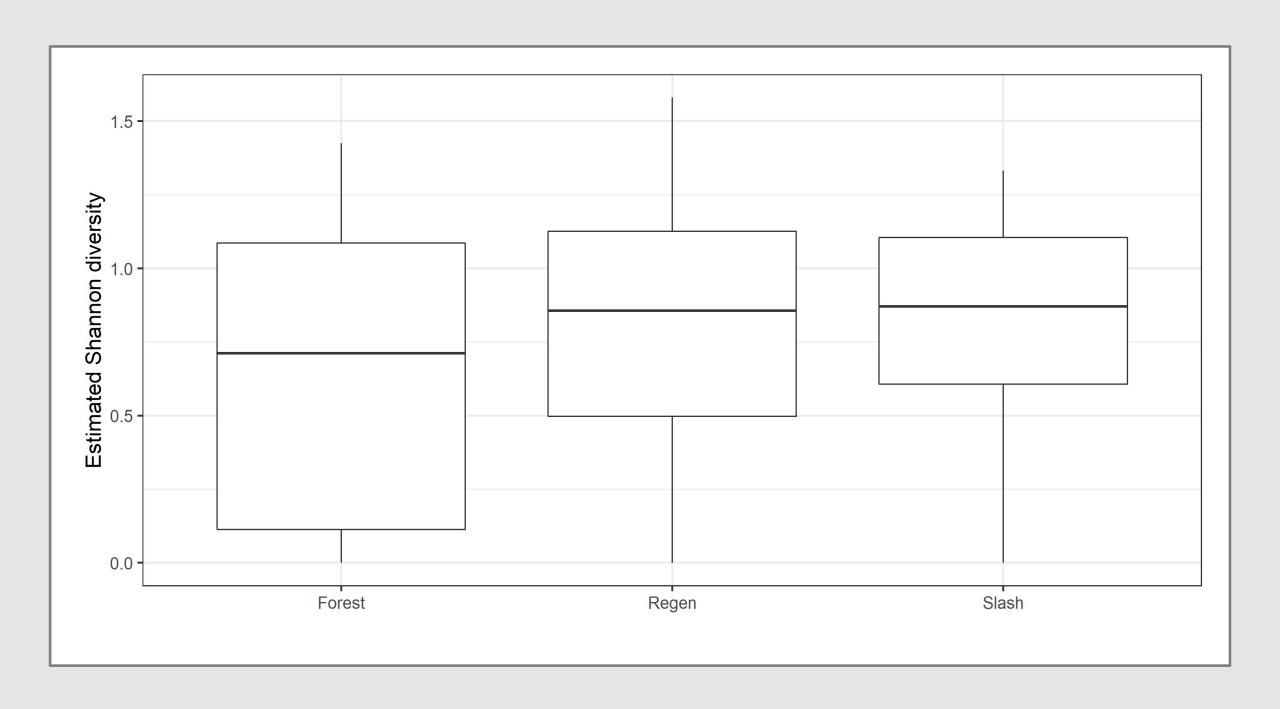
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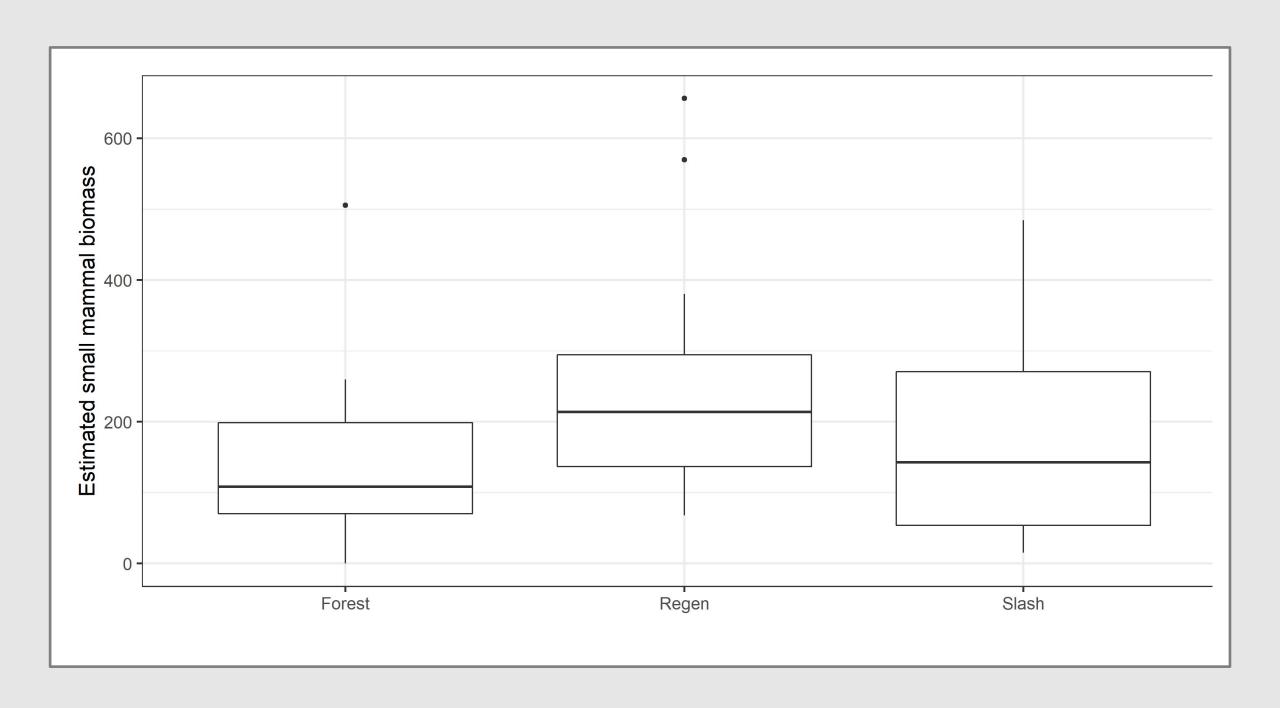
Regen – no piles











## Objective 3: Fire Behavior

Model effects on surface fire behavior with occurrence of slash piles

19 stands between California (n = 10) and Oregon (n = 9)

- Ages 0-7 years
- 3-6 vegetation and woody debris plots
- Up to 10 piles sampled per stand



### Fuel and Fire Tools

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### Summary of accomplishments

78 stands surveyed between Oregon (n = 9) and California (n = 69)

- >1.6 million remote camera images collected and photo-tagged
- 946 unique small mammal captures over 18 trapping replicates
- Measurements and composition estimates on >275 slash piles

#### Presented at:

- 68th Annual Meeting of the Western Section of the Wildlife Society, 2021
- · Western Forestry Graduate Research Symposium, 2021
- Annual Meeting of the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society, 2022
- Annual Meeting of the Wildlife Society, 2022

Additional collaborations with Dr. Micaela Szykman-Gunther at Cal-Poly Humboldt

### Next steps

Finalize fire behavior models at Model small mammal community metrics and energetic biomass at slash piles

Finalize GLMM describing associations between fisher detections at slash piles and stand and pile characteristics

Ellison MS Thesis, anticipated December 2023

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