

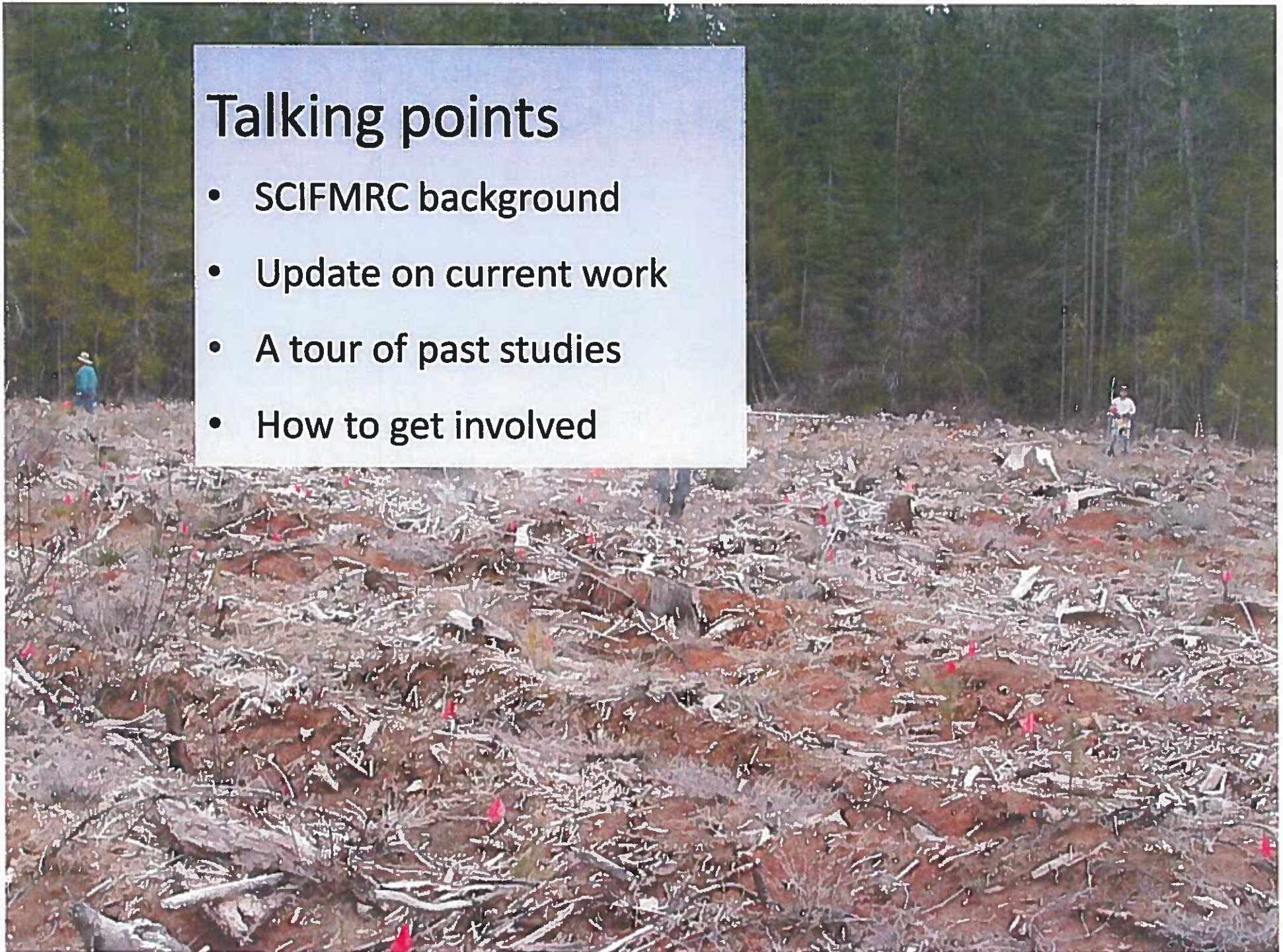
FOURTEEN YEARS OF FORESTRY RESEARCH

The Sierra Cascade Intensive Forest Management
Research Cooperative



Talking points

- SCIFMRC background
- Update on current work
- A tour of past studies
- How to get involved



SCIFMRC MISSION

- To conduct applied reforestation and stand management research
 - from seed collection to the first commercial thinning
 - using sound land stewardship
- To understand how conifer species interact with their environment in the interior region of Northern California and Southwestern Oregon.

OBJECTIVES

- To help **answer local issues** associated with young stand management in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mtns.
- To provide research findings on plantation establishment and growth for use in **decision processes**.



How does the CO-OP work?

- Organized in 1999 by forest industry, manufacturers, FS, UC
- Open membership with dues collected annually beginning in 2000
- Research proposals:
 - Solicited annually
 - Membership vote and announcement of funded proposals in March
- Results available in annual reports and journal publications



MEMBERSHIP

2000

Roseburg Resources
Sierra Pacific Industries
Fruit Growers Supply Co.
W.M. Beaty & Associates
Soper-Wheeler
Collins Pine Co.
Boise Cascade

Cal Forest Nurseries
Monsanto
Wilbur-Ellis
PRT
Dupont
Pro-Source One
American Cyanamid (BASF)

Silver Butte Timber
Dow Agro Sciences
Pelton Reforestation
UAP Northwest

2013

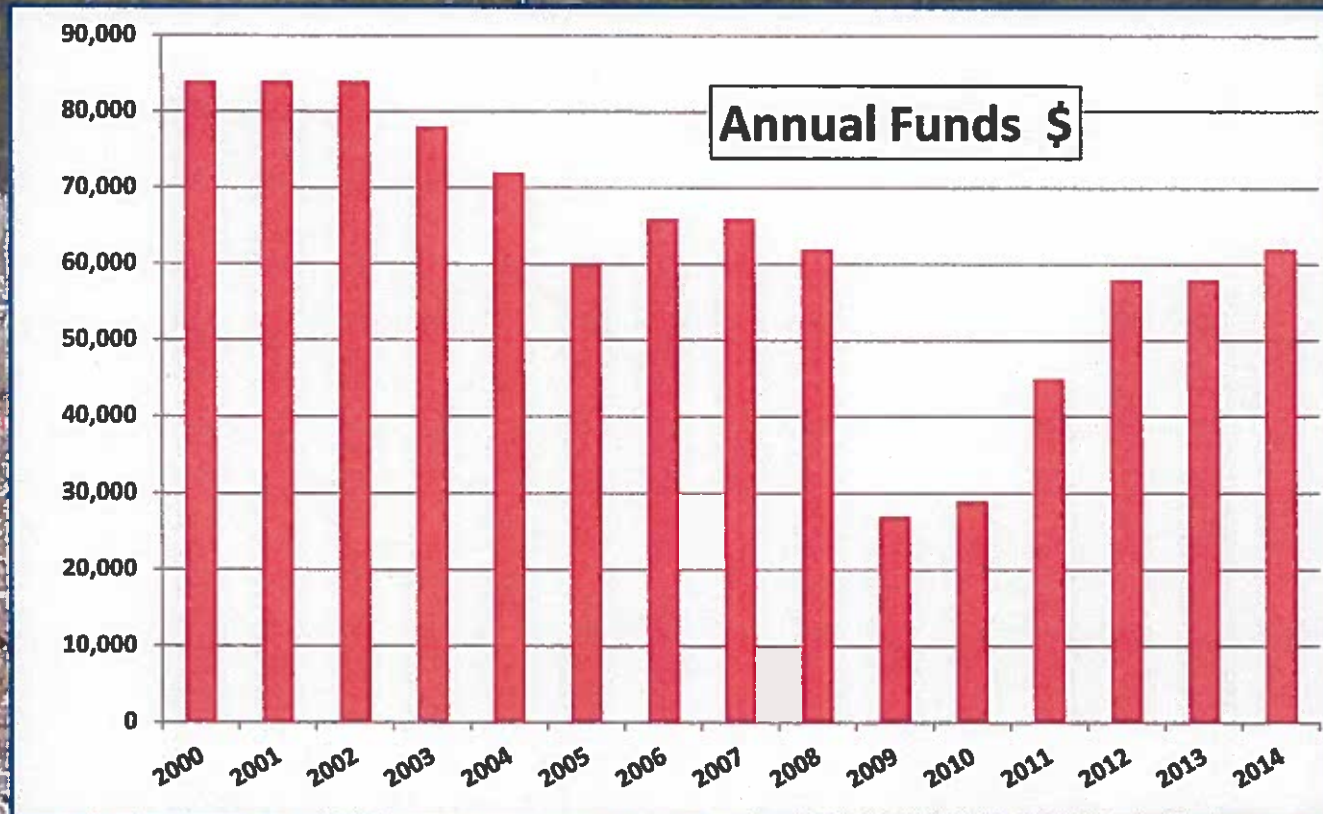
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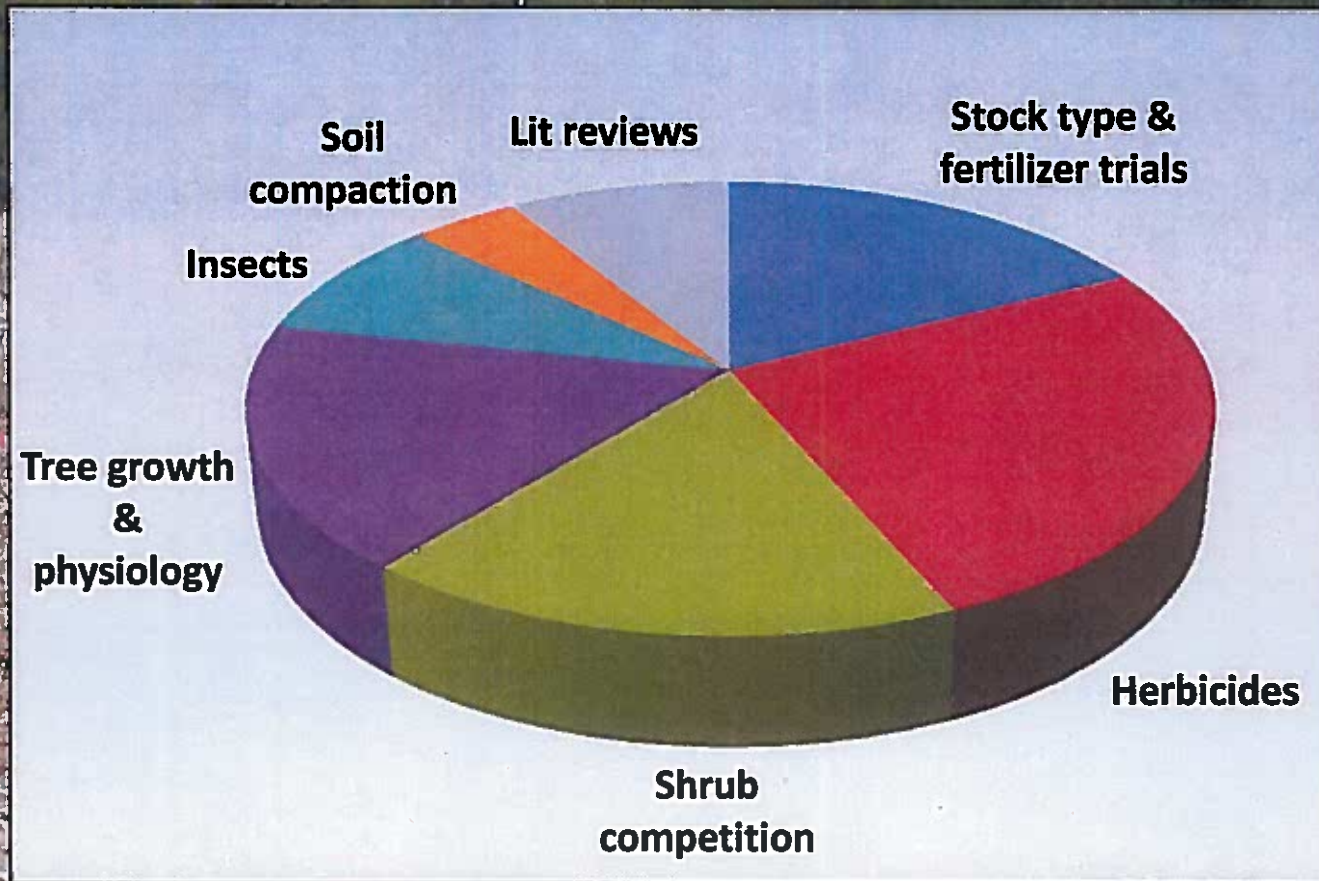
HOW'S IT GOING?

- \$853,000 program
- Approaching steady level of \$60k per year



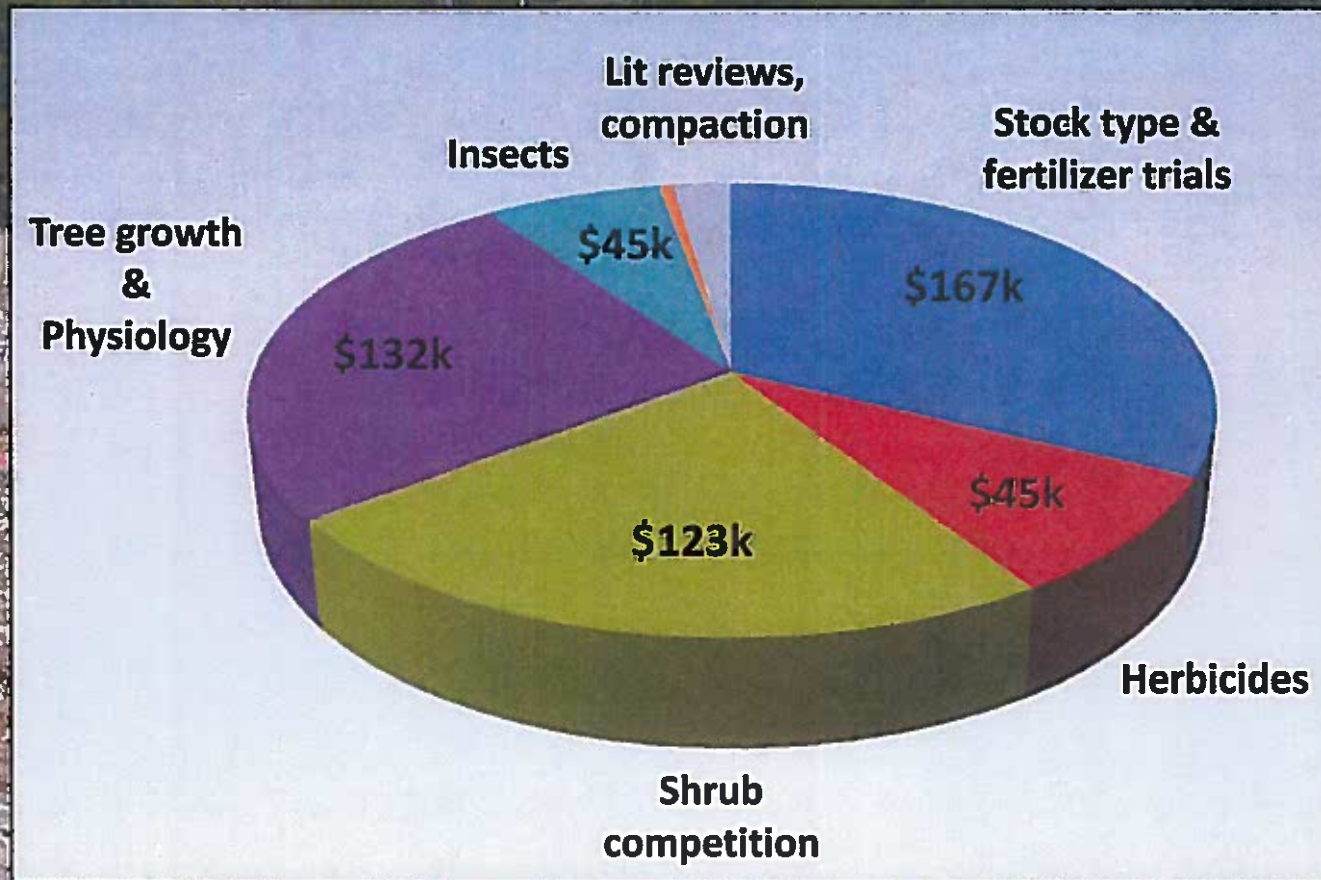
Co-op funded research

- 19 completed studies
- 5 on-going studies



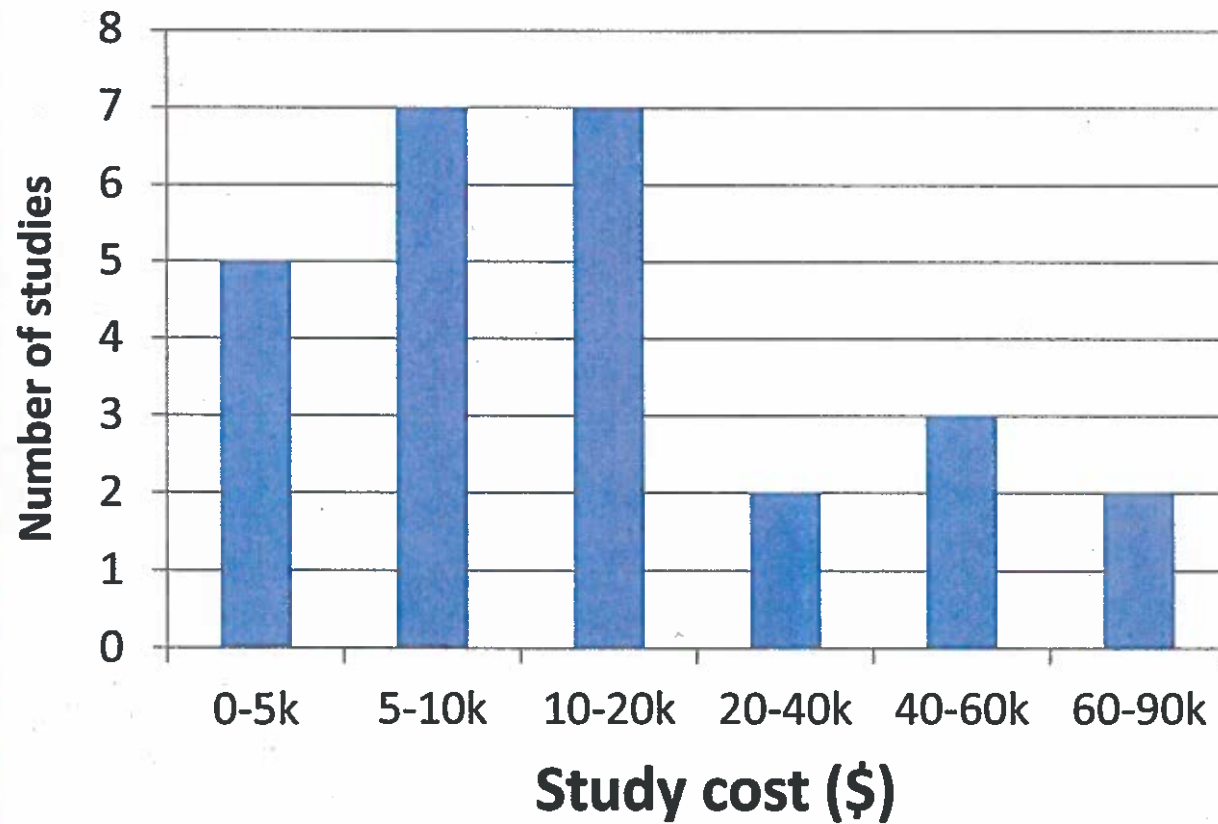
Dollars spent on research

- 70% of total budget
- Herbicide studies are relatively inexpensive



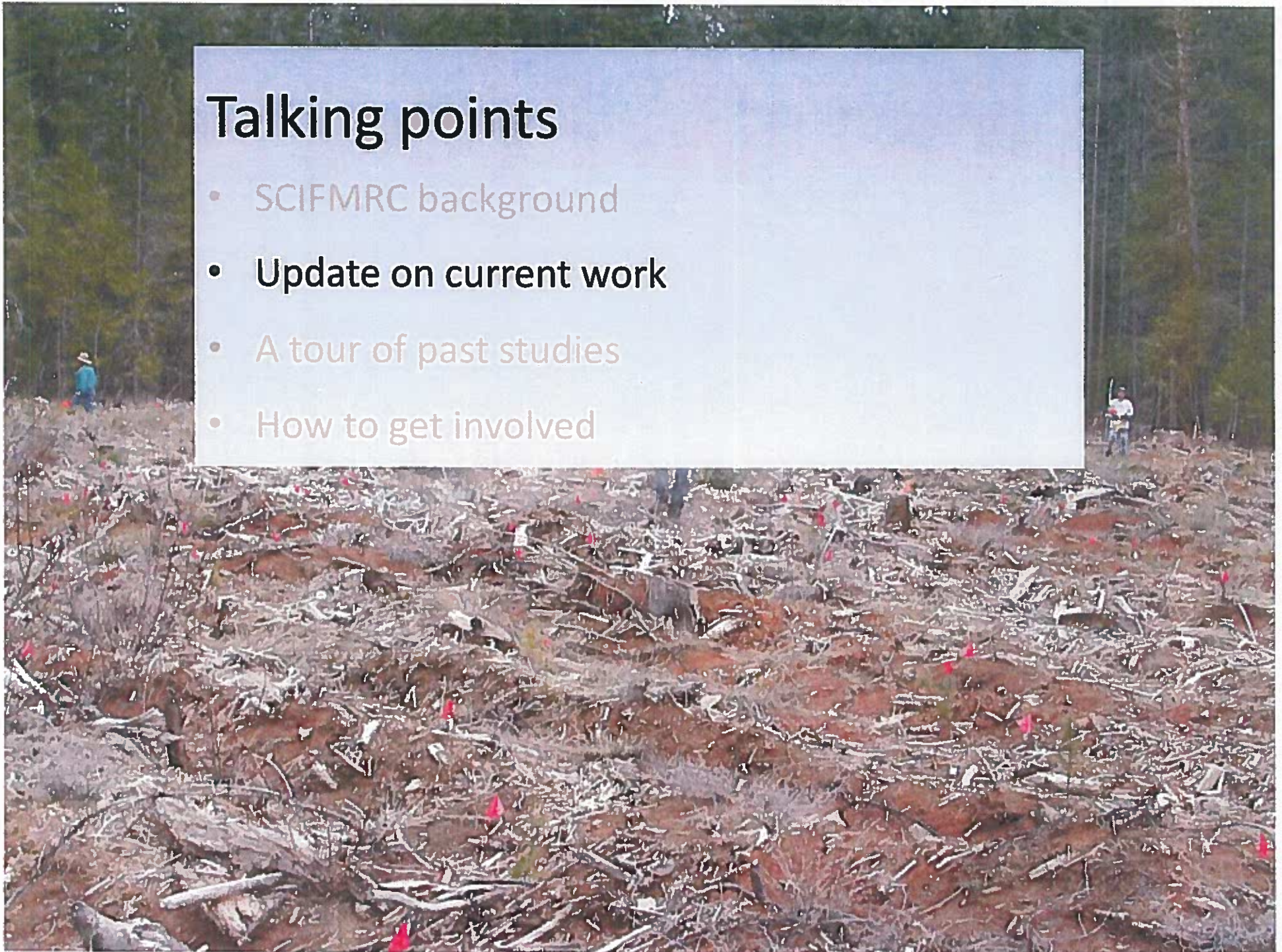
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- Average study cost: \$19,772



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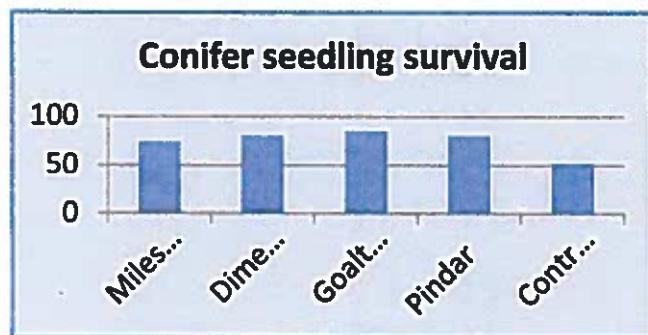
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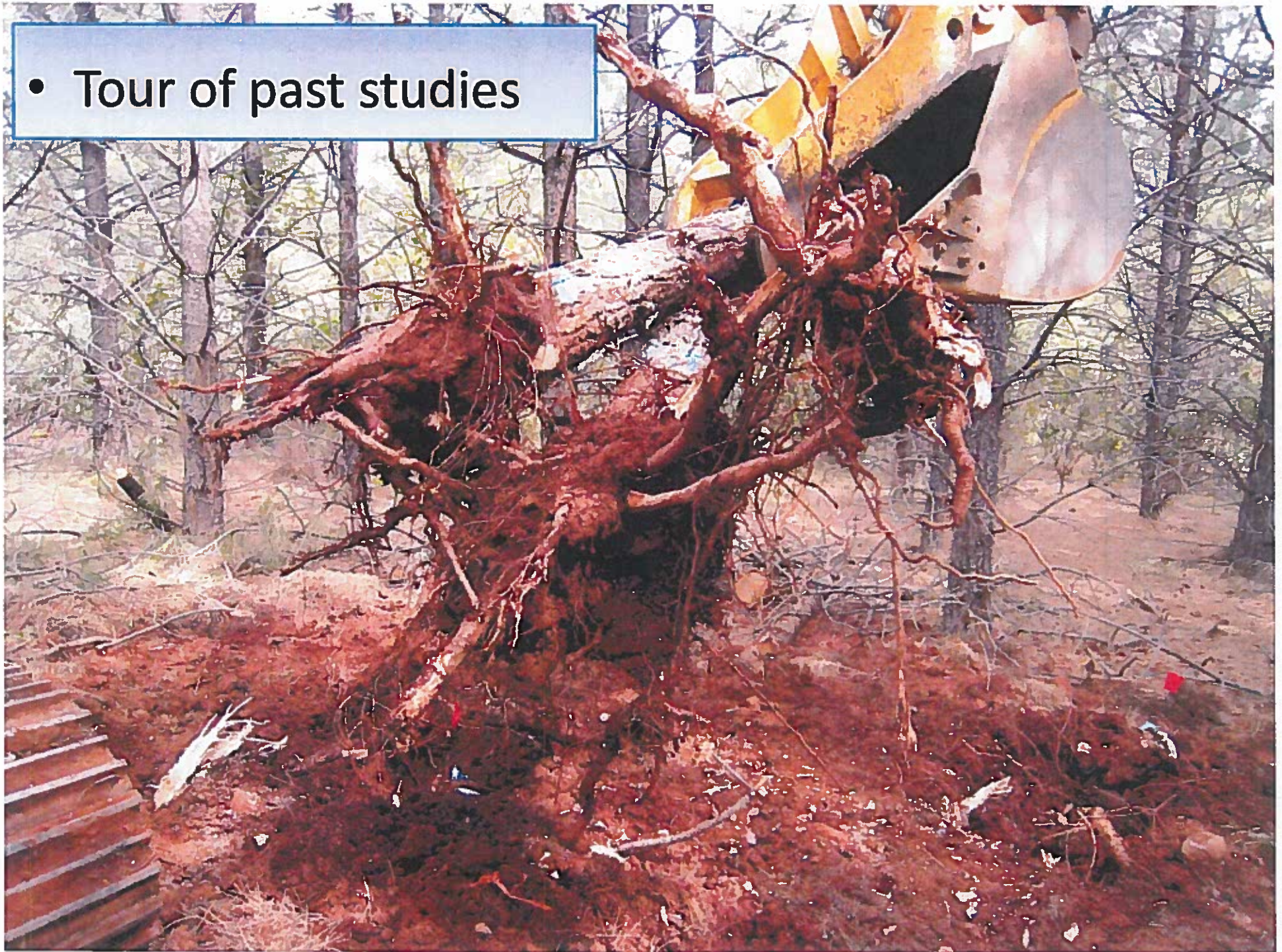
CO-OP update

On-going work

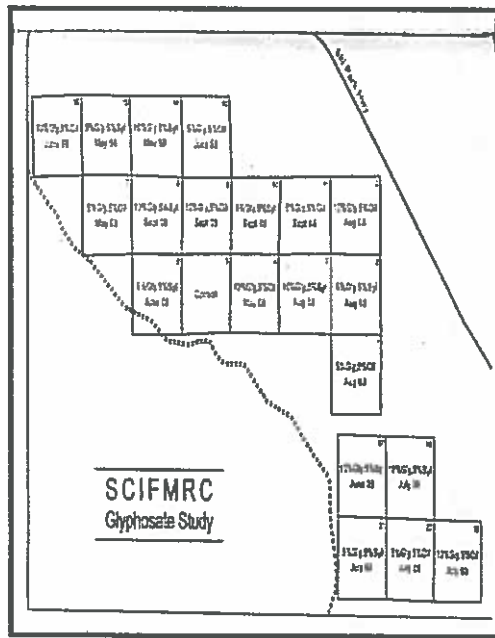
- ✓ Herbicide trials – Matrix site prep, Pindar (Fredrickson)
- ✓ Garden of Eden – second time around (Zhang and Powers)
- ✓ Pongosa subsoiling study - tree remeasurement (Webster and Powers)
- ✓ Geospatial mapping of all CO-OP study sites



- Tour of past studies



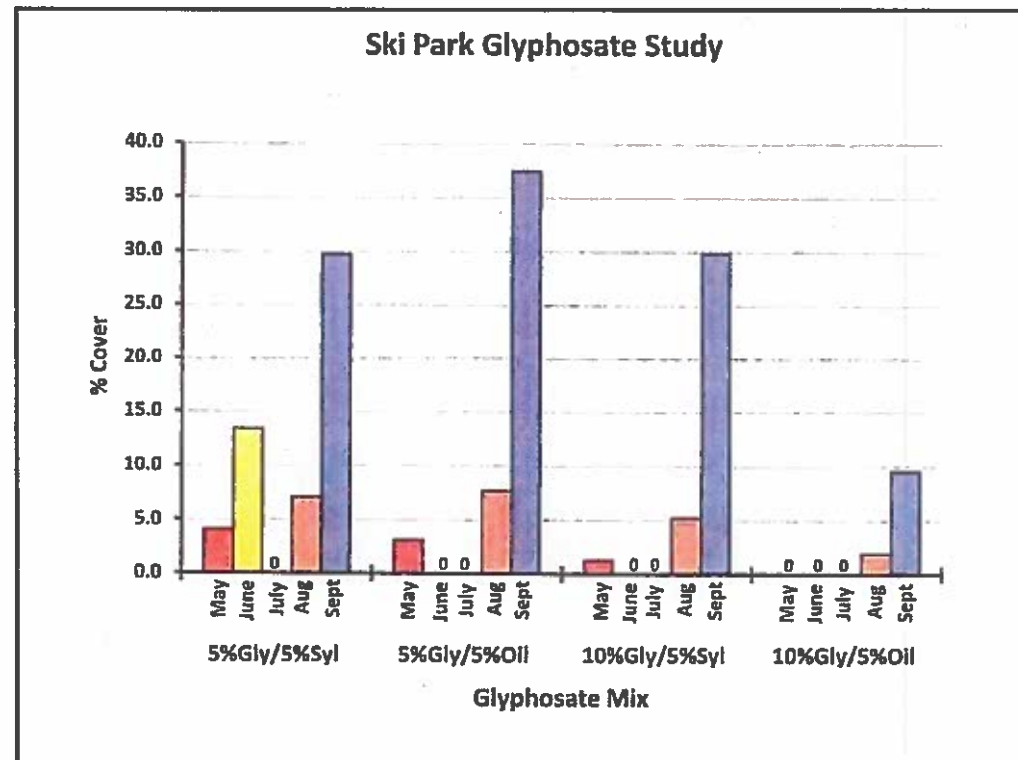
Glyphosate formulation and timing of application



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Findings

- Late-summer application was only slightly better than no treatment
- Best success with June or July application
- 10% a.i. plus oil is optimal for shrub control



Cedar Stock Type Trial

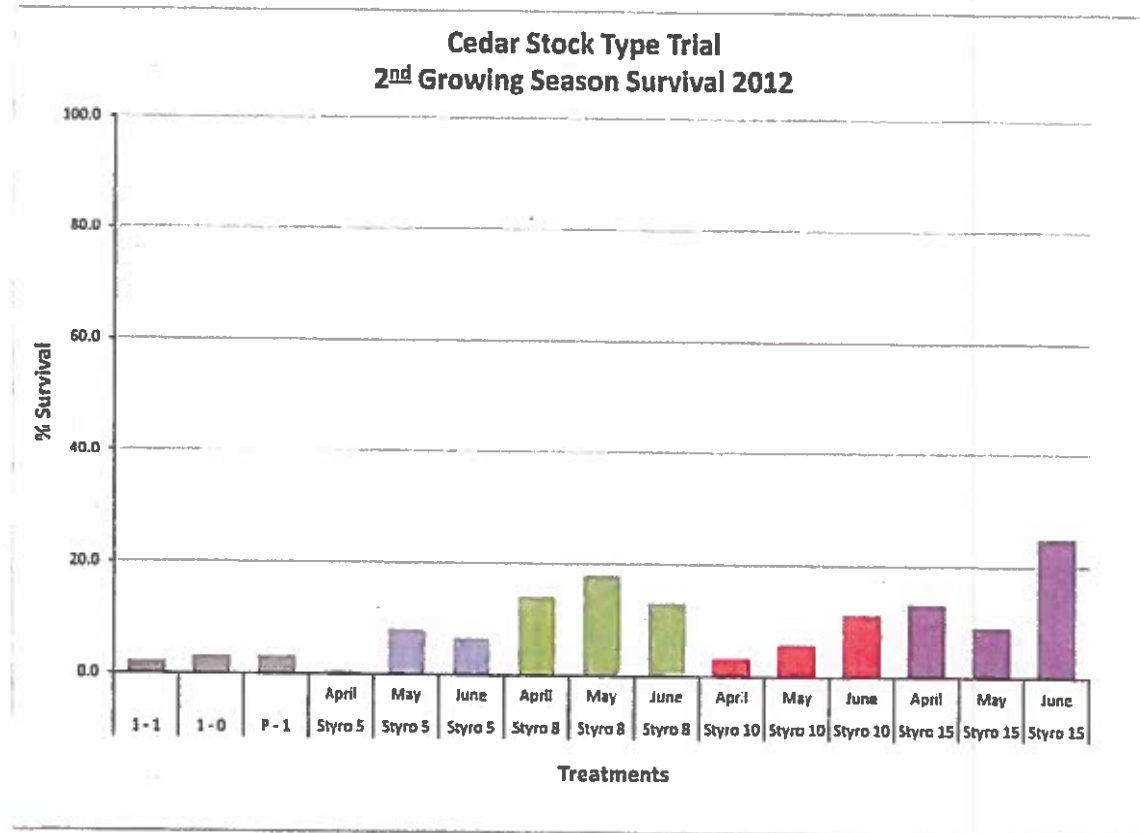
Stock Types At Time Of Planting May 2011



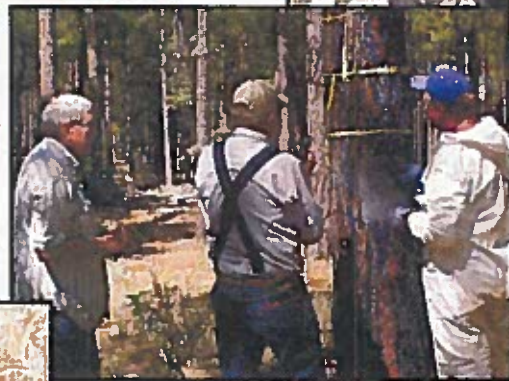
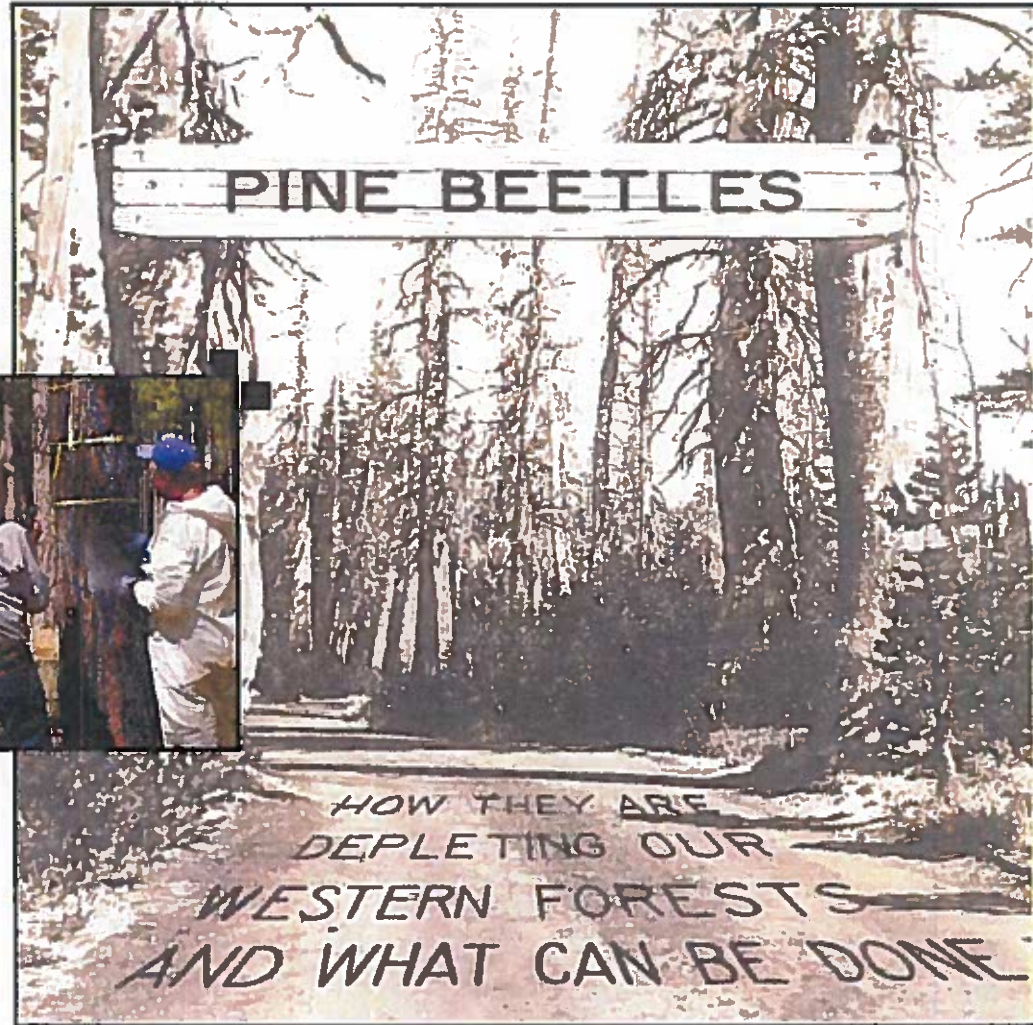
Incense Cedar Stock Type Trial

Findings

- Excellent survival in 1st year
- All styro stock types and planting dates successful
- Poor survival in year 2 due to extremely cold weather



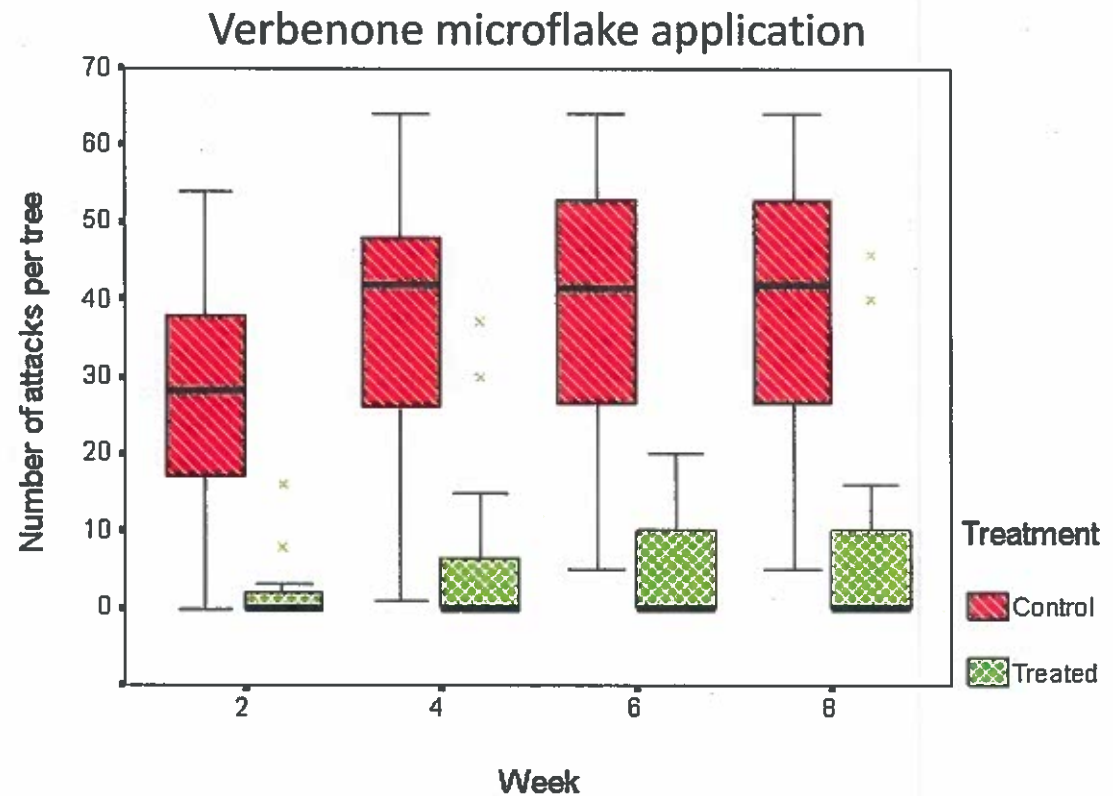
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Bark beetle control: anti-aggregation pheromones and application methods

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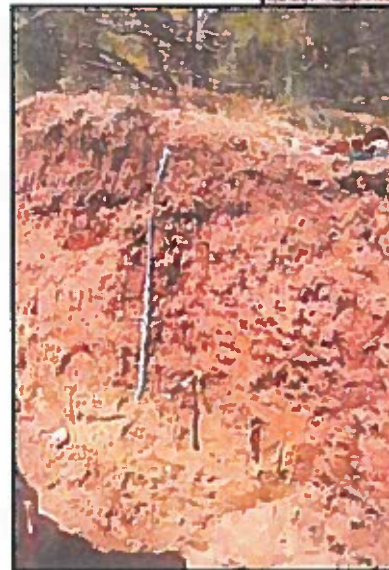
- Effective ground or aerial application
- Reduced tree mortality
- Successful for MPB and RTB
- Inconsistent response for WPB control



Does subsoiling affect seedling survival or growth?

Findings

- No apparent benefit to soil properties or veg at CO-OP site
- Know the soil water holding capacity, soil depth, and extent of compaction before deciding to subsoil



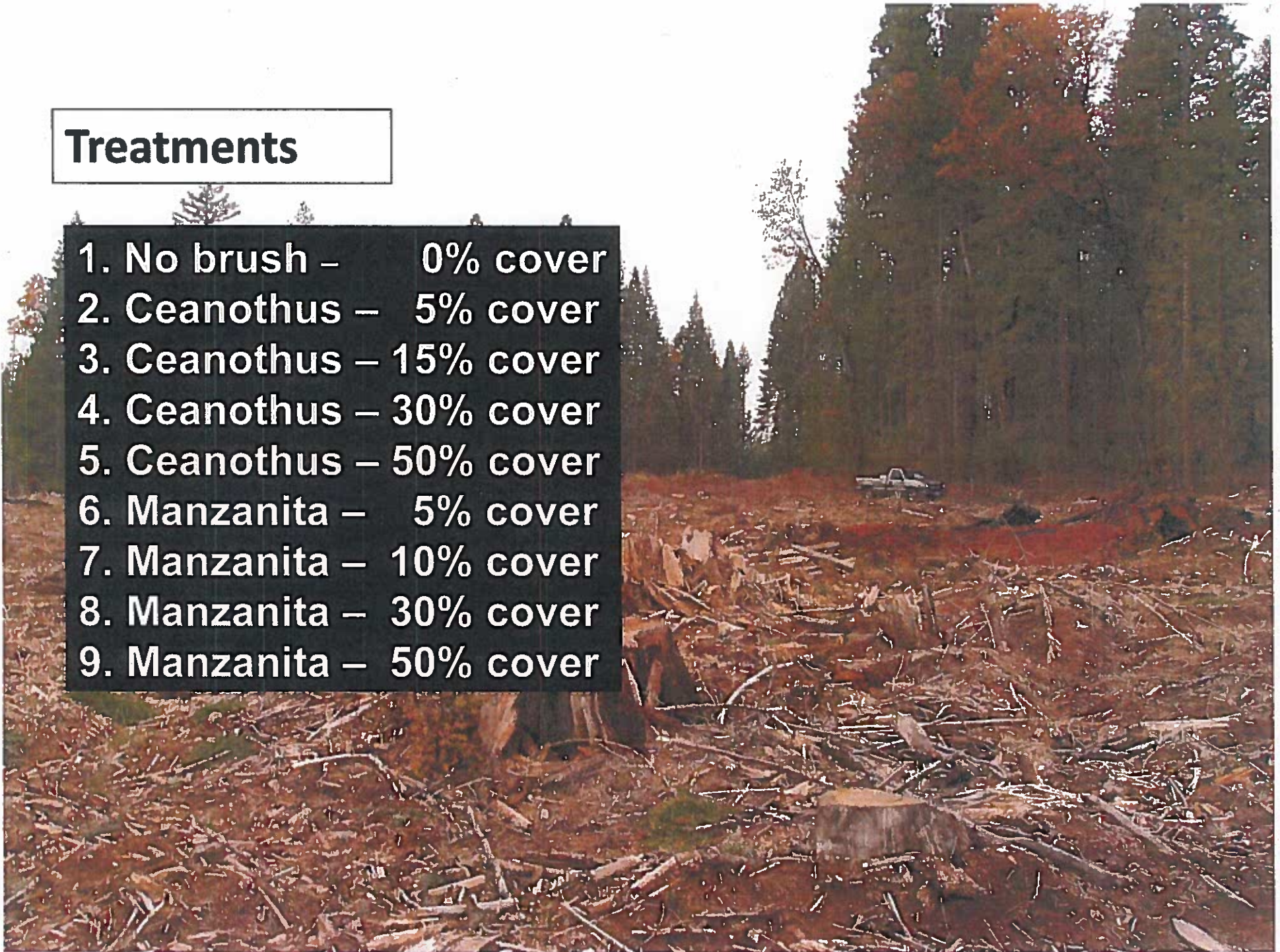
Agenda 2020

Defining the limits of shrub competition



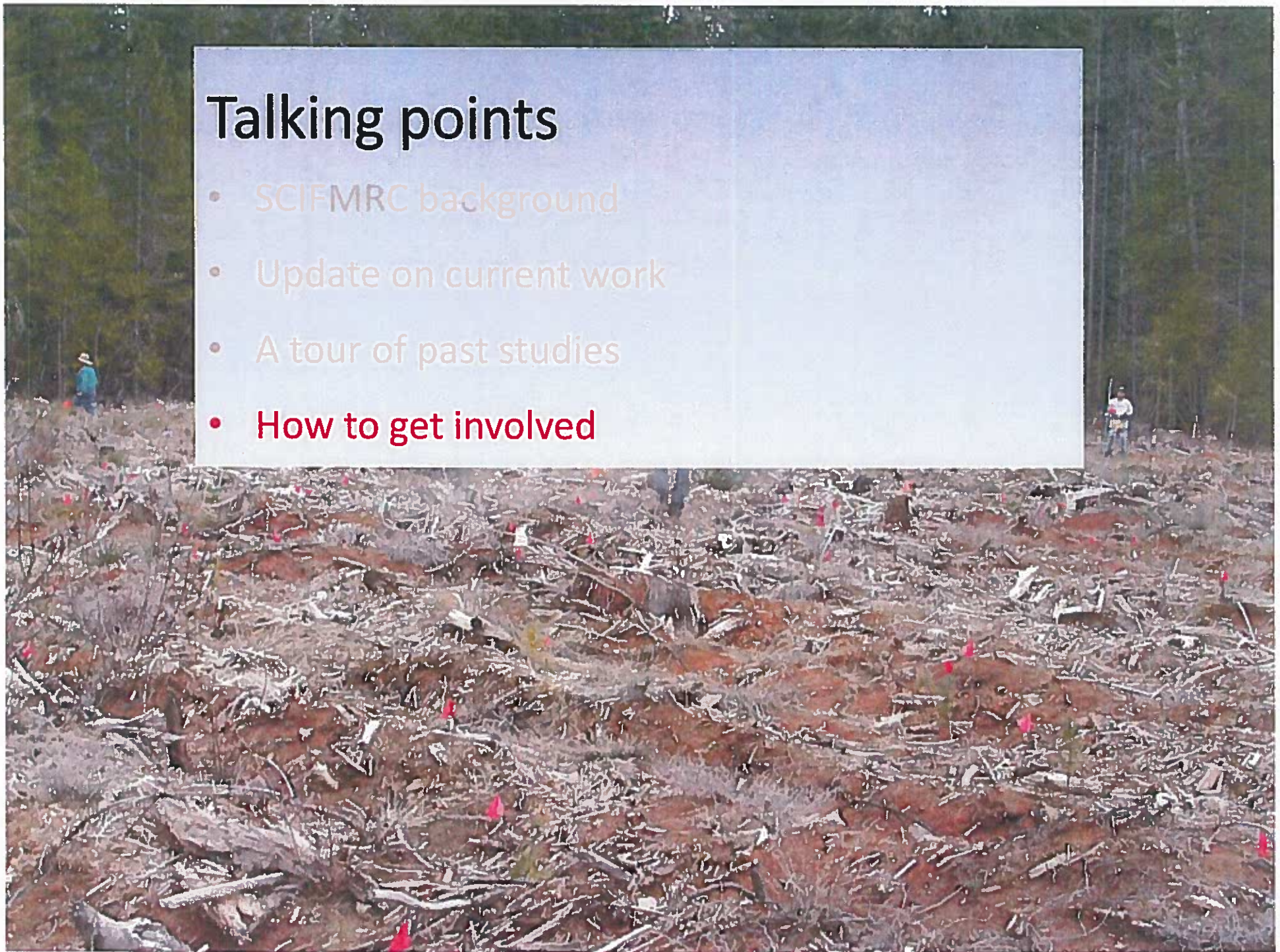
Treatments

1. No brush – 0% cover
2. Ceanothus – 5% cover
3. Ceanothus – 15% cover
4. Ceanothus – 30% cover
5. Ceanothus – 50% cover
6. Manzanita – 5% cover
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9. Manzanita – 50% cover



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Get involved

- Submit a research proposal by early March
- Attend the March 2014 CO-OP meeting
- Help develop a CO-OP website
- **Contact Gary Fiddler, CO-OP manager**

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