Upland Forest Thinning in the Cedar River Municipal Watershed

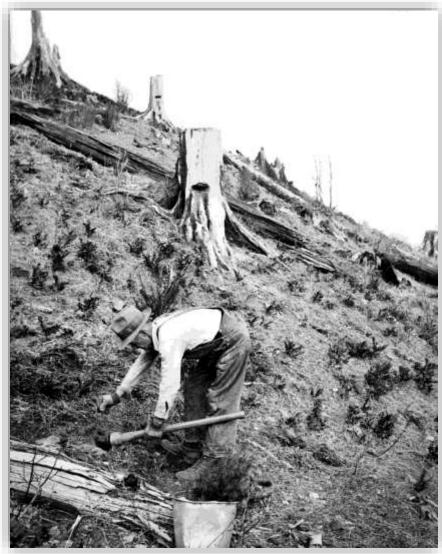
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Historic Watershed Management



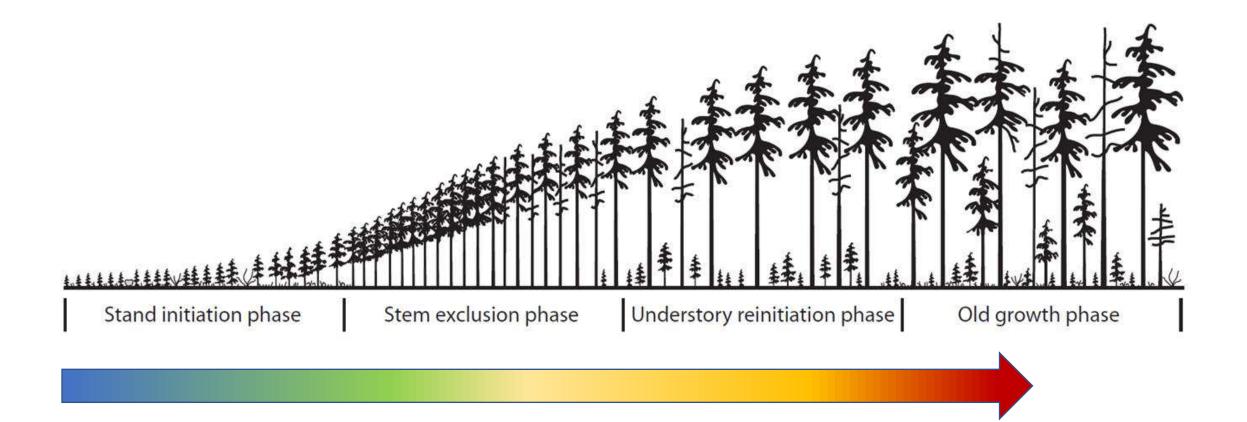
Mt Washington, Masonry Pool, and Chester Morse Lake, 1918



Reforestation Rattlesnake Mtn, 1935

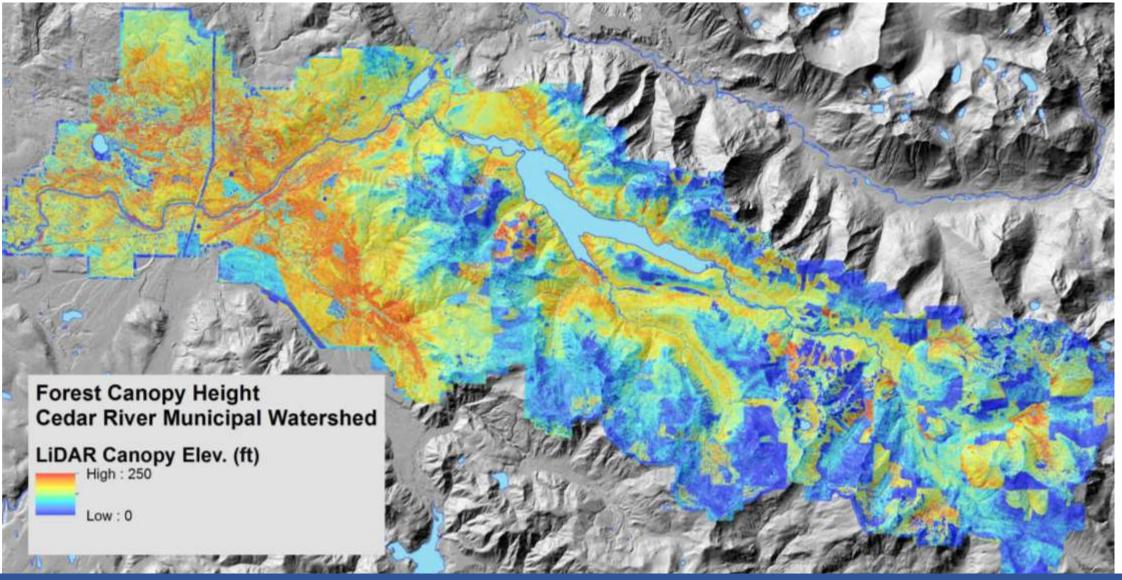


Forest Development following Major Disturbance



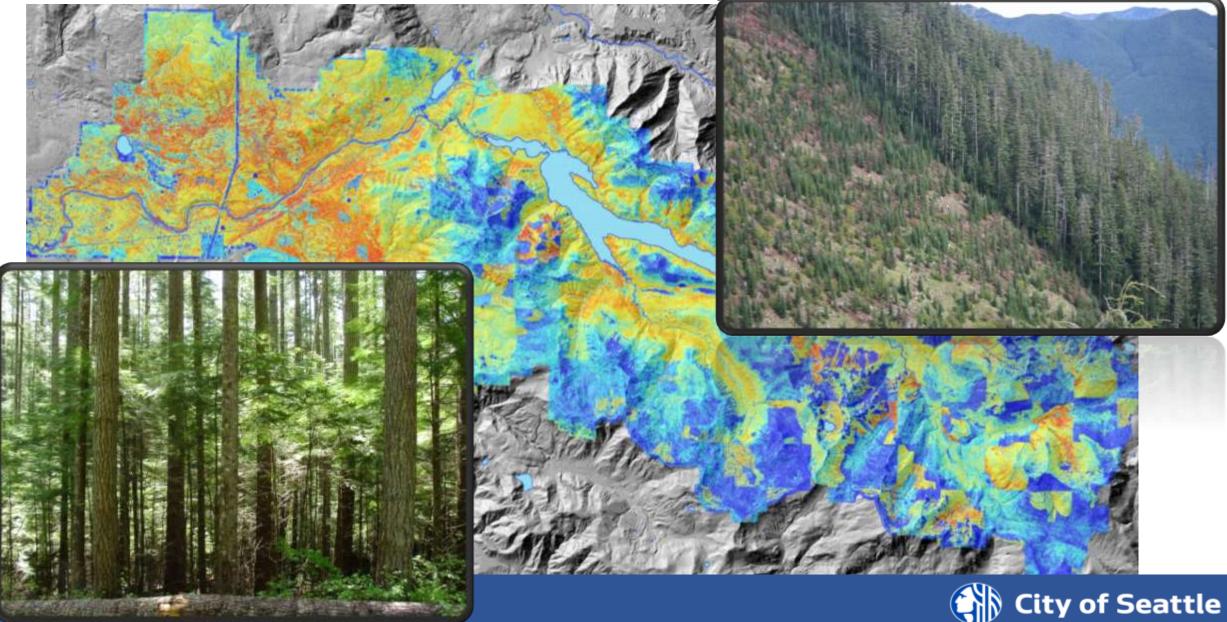


Forested Watershed Landscape





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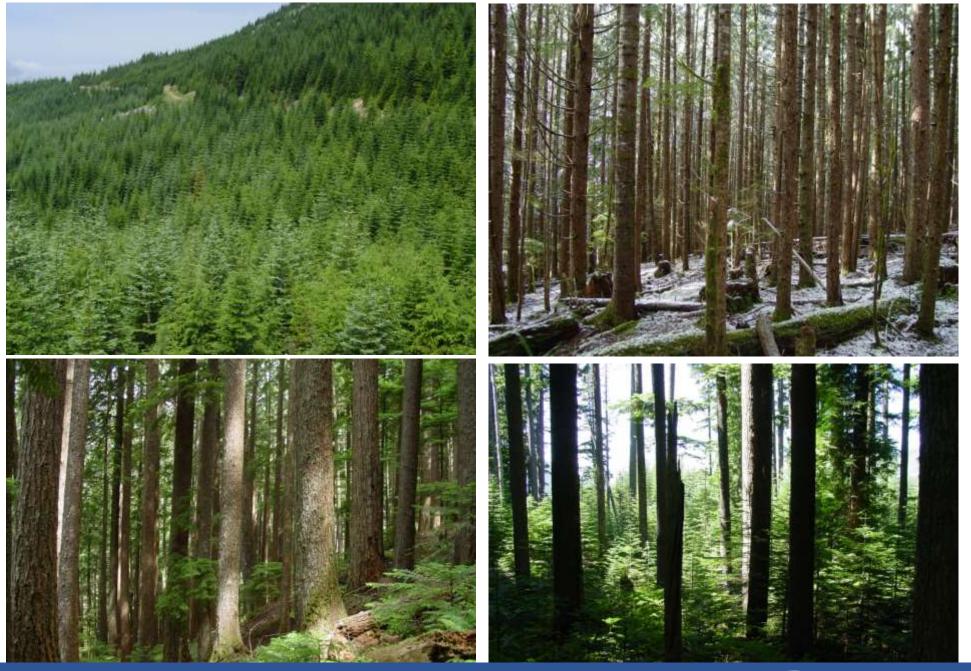


Cedar River Watershed – Habitat Conservation Plan

- Ecological Reserve
- Protection from land-use change and commercial forestry
- Forest, Fish, and Flows
- Water supply
- Habitat for fish and wildlife
- Upland Forest Restoration Program Goals:
 - Develop landscape of old forest habitat
 - Increase biodiversity

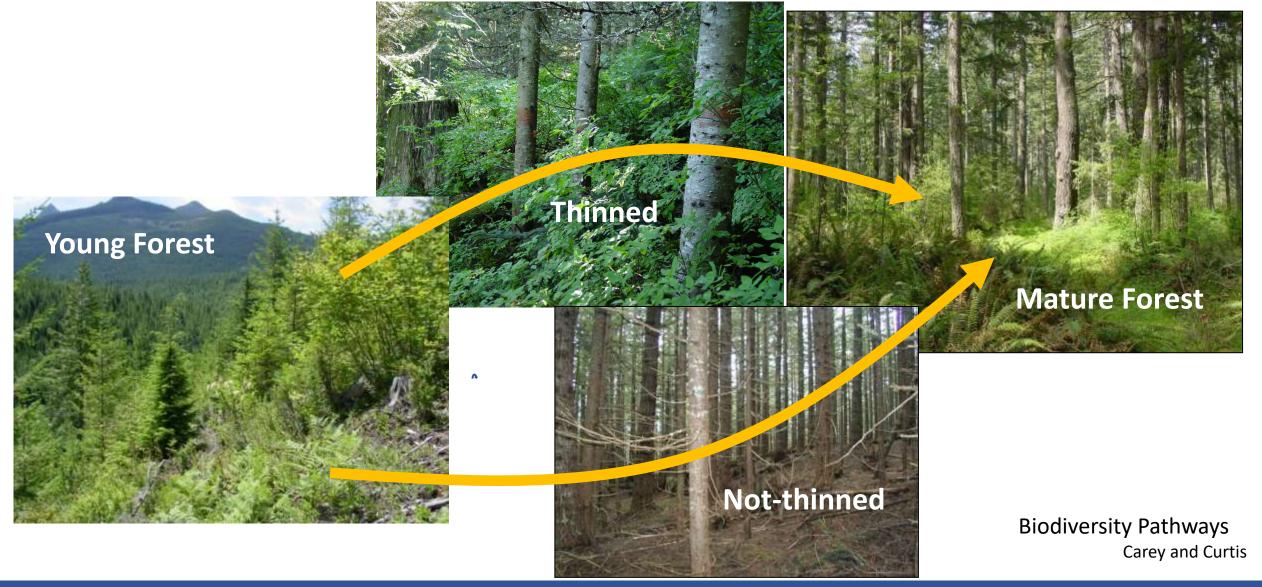








Biodiversity Pathways to Mature Forests





Young Forest Restoration Thinning





Species Diversity



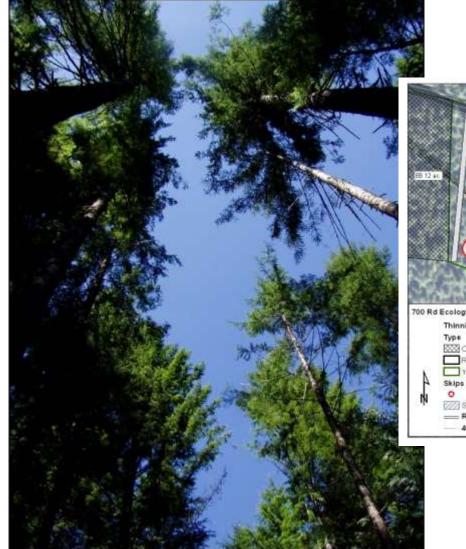
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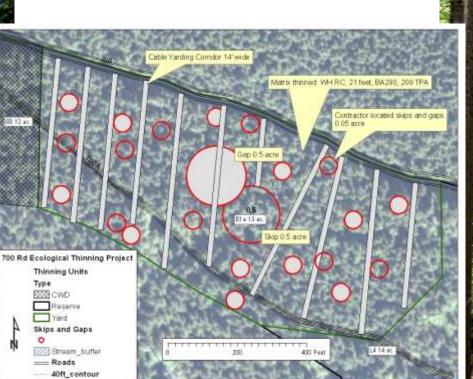


Western White Pine



Upland Ecological Thinning

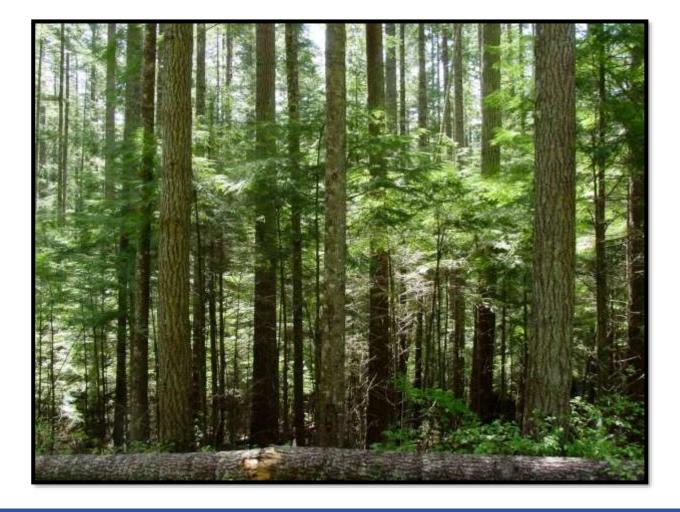


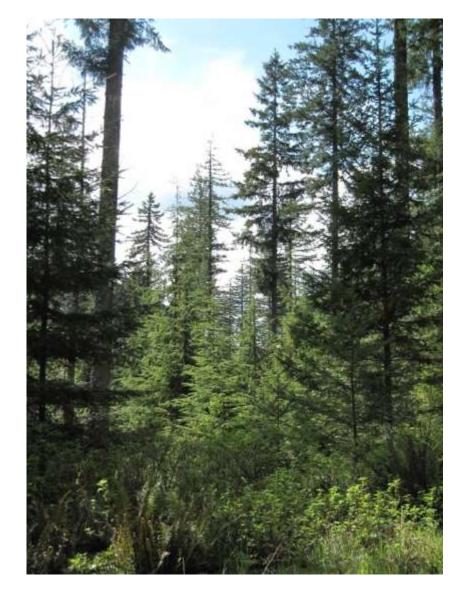






Multi-aged Forest Structure







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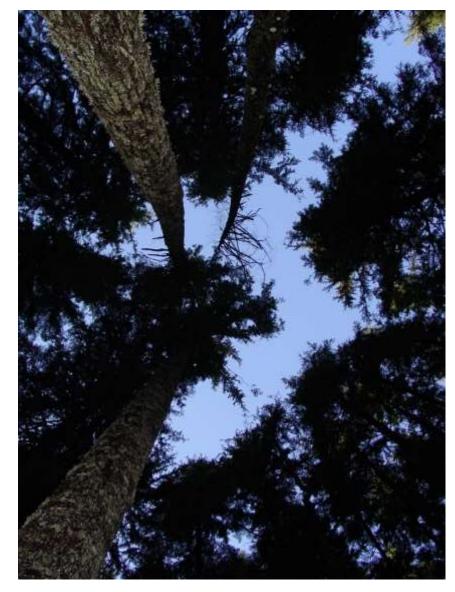
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Individual Tree Release







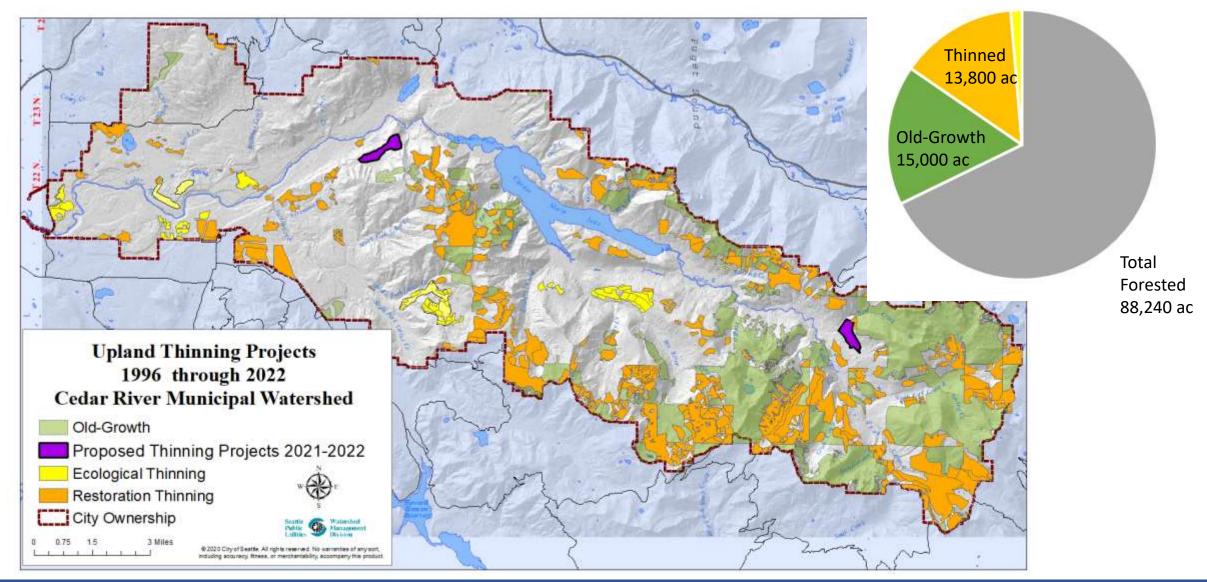
Dead Wood and Minor Species



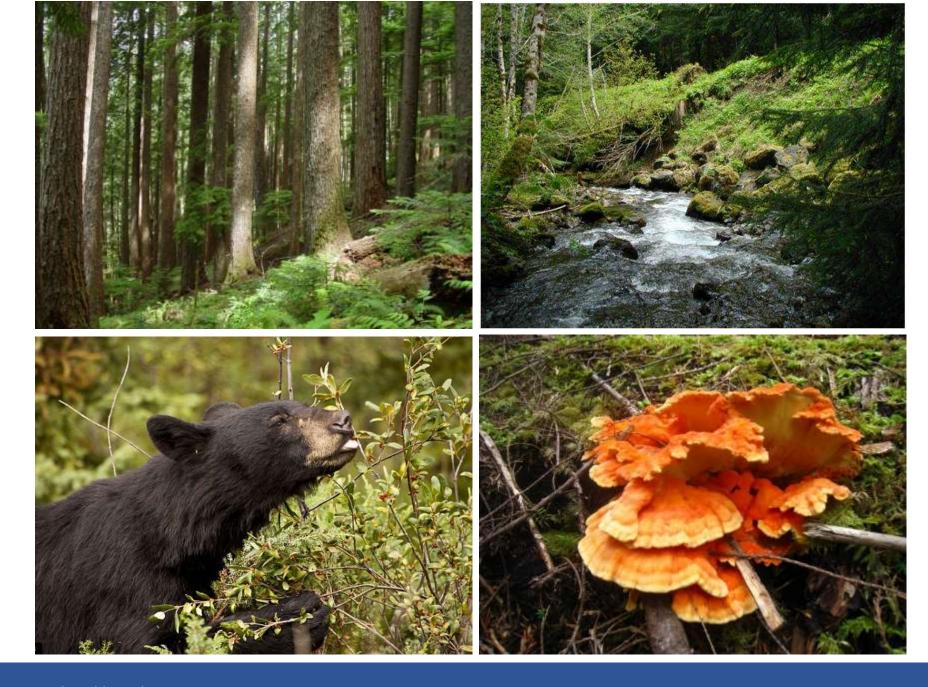


Upland Forest Thinning Projects

CRMW Forest Types







Thank you.

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