# Upland Forest Thinning in the Cedar River Municipal Watershed

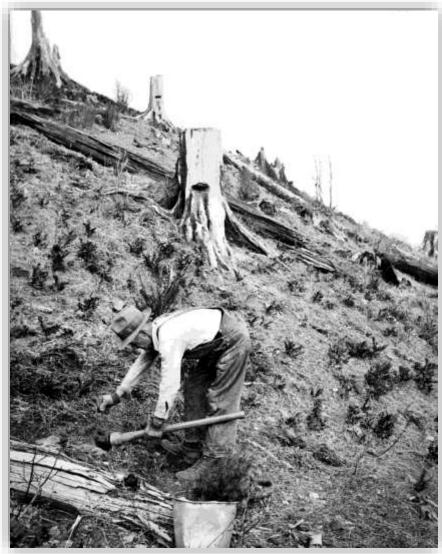
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# Historic Watershed Management



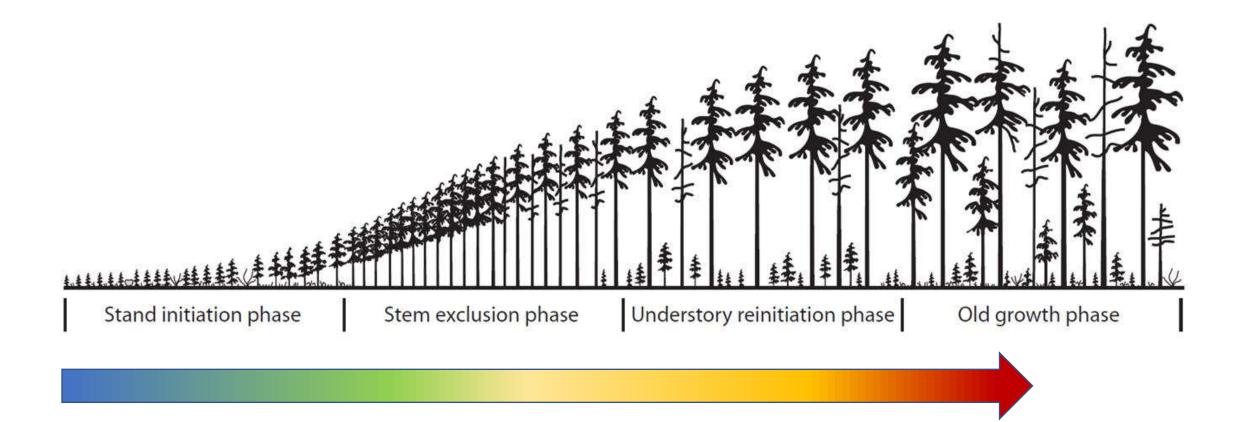
Mt Washington, Masonry Pool, and Chester Morse Lake, 1918



Reforestation Rattlesnake Mtn, 1935

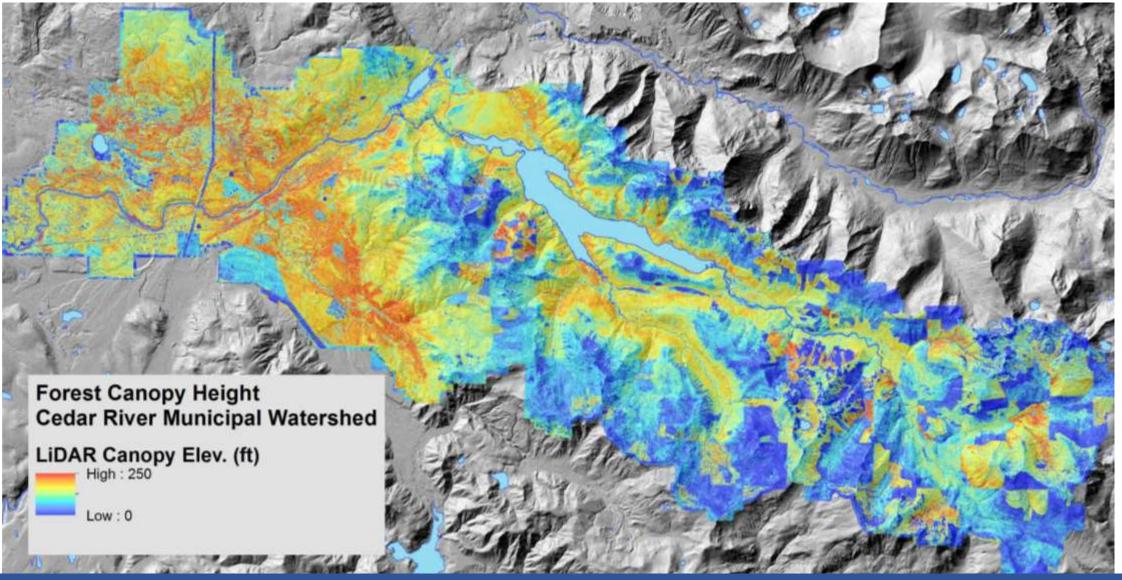


# Forest Development following Major Disturbance



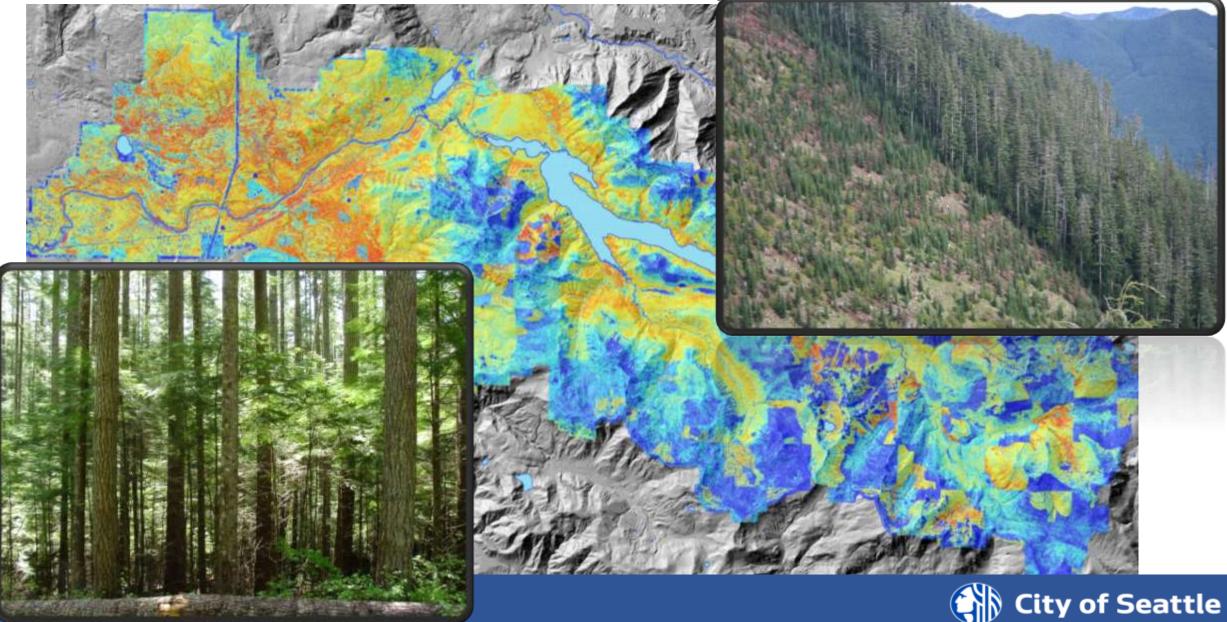


### Forested Watershed Landscape





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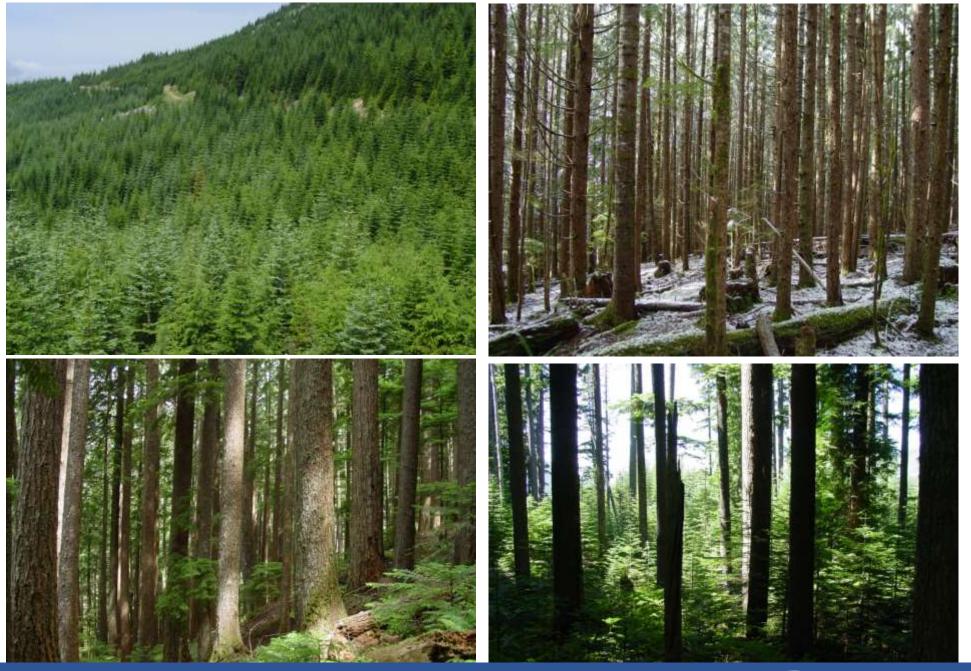


# Cedar River Watershed – Habitat Conservation Plan

- 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

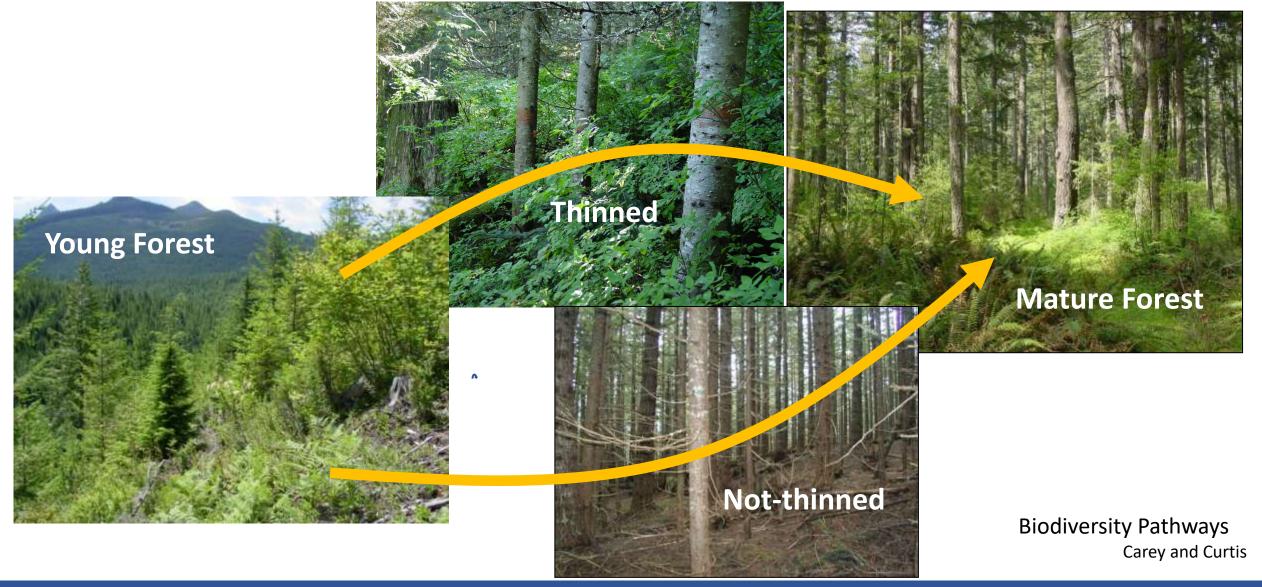








#### Biodiversity Pathways to Mature Forests





### Young Forest Restoration Thinning





#### Species Diversity



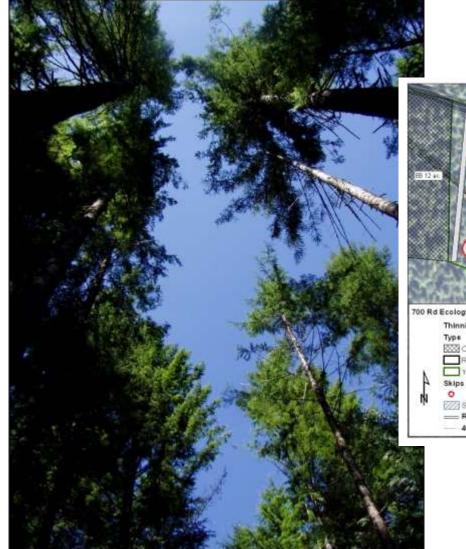
Big Huckleberry under Pacific Silver Fir

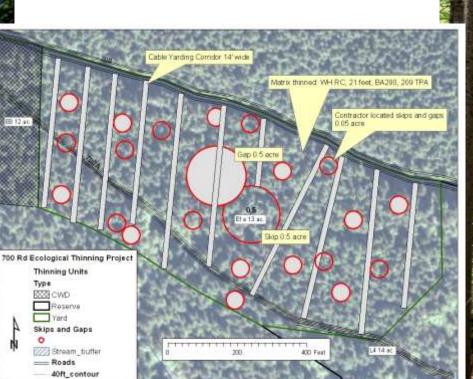


Western White Pine



# Upland Ecological Thinning

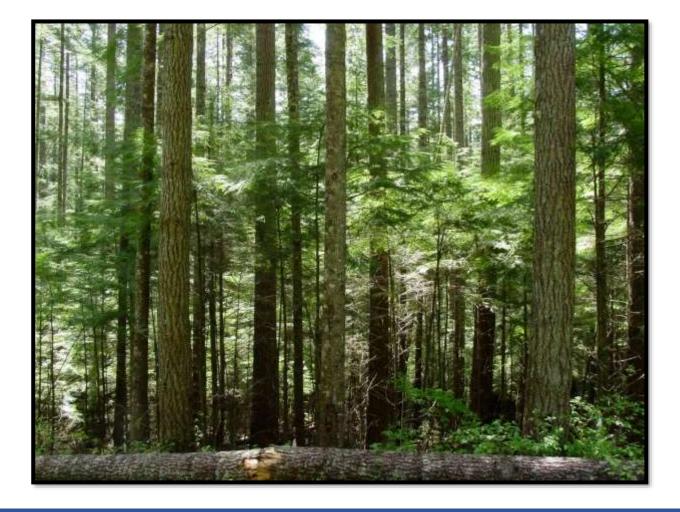


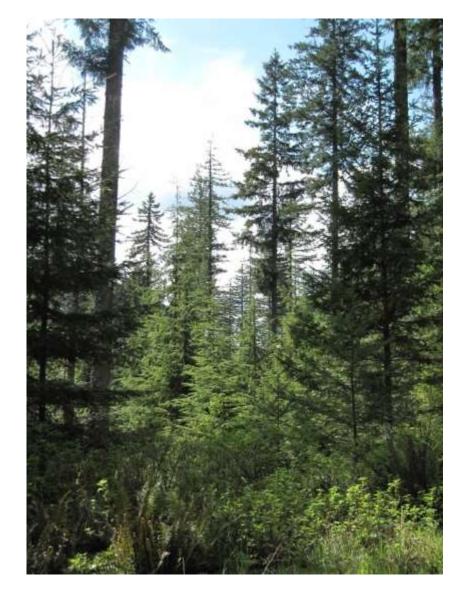






## Multi-aged Forest Structure







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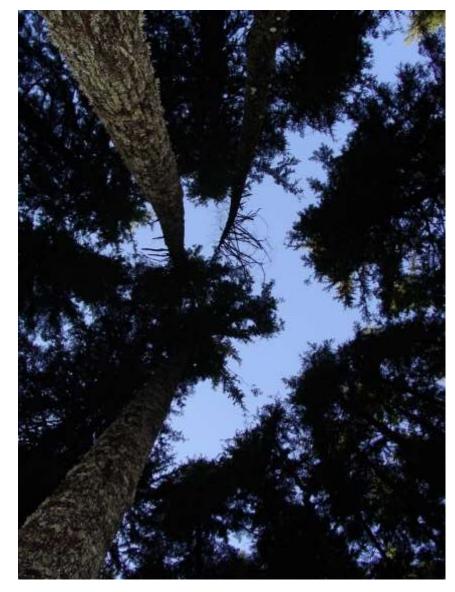
# Canopy Gaps





#### Individual Tree Release







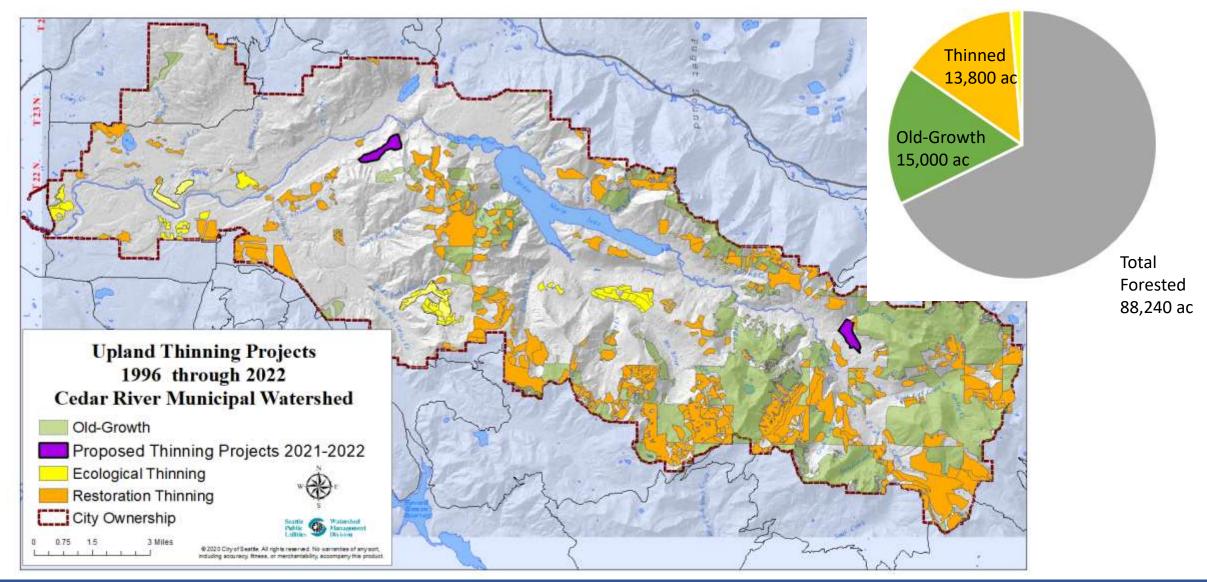
#### Dead Wood and Minor Species



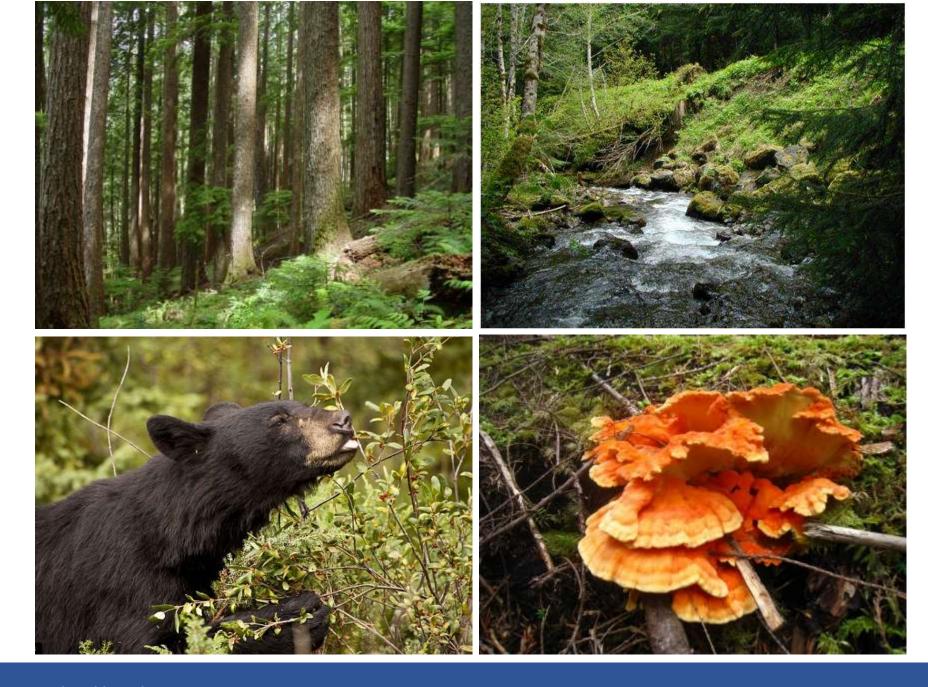


# Upland Forest Thinning Projects

#### **CRMW** Forest Types







Thank you.

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