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ABSTRACT

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Equations for predicting height to crown base are presented for tree species from southwest Oregon. Equations for undamaged and damaged trees were estimated with weighted nonlinear regression techniques. The effects of specific damaging agents on the height to crown base were explored, and damage correction factors were estimated. The damage correction factors can be used to correct the predicted crown ratio for specific damaging agents and their severity in samples where damage is noted. These equations are being incorporated into the new southwest Oregon version of ORGANON (OREgon Growth ANalysis and projectiON), a model for predicting the growth of individual trees in forest stands. The equations extend the past model to older stands and stands with a heavier component of hardwood tree species.



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INTRODUCTION

A tree's capacity for growth is largely determined by the quantity and quality of its foliage. Because these variables are difficult to measure, live crown length or relative crown length (crown ratio) are often used as surrogates in individual-tree growth equations (Stage 1973; Ritchie and Hann 1985, 1986, 1990; Wensel et al. 1987; Dolph 1988a, 1988b, 1992; Hann and Ritchie 1988; Wykoff 1990; Hann and Larsen 1991; Zumrawi and Hann 1993). In that context, a crown ratio (CR) of 1.0 indicates a full crown, where the leaves or needles reach the ground; a value approaching zero indicates a restricted crown and implies that growth is restrained by the relative lack of foliage or by some factor manifested by reduced foliage. CR has also been used as a predictor variable in individual tree mortality equations (Hann and Wang 1990), volume equations (Walters et al. 1985; Hann et al. 1987), and taper equations (Walters and Hann 1986).

In growth simulations, where projections for a given period are based on stand and tree variables at the beginning of that period, the CR term in component growth equations must be updated for each successive projection period. Crown change (ΔCR) can be predicted directly (e.g., Maguire and Hann 1990), or static equations for predicting height to crown base (HCB) can be used to simulate this change (Stage 1973; Ritchie and Hann 1987; Zumrawi and Hann 1989) by using the relationship:

$$\Delta CR = \frac{(CR_s \times H + \Delta H - \Delta HCB)}{(H + \Delta H)} - CR_s$$

where

CR_s = CR at the start of the period

H = total tree height at the start of the growth period

ΔH = change in tree height

ΔHCB = change in height to crown base.

Static HCB equations can also be used to predict missing HCB measurements so that growth simulations can be made from data that lack those values (Hann et al. 1997). Here, the objective of our analysis was to develop static equations for predicting HCB for the following tree species in southwest Oregon:

Conifers

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Douglas-fir | <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Mirb.) Franco |
| Grand fir | <i>Abies grandis</i> (Dougl. ex D. Don) Lindl. |
| Incense-cedar | <i>Libocedrus decurrens</i> Torr. |
| Pacific yew | <i>Taxus brevifolia</i> Nutt. |
| Ponderosa pine | <i>Pinus ponderosa</i> Dougl. ex Laws. |
| Sugar pine | <i>Pinus lambertiana</i> Dougl. |
| Western hemlock | <i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> (Raf.) Sarg. |
| White fir | <i>Abies concolor</i> (Gord. & Glend.) Lindl. ex Hildebr. |

Hardwoods

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Bigleaf maple | <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> Pursh |
| California black oak | <i>Quercus kelloggii</i> Newb. |
| Canyon live oak | <i>Quercus chrysolepis</i> Liebm. |
| Golden chinkapin | <i>Castanopsis chrysophylla</i> (Dougl.) A. DC. |
| Oregon white oak | <i>Quercus garryana</i> Dougl. ex Hook. |
| Pacific madrone | <i>Arbutus menziesii</i> Pursh |
| Red alder | <i>Alnus rubra</i> Bong. |
| Tanoak | <i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i> (Hook. & Arn.) Rehd. |
| Willow | <i>Salix</i> spp. |

These equations are to be used in a revision of the southwest Oregon version of ORGANON (SWO-ORGANON), an individual-tree, distance-independent stand simulator (Hann et al. 1997). The original version of SWO-ORGANON was applicable to predominantly conifer stands with trees less than 120 years old. The revision will extend SWO-ORGANON to stands with up to 60% of their composition in hardwoods and with trees up to 250 years of age.

DATA DESCRIPTION

Data for this analysis came from two studies associated with the development of SWO-ORGANON. The first set of data was collected during 1981, 1982, and 1983 as part of the Southwest Oregon Forestry Intensified Research Growth and Yield Project. This study included 391 plots in an area extending from near the California border (42° 10' N) in the south, to Cow Creek (43° 00' N) in the north, and from the Cascade crest (122° 15' W) in the east, to approximately 15 miles west of Glendale (123° 50' W) (Figure 1). Elevations of the sample plots range from 900 to 5,100 feet. Selection was limited to stands under 120 years old and with ≥80% of the basal area in conifers. The second,

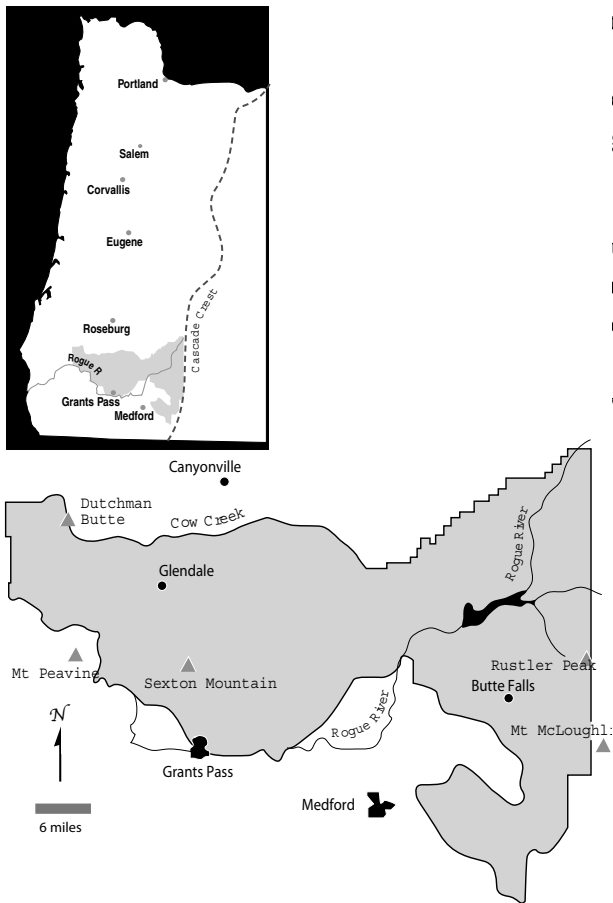


Figure 1. The study area in southwest Oregon.

ongoing study covers about the same area but extends the selection criterion to include stands with trees over 250 years in age and to younger stands with a greater component of hardwoods. An additional 138 plots were measured in this second study.

In both studies, each stand was sampled at four to 10 points. At each point, trees were sampled with a nested plot design that selected trees ≤ 4.0 in. DBH on a 1/229-acre fixed-area plot, trees 4–18.0 in. on a 1/57-acre fixed-area plot, trees 8.1–36.0 in. on a 20 basal area factor (BAF) variable-radius plot, and trees >36.0 in. on a 60 BAF variable-radius plot. Height and HCB were measured

to 0.1 ft on all trees, either with a 25- to 45-ft telescoping pole or, for taller trees, using the pole-tangent method (Ritchie 1987).

For trees with broken or dead tops, height was measured to the top of the live crown using the “own compaction” method to define crown base for leaning trees. In this method, lower branches on the longer side of the crown were “mentally transferred” to fill in the missing portion of the crown on the shorter side of the crown in order to generate a “full, even crown” (see Figure 2). HCB was then measured to this mentally generated position on the bole (epicormic and short internodal branches were ignored in this process). Procedures for measuring

the H and HCB of leaning trees depended on the severity of the lean, with all measurements taken at right angles to the direction of the lean. If the degree of lean was $\leq 15^\circ$, H and HCB were measured directly to the leaning tip and crown base (i.e., the lean was ignored). If the degree of lean was $>15^\circ$, the tree tip and crown base were visualized in a vertical position and H and HCB measured to those imaginary points. DBH was measured to the last whole

0.1 in. with a diameter tape for all trees taller than 4.5 ft.

We noted the type and severity of any damage on each tree sampled and the dates of past thinnings on each plot. A description of the codes and methods used to denote damage is found in the appendix. Preliminary analysis indicated that some types of damage significantly impacted crown height. Therefore, two data sets were created: one contained undamaged trees (Tables 1 and 3), while the other contained both undamaged and all damaged trees (Tables 2 and 4), except those with damage codes of 72, 73, 77, 78, and 79. Because information on intensity and timing of past thinnings was either lacking or poor in quality, we eliminated from these modeling data sets plots thinned within the past 20 years. Past experience with modeling HCB (Ritchie and Hann 1987; Zumrawi and Hann 1989) indicated that the impact of thinning upon crown lengths (and associated HCBs) could last for 20 years.

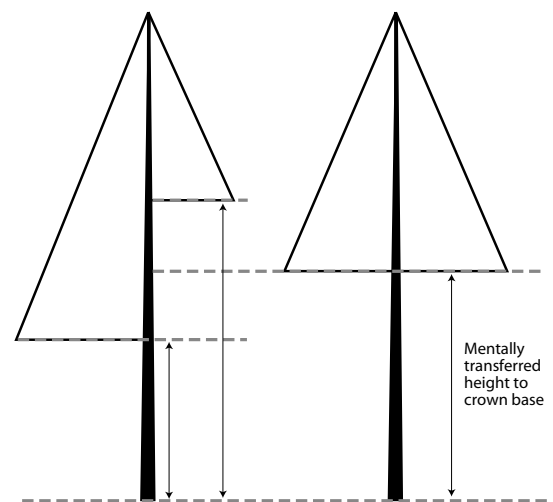


Figure 2. The “crown compaction” method used to define height to crown base for trees of uneven crown length.

Table 1. Means and ranges of the tree-level explanatory variables for undamaged trees.

| Species | # Trees | DBH | Height (H) | Crown Ratio (CR) | SCCFL* | Scaled PCCFL* | PCCFL* |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Conifers | | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 8,236 | 14.4 0.1 – 81.3 | 83.9 4.6 – 244.2 | 0.48 0.02 – 1.00 | 104.1 0.0 – 485.6 | 118.8 0.0 – 1,332.5 | 108.3 0.0 – 1,327.1 |
| Grand/White fir | 1,012 | 12.8 0.1 – 44.8 | 77.0 4.7 – 200.9 | 0.53 0.1 – 0.98 | 106.2 0.0 – 350.0 | 119.4 0.0 – 665.7 | 107.7 0.0 – 660.2 |
| Incense-cedar | 664 | 9.1 0.1 – 68.8 | 39.9 4.6 – 183.7 | 0.53 0.08 – 0.98 | 136.8 0.0 – 485.6 | 149.3 0.0 – 824.4 | 141.4 0.0 – 817.7 |
| Pacific yew | 18 | 2.36 0.2 – 11.5 | 12.5 5.9 – 30.1 | 0.56 0.37 – 0.71 | 178.3 147.6 – 249.7 | 291.8 160.9 – 332.5 | 251.6 126.6 – 272.3 |
| Ponderosa pine | 494 | 15.2 0.2 – 44.3 | 84.1 4.9 – 178.7 | 0.44 0.12 – 0.96 | 71.4 0.0 – 418.7 | 81.5 0.0 – 648.1 | 72.5 0.0 – 634.8 |
| Sugar pine | 135 | 20.7 0.5 – 53.3 | 92.3 6.4 – 155.9 | 0.48 0.24 – 0.93 | 56.1 0.0 – 342.6 | 58.0 0.0 – 496.4 | 54.0 0.0 – 502.6 |
| Western hemlock | 44 | 11.7 0.3 – 23.6 | 70.4 5.3 – 125.0 | 0.68 0.38 – 0.87 | 163.6 6.4 – 300.0 | 171.5 6.6 – 394.1 | 160.7 0.0 – 408.9 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 36 | 7.6 0.3 – 20.3 | 51.0 6.0 – 96.4 | 0.43 0.14 – 0.73 | 157.7 1.1 – 283.8 | 212.0 0.8 – 443.6 | 161.4 0.0 – 383.1 |
| California black oak | 162 | 10.5 0.2 – 34.6 | 43.6 5.3 – 111.1 | 0.36 0.12 – 0.83 | 131.7 0.0 – 341.4 | 149.2 0.0 – 384.2 | 130.8 0.0 – 377.2 |
| Canyon live oak | 151 | 3.5 0.1 – 15.2 | 20.2 4.7 – 57.9 | 0.54 0.16 – 0.97 | 189.8 62.2 – 317.1 | 221.7 41.8 – 461.4 | 187.1 26.1 – 453.5 |
| Golden chinkapin | 468 | 4.7 0.1 – 21.1 | 27.6 5.0 – 86.5 | 0.47 0.12 – 0.96 | 146.2 0.0 – 465.7 | 176.7 0.0 – 593.0 | 153.4 0.0 – 626.3 |
| Oregon white oak | 18 | 7.8 1.9 – 20.1 | 33.4 12.0 – 55.8 | 0.41 0.18 – 0.60 | 125.2 5.3 – 292.8 | 119.5 7.2 – 268.5 | 103.3 0.0 – 224.2 |
| Pacific madrone | 788 | 8.0 0.1 – 30.9 | 44.7 4.7 – 99.7 | 0.36 0.04 – 0.96 | 125.0 0.0 – 378.5 | 137.9 0.0 – 515.2 | 123.1 0.0 – 441.8 |
| Red alder | 21 | 3.7 0.1 – 17.4 | 30.1 4.9 – 95.3 | 0.49 0.21 – 0.74 | 226.8 33.6 – 410.3 | 344.5 36.4 – 688.4 | 299.8 60.9 – 677.5 |
| Tanoak | 214 | 3.5 0.1 – 21.2 | 22.7 4.6 – 100.7 | 0.50 0.14 – 0.93 | 225.8 9.9 – 461.3 | 257.0 5.0 – 1,158.9 | 228.2 22.1 – 1,115.5 |
| Willow | 95 | 1.1 0.2 – 3.4 | 13.4 5.5 – 41.9 | 0.46 0.09 – 0.68 | 141.0 78.0 – 286.2 | 118.8 0.0 – 1,332.5 | 108.3 0.0 – 1,327.1 |

*The crown competition factor for larger-diameter trees is SCCFL for stand-level estimates and PCCFL for point-level estimates. The scaled version of PCCFL takes into account within-stand variation in competition by using the method of Stage and Wycoff (1998).

Table 2. Means and ranges of the tree-level explanatory variables for undamaged and damaged trees (except damage codes 72, 73, 77, 78, and 79).

| Species | # Trees | DBH | Height (H) | Crown Ratio (CR) | SCCFL* | Scaled PCCFL* | PCCFL* |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Conifers | | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 13,211 | 13.9 0.1 – 81.3 | 78.0 4.6 – 251.6 | 0.45 0.01 – 1.00 | 122.4 0.0 – 534.4 | 143.5 0.0 – 1,349.1 | 132.9 0.0 – 1,347.4 |
| Grand/White fir | 1,981 | 12.4 0.1 – 53.2 | 70.8 4.6 – 202.1 | 0.48 0.01 – 0.98 | 115.7 0.0 – 423.4 | 133.8 0.0 – 816.8 | 123.7 0.0 – 807.8 |
| Incense-cedar | 1,349 | 9.5 0.1 – 90.0 | 38.5 4.6 – 183.7 | 0.48 0.05 – 0.98 | 150.9 0.0 – 485.6 | 167.6 0.0 – 824.4 | 160.8 0.0 – 817.7 |
| Pacific yew | 40 | 5.6 0.1 – 19.0 | 17.3 4.8 – 44.0 | 0.58 0.21 – 0.93 | 157.4 2.3 – 279.9 | 219.2 2.9 – 343.6 | 193.5 0.0 – 336.7 |
| Ponderosa pine | 882 | 14.6 0.1 – 50.5 | 78.3 4.6 – 221.8 | 0.44 0.03 – 0.96 | 77.9 0.0 – 453.8 | 86.5 0.0 – 648.1 | 78.6 0.0 – 634.8 |
| Sugar pine | 308 | 20.4 0.3 – 69.7 | 86.8 4.9 – 167.6 | 0.47 0.11 – 0.93 | 64.5 0.0 – 436.8 | 68.9 0.0 – 496.4 | 63.8 0.0 – 502.6 |
| Western hemlock | 99 | 10.1 0.2 – 30.8 | 58.6 5.2 – 155.8 | 0.63 0.02 – 0.94 | 153.3 0.0 – 416.2 | 178.4 0.0 – 833.5 | 165.3 0.0 – 841.1 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 85 | 8.0 0.2 – 28.5 | 52.9 4.9 – 100.1 | 0.37 0.10 – 0.73 | 185.0 1.1 – 342.3 | 238.6 0.8 – 504.8 | 194.1 0.0 – 496.7 |
| California black oak | 319 | 10.4 0.1 – 35.6 | 44.0 4.7 – 114.0 | 0.34 0.06 – 0.94 | 141.8 0.0 – 341.4 | 156.5 0.0 – 458.9 | 137.2 0.0 – 495.5 |
| Canyon live oak | 440 | 2.7 0.1 – 22.6 | 17.3 4.7 – 57.9 | 0.48 0.02 – 0.99 | 234.7 19.2 – 418.5 | 273.2 21.0 – 529.7 | 241.1 7.2 – 529.7 |
| Golden chinkapin | 1,026 | 3.5 0.1 – 28.0 | 21.6 4.6 – 89.2 | 0.41 0.03 – 0.96 | 182.9 0.0 – 506.9 | 215.7 0.0 – 645.4 | 193.9 0.0 – 679.0 |
| Oregon white oak | 43 | 6.5 0.2 – 24.5 | 28.1 5.5 – 55.8 | 0.35 0.12 – 0.66 | 149.1 2.4 – 298.3 | 155.2 1.7 – 339.3 | 142.3 0.0 – 335.9 |
| Pacific madrone | 1,782 | 8.7 0.1 – 39.7 | 45.5 4.6 – 105.1 | 0.33 0.01 – 0.96 | 133.2 0.0 – 378.5 | 146.4 0.0 – 624.5 | 132.6 0.0 – 503.4 |
| Red alder | 43 | 3.3 0.1 – 17.4 | 27.1 4.9 – 95.3 | 0.50 0.21 – 0.88 | 248.0 33.6 – 431.2 | 355.1 36.4 – 688.4 | 307.2 60.9 – 677.5 |
| Tanoak | 706 | 2.6 0.1 – 36.8 | 18.1 4.6 – 108.2 | 0.48 0.02 – 0.97 | 242.2 9.9 – 506.8 | 276.4 5.0 – 1,158.9 | 253.4 0.0 – 1,115.5 |
| Willow | 196 | 1.4 0.2 – 9.6 | 16.6 5.5 – 41.9 | 0.36 0.02 – 0.68 | 169.9 34.1 – 360.0 | 216.8 16.0 – 663.8 | 135.0 21.8 – 488.2 |

*The crown competition factor for larger-diameter trees is SCCFL for stand-level estimates and PCCFL for point-level estimates. The scaled version of PCCFL takes into account within-stand variation in competition by using the method of Stage and Wycoff (1998).

Table 3. Means and ranges of the plot-level explanatory variables for undamaged trees.

| Species | # Plots | Stand Basal Area (SBA) | Site Index (SI) | D ₅ * | H ₅ ** |
|----------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Conifers | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 380 | 206.9 1.4 – 440.0 | 99.4 41.5 – 142.7 | 27.4 2.1 – 67.1 | 110.0 13.0 – 230.2 |
| Grand/White fir | 138 | 208.2 8.9 – 388.7 | 100.4 61.6 – 141.1 | 29.3 5.3 – 62.3 | 115.3 18.2 – 221.1 |
| Incense-cedar | 136 | 196.5 23.6 – 409.4 | 96.1 41.5 – 146.9 | 26.8 5.3 – 63.4 | 104.5 18.2 – 202.9 |
| Pacific yew | 6 | 261.8 38.8 – 374.1 | 98.9 88.2 – 107.6 | 44.0 10.4 – 56.9 | 142.6 18.2 – 197.4 |
| Ponderosa pine | 91 | 189.4 22.5 – 337.4 | 95.7 41.5 – 142.7 | 25.0 5.4 – 47.7 | 101.6 24.8 – 188.3 |
| Sugar pine | 66 | 211.4 29.1 – 345.2 | 92.5 54.8 – 129.8 | 28.4 4.3 – 62.3 | 110.3 26.8 – 188.9 |
| Western hemlock | 14 | 263.7 119.5 – 374.1 | 105.1 80.5 – 113.9 | 36.5 14.5 – 63.3 | 143.4 67.7 – 214.2 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 15 | 222.2 68.2 – 388.7 | 102.8 74.0 – 142.5 | 36.0 14.0 – 66.5 | 139.9 55.4 – 230.2 |
| California black oak | 36 | 198.9 29.1 – 302.6 | 92.6 41.5 – 134.9 | 25.9 4.3 – 56.4 | 100.0 26.8 – 174.8 |
| Canyon live oak | 41 | 189.7 29.1 – 365.1 | 91.5 47.8 – 120.9 | 26.2 4.3 – 53.1 | 102.8 26.8 – 183.5 |
| Golden chinkapin | 94 | 189.2 1.4 – 363.9 | 101.9 64.4 – 135.5 | 25.0 2.1 – 64.0 | 100.4 13.0 – 202.9 |
| Oregon white oak | 4 | 168.5 73.8 – 226.2 | 69.2 41.5 – 95.7 | 20.6 15.9 – 31.1 | 86.3 61.3 – 137.8 |
| Pacific madrone | 155 | 193.3 8.9 – 409.4 | 99.0 41.5 – 142.5 | 24.4 4.3 – 59.9 | 99.5 18.2 – 183.5 |
| Red alder | 6 | 266.9 178.7 – 409.4 | 106.8 77.0 – 138.8 | 43.2 20.9 – 66.5 | 150.5 95.6 – 230.2 |
| Tanoak | 44 | 204.3 43.2 – 388.7 | 101.7 47.2 – 138.8 | 28.6 5.1 – 64.0 | 115.2 33.3 – 202.9 |
| Willow | 11 | 120.9 55.9 – 203.4 | 94.8 66.2 – 113.4 | 16.0 7.3 – 20.9 | 71.1 39.8 – 98.4 |

*D₅ is the average diameter of the five largest-diameter trees per acre.

**H₅ is the average height of the five largest-diameter trees per acre.

Table 4. Means and ranges of the plot-level explanatory variables for undamaged and damaged trees (except damage codes 72, 73, 77, 78, and 79).

| Species | # Plots | Stand Basal Area (SBA) | Site Index (SI) | D ₅ * | H ₅ ** |
|----------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Conifers | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 385 | 205.2 1.4 – 440.0 | 99.7 41.5 – 146.9 | 27.2 2.1 – 67.1 | 109.3 13.0 – 230.2 |
| Grand/White fir | 160 | 207.1 8.9 – 388.7 | 101.3 61.6 – 146.9 | 29.0 5.3 – 67.1 | 115.0 18.2 – 221.1 |
| Incense-cedar | 170 | 201.6 16.0 – 409.4 | 97.0 41.5 – 146.9 | 27.3 5.3 – 63.4 | 106.8 18.2 – 202.9 |
| Pacific yew | 14 | 231.2 38.8 – 374.1 | 97.9 74.0 – 121.7 | 37.1 10.4 – 63.4 | 131.9 18.2 – 202.9 |
| Ponderosa pine | 119 | 187.3 22.5 – 337.4 | 96.5 41.5 – 146.9 | 25.7 5.4 – 56.4 | 102.6 24.8 – 194.2 |
| Sugar pine | 117 | 206.8 23.6 – 345.2 | 93.4 47.2 – 129.8 | 28.2 4.3 – 63.4 | 109.5 26.8 – 202.9 |
| Western hemlock | 22 | 231.1 66.5 – 374.1 | 106.4 80.5 – 131.1 | 32.8 7.7 – 63.3 | 131.4 48.9 – 221.1 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 25 | 228.2 68.2 – 388.7 | 104.7 74.0 – 142.5 | 35.5 14.0 – 66.5 | 138.6 55.4 – 230.2 |
| California black oak | 59 | 209.1 29.1 – 324.6 | 92.4 41.5 – 134.9 | 26.8 4.3 – 56.4 | 105.3 26.8 – 175.5 |
| Canyon live oak | 67 | 189.1 26.9 – 409.4 | 94.3 47.2 – 138.8 | 26.2 4.3 – 64.0 | 102.8 18.2 – 196.3 |
| Golden chinkapin | 118 | 191.5 1.4 – 363.9 | 101.5 64.4 – 142.7 | 25.3 2.1 – 64.0 | 102.2 13.0 – 202.9 |
| Oregon white oak | 8 | 174.9 73.8 – 226.2 | 71.9 41.5 – 95.9 | 21.8 15.9 – 34.2 | 87.5 61.3 – 137.8 |
| Pacific madrone | 211 | 194.8 8.9 – 409.4 | 99.8 41.5 – 146.9 | 24.9 4.3 – 63.4 | 101.9 18.2 – 202.9 |
| Red alder | 7 | 259.0 178.7 – 409.4 | 107.8 77.0 – 138.8 | 41.4 20.9 – 66.5 | 145.9 95.6 – 230.2 |
| Tanoak | 65 | 200.7 26.9 – 388.7 | 99.9 47.2 – 138.8 | 28.8 5.1 – 66.5 | 114.3 24.7 – 230.2 |
| Willow | 26 | 148.2 36.5 – 277.8 | 102.8 66.2 – 126.9 | 17.5 7.3 – 28.7 | 76.9 39.8 – 120.6 |

*D₅ is the average diameter of the five largest-diameter trees per acre.

**H₅ is the average height of the five largest-diameter trees per acre.

DATA ANALYSIS FOR UNDAMAGED TREES

Our goal was to create equations to predict HCB in the target tree species in southwest Oregon. The HCB equations in this analysis are a modification of the equation used by Ritchie and Hann (1987):

$$HCB = \frac{H}{10 + \exp \left[a_0 + a_1 H + a_2 SCCFL + a_3 \ln(SBA) + a_4 \left(\frac{DBH}{H} \right) + a_5 (SI - 4.5) \right]} \quad [1]$$

where

SCCFL = crown competition factor in larger-diameter trees based on a stand-level estimate

SBA = basal area per acre, or stand density, based on a stand-level estimate

SI = site index, with a base age of 50 (Hann et al. 1987)

a_0 through a_5 = regression coefficients.

The modification of their equation was suggested by an examination of residuals from a fit of Eq. [1] to our undamaged data set, which showed that trees growing in stands with large overstory trees (which we call “older” stands) had longer crowns. This may be caused by different structural conditions in older stands. To account for this difference, we examined a number of alternative variables for their ability to separate older from younger stands. We found that the square of the product of the average height of the five largest-diameter trees per acre (H_5) multiplied by their average diameter (D_5) provided the best separation for these two groups of data. To keep the magnitude about the same as the other variables in the equation, $H_5 \times D_5$ was divided by 10,000 before squaring. Thus, $(H_5 \times D_5 / 10,000)^2$ was added to the Ritchie and Hann equation, yielding:

$$HCB = \frac{H}{10 + \exp \left[b_0 + b_1 H + b_2 SCCFL + b_3 \ln(SBA) + b_4 \left(\frac{DBH}{H} \right) + b_5 (SI - 4.5) + b_6 \left(\frac{H_5 \times D_5}{10,000} \right)^2 \right]} \quad [2]$$

where b_0 through b_6 are the regression coefficients to be estimated by nonlinear regression.

SCCFL is a relative measure of the amount of competition that a tree is experiencing from larger-diameter trees in the stand. To better characterize within-stand variation in competition, Stage and Wyckoff (1998) proposed rescaling a similar measure by multiplying within-stand competition by the ratio of the appropriate plot-level density divided by the appropriate stand level density. For *SCCFL*, the equivalent rescaling is:

$$\text{Scaled PCC FL} = SCCFL \times \frac{PCCF}{SCCF}$$

where

Scaled PCCFL = crown competition factor in larger-diameter trees based on point-level estimates, taking into account within-stand variation in competition by using the method of Stage and Wycoff (1998)

PCCF = point-level crown competition factor (which relates to point-level density)

SCCF = stand-level crown competition factor (which relates to stand-level density).

The resulting equation for HCB substitutes *Scaled PCCFL* for *SCCF* in Eq. [2], yielding:

$$HCB = \frac{H}{10 + \exp \left[b_0 + b_1 H + b_2 (\text{Scaled PCC FL}) + b_3 \ln(\text{SBA}) + b_4 \left(\frac{DBH}{H} \right) + b_5 (SI - 4.5) + b_6 \left(\frac{H_5 \times D_5}{10,000} \right)^2 \right]} \quad [3]$$

As an alternative to Stage and Wycoff's (1998) approach, the performance of the measured value of *PCCFL* was also evaluated. Substituting *PCCFL* for *Scaled PCCFL* yields the following equation:

$$HCB = \frac{H}{10 + \exp \left[b_0 + b_1 H + b_2 PCCFL + b_3 \ln(\text{SBA}) + b_4 \left(\frac{DBH}{H} \right) + b_5 (SI - 4.5) + b_6 \left(\frac{H_5 \times D_5}{10,000} \right)^2 \right]} \quad [4]$$

where *PCCFL* is the measured value of the crown competition factor for larger-diameter trees based on point-level estimates, without using the re-scaling method of Stage and Wycoff (1998).

Both Ritchie and Hann (1987) and Zumrawi and Hann (1989) found that the variance of the residuals in HCB increased with H. Thus, they used weighted regression with a weight of $(1.0/H)^2$ when estimating the parameters of their equation. Equations [2], [3], and [4] are nonlinear in their parameters. Therefore, in our three equations, we used weighted nonlinear regression with a weight of $(1.0/H)^2$ to estimate the parameters of the equations fit to the undamaged data sets. Each parameter was then tested for statistical significance from 0.0 ($p = 0.05$) using a *t*-test, and, if not significant, it was set to 0.0 and the remaining parameters re-estimated by using weighted nonlinear regression.

RESULTS FOR UNDAMAGED TREES

Tables 5, 6, and 7 contain parameter estimates (i.e., the values for b_0 through b_6 in Equations [2], [3], and [4]) and associated standard errors from Equations [2], [3], and [4], respectively, fit to the undamaged tree data. The parameter estimates in these tables can be used by researchers in the appropriate HCB prediction equations. These tables also contain the weighted mean square error (MSE) and, for each species, the weighted adjusted coefficient of determination (R_a^2).

Table 5. Parameter estimates and standard errors (in parentheses), along with weighted mean square error (MSE) and weighted adjusted coefficient of determination (R_a^2) for Eq. [2], fit to undamaged trees on untreated plots.

| Species | b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | b_3 | b_4 | b_5 | b_6 | MSE | R_a^2 |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Conifers | | | | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 1.797136911 (0.10414771) | -0.010188791 (0.00026858) | -0.003346230 (0.00013765) | -0.412217810 (0.02114152) | 3.958656001 (0.19586635) | 0.008526562 (0.00034201) | 0.448909636 (0.02894787) | 0.014649 | 0.5019 |
| Grand/White fir | 3.451045887 (0.31906623) | -0.005985239 (0.00080548) | -0.003211194 (0.00056631) | -0.671479750 (0.07198548) | 3.931095518 (0.66459098) | 0.003115567 (0.00136926) | 0.516180892 (0.07127940) | 0.018432 | 0.4482 |
| Incense-cedar | 2.428285297 (0.40455399) | -0.006882851 (0.00129005) | -0.002612590 (0.00054930) | -0.572782216 (0.08730740) | 2.113378338 (0.52991277) | 0.008480754 (0.00141629) | 0.506226895 (0.11112775) | 0.019542 | 0.4968 |
| Pacific yew | 0.0 (NA)* | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 2.030940382 (0.39907563) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.003715 | 0.4426 |
| Ponderosa pine | 1.656364063 (0.27745184) | -0.002755463 (0.00066903) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.588302547 (0.05164042) | 6.730693919 (0.46768990) | 0.001852526 (0.00040456) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.008770 | 0.6748 |
| Sugar pine | 3.785155749 (0.85196028) | -0.009012547 (0.00201165) | -0.003318574 (0.00117746) | -0.670270058 (0.17335796) | 2.758645081 (1.03757329) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.841525071 (0.26245872) | 0.010627 | 0.4378 |
| Western hemlock | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 4.801329946 (0.64195630) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.020864 | 0.1391 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 0.9411395642 (0.25367802) | -0.007486789 (0.00349082) | -0.005476131 (0.00128016) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.015044 | 0.4452 |
| California black oak | 2.601450655 (0.53745352) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.002273616 (0.00056622) | -0.554980629 (0.10667406) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.017345 | 0.2631 |
| Canyon live oak | 0.5376600543 (0.11173360) | -0.018632397 (0.00484048) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.024580 | 0.0868 |
| Golden chinkapin | 0.544237656 (0.11112796) | -0.020571754 (0.00176513) | -0.004317523 (0.00042607) | 0.0 (NA) | 3.132713612 (0.54443256) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.483748898 (0.12678131) | 0.020373 | 0.4281 |
| Oregon white oak | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.003330794 (0.00063308) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.008051 | 0.5038 |
| Pacific madrone | 2.955339267 (0.22264570) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.798610738 (0.04495648) | 3.095269471 (0.37413636) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.700465646 (0.17133210) | 0.018123 | 0.3320 |
| Tanoak | 0.833006499 (0.21645482) | -0.012984204 (0.00316720) | -0.002704717 (0.00070148) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.2491242765 (0.10671054) | 0.027645 | 0.0885 |
| Willow | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.005666559 (0.00082730) | -0.745540494 (0.08804812) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.038476613 (0.00309547) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.005759 | 0.8392 |

*NA indicates not applicable.

Table 6. Parameter estimates and standard errors (in parentheses), along with weighted mean square error (MSE) and weighted adjusted coefficient of determination (R_a^2) for Eq. [3], fit to undamaged trees on untreated plots.

| Species | b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | b_3 | b_4 | b_5 | b_6 | MSE | R_a^2 |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Conifers | | | | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 2.277498056 (0.10437754) | -0.009178057 (0.00024170) | -0.002216218 (0.00008224) | -0.549637362 (0.01897781) | 4.448979001 (0.17792726) | 0.008642331 (0.00033862) | 0.397788750 (0.02750244) | 0.014326 | 0.5129 |
| Grand/White fir | 3.358996445 (0.31617165) | -0.005518180 (0.00071273) | -0.002083065 (0.00032288) | -0.718643264 (0.05834689) | 4.971192077 (0.59827868) | 0.003691585 (0.00137559) | 0.486723994 (0.07135810) | 0.018871 | 0.4351 |
| Incense-cedar | 2.717279854 (0.36998402) | -0.006483005 (0.00106668) | -0.002403178 (0.00030684) | -0.602375150 (0.06745152) | 1.893036950 (0.46268644) | 0.007276969 (0.00139149) | 0.49399064 (0.10778030) | 0.018399 | 0.5110 |
| Ponderosa pine | 1.812888260 (0.28367269) | -0.003562316 (0.00074892) | -0.000989380 (0.00041585) | -0.536956668 (0.05275854) | 5.766751256 (0.61440854) | 0.001825908 (0.00040276) | 0.0 (NA)* | 0.008691 | 0.6777 |
| Sugar pine | 3.704298306 (0.85199371) | -0.008578321 (0.00193043) | -0.002549196 (0.00090554) | -0.682385522 (0.17137890) | 3.124826066 (0.96594015) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.779124002 (0.25253896) | 0.010624 | 0.4379 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 0.9066280756 (0.24107067) | -0.008156540 (0.00337946) | -0.003823872 (0.00085575) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.014312 | 0.4722 |
| California black oak | 2.713416605 (0.52261668) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.002268069 (0.00046261) | -0.569789582 (0.10256808) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.016454 | 0.3009 |
| Golden chinkapin | 1.22702741 (0.20051798) | -0.018812201 (0.00218977) | -0.003142004 (0.00038532) | -0.176763995 (0.05537594) | 3.410551576 (0.54504711) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.513479646 (0.12692498) | 0.018695 | 0.4752 |
| Oregon white oak | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.003384324 (0.00072071) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.009441 | 0.4181 |
| Pacific madrone | 2.695463053 (0.23995356) | -0.007571059 (0.00154036) | -0.003295097 (0.00028903) | -0.497895356 (0.05653451) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 1.028663022 (0.16423611) | 0.016719 | 0.3837 |
| Tanoak | 0.4618379349 (0.15136587) | -0.007986388 (0.00259735) | -0.001375782 (0.00043857) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.2447883935 (0.10744467) | 0.028347 | 0.0654 |

*NA indicates not applicable.

Table 7. Parameter estimates and standard errors (in parentheses), along with weighted mean square error (MSE) and weighted adjusted coefficient of determination (R_a^2) for Eq. [4], fit to undamaged trees on untreated plots.

| Species | b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | b_3 | b_4 | b_5 | b_6 | MSE | R_a^2 |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Conifers | | | | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 2.35269074 (0.10420158) | -0.008565012 (0.00023163) | -0.002318003 (0.00008214) | -0.569010963 (0.01870555) | 4.304842713 (0.17763111) | 0.008556650 (0.00033745) | 0.363850319 (0.02695915) | 0.014206 | 0.5170 |
| Grand/White fir | 3.355503977 (0.31929664) | -0.006928169 (0.00069190) | -0.003416423 (0.00033568) | -0.621675907 (0.05739376) | 3.868310111 (0.60870134) | 0.002878164 (0.00138747) | 0.519333875 (0.07242257) | 0.019169 | 0.4262 |
| Incense-cedar | 2.759003979 (0.37427339) | -0.005592104 (0.00104683) | -0.002147610 (0.00030644) | -0.645009113 (0.06733987) | 2.037199661 (0.46924456) | 0.007902794 (0.00139804) | 0.495191230 (0.10855558) | 0.018737 | 0.5175 |
| Ponderosa pine | 1.836254592 (0.28401814) | -0.003427973 (0.00071332) | -0.001028320 (0.00038702) | -0.544581798 (0.05189800) | 5.766107159 (0.58714024) | 0.001806782 (0.00040259) | 0.0 (NA)* | 0.008665 | 0.6787 |
| Sugar pine | 3.751204965 (0.85777316) | -0.008417167 (0.00193889) | -0.002155206 (0.00082025) | -0.717619647 (0.16959454) | 3.580745337 (0.91213199) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.763326918 (0.25328586) | 0.010708 | 0.4335 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 0.8616471002 (0.24452426) | -0.0102336617 (0.00342301) | -0.003999775 (0.00095282) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.015114 | 0.4426 |
| California black oak | 2.696295291 (0.53416404) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.002170123 (0.00053173) | -0.576497818 (0.10517683) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.017193 | 0.2695 |
| Golden chinkapin | 1.161961508 (0.20395411) | -0.015215108 (0.00209461) | -0.002884567 (0.00041347) | -0.199901865 (0.05682670) | 3.148678883 (0.59187020) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.514185679 (0.12849936) | 0.019391 | 0.4557 |
| Oregon white oak | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.003950282 (0.00081887) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.009100 | 0.4392 |
| Pacific madrone | 2.745969728 (0.24090824) | -0.007406847 (0.00154659) | -0.003444022 (0.00030610) | -0.513462537 (0.05649935) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.952515001 (0.16524130) | 0.016815 | 0.3802 |
| Tanoak | 0.518265522 (0.13273374) | -0.008070296 (0.00249941) | -0.001809563 (0.00042247) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.2536480114 (0.10602869) | 0.027304 | 0.0998 |
| Willow | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.001056013 (0.00117324) | -1.105283780 (0.10990094) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.047177525 (0.00393794) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.008763 | 0.7553 |

*NA indicates not applicable.

DATA ANALYSIS FOR UNDAMAGED AND DAMAGED TREES COMBINED

The impact of damage on predicted HCB was characterized in two analyses. First, by using the same statistical procedures described for undamaged trees alone, Equations [2], [3], and [4] were fit to the data set that included both undamaged and damaged trees, except those with damage codes of 72, 73, 77, 78, and 79 (Table A1). This paralleled the analysis conducted earlier in southwest Oregon by Ritchie and Hann (1987).

The second analysis explored whether the magnitude of impact of damage varied by the type and severity of a damaging agent. For each tree species, corrections to HCB for a particular damage type and severity were calculated as follows:

1. For each species, the regional HCB prediction equations (i.e., Equation [2], [3], or [4] with parameters from Table 5, 6, or 7) were calibrated to each plot containing that species in order to reduce variation caused by between-plot differences in the HCB relationship. This calibration was done by regressing each plot's undamaged-tree HCB on predicted HCB by using the regression model:

$$CHCB_i = \frac{H}{1.0 + \exp(\underline{\beta X} + c_i)}$$

where

$CHCB_i$ = HCB Equation [2], [3], or [4] calibrated to the i^{th} plot

c_i = undamaged tree plot-level calibration for the i^{th} plot estimated by using the weighted nonlinear regression routine of Press et al. (1989)

$\underline{\beta X}$ = the bracketed portion of Equation [2], [3], or [4] and its respective coefficients from Table 5, 6, or 7.

Thus:

$$\underline{\beta X} = b_0 + b_1 H + b_2 Z + b_3 \ln(SBA) + b_4 \left(\frac{DBH}{H} \right) + b_5 (SI - 4.5) + b_6 \left(\frac{H_5 \times D_5}{10,000} \right)^2$$

where Z is *SCCFL*, *PCCFL*, or *Scaled PCCFL*, and b_0 through b_6 are the parameters from the table appropriate to the species and the equation under consideration.

The parameter c_i was set to zero unless there were more than three undamaged trees on the plot and the predicted value was significantly different from zero according to a t -test. A p -value of 0.1 was used in the t -test to make plot-level calibration more frequent.

2. The species specific correction factors (CF) for a damaging agent and its severity were calculated by regressing the measured HCB for all trees with the associated damage to the calibrated predicted HCB:

$$DHCB = \frac{H}{1.0 + \exp(\beta X + c_i + d_1 + d_2 \times I_s)}$$

where

$DHCB$ = predicted HCB for trees of a specified species damaged by a particular agent

d_1 = correction for a particular type of damaging agent, regardless of severity

d_2 = correction for a severe level of the particular type of damaging agent

$I_s = 0$ if severity of damage is light, and $I_s = 1$ if the damage is judged to be severe (see Tables A1–A3).

The damaged tree parameters d_1 and d_2 were estimated by using weighted nonlinear regression. Then d_1 and d_2 were tested for significant difference from 0.0 with a t -test ($p = 0.01$). If both parameters were not significant, no CF was reported for the damaging agent. If both parameters were significant, d_1 was reported as the CF for light damage, and $d_1 + d_2$ was reported as the CF for severe damage. If parameter d_1 was significant and parameter d_2 was not, then d_1 was re-estimated by the following equation:

$$DHCB = \frac{H}{1.0 + \exp(\beta X + c_i + d_1)}$$

fit to the combined light and severe damage data by using weighted nonlinear regression. The resulting value of d_1 was reported as the CF for both levels of severity. If parameter d_2 was significant and parameter d_1 was not, then the CF for light damage was set to 0.0, and d_2 was re-estimated by the following equation:

$$DHCB = \frac{H}{1.0 + \exp(\beta X + c_i + d_2)}$$

fit to just the severe damage data by using weighted nonlinear regression. The resulting value of d_2 was reported as the CF for the severe level of damage.

Given the CF for a particular type of damage and its severity, the resulting HCB can be predicted by:

$$DHCB = \frac{H}{1.0 + \exp(\beta X + CF)} \quad [5]$$

RESULTS FOR UNDAMAGED AND DAMAGED TREES

For prediction purposes, Tables 8, 9, and 10 contain the parameter estimates (b_0 through b_6) and their standard errors for Equations [2], [3], and [4], respectively, fit to both undamaged and damaged trees, except those with damage codes of 72, 73, 77, 78, and 79. The weighted MSE and weighted R_a^2 for each equation are also reported in these tables.

Tables 11, 12, and 13 contain the damage CFs, and their associated standard errors, for Eq. [5] (i.e., the βX in Eq. [5] are the values from Equation [2], [3], or [4] using parameter estimates from Table 5, 6, or 7, respectively). These factors differ by type and severity of damage. A negative CF indicates that the HCB of the damaged tree is higher (and therefore the CR is less) than that predicted for an undamaged tree; a positive CF would result in a lower HCB (and a larger CR). Because of the form of Eq. [5], it can be difficult to interpret how a particular level of CF will impact predicted HCB and the resulting CR. Table 14 demonstrates the change in the predicted CR for an undamaged tree that can be expected for a damaged tree with a given level of CF. From this table it can be seen that with a CF of -0.6, an undamaged tree's CR of 0.10 would be reduced to 0.05 in a damaged tree, and an undamaged tree's CR of 0.5 would be reduced to 0.35.

To assess the frequency of occurrence of the damaging agents for a given species

on the sample plots used for analysis (i.e., the population represented just by the "modeling" data set), the damaging agents were grouped into the following classes: none, insects, disease, fire, animal, weather, suppression, other (including various top damages), logging, and excessive taper. Next, the percentage of occurrence (though not severity) of each major class of damaging agent, appropriately weighted by the probability of selection, was computed for each plot and then averaged across all of the plots in a sample. The resulting percentages in Table 15 differ from the frequency of damaging agents recorded for the sampled trees themselves (as indicated by the counts of the number of sample trees for each damaging agent in Tables 11, 12, and 13) because of the unequal sampling probabilities used in collecting the data. When examining the frequency of damaging agents, one should remember that while the modeling data set is representative of the stands being modeled, it is not an unbiased inventory of all stands in southwest Oregon.

DISCUSSION

Equations [2], [3], and [4] were developed as tools for predicting HCB. The signs on the coefficients in Equations [2], [3], and [4] indicate how HCB will respond to changes in the predictor variables [H, SBA, DBH/H, SI, $(H_s \times D_s/10,000)^2$, SCCFL, Scaled PCCFL, and PCCFL]. A positive sign indicates that HCB will decrease with an increase in the predictor variable, and a negative

sign indicates an increase in HCB. Thus, HCB decreases with increasing values of both site index (SI) and DBH/H (higher DBH/H ratios indicate greater stem taper), and it increases with increasing competition from the overstory (as indicated by SCCFL, Scaled PCCFL, and PCCFL), SBA, and H. For undamaged trees, HCBs are predicted to decrease on trees in stands with older structures.

The equations developed in this study differ from those in previous studies in that they incorporate a predictor variable for distinguishing the structure of older stands from that of younger stands. For undamaged trees, this variable was significant for seven of the species groups. Undamaged trees growing in stands with older characteristics were found to have longer crowns than undamaged trees in younger stands. This may be caused by increased levels of light in the stand resulting from (1) the patchy nature of these stands, (2) the high HCBs for the overstory trees, or (3) reduced crown widths as a result of abrasion caused by wind sway of tall trees.

For nine of the species groups in the undamaged data set, variables Scaled PCCFL or PCCFL (either Eq. [3] or Eq. [4]) did provide a modest improvement in the fit of the equation to the data when compared to SCCFL (Eq. [2]). The number of species groups in which either Scaled PCCFL or PCCFL was an improvement over SCCFL increased to 10 for the combined undamaged and damaged data set. In general, the improvement in fit (as evidenced by the increase in R_a^2) was greater for hardwoods than conifers.

Many of the operational stands in southwest Oregon exhibit variation in density throughout the stand. Characterizing this spatial variability can be important to modeling stand dynamics (Stage and Wykoff 1998) and to understanding the suitability of the stand's structure for wildlife (Dubrasich et al. 1997). Equations [3] and [4] were developed to potentially meet these needs by using Scaled PCCFL or PCCFL, respectively, as predictor variables. Because these equations use point- and not stand-level measurements, application of these equations would require the installation of a grid of sampling points across the stand in order to characterize within-stand variability. Ideally, the sampling unit design at each sample point should be the same as used in this study in order to avoid error introduced by using an alternative design (Hann and Zumrawi 1991).

The presence of some level of damage is quite common in the population represented by this modeling data set, in which only 44% of the conifers and 37% of the hardwoods were found to be undamaged (Table 15). The most common class of damaging agents for conifers was "suppression" followed by "other damage," while the most common class of damage for hardwoods was "other" followed by "suppression." The most common specific damaging agents for conifers within the "other damage" class was "natural mechanical injury" (code 71), followed by "dead or missing top" (code 72) and then "excessive lean" (code 75). For hardwoods, the most common was "excessive lean," followed by "natural mechanical injury" and then "dead or missing top."

With the exception of "excessive forking" (damage code 76), which was significant only for tanoak, all significant damage CFs had negative signs, which indicates an increase in the HCB in damaged trees compared with undamaged trees that have the same tree and stand attributes (Tables 11, 12, and 13). A negative sign indicates that damaged trees have smaller crown ratios than undamaged trees do. The most negative impact on conifers came from "suppression" (damage codes 61 and 62), followed by "dead or missing top" (code 72) and "excessive lean" (code 75); the most negative impact on hardwoods came from "dead or missing top" (code 72), followed by "leaves noticeably sparse" (code 74) and then "suppression" (codes 61 and 62). In general, the negative impact increased with the severity of the damage.

The significant negative impact of suppression indicates that the measures used in Equations [2], [3], and [4] to quantify competitive position within the stand (i.e., SCCFL, Scaled PCCFL, and PCCFL), level of competition (i.e., SBA), and DBH/H were not adequate at characterizing HCB for these trees. Perhaps these trees also suffered from unusually sparse foliage, which resulted in an increased HCB because of the crown compacting method used to define the position of the crown base.

These equations provide new and useful information about tree species growing in the even- and uneven-aged, pure and mixed-species stands of southwest Oregon. To predict unmeasured HCBs when you have not collected data on damaging agents, we recommend Equation [2], [3],

or [4] with the undamaged- and damaged-tree parameters from Table 8, 9, or 10. If you noted specific damaging agents and their severity, we recommend the use of Eq. [5], with the appropriate parameters for undamaged trees from Table 5, 6, or 7 and the associated damage CFs from Table 11, 12, or 13.

For predicting change in HCB, we recommend Equation [2], [3], or [4] and the appropriate undamaged parameters from Table 5, 6, or 7. Although static equations are not ideal for predicting changes in HCB, they offer the only available method in the absence of data for developing crown-change equations. A major problem with this use of static equations is that, in some cases, predicted HCB may decrease unrealistically in response to stand-density reductions resulting from thinning and mortality. To ensure that HCB will either remain constant or increase over time, HCB at the end of the growth period can be constrained to be no less than the HCB at the beginning of the growth period. This procedure replicates the behavior described in Oliver and Larsen (1996) in which crown recession ceases after thinning until the stand density and tree height have increased enough to offset the effects of thinning. This method also ignores the possible production of epicormic branches.

Table 8. Parameter estimates and standard errors (in parentheses), along with weighted mean square error (MSE) and weighted adjusted coefficient of determination (R_a^2) for Eq. [2], fit to undamaged trees and damaged trees on untreated plots.

| Species | b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | b_3 | b_4 | b_5 | b_6 | MSE | R_a^2 |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|
| Conifers | | | | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 1.990155033 (0.08599418) | -0.008180786 (0.00021322) | -0.004696095 (0.00010582) | -0.392033240 (0.01700740) | 1.945708371 (0.14196618) | 0.007854260 (0.00029991) | 0.295593583 (0.02064404) | 0.017672 | 0.4651 |
| Grand/White fir | 4.800089990 (0.19909983) | 0.0 (NA)* | -0.003268539 (0.00022960) | -0.858744969 (0.03906050) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.275679490 (0.04704161) | 0.024625 | 0.3868 |
| Incense-cedar | 3.127730861 (0.31548617) | -0.004386780 (0.00098384) | -0.003557122 (0.00042659) | -0.637929879 (0.06567674) | 0.977816058 (0.33969453) | 0.005850321 (0.00111558) | 0.257070387 (0.07950652) | 0.022646 | 0.5159 |
| Pacific yew | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 1.225564582 (0.35820146) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.025300 | 0.1280 |
| Ponderosa pine | 2.024723585 (0.23142306) | -0.001953589 (0.00064380) | -0.001837480 (0.00046602) | -0.568909853 (0.04766200) | 4.831886553 (0.46203833) | 0.001653030 (0.00034628) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.011843 | 0.6231 |
| Sugar pine | 3.582314301 (0.57050938) | -0.003256792 (0.00112493) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.765250973 (0.10823498) | 3.043845568 (0.60556469) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.016747 | 0.3135 |
| Western hemlock | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 3.246352823 (0.53372509) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.041667 | 0.0196 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 1.000364090 (0.19023390) | -0.010636441 (0.00259688) | -0.005950398 (0.00076501) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.310672769 (0.13004729) | 0.012784 | 0.5167 |
| California black oak | 2.672850866 (0.55390277) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.001400851 (0.00043988) | -0.605971926 (0.11058076) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.430988703 (0.20965129) | 0.020213 | 0.1411 |
| Canyon live oak | 1.285465907 (0.15183792) | -0.024459278 (0.00359074) | -0.003992574 (0.00048454) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.027834 | 0.1700 |
| Golden chinkapin | 0.387912505 (0.07937631) | -0.015000868 (0.00135873) | -0.004098099 (0.00027157) | 0.0 (NA) | 2.104871164 (0.36559000) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.352773356 (0.08761504) | 0.021985 | 0.3147 |
| Oregon white oak | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.004671430 (0.00046136) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.010084 | 0.5660 |
| Pacific madrone | 3.271130882 (0.16883478) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.841331291 (0.03292047) | 1.791699815 (0.18359590) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.927163029 (0.08857987) | 0.017964 | 0.3128 |
| Tanoak | 0.4488479442 (0.10845622) | -0.009375810 (0.00182347) | -0.001822050 (0.00034286) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.233233237 (0.05124871) | 0.027681 | 0.0720 |
| Willow | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.004842962 (0.00083479) | -0.567987126 (0.07683272) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0281315332 (0.00264597) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.012629 | 0.6378 |

*NA indicates not applicable.

Table 9. Parameter estimates and standard errors (in parentheses), along with weighted mean square error (MSE) and weighted adjusted coefficient of determination (R_a^2) for Eq. [3], fit to undamaged trees and damaged trees on untreated plots.

| Species | b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | b_3 | b_4 | b_5 | b_6 | MSE | R_a^2 |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Conifers | | | | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 2.764820027 (0.08761581) | -0.006386063 (0.00019162) | -0.002811791 (0.00006422) | -0.622745097 (0.01574856) | 2.754013209 (0.13245144) | 0.008097391 (0.00029833) | 0.235265576 (0.02009839) | 0.017364 | 0.4745 |
| Grand/White fir | 4.529032818 (0.21327434) | -0.001953435 (0.00053843) | -0.003630733 (0.00022674) | -0.767151013 (0.04568159) | 0.0 (NA)* | 0.0 (NA) | 0.293888716 (0.04758201) | 0.025156 | 0.3736 |
| Incense-cedar | 3.775223661 (0.29594862) | -0.002740391 (0.00081083) | -0.002469591 (0.00023738) | -0.782793847 (0.05168783) | 1.176763365 (0.31092713) | 0.004461209 (0.00111600) | 0.262183212 (0.07842675) | 0.021916 | 0.5315 |
| Ponderosa pine | 2.083628728 (0.23266010) | -0.001830843 (0.00060382) | -0.001536243 (0.00034776) | -0.585867090 (0.04533462) | 4.864359312 (0.43485719) | 0.001728374 (0.00034074) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.011791 | 0.6469 |
| Sugar pine | 3.264778818 (0.53687793) | -0.004992924 (0.00110385) | -0.003889436 (0.00047358) | -0.505555582 (0.11252854) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.016083 | 0.3016 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 0.8144144469 (0.17467229) | -0.008241535 (0.00238226) | -0.003974058 (0.00050881) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.013143 | 0.5032 |
| California black oak | 2.781464383 (0.54587455) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.001336456 (0.00037075) | -0.625842640 (0.10789395) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.474014901 (0.20725887) | 0.020017 | 0.1494 |
| Canyon live oak | 0.8869242294 (0.13201759) | -0.021747202 (0.00364674) | -0.002143867 (0.00033455) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.029578 | 0.1180 |
| Golden chinkapin | 1.260117097 (0.16574943) | -0.010669881 (0.00162650) | -0.002131066 (0.00025426) | -0.282035303 (0.04287614) | 2.948424008 (0.37164348) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.494686767 (0.09535939) | 0.021525 | 0.3291 |
| Oregon white oak | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.004479416 (0.00045652) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.010565 | 0.5453 |
| Pacific madrone | 3.024234372 (0.17962957) | -0.004651232 (0.00102422) | -0.002834117 (0.00019390) | -0.617631113 (0.04130188) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 1.117590005 (0.08381950) | 0.016738 | 0.3597 |
| Tanoak | 0.3381642619 (0.08450360) | -0.008163917 (0.00168728) | -0.001294201 (0.00022644) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.2449783995 (0.05119782) | 0.027512 | 0.0777 |

*NA indicates not applicable.

Table 10. Parameter estimates and standard errors (in parentheses), along with weighted mean square error (MSE) and weighted adjusted coefficient of determination (R_a^2) for Eq. [4], fit to undamaged trees and damaged trees on untreated plots.

| Species | b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | b_3 | b_4 | b_5 | b_6 | MSE | R_a^2 |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Conifers | | | | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 2.863764478 (0.08687394) | -0.005929962 (0.00018310) | -0.003055369 (0.00006452) | -0.634443679 (0.01545742) | 2.493345377 (0.13130767) | 0.007803933 (0.00029525) | 0.218220741 (0.01972577) | 0.016949 | 0.4870 |
| Grand/White fir | 4.545478377 (0.20902125) | -0.001749449 (0.00050408) | -0.003955055 (0.00022393) | -0.772830346 (0.04414791) | 0.0 (NA)* | 0.0 (NA) | 0.292471798 (0.04715934) | 0.024477 | 0.3905 |
| Incense-cedar | 3.733773165 (0.29587380) | -0.002341822 (0.00079092) | -0.002493699 (0.00023486) | -0.785370610 (0.05123636) | 1.157586453 (0.31071461) | 0.004790984 (0.00111259) | 0.261882720 (0.07831230) | 0.021827 | 0.5334 |
| Ponderosa pine | 2.164889464 (0.23299715) | -0.001760929 (0.00056805) | -0.001817009 (0.00033040) | -0.592959116 (0.04405476) | 4.657544958 (0.42393767) | 0.001653607 (0.00033961) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.011651 | 0.6292 |
| Sugar pine | 3.114845756 (0.55485466) | -0.005318755 (0.00116992) | -0.002653561 (0.00053943) | -0.562500042 (0.11181126) | 1.830749900 (0.65795731) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.015883 | 0.3490 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 0.7320125927 (0.16993006) | -0.009297762 (0.00239283) | -0.004152440 (0.00053797) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.013236 | 0.4969 |
| California black oak | 2.797147773 (0.55128789) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.001176240 (0.00040322) | -0.637162966 (0.10915554) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.450744515 (0.20962930) | 0.020308 | 0.1370 |
| Canyon live oak | 0.7784332974 (0.12572993) | -0.020859512 (0.00360292) | -0.002207000 (0.00033899) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.2562966185 (0.12780393) | 0.029195 | 0.1274 |
| Golden chinkapin | 1.209333223 (0.16752880) | -0.008955791 (0.00156982) | -0.002061424 (0.00026166) | -0.285091592 (0.04358316) | 2.688509986 (0.38824904) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.518797862 (0.09527019) | 0.021711 | 0.3233 |
| Oregon white oak | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.004951649 (0.00047849) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.009610 | 0.5864 |
| Pacific madrone | 3.050103281 (0.17812855) | -0.004564053 (0.00101294) | -0.003014098 (0.00019787) | -0.624812502 (0.04067147) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 1.057104981 (0.08341462) | 0.016563 | 0.3664 |
| Tanoak | 0.3322120057 (0.07623225) | -0.008073720 (0.00164571) | -0.001413561 (0.00021853) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.2572834703 (0.05104345) | 0.027163 | 0.0894 |
| Willow | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0 (NA) | -0.001572444 (0.00052999) | -0.841115561 (0.05974233) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.0347389429 (0.00253281) | 0.0 (NA) | 0.014303 | 0.5898 |

*NA indicates not applicable.

Table 11. Damage correction factors (CF) for height to crown base predicted by using Eq. [2] and the parameters from Table 5.

| Species | Damage code (see Table A1) | # Trees | CF for light damage | Standard error for light damage | CF for severe damage | Standard error for severe damage |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Conifers | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 22 | 188 | -0.2341 | 0.0387 | -0.2341 | 0.0387 |
| | 23 | 513 | NA* | NA | -0.5222 | 0.0256 |
| | 24 | 236 | NA | NA | -0.3803 | 0.0397 |
| | 25 | 197 | -0.2558 | 0.0406 | -0.7821 | 0.1070 |
| | 32 | 95 | -0.6059 | 0.0620 | -0.6056 | 0.0620 |
| | 52 | 20 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.7170 | 0.1154 |
| | 61 | 1,227 | -0.5282 | 0.0243 | -0.9987 | 0.0305 |
| | 62 | 153 | -0.6973 | 0.0815 | -1.0783 | 0.0909 |
| | 71 | 1,077 | -0.2138 | 0.0170 | -0.5124 | 0.0534 |
| | 72 | 1,076 | -0.3386 | 0.0241 | -0.9040 | 0.0419 |
| | 73 | 617 | -0.2324 | 0.0223 | -0.3780 | 0.0423 |
| | 74 | 13 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.9098 | 0.2189 |
| | 75 | 221 | NA | NA | -0.5958 | 0.0480 |
| | Grand/White fir | 23 | 30 | NA | NA | -0.7164 |
| 24 | | 186 | NA | NA | -0.4818 | 0.0384 |
| 32 | | 11 | -0.9084 | 0.1766 | -0.9084 | 0.1766 |
| 61 | | 237 | -0.7382 | 0.0619 | -1.5396 | 0.0953 |
| 62 | | 41 | -0.6705 | 0.1313 | -1.5961 | 0.2102 |
| 71 | | 147 | -0.3581 | 0.0555 | -0.3581 | 0.0555 |
| 72 | | 157 | -0.3734 | 0.0766 | -0.8757 | 0.1146 |
| 73 | | 83 | -0.1656 | 0.0649 | -0.1656 | 0.0649 |
| 75 | | 22 | NA | NA | -0.9684 | 0.1598 |
| Incense-cedar | 24 | 24 | NA | NA | -0.3994 | 0.1367 |
| | 25 | 11 | -0.8885 | 0.1827 | -0.8885 | 0.1827 |
| | 32 | 52 | -0.5926 | 0.0954 | -0.5926 | 0.0954 |
| | 61 | 244 | -0.5376 | 0.0496 | -0.9406 | 0.0738 |
| | 62 | 40 | -0.9782 | 0.1196 | -0.9782 | 0.1196 |
| | 71 | 90 | -0.3427 | 0.0586 | -0.3427 | 0.0586 |
| | 72 | 89 | -0.5545 | 0.0813 | -0.9835 | 0.1012 |
| | 73 | 37 | -0.4989 | 0.1088 | -0.4989 | 0.1088 |
| | 75 | 22 | NA | NA | -0.8665 | 0.1394 |
| Ponderosa pine | 61 | 42 | -0.5200 | 0.1225 | -0.5200 | 0.1225 |
| | 62 | 5 | -1.5539 | 0.1162 | -1.5539 | 0.1162 |
| | 72 | 39 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.8890 | 0.1155 |
| | 73 | 117 | -0.2328 | 0.0421 | -0.2328 | 0.0421 |
| | 74 | 22 | -0.3882 | 0.0914 | -0.3882 | 0.0914 |
| Sugar pine | 21 | 41 | NA | NA | -0.2870 | 0.0924 |
| | 24 | 25 | NA | NA | -0.7177 | 0.1026 |
| | 72 | 33 | -0.7264 | 0.1142 | -0.7264 | 0.1142 |
| | 74 | 28 | -0.5006 | 0.1416 | -0.5006 | 0.1416 |
| Western hemlock | 71 | 15 | -0.4734 | 0.1511 | -0.4734 | 0.1511 |

Table 11. (Continued)

| Species Table A1) | Damage code (see Table A1) | # Trees | CF for light damage damage | Standard error for light damage | CF for severe severe | Standard error for damage |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Hardwoods | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 75 | 27 | NA | NA | -0.5146 | 0.0949 |
| Canyon live oak | 61 | 21 | -0.9576 | 0.1356 | -0.9576 | 0.1356 |
| | 72 | 28 | 0.0000 | NA | -1.0138 | 0.2053 |
| | 75 | 218 | NA | NA | -0.4563 | 0.0496 |
| Golden chinkapin | 43 | 69 | -0.2501 | 0.0681 | -0.2501 | 0.0681 |
| | 61 | 20 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.8475 | 0.1155 |
| | 62 | 20 | -0.7718 | 0.1759 | -0.7718 | 0.1759 |
| | 71 | 82 | -0.2683 | 0.0656 | -0.7343 | 0.2063 |
| | 72 | 20 | 0.0000 | NA | -1.5518 | 0.3412 |
| | 73 | 21 | -0.3493 | 0.1095 | -0.3493 | 0.1095 |
| | 74 | 13 | -1.3342 | 0.2771 | -1.3342 | 0.2771 |
| | 75 | 206 | NA | NA | -0.3279 | 0.0457 |
| Oregon white oak | 75 | 9 | NA | NA | -0.6297 | 0.1141 |
| Pacific madrone | 32 | 32 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.4898 | 0.1367 |
| | 61 | 32 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.7353 | 0.1437 |
| | 62 | 21 | -0.3865 | 0.1258 | -1.2376 | 0.2081 |
| | 72 | 78 | 0.0000 | NA | -1.3317 | 0.1439 |
| | 73 | 73 | -0.2912 | 0.0610 | -0.2912 | 0.0610 |
| | 74 | 40 | -0.6018 | 0.1232 | -0.6018 | 0.1232 |
| | 75 | 540 | NA | NA | -0.2355 | 0.0246 |
| Red alder | 75 | 20 | NA | NA | -0.7566 | 0.1640 |
| Tanoak | 43 | 19 | -0.5710 | 0.1079 | -0.5710 | 0.1079 |
| | 61 | 76 | -0.3690 | 0.0867 | -0.3690 | 0.0867 |
| | 71 | 50 | -0.3276 | 0.0891 | -0.3276 | 0.0891 |
| | 72 | 27 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.4697 | 0.1569 |
| | 74 | 11 | 0.0000 | NA | -1.2777 | 0.2340 |
| | 76 | 12 | NA | NA | 0.2682 | 0.0984 |
| Willow | 61 | 19 | -1.1728 | 0.1243 | -1.1728 | 0.1243 |

*NA indicates not applicable.

Table 12. Damage correction factors (CF) for height to crown base predicted by using Eq. [3] and the parameters from Table 6.

| Species | Damage code (see Table A1) | # Trees | CF for light damage | Standard error for light damage | CF for severe damage | Standard error for severe damage |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Conifers | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 22 | 188 | -0.2300 | 0.0427 | -0.501 | 0.0980 |
| | 23 | 513 | NA* | NA | -0.4712 | 0.0257 |
| | 24 | 236 | NA | NA | -0.3708 | 0.0397 |
| | 25 | 197 | -0.2850 | 0.0427 | -0.7667 | 0.1096 |
| | 32 | 95 | -0.5671 | 0.0631 | -0.5671 | 0.0631 |
| | 52 | 20 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.9745 | 0.1276 |
| | 61 | 1,227 | -0.5955 | 0.0233 | -1.0825 | 0.0289 |
| | 62 | 153 | -0.6650 | 0.0740 | -1.1110 | 0.0855 |
| | 71 | 1,077 | -0.2278 | 0.0173 | -0.5558 | 0.0538 |
| | 72 | 1,076 | -0.3471 | 0.0238 | -0.9184 | 0.0408 |
| | 73 | 617 | -0.2180 | 0.0224 | -0.3701 | 0.0428 |
| | 74 | 13 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.8154 | 0.2205 |
| | 75 | 221 | NA | NA | -0.6512 | 0.0474 |
| | Grand/White fir | 23 | 30 | NA | NA | -0.6937 |
| 24 | | 186 | NA | NA | -0.4705 | 0.0393 |
| 32 | | 11 | -0.9493 | 0.2055 | -0.9493 | 0.2055 |
| 61 | | 237 | -0.8064 | 0.0605 | -1.6075 | 0.0983 |
| 62 | | 41 | -0.6802 | 0.1352 | -1.5880 | 0.1924 |
| 71 | | 147 | -0.3311 | 0.0596 | -0.6866 | 0.1213 |
| 72 | | 157 | -0.4105 | 0.0779 | -0.9574 | 0.1197 |
| 73 | | 83 | -0.1886 | 0.0662 | -0.1886 | 0.0662 |
| Incense-cedar | 25 | 11 | -0.8565 | 0.1960 | -0.8565 | 0.1960 |
| | 32 | 52 | -0.4741 | 0.0937 | -0.4741 | 0.0937 |
| | 61 | 244 | -0.5572 | 0.0508 | -0.9625 | 0.0725 |
| | 62 | 40 | -0.8861 | 0.1145 | -0.8861 | 0.1145 |
| | 71 | 90 | -0.3444 | 0.0586 | -0.3444 | 0.0586 |
| | 72 | 89 | -0.5535 | 0.0823 | -0.9672 | 0.1042 |
| | 73 | 37 | -0.4954 | 0.1125 | -0.4954 | 0.1125 |
| | 75 | 22 | NA | NA | -0.8892 | 0.1518 |
| Ponderosa pine | 61 | 42 | -0.5396 | 0.1256 | -0.5396 | 0.1256 |
| | 62 | 5 | -1.5352 | 0.1203 | -1.5352 | 0.1203 |
| | 72 | 39 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.8271 | 0.1091 |
| | 73 | 117 | -0.2309 | 0.0425 | -0.2309 | 0.0425 |
| | 74 | 22 | -0.0432 | 0.0878 | -0.4032 | 0.0878 |
| Sugar pine | 21 | 41 | NA | NA | -0.2852 | 0.0960 |
| | 24 | 25 | NA | NA | -0.7507 | 0.1057 |
| | 72 | 33 | -0.7341 | 0.1198 | -0.7341 | 0.1198 |
| | 74 | 28 | -0.5266 | 0.1468 | -0.5266 | 0.1468 |

Table 12. (Continued)

| Species Table A1) | Damage code (see | # Trees | CF for light damage damage | Standard error for light damage | CF for severe severe | Standard error for damage |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Hardwoods | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 75 | 27 | NA | NA | -0.6502 | 0.0929 |
| Canyon live oak | 61 | 21 | -0.8674 | 0.1395 | -0.8674 | 0.1395 |
| | 72 | 28 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.8256 | 0.2269 |
| | 75 | 218 | NA | NA | -0.3588 | 0.0478 |
| Golden chinkapin | 43 | 69 | -0.4313 | 0.0737 | -0.4313 | 0.0737 |
| | 61 | 55 | -0.5067 | 0.0931 | -0.5067 | 0.0931 |
| | 62 | 20 | -0.8813 | 0.1701 | -0.8813 | 0.1701 |
| | 71 | 82 | -0.3351 | 0.0712 | -0.8523 | 0.2147 |
| | 72 | 20 | 0.0000 | NA | -1.5868 | 0.3272 |
| | 73 | 21 | -0.5099 | 0.1239 | -0.5099 | 0.1239 |
| | 74 | 13 | -1.4436 | 0.2792 | -1.4436 | 0.2792 |
| | 75 | 206 | NA | NA | -0.4294 | 0.0491 |
| Oregon white oak | 75 | 9 | NA | NA | -0.6349 | 0.1303 |
| Pacific madrone | 61 | 32 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.7260 | 0.1419 |
| | 62 | 9 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.8915 | 0.1665 |
| | 71 | 139 | -0.1987 | 0.0436 | -0.1987 | 0.0436 |
| | 72 | 78 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.9057 | 0.0968 |
| | 74 | 40 | -0.6365 | 0.1338 | -0.6365 | 0.1338 |
| | 75 | 540 | NA | NA | -0.2126 | 0.0244 |
| Tanoak | 43 | 19 | -0.6630 | 0.1249 | -0.6630 | 0.1249 |
| | 61 | 76 | -0.3147 | 0.0782 | -0.3147 | 0.0782 |
| | 71 | 50 | -0.3512 | 0.0942 | -0.3512 | 0.0942 |
| | 72 | 27 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.4704 | 0.1591 |
| | 74 | 11 | 0.0000 | NA | -1.3340 | 0.2272 |
| | 76 | 12 | NA | NA | 0.3325 | 0.0555 |

*NA indicates not applicable.

Table 13. Damage correction factors (CF) for height to crown base predicted by using Eq. [4] and the parameters from Table 7.

| Species Table A1) | Damage code (see Table A1) | # Trees | CF for light damage | Standard error for light damage | CF for severe severe | Standard error for damage |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Conifers | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 22 | 188 | -0.2469 | 0.0378 | -0.2469 | 0.0378 |
| | 23 | 513 | NA* | NA | -0.4692 | 0.0252 |
| | 24 | 236 | NA | NA | -0.3614 | 0.0395 |
| | 25 | 197 | -0.2481 | 0.0417 | -0.7482 | 0.1081 |
| | 32 | 95 | -0.5416 | 0.0617 | -0.5416 | 0.0617 |
| | 52 | 20 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.5448 | 0.1116 |
| | 61 | 1,227 | -0.4809 | 0.0238 | -0.9316 | 0.0297 |
| | 62 | 153 | -0.5916 | 0.0748 | -0.9592 | 0.0807 |
| | 71 | 1,077 | -0.2092 | 0.0165 | -0.4713 | 0.0519 |
| | 72 | 1,076 | -0.3217 | 0.0232 | -0.8738 | 0.0406 |
| | 73 | 617 | -0.2088 | 0.0218 | -0.3554 | 0.0410 |
| | 75 | 221 | NA | NA | -0.5848 | 0.0467 |
| | Grand/White fir | 23 | 30 | NA | NA | -0.6124 |
| 24 | | 186 | NA | NA | -0.4537 | 0.0390 |
| 32 | | 11 | -0.8111 | 0.1896 | -0.8111 | 0.1896 |
| 61 | | 237 | -0.6579 | 0.0625 | -1.3882 | 0.0907 |
| 62 | | 41 | -0.5270 | 0.1246 | -1.4863 | 0.1793 |
| 71 | | 147 | -0.3045 | 0.0580 | -0.6960 | 0.1325 |
| 72 | | 157 | -0.3985 | 0.0775 | -0.9025 | 0.1159 |
| 73 | | 83 | -0.1800 | 0.0638 | -0.1800 | 0.0638 |
| 75 | 22 | NA | NA | -0.8791 | 0.1546 | |
| Incense-cedar | 25 | 11 | -0.8512 | 0.1897 | -0.8512 | 0.1897 |
| | 32 | 52 | -0.6004 | 0.0965 | -0.6004 | 0.0965 |
| | 61 | 244 | -0.4847 | 0.0520 | -0.8590 | 0.0706 |
| | 62 | 40 | -0.8150 | 0.1131 | -0.8150 | 0.1131 |
| | 71 | 90 | -0.2989 | 0.0593 | -0.2989 | 0.0593 |
| | 72 | 89 | -0.5522 | 0.0840 | -0.9865 | 0.1042 |
| | 73 | 37 | -0.4833 | 0.1099 | -0.4833 | 0.1099 |
| | 75 | 22 | NA | NA | -0.9040 | 0.1463 |
| Ponderosa pine | 61 | 42 | -0.5039 | 0.1264 | -0.5039 | 0.1264 |
| | 62 | 5 | -1.4969 | 0.1218 | -1.4969 | 0.1218 |
| | 72 | 39 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.8102 | 0.1095 |
| | 73 | 117 | -0.2215 | 0.0423 | -0.2215 | 0.0423 |
| | 74 | 22 | -0.3945 | 0.0872 | -0.3945 | 0.0872 |
| Sugar pine | 21 | 41 | NA | NA | -0.2824 | 0.0941 |
| | 24 | 25 | NA | NA | -0.7080 | 0.1037 |
| | 72 | 33 | -0.7319 | 0.1226 | -0.7319 | 0.1226 |
| | 74 | 28 | -0.4872 | 0.1428 | -0.4872 | 0.1428 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 75 | 27 | NA | NA | -0.2718 | 0.0877 |
| Canyon live oak | 61 | 21 | -0.9886 | 0.1367 | -0.9886 | 0.1367 |
| | 72 | 28 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.9175 | 0.2266 |
| | 75 | 218 | NA | NA | -0.5003 | 0.0490 |

Table 13. (Continued)

| Species | Damage code (see Table A1) | # Trees | CF for light damage | Standard error for light damage | CF for severe damage | Standard error for severe damage |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Golden chinkapin | 43 | 69 | -0.2877 | 0.0746 | -0.2877 | 0.0746 |
| | 61 | 55 | -0.3816 | 0.0994 | -0.3816 | 0.0994 |
| | 62 | 20 | -0.8009 | 0.1636 | -0.8009 | 0.1636 |
| | 71 | 82 | -0.2679 | 0.0645 | -0.7747 | 0.1961 |
| | 72 | 20 | 0.0000 | NA | -1.4722 | 0.3234 |
| | 73 | 21 | -0.4430 | 0.1344 | -0.4430 | 0.1344 |
| | 74 | 13 | -1.2078 | 0.2484 | -1.2078 | 0.2484 |
| | 75 | 206 | NA | NA | -0.2758 | 0.0490 |
| Oregon white oak | 75 | 9 | NA | NA | -0.4933 | 0.1475 |
| Pacific madrone | 61 | 32 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.6024 | 0.1469 |
| | 62 | 9 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.7652 | 0.1487 |
| | 71 | 139 | -0.1250 | 0.0438 | -0.1250 | 0.0438 |
| | 72 | 78 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.9221 | 0.1018 |
| | 74 | 40 | -0.6195 | 0.1307 | -0.6195 | 0.1307 |
| | 75 | 540 | NA | NA | -0.1506 | 0.0243 |
| Tanoak | 43 | 19 | -0.5537 | 0.1300 | -0.5537 | 0.1300 |
| | 61 | 76 | -0.2149 | 0.0826 | -0.2149 | 0.0826 |
| | 71 | 50 | -0.3810 | 0.0884 | -0.3810 | 0.0884 |
| | 72 | 27 | 0.0000 | NA | -0.5244 | 0.1632 |
| | 74 | 11 | 0.0000 | NA | -1.2265 | 0.2773 |
| | 76 | 12 | NA | NA | 0.3165 | 0.0646 |
| Willow | 61 | 19 | -1.2640 | 0.1277 | -1.2640 | 0.1277 |

*NA indicates not applicable.

Table 14. Predicted damaged tree crown ratios (CR) for each level of damage correction factor (CF).

| Damaged tree correction factor (CF) | CR = 0.10 | CR = 0.50 | CR = 0.90 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.50 | 0.90 |
| -0.20 | 0.08 | 0.45 | 0.88 |
| -0.40 | 0.06 | 0.40 | 0.85 |
| -0.60 | 0.05 | 0.35 | 0.82 |
| -0.80 | 0.04 | 0.31 | 0.80 |
| -1.00 | 0.03 | 0.27 | 0.76 |
| -1.20 | 0.03 | 0.23 | 0.72 |
| -1.40 | 0.02 | 0.20 | 0.69 |
| -1.60 | 0.02 | 0.17 | 0.64 |
| -1.80 | 0.01 | 0.14 | 0.59 |

Table 15. Percentage, by species, of the modeling population that was affected by various classes of damaging agents.

| Species | No damage | Insects | Disease | Fire | Animal | Weather | Suppression | Other | Logging | Excessive taper and off-site |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|---------|------|--------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|------------------------------|
| Conifers | | | | | | | | | | |
| Douglas-fir | 44.21 | 0.02 | 5.10 | 0.01 | 0.73 | 0.84 | 29.83 | 18.91 | 0.23 | 0.13 |
| Grand/White fir | 40.95 | 1.48 | 3.43 | 0.00 | 0.90 | 0.30 | 31.47 | 20.79 | 0.45 | 0.22 |
| Incense-cedar | 48.21 | 0.00 | 0.94 | 0.02 | 0.86 | 0.00 | 33.62 | 15.33 | 1.02 | 0.00 |
| Pacific yew | 53.78 | 0.00 | 0.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.09 | 39.56 | 1.71 | 0.00 |
| Ponderosa pine | 46.71 | 0.92 | 2.08 | 0.01 | 2.70 | 0.41 | 25.10 | 21.92 | 0.15 | 0.00 |
| Sugar pine | 18.77 | 0.00 | 21.87 | 0.03 | 10.02 | 0.84 | 21.04 | 27.43 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Western hemlock | 35.24 | 0.00 | 5.05 | 0.01 | 2.95 | 2.95 | 12.17 | 41.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Hardwoods | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bigleaf maple | 44.97 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 17.24 | 36.51 | 0.00 | 1.27 |
| California black oak | 40.87 | 0.21 | 1.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11.47 | 45.92 | 0.00 | 0.21 |
| Canyon live oak | 28.56 | 3.11 | 1.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.46 | 3.53 | 61.98 | 0.00 | 1.18 |
| Golden chinkapin | 35.01 | 9.96 | 1.35 | 0.00 | 9.47 | 0.01 | 5.49 | 38.57 | 0.00 | 0.05 |
| Oregon white oak | 32.37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11.07 | 56.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Pacific madrone | 47.50 | 0.77 | 1.62 | 0.13 | 0.00 | 2.10 | 7.75 | 39.43 | 0.00 | 0.69 |
| Red alder | 52.59 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 47.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tanoak | 27.63 | 8.78 | 1.15 | 0.00 | 3.39 | 0.27 | 11.44 | 47.20 | 0.00 | 0.13 |
| Willow | 62.62 | 0.00 | 5.81 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.15 | 12.41 | 18.50 | 0.00 | 0.51 |

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APPENDIX—CLASSIFICATION OF TREE DAMAGE AND ITS SEVERITY

The following is the actual set of instructions given to field crews in both studies. Presence of damage or pathogen activity was recorded for all living tally trees by using the codes found in Table A1. When a tree was damaged by more than one agent, only the most severe one was recorded.

Damage codes ending in 7, 8, or 9 were always used to indicate living trees that also fell on or near a skidroad or an excavated skidroad. The term “excavated skidroad” indicates at least 2 in. of the top soil was removed (not compacted) during its construction. A tree was defined as being near a skidroad if the crown of the tree extended over the skidroad.

The presence of damage on live tally trees was recorded as being either light or severe. Damage was recorded as severe only when the damage would have (1) prevented the tree from living to maturity or surviving 10 or more years if already mature; (2) prevented the tree from producing marketable products (straight logs of minimum or greater dimensions); or (3) reduced the quality of the tree’s products (such as may result from a lightning strike, excessive lean, etc.). Guides for rating the severity of damage can be found in Tables A2 and A3.

Table A1. Damage Codes

| Damage | Code |
|--|------|
| No damaging agent | 00 |
| No damaging agent but tree is on a skid road | 07 |
| No damaging agent but tree is on an excavated skid road | 08 |
| No damaging agent but tree is near a skid road (both types) | 09 |
| Insects | |
| Bark beetles | 11 |
| Defoliators | 12 |
| Sucking insects | 13 |
| Bud- and shoot-deforming insects | 14 |
| Tree has insects and is on a skid road | 17 |
| Tree has insects and is on an excavated skid road | 18 |
| Tree has insects and is near a skid road (both types) | 19 |
| Disease | |
| White pine (and sugar pine) blister rust (always severe) | 21 |
| Other rust cankers on main bole | 22 |
| Conks on bole, limb, or ground near tree (always severe) | 23 |
| Mistletoe (always severe) | 24 |
| Other diseases and rot | 25 |
| Tree has disease and is on a skid road | 27 |
| Tree has disease and is on an excavated skid road | 28 |
| Tree has disease and is near a skid road (both types) | 29 |
| Fire Damage | |
| Scorched crown | 31 |
| Fire scar on bole | 32 |
| Tree has fire damage and is on a skid road | 37 |
| Tree has fire damage and is on an excavated skid road | 38 |
| Tree has fire damage and is near a skid road (both types) | 39 |
| Animal Damage | |
| Domestic | 41 |
| Porcupine | 42 |
| Other wildlife | 43 |
| Tree has animal damage and is on a skid road | 47 |
| Tree has animal damage and is on an excavated skid road | 48 |
| Tree has animal damage and is near a skid road (both types) | 49 |
| Weather Damage | |
| Lightning | 51 |
| Wind | 52 |
| Other | 53 |
| Tree has weather damage and is on a skid road | 57 |
| Tree has weather damage and is on an excavated skid road | 58 |
| Tree has weather damage and is near a skid road (both types) | 59 |
| Suppression Damage | |
| Suppressed seedlings or saplings ≤ 6 in. DBH | 61 |
| Suppressed pole or sawtimber size tree > 6 in. DBH | 62 |

Table A1. (Continued)

| Damage | Code |
|---|------|
| Tree is suppressed and is on a skid road | 67 |
| Tree is suppressed and is on an excavated skid road | 68 |
| Tree is suppressed and is near a skid road (both types) | 69 |
| Other Damage | |
| Natural mechanical injury | 71 |
| Top out or dead (spike top) | 72 |
| Forked top or multiple stem | 73 |
| Needles or leaves noticeably short, sparse, or off-color | 74 |
| Excessive lean—over 15° from vertical (always severe) | 75 |
| Excessive forking—a hardwood tree that forks within the first 8 ft, or a conifer that forks within the first 12 ft, with the main fork then forking again within 8 or 12 ft, respectively (always severe) | 76 |
| Tree has other damage and is on a skid road | 77 |
| Tree has other damage and is on an excavated skid road | 78 |
| Tree has other damage and is near a skid road (both types) | 79 |
| Logging and Construction Damage | |
| Damage by powered equipment | 81 |
| Other logging damage | 82 |
| Tree has logging damage and is on a skid road | 87 |
| Tree has logging damage and is on an excavated skid road | 88 |
| Tree has logging damage and is near a skid road (both types) | 89 |
| Excessive taper or deformity—will not produce a 12-ft conifer or 8-ft hardwood log | 91 |
| Off-site tree | 92 |
| Tree has excessive taper and is on a skid road | 97 |
| Tree has excessive taper and is on an excavated skid road | 98 |
| Tree has excessive taper and is near a skid road (both types) | 99 |

Table A2. Guide for rating severity of damage

Disease Damage

White pine blister rust. This disease attacks all Northwest five-needled pines: white, white-bark, sugar, and limber pines. Record this item as severe when any evidence of the disease is found. Symptoms in infested trees may include discolored bark, the outer edges of the discolorations yellowish to orange; shallow blisters on the bark that may exude a sticky substance or masses of yellow aeciospores; characteristic spindle- or diamond-shaped swelling of the stem or branches accompanied by scaly lesions and black pycnial scars; or copious resin exudation from ruptured bark in areas of infection.

Other rust cankers of the main bole. Record as severe only when cankers deform the bole, cause open wounds, or threaten to girdle the tree. Lodgepole pine is often infected with *Peridermium harknessii* “hip” cankers, which sometimes kill the tree.

Conk on bole or limb or ground near base of tree. Code as severe whenever any conks are observed.

Mistletoe. This is coded as severe damage.

Table A2. (Continued)

Other diseases and rot. In immature trees, record as severe any disease that appears to threaten the tree's survival to maturity or would reduce its quality at maturity because of topkilling, deformity, or decay of bole or serious reduction of tree vigor. In mature trees, record infections that would seriously jeopardize survival over the next 10 years. Examples of other disease and rot are: Pole Blight of white pine; needle blights, wilts, and rusts; dry rot associated with sunscalds and mechanical damage; needle cast; scabs and leaf galls; and diebacks.

Fire Damage

Crown scorch. In cases where only the foliage has been killed by fire, record fire damage as light unless the fire-killed foliage reaches into the upper one-third of the crown. Ground fires may kill foliage on lower branches without seriously damaging the tree.

Basal scar. In recording fire damage, classify basal scars as light damage unless they have killed the cambium on at least half the bole circumference.

Animal Damage

Record animal damage as severe for trees when at least half the bole circumference has been girdled, or when browsing has so seriously harmed seedlings or saplings that they will probably not develop into sound trees.

Weather Damage

Record as severe when weather damage would prevent immature trees from surviving to maturity or prevent mature trees from surviving 10 years, e.g., loss of 70% of the crown to wind or snowbreak, shattering of the bole by lightning, or partial uprooting by wind.

Suppression Damage

Live, suppressed seedlings or saplings. Suppressed understory trees are common in old-growth stands, but may occur in second-growth timber or even as residual trees after logging. Suppressed seedlings or saplings are usually characterized by extremely short or nonexistent internodes; twisted, gnarled stems; short, flat crowns of live needles forming "umbrella-shaped" trees; or extremely sparse foliage. Such damage should be coded as severe. When in question cut down a sapling that is off the point and count the rings to determine its age. Code as light those seedlings that would probably respond to release.

Other Damage

Natural mechanical injury. Code as severe such things as damage to bole that would reduce the quality of the product at maturity in immature trees or prevent mature trees from living 10 more years. Examples are broken limbs in the crown caused by other trees falling into them, or a bole girdled by at least half by mechanical actions such as rubbing in the wind or boulders rolling against a bole.

Top out or dead (spike top). Code as severe for immature trees. Code as light for mature trees unless more than 10 ft of the top is dead or broken out.

Forked-out or multiple stem. Code as light for small double leaders in tall trees but code as severe all major forks or multiple stems in immature trees. Do not code as severe for mature trees.

Needles or leaves noticeably short, sparse, or off-color. Code as light any minor chlorosis or general "redbelting" of trees caused by frost conditions (when the needle tips of trees in a large area are tinged).

Excessive lean >15° from vertical. Record as severe for all trees, regardless of age or size.

Sound cull-forked tree. Code as severe for a hardwood tree that forks within the first 8-ft log or a conifer that forks within the first 12-ft log, the main fork of which forks again within 8 or 12 ft, respectively.

Table A3. Guide for Rating Severity of Insect Damage

| Insect/Host | Light damage | Severe damage |
|---|---|--|
| Bark beetles Douglas-fir | Small amount of clear or white pitch on bole. | Current damage. Needles turning yellow or red over most of the tree (tree is dying). Clear or white pitch on bole. Boring dust in bark crevices is conspicuous. |
| Bark beetles Pines (ponderosa, Jeffrey, lodgepole, sugar, western white) | Copious pitching: pitch tubes large and consist of yellowish to clear masses of pitch. No live insects under bark. | Needles turning yellow to red over most of the tree. Small red pitch tubes (less than 1/4 in. in diameter) common. Reddish boring dust in bark flakes and crevices, or around base of tree. Live insects under bark. |
| Ips beetles Ponderosa and sugar pines | In a tree beyond conventional rotation age, the top few feet of crown is fading or dead. | Tops killed in seedlings or saplings, or in poletimber and sawtimber trees below rotation age. (In some cases, especially in dense stands of saplings, ips beetles may kill every tree in a small area.) |
| Defoliators Dominant, co-dominant, and intermediate crown classes | | |
| All species except hemlock and grand fir | Entire crown less than 50% defoliated. Top 10 ft of crown less than 75% defoliated or discolored. Leader normal, but perhaps short. Current foliage with less than 50% of tips discolored or less than 50% of needles missing. A few branches with no shoot growth. | Entire crown more than 50% defoliated. Top 10 ft of crown more than 75% defoliated or discolored. Leader deformed or killed. Current foliage with more than 50% of tips discolored or more than 50% of needles missing. Many branches with no new shoot growth. |
| Hemlock and grand fir | NA* | All defoliation damage is severe. |
| Balsam woolly aphid All crown classes of subalpine, Pacific silver, and grand firs | NA | Any degree of balsam woolly aphid infestation on true firs is severe. |
| Sitka spruce weevil Sitka spruce. Usually attacks trees 8–60 ft tall. Leaders that are currently weeviled begin to droop in August (often turn brown). | Old weevil attacks, causing slight deformity of main stem. | Current weevil infestation with drooping leader; one or more side branches assuming dominance. Mere presence of attack on trees ≥ 20 ft tall reflects significant growth loss. Old damage that has resulted in serious crooks or deformities, if weevil-caused. |

*NA indicates not applicable.

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