

Lessons for Assisted Migration in Coastal Forests From Foliage Diseases

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Focus on Foliage Diseases of Douglas-fir

- Swiss Needle Cast
 - *Nothophaeocryptopus gaeumannii*
- Rhabdocline Needle Cast
 - *Rhabdocline* species complex
- Web blight
 - *Rhizoctonia* species
- Phytophthora needle cast of Douglas-fir
 - *Phytophthora pluvialis*



Web Blight



Phytophthora needle cast
of Douglas-fir

Swiss Needle Cast



Rhabdocline Needle Cast



Swiss
Needle
Cast on
the
coast.

(photos Rob
Flowers, ODF)



1996



SNC SYMPTOMS
 Moderate
 Severe

2004



SNC SYMPTOMS
 Moderate
 Severe

2013



SNC SYMPTOMS
 Moderate
 Severe

2014



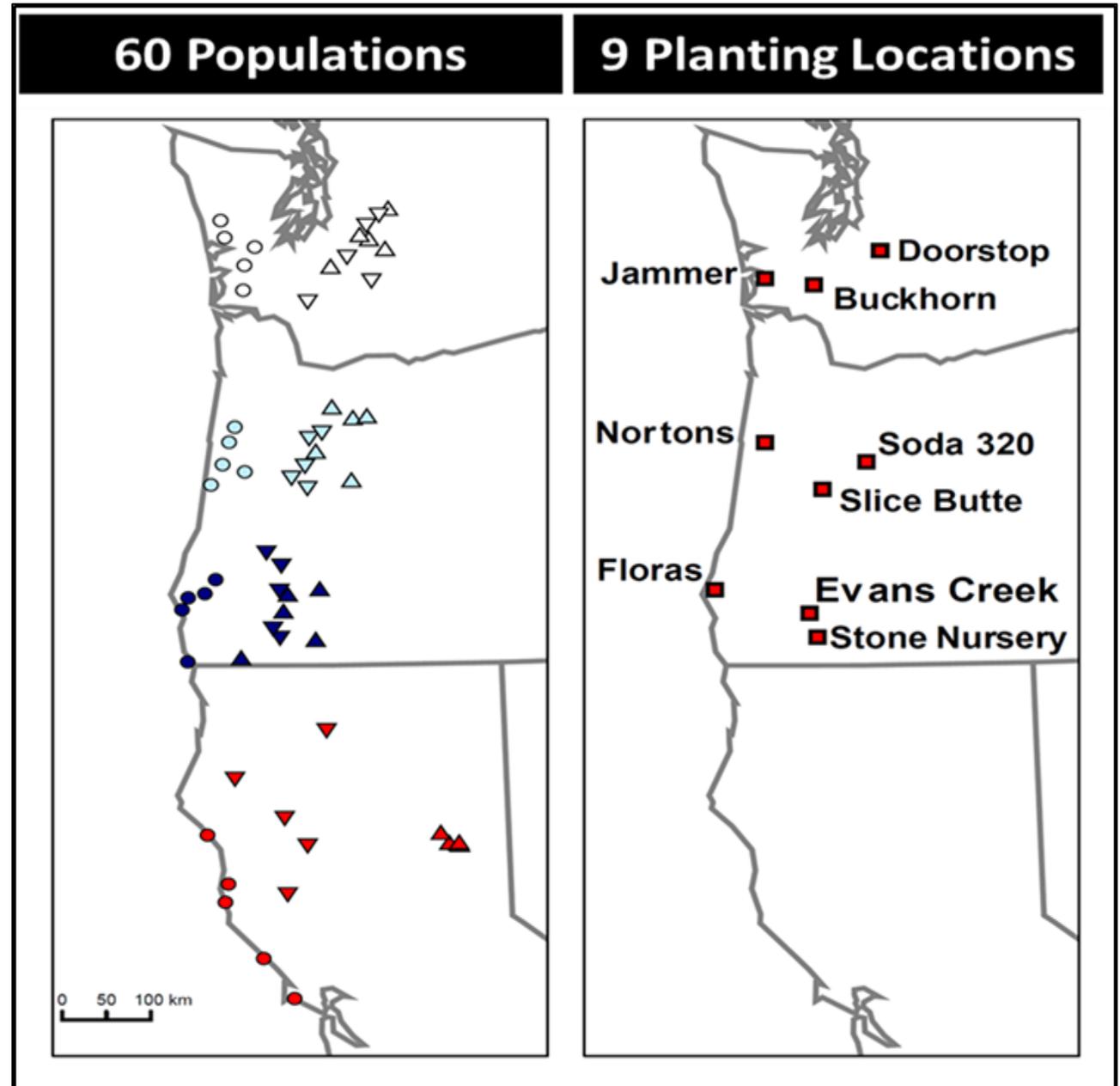
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The Douglas-fir Seed Source Movement Trials

- A reciprocal planting trial installed by USFS PNW Research Station
- Connie Harrington and Brad St. Clair



Jonathan Burnett photo from UAV



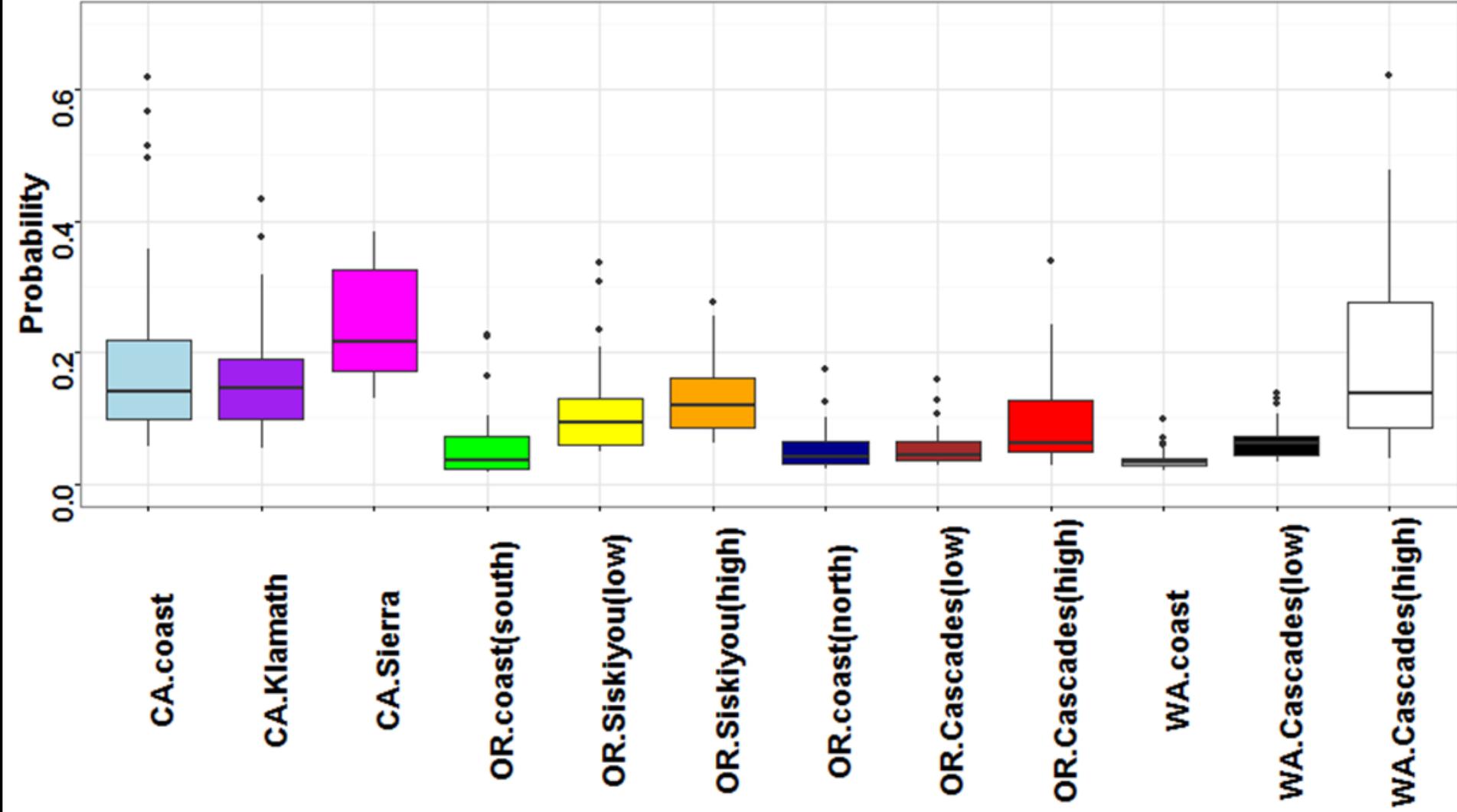
Climate of seed source affects susceptibility of coastal Douglas-fir to foliage diseases

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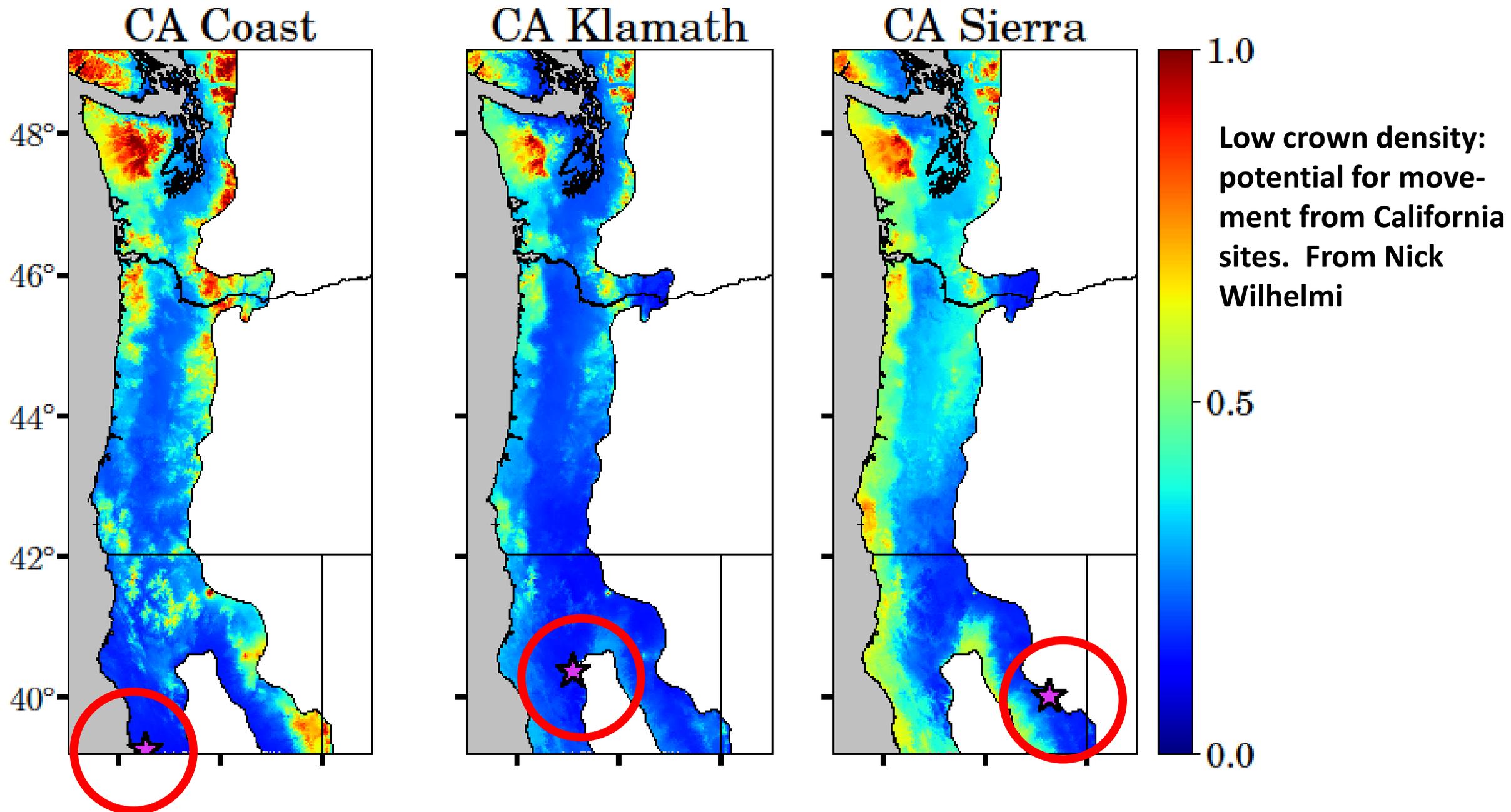


Swiss Needle Cast Effect

Probability of low crown density due to SNC

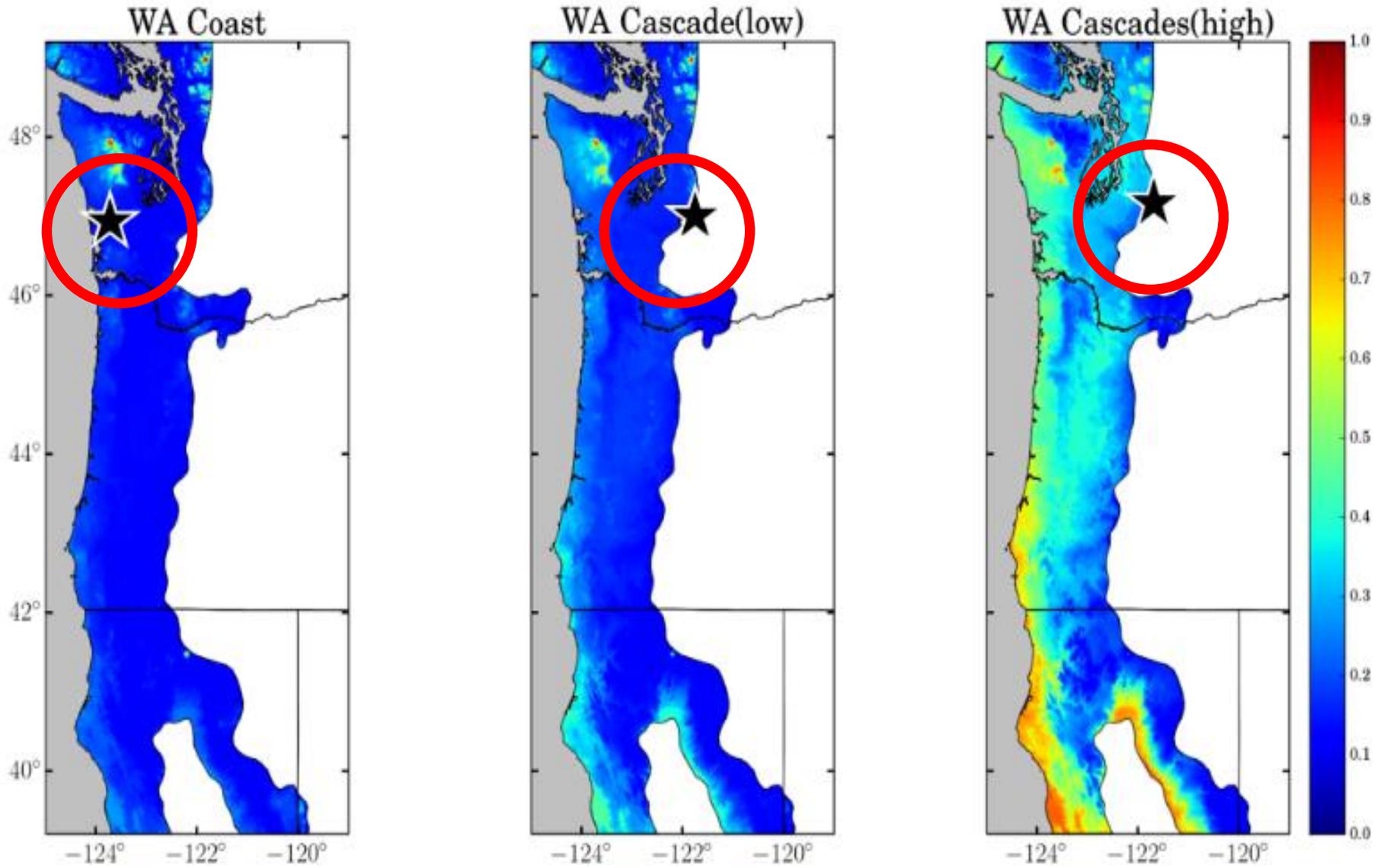


Current Probabilities



Current Probabilities

Low crown density: potential movement from Washington sites



Rhabdocline Needle Cast



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Probability of Infection

0.0
0.2
0.4
0.6

Rhabdocline
Needle Cast

CA.coast

CA.Klamath

CA.Sierra

OR.coast(south)

OR.Siskiyou(low)

OR.Siskiyou(high)

OR.coast(north)

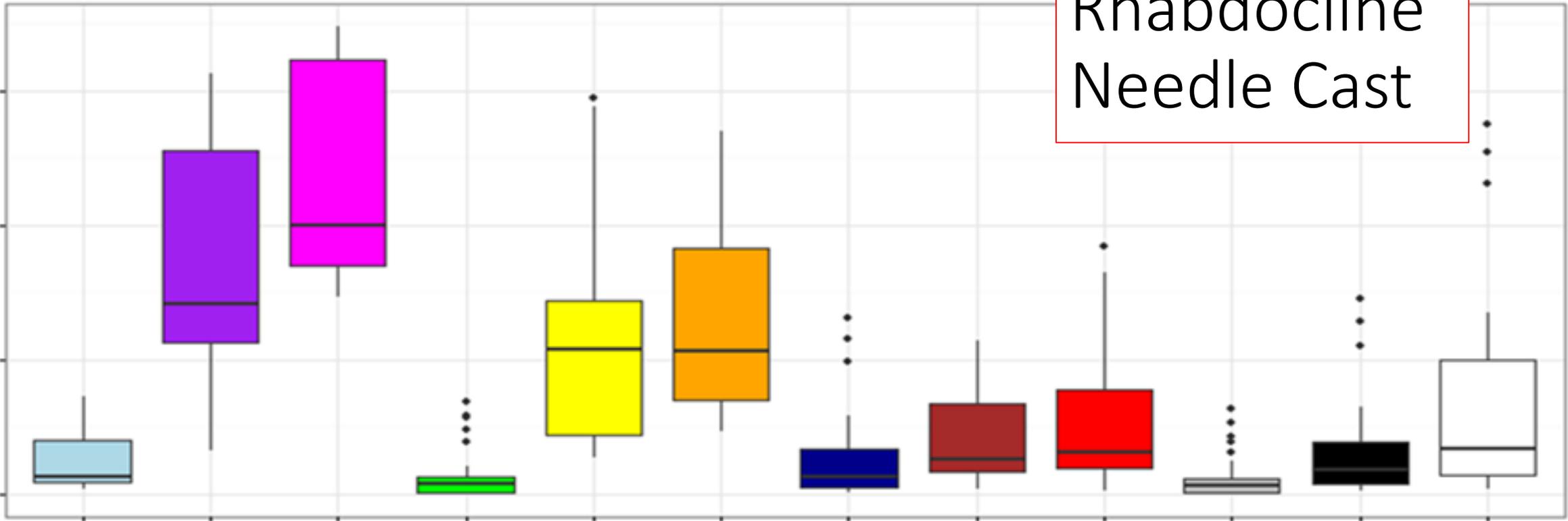
OR.Cascades(low)

OR.Cascades(high)

WA.coast

WA.Cascades(low)

WA.Cascades(high)

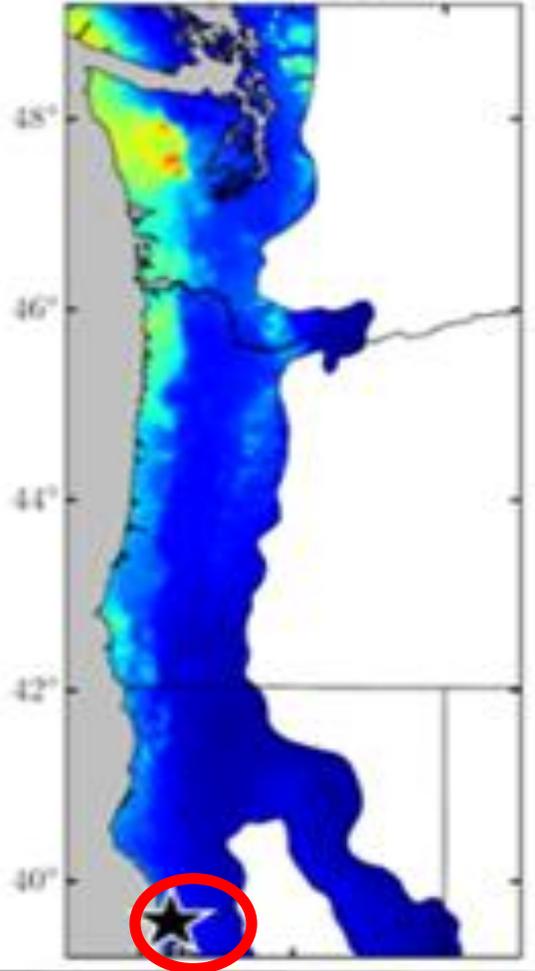


 = location of seed source

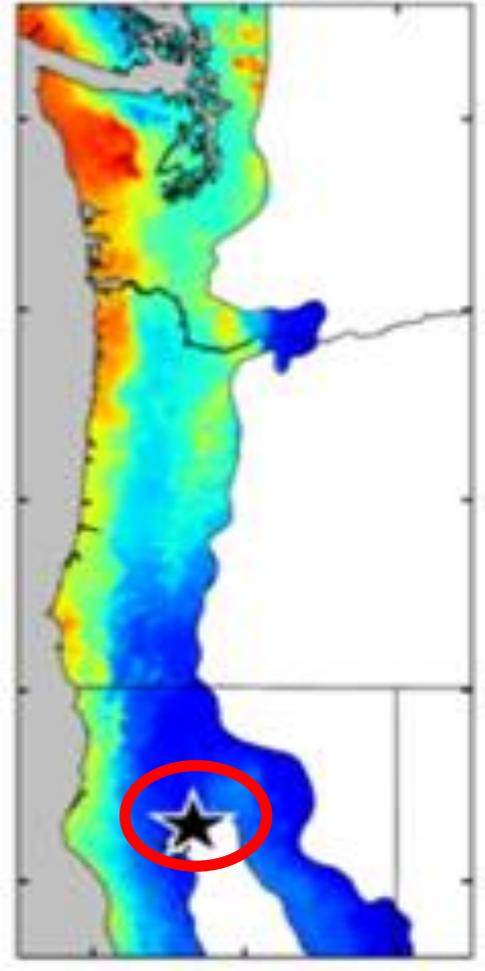
Probability of severe Rhabdocline needle cast if moved from local across west side

Current Probabilities

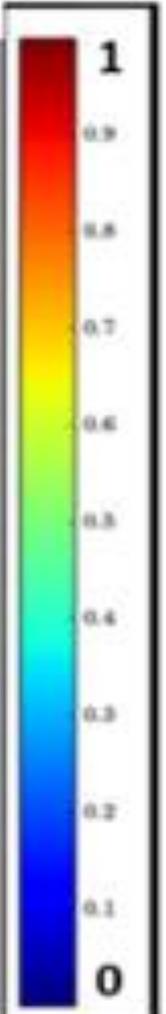
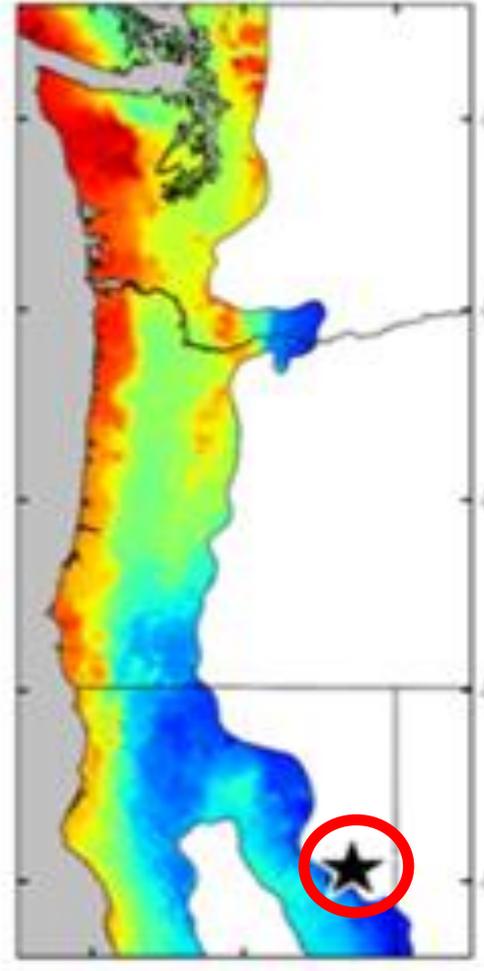
CA Coast



CA Klamath



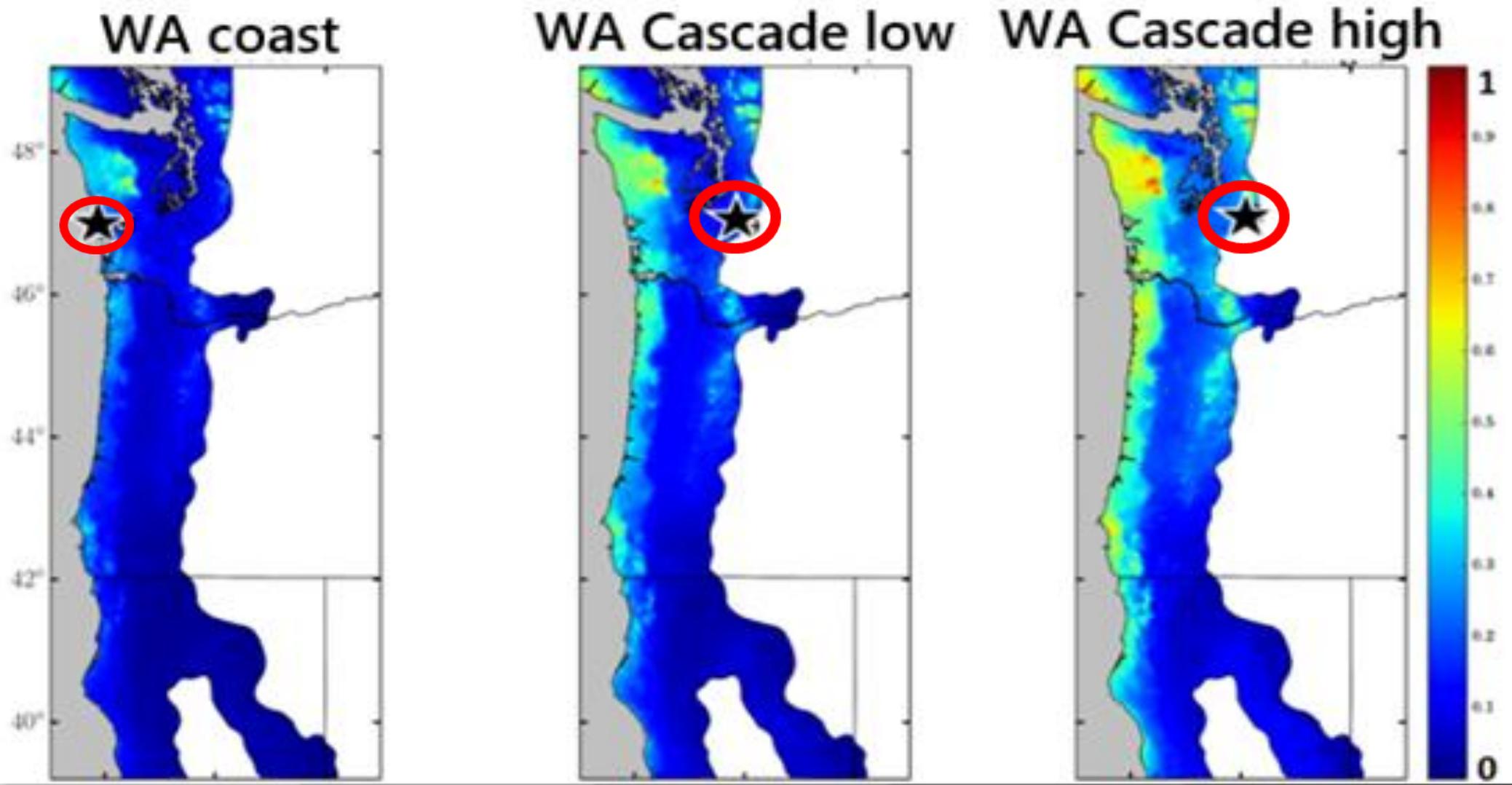
CA Sierra



○ = location of seed source

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Current Probabilities



Key factors associated with needle disease.

- May – September Precipitation
- Winter Temperature
- Continentality

- You increase disease probability when you....

- Move from high elevation to low...
- Move from dry to wetter...

- Local always among the most tolerant or resistant to local disease pressure.

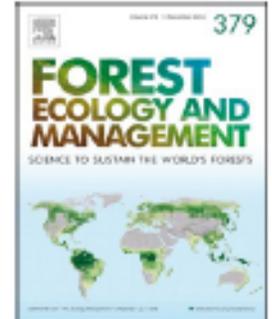




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Short-term climate trends and the Swiss needle cast epidemic in Oregon's public and private coastal forestlands

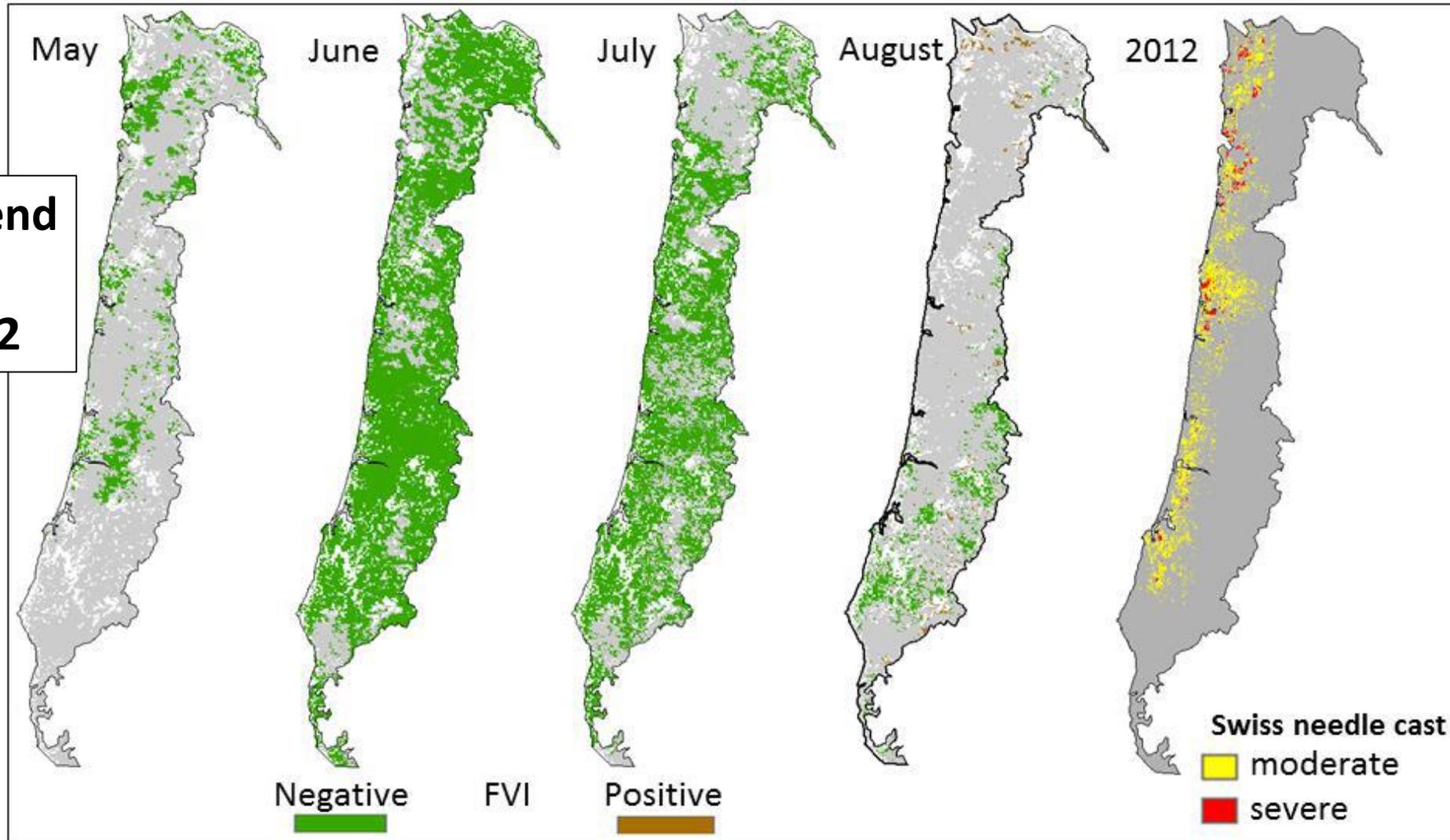
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Forest Vulnerability Index = Land surface temperature – Water Balance

Water balance = Precipitation - Evapotranspiration

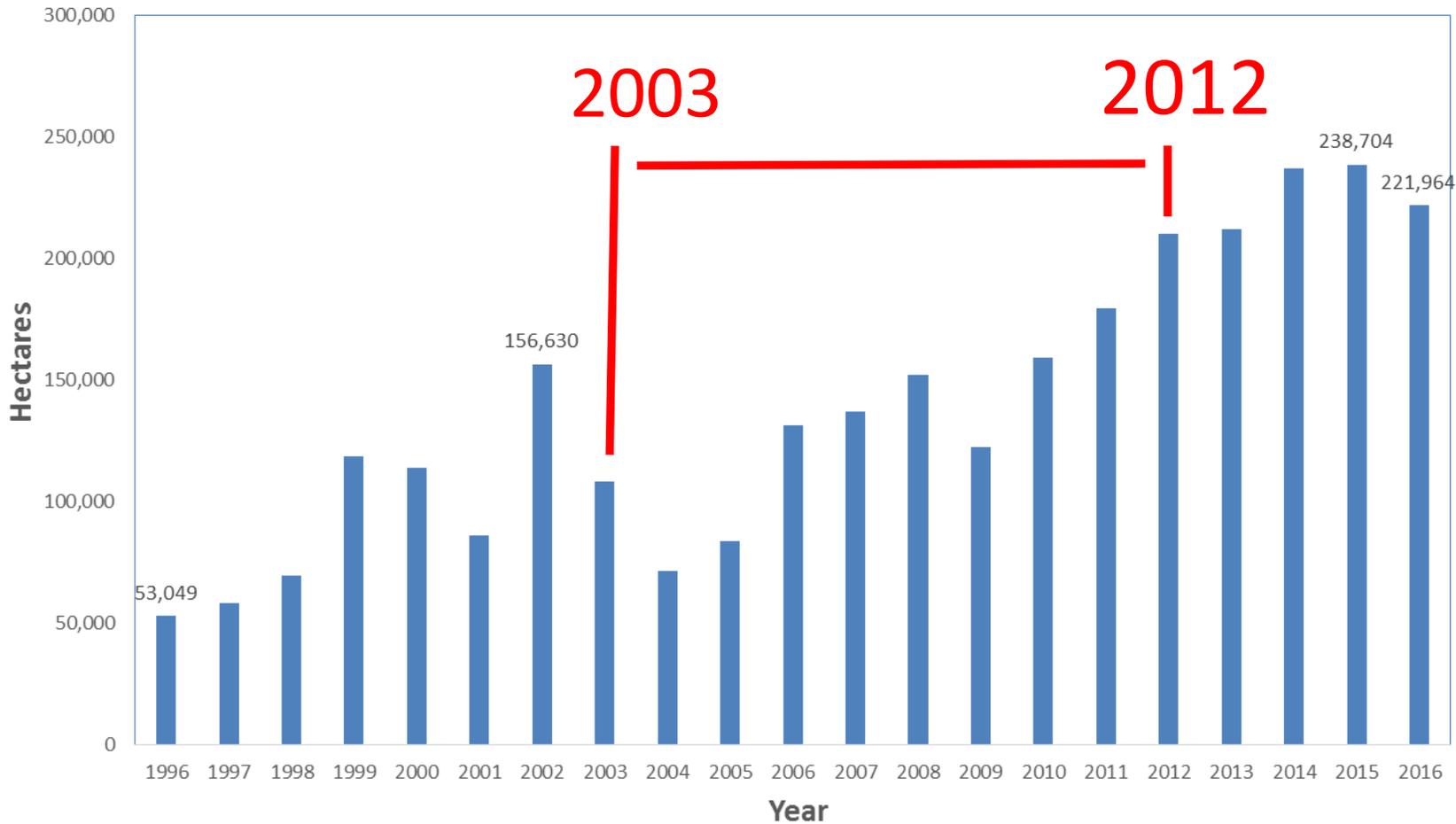
Decreased temperatures and increased water balance resulted in negative FVI values



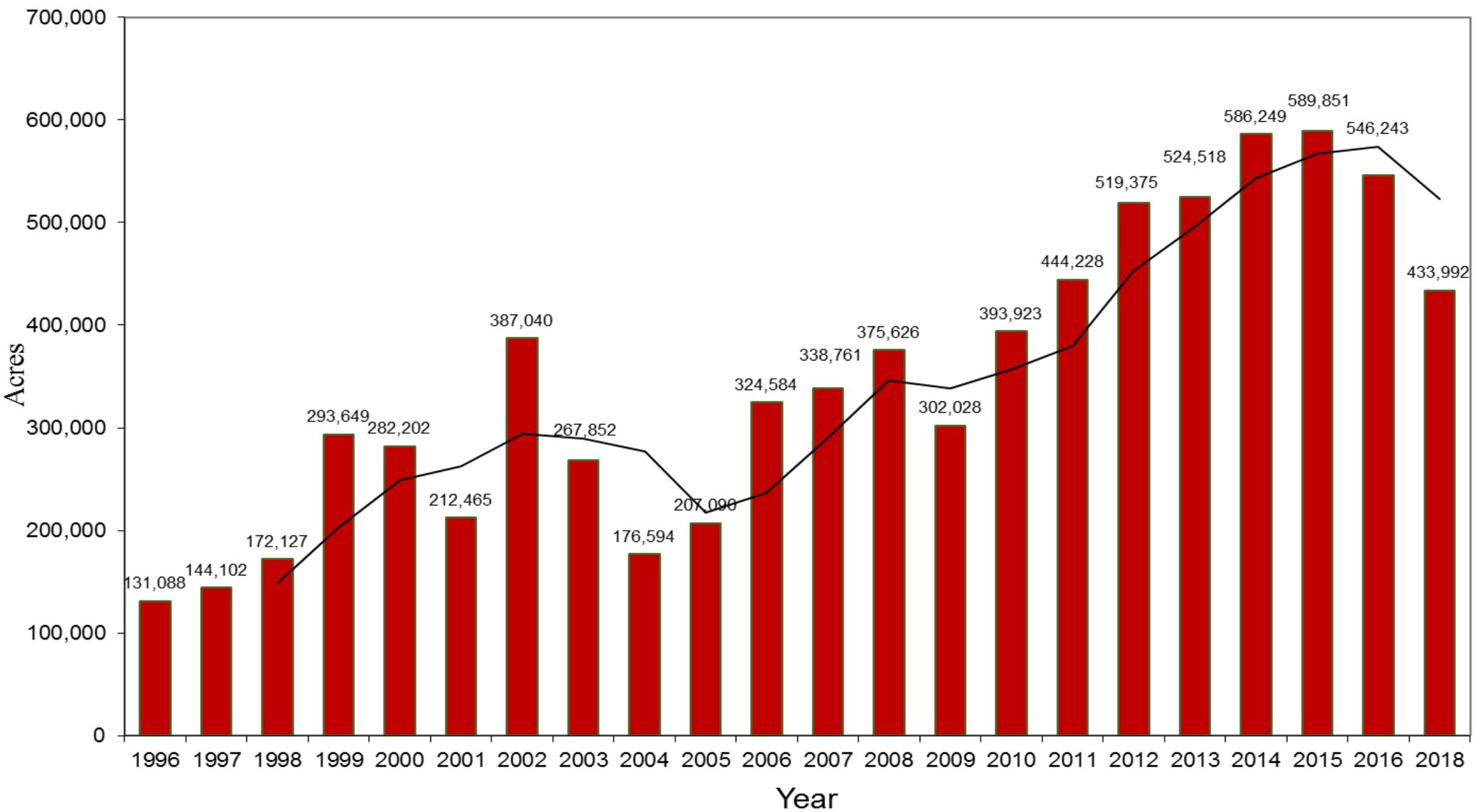
Swiss Needle Cast in Oregon
2016 = 221,964 ha

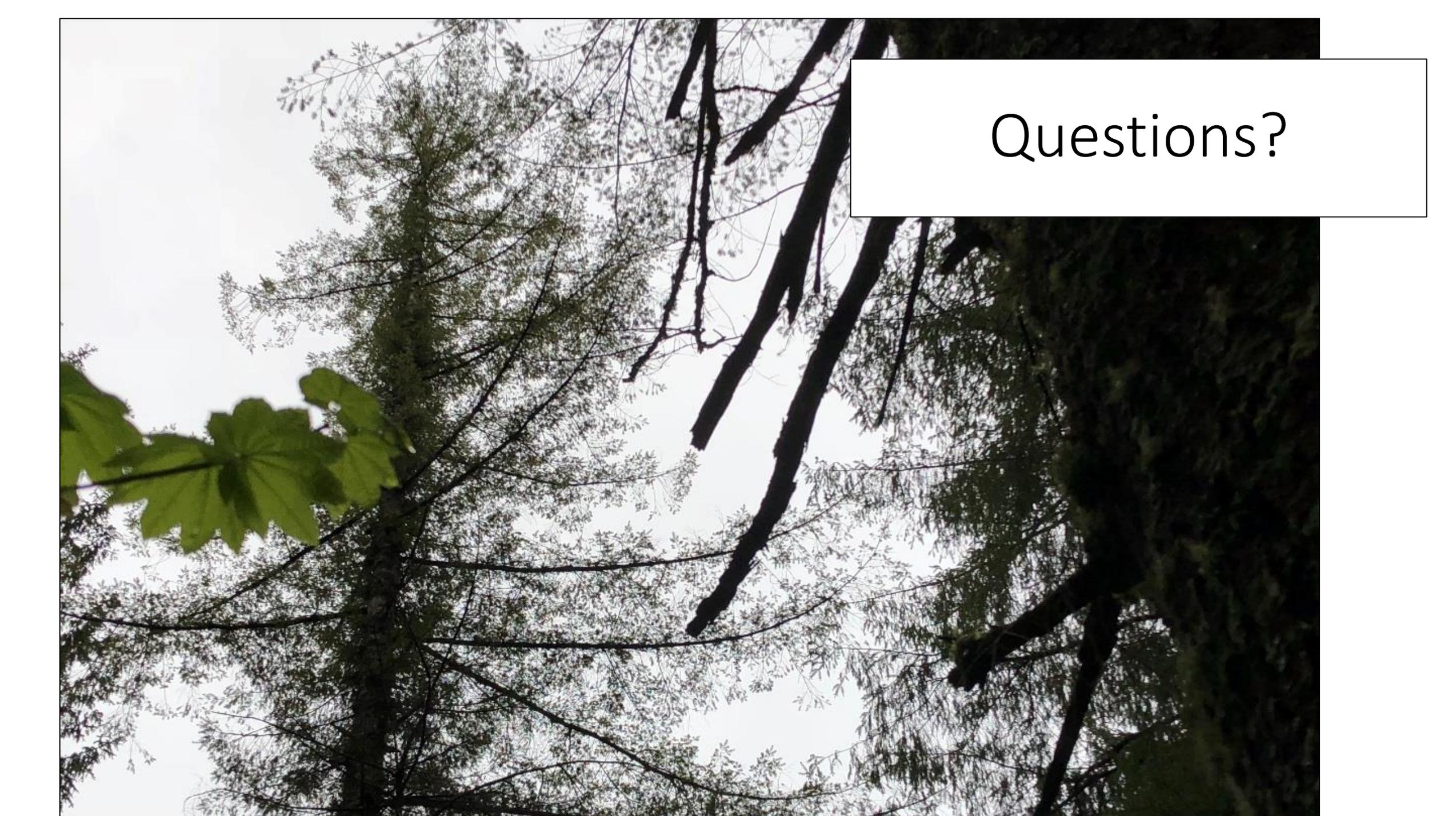
Cooperative Aerial Survey
ODF/USFS FHP 1996-2016

Area of Douglas-fir forest with Swiss needle cast symptoms, 1996-2016



Area of Douglas-fir forest with Swiss needle cast symptoms, 1996-2018



A low-angle photograph looking up into a dense forest canopy. The image shows a complex network of dark tree branches and green leaves against a bright, overcast sky. In the upper right corner, there is a white rectangular box with a thin black border containing the text "Questions?".

Questions?

Principles for assisted migration

- Protect native biodiversity
- Avoid transporting soil, debris, and plant material
- Interpret species distribution models with extreme caution
- Look regionally for adaptive traits



KMX: hybrid b/w Monterey pine and knobcone pine
Drought tolerant hybrid hammered by foliage disease and rust

Principles for Assisted Migration for Native Forests

- Use only regionally tested plant materials for deployment on large scales to prevent introductions of maladapted seed sources
- Control pests in plant materials by growing in the region and inspecting nurseries
- Limit the movement of a species to the obvious needs of the species to survive



KMX hybrid
Monterey X Knobcone