The PNW Seed Source Project

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Long-term Species Performance at Wind River Arboretum

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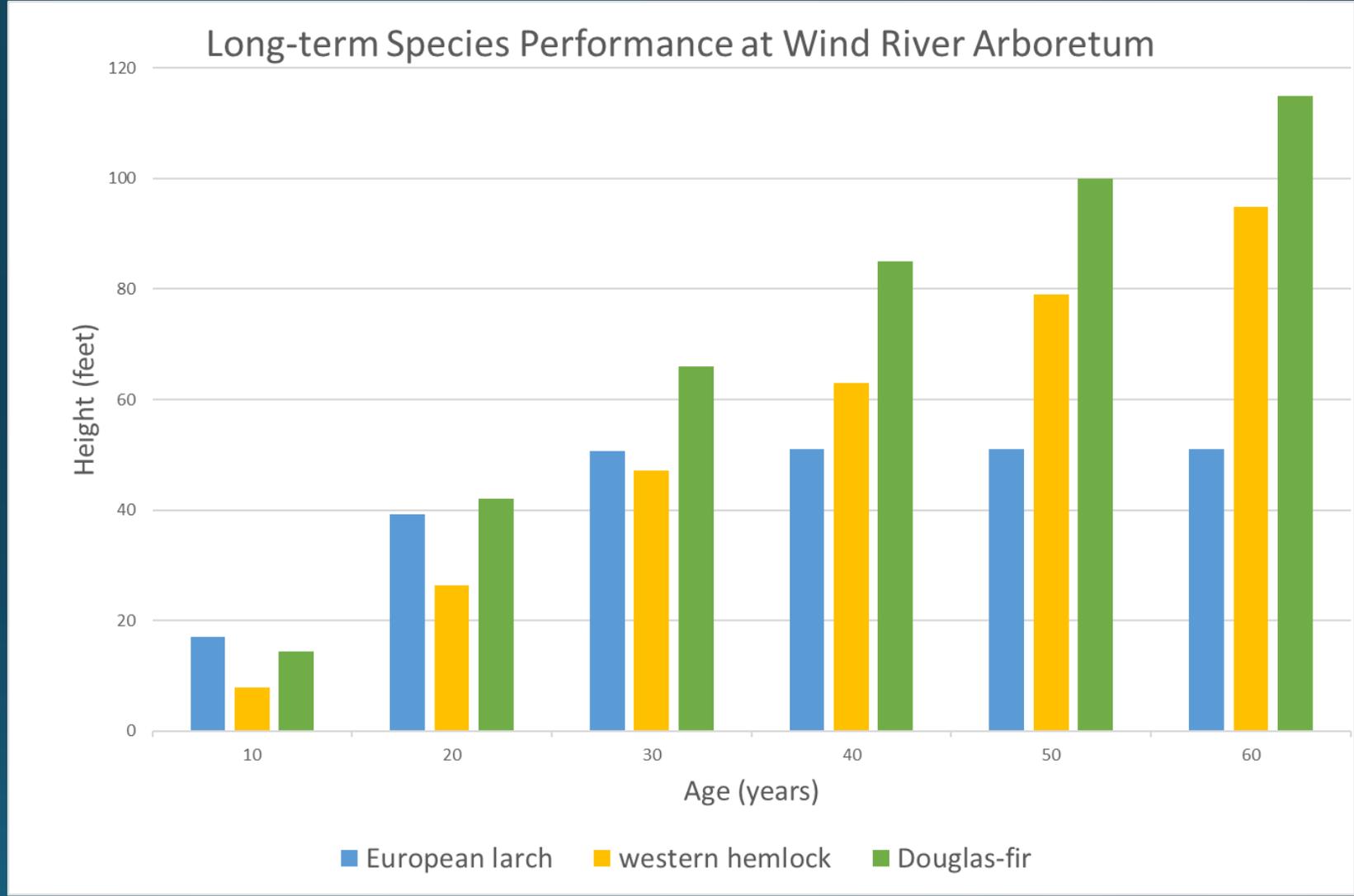
Site Design – about an acre

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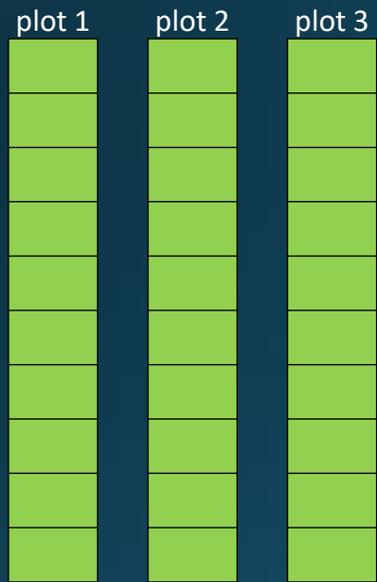
- **23 seed sources** (18 woods-collected, 5 DNR orchard lots)

- **10-tree row plots** (start with 20 trees, then thin to 10)

- **Rectangular spacing** – rows are 20 feet apart
 trees within rows are 10 feet apart

Goal: 50 or more sites

Seed sources in trial

- 6 woods-collected seedlots from each state

- Additional 5 orchard lots representing Washington DNR status quo seed sources
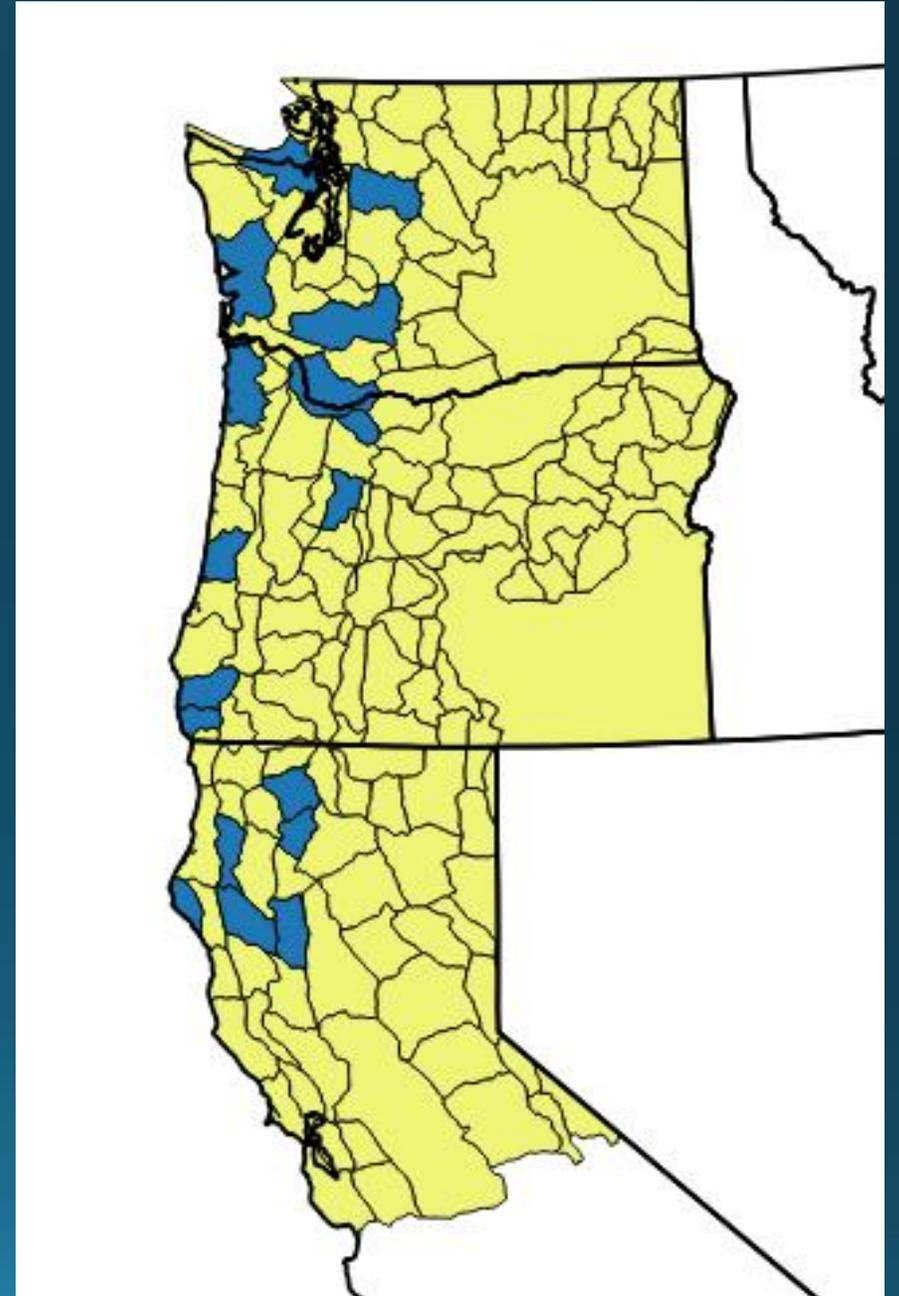
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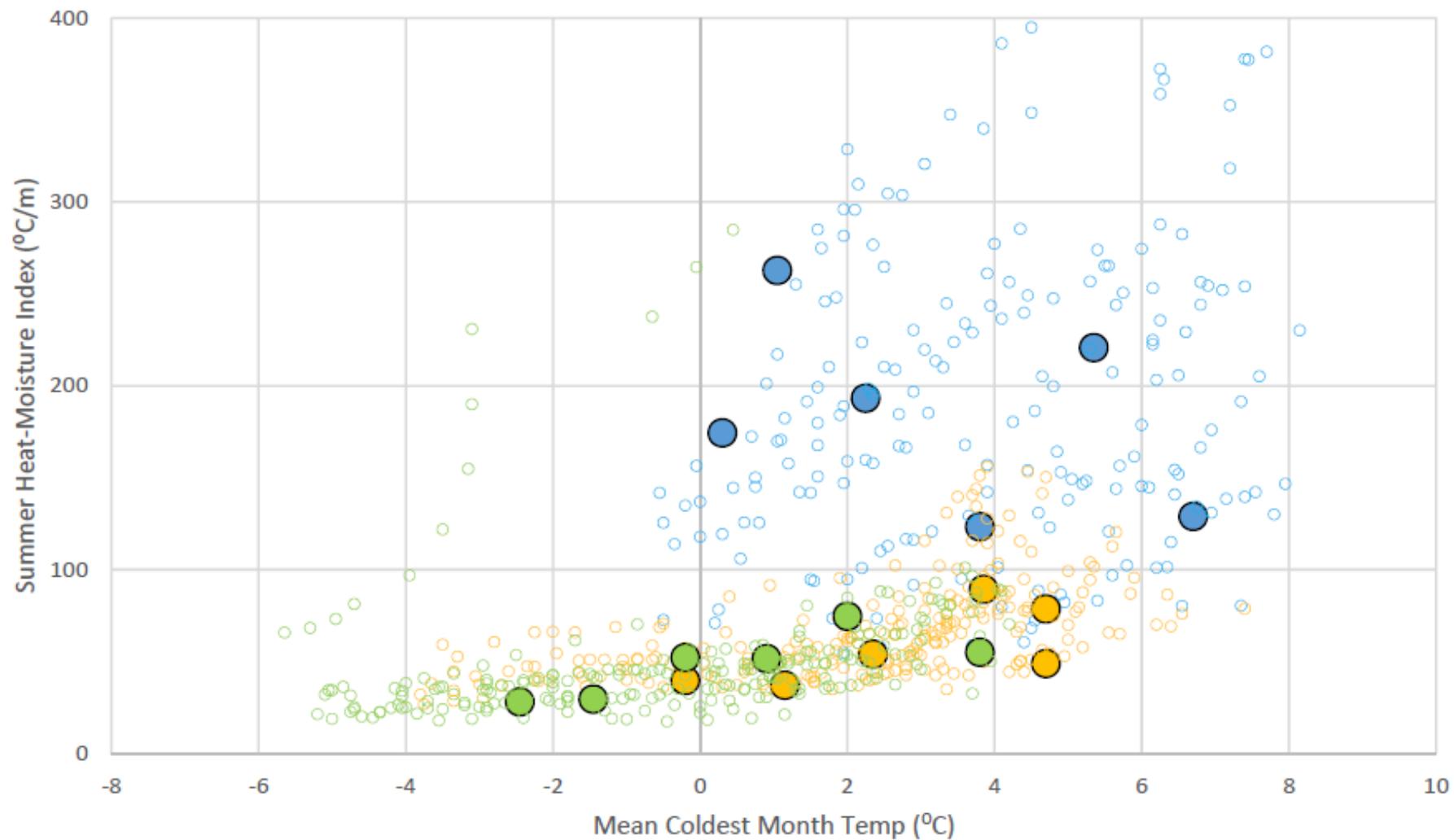
Legend: CA seedlots, CA Zones, OR Seedlots, OR Zones, WA Seedlots, WA Seed Zones

X-axis: Mean Coldest Month Temp (°C)

Y-axis: Summer Heat-Moisture Index (°C/m)

Data Collection & Analysis

- Data collection app for site establishment, loan tablets

- DNR will manage & store the data in Oracle DB

- The first year will be a learning year; we'll make adjustments over time

Logistics

DNR will provide the following:

- Seedlings for the test
- Directions for layout and monumentation
- Annual reminders for scheduled work
- An easy portal for sending in data
- Regular reporting of results to partners

Partners will need to:

- Plant the trees according to the design
- Maintain the plots
- Measure the trees and submit data

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