Red Alder Growth Model & Other Management Tools

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Hardwood Silviculture Cooperative (HSC)

- The HSC is a research and education program focused on the silviculture of red alder and mixes of red alder and Douglas-fir in the PNW.
- Began in 1988, the HSC is a combination of industry and both federal and state agency members.
- The goal of the HSC is simple: to improve the understanding, management, and production of red alder.



Adoption of Red Alder Management- Issues/Obstacles

- Alder plantation establishment is expensive seedling costs, high planting density (500-600 tpa) and pre-commercial thinning costs
- Lack of seedling availability inconsistent supply of high-quality seedlings
- Landowners' and managers' bias against and unfamiliarity with red alder management
- Economics competitive returns from alder under certain conditions...what conditions?

Adoption of Red Alder Management- Solutions?

- Restore and support economical seedling production systems
- Genetic improvement, high-performance red alder clones
- Opportunistic management of natural regeneration
- Improved red alder management toolkit:
 - Site assessment, red alder management manual, growth & yield tables, and economic analysis tools

Red Alder Management Tools

- **Site Selection Tool**
- Site Index Equation
- Density Management Diagram
 - **Taper Equation**
- Volume Tables
 - **Growth & Yield Model**



Red Alder Site Index SI ₅₀ by Age and Height - ages 5-20 years from seed Find SI in the table using ave. height of dominant trees in left column, age in top row age																
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- Developed by DNR
- Currently being tested on Western WA DNR lands
- Plan to have a publicly available version for all of Western WA & OR

Alder Index Map with Contours

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HSC Annual Meeting Field Tour Stops #2, #3 July 7, 2009



Red Alder Management Tools- Site Index



Red Alder Management Tools- Site Index

Site index curves have been developed for planted stands of red alder using a base age of 20 years



Red Alder Mgnt Tools- Density Management Diagram

 Defines relationship between growing space and tree size

 Very useful tool for making decisions regarding stand density

- Planting Density
- Timing and intensity of thinning



Density Management Diagram for red alder

Red Alder Management Tools- Taper Equation



Red Alder Management Tools- Volume Tables

- Browne. 1962. Standard cubic-foot volume tables for the commercial species of British Columbia
- Chambers. 1983. Empirical yield tables for predominantly alder stands in western Washington.
- Curtis, et al. 1968. Volume and taper tables for red alder.
- Johnson, et al. 1949. Volume tables for red alder.
- Skinner. 1959. Cubic volume tables for red alder and Sitka spruce.
- Worthington, et al. 1960. Normal yield tables for red alder.



Red Alder Mgnt Tools- Growth & Yield Model

RAP-ORGANON

- Developed in 2010 using HSC and Weyerhaeuser data
- This was the first red alder growth and yield model that specifically modelled the behavior of plantations
- The oldest plantations were 18 years old

Modeling Data

- 23 Weyerhaeuser installations containing 239 separate plots and nearly 143,000 tree measurements
- 25 HSC installations, containing 227 separate plots and 228,435 tree measurements
- This dataset included over 70,000 more measurements than the dataset used for the original fit
- Most importantly, the new dataset included 23-year-old measurements in all 25 sites, and 28-year-old measurements in 10 sites
- Thinning modifiers were based on nearly 200 plots subjected to thinning, with remeasurements ensuring that more than 50 plots had at least 10 years of growth since thinning and 15 plots had 15 or more years of growth response

Red Alder Mgnt Tools- Growth & Yield Model

Red Alder Growth Simulator

- Center for Intensive Plantation Silviculture (CIPS) and the HSC, developed a userfriendly interface for RAP-ORGANON using Excel
- This program can simulate stand and tree growth under different treatment scenarios (i.e. thinning)
- "Runs" are controlled by user-specified tree lists, stand information (site index, age and planting density), rotation length and treatment types, merchandising specifications (top diameter, log lengths, trim, etc.), and economic specifications (interest rate, incurred costs and log prices)



Red Alder Mgnt Tools- Growth & Yield Model

Features:

- Tree Data: DBH, HT, CR, CFV, BFV
- Stand Data: TPA, BA, QMD, HT40, RD, CFV, BFV, CFV MAI, BFV MAI, proportion of volume by log class
- Stand Graphs: TPA, BA, CFV, & BFV by age
- Economic Analysis: IRR & PNV

Additional Features:

- Site Quality Calculator: A built-in calculator for Harrington's (1986) "Method of Site Quality Evaluation for Red Alder" is included
- Site Index Calculator: SI (base age 20 years) can be calculated based on height-age pairs
- Site Index Converter: SI based on height age pairs (base age 20 years) can be converted to SI based on the site quality evaluation method (base age 50 years), and vice versa

Red Alder Growth Simulator

- Inputs (What You Need)
- Computer, Microsoft Office
- Site Index
- Planting Density
- Tree Age
- Individual Tree List
- Management Regime
- Merchantability Specifications
- Economic Specifications
 - Log prices, management costs, interest rate, inflation rate, etc

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16	Top Diameter (ii	icites/			<u> </u>
17	Board Foot Volu	ume			_
18	Log length (ft)	anto		2	0
19	Min Log length ((ft)		1	0
20	Top Diameter (in	iches)			6
21	Stump height (fl	101100)			1
22	Trim (inches)	·/			6
23	Econom	ic Specific	ations		
24	Interest rate (%			7	5
25	Inflation rate (%	,			2
26	Timber Pro Incre	ase (%)		0	5
27		3466 (76)			<u> </u>
28	Costs				
29	Logging, thin			150.00	0
30	Logging, Final h	arvest		150.00	
31	Haul			80.00	0
32	PCT			125.00)
33	Spray			80.00)
34	Site Prep			200.00) <mark>)</mark>
35	Plant			100.00)
36					
37	Log Prices				
38	4" scaling diame	eter		400.00)
39	5" scaling diame	eter		400.00)
40	6" scaling diame	eter		450.00)
41	7" scaling diame	eter		450.00)
42	8" scaling diame	eter		550.00)
43	9" scaling diamo	eter		550.00)
44	10" scaling dian	neter		575.00	2
45	11" scaling dian	neter		600.00	2
46	12"+ scaling dia	meter		650.00)
47					
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	$\leftarrow \rightarrow$	Stand info	Treatm	ents	TreeL

Treatments

	A	В	С	D	E	
	Treatment (user thin, RD or TPA thinning from below, fertilization)	Total Age	Type 0=final harvest; 1=user thin; 2=RD thin; 3=TPA thin; 4=output stand/tree data	Treatment specifics user code (if type=1); Residual RD (if type=2); Residual TPA (if type=3);	Thinning specifics: (% of total that should be removed proportionally)	
1						
2	1	41	0	0	0	
3	2	0	0	0	0	
4	3	0	0	0	0	
5	4	0	0	0	0	
6	5	0	0	0	0	
7	6	0	0	0	0	
8	7	0	0	0	0	
9	8	0	0	0	0	
10	Comparison to control? (1=ye	es, 0=no)			0	
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Treatments

		A	В	С	D	E
	Treatment (user thin, RD TPA thinning from below,		Total Age 1 0	ype =final harvest;	Treatment specifics user code (if type=1);	Thinning specifics: (% of total that should be
	1	A	В	С	D	E
1 2 3		Treatment (user thin, RD TPA thinning from below, fertilization)	or Total Age	Type 0=final harvest; 1=user thin; 2=RD thin; 3=TPA thin; 4=output stand/tree data	Treatment specifics user code (if type=1); Residual RD (if type=2); Residual TPA (if type=3) a	Thinning specifics: (% of total that should be removed proportionally) ;
5	2		1 1	1	3 2!	50 0
6	3		2 3	6	0	0 0
7	4		3	0	0	0 0
8	5		4	0	0	00
9	6		5	0	0	0 0
10	7		6	0	0	0 0
11	8		7	0	0	0 0
1	9		8	0	0	0 0
	10	Comparison to control? (1=	=yes, 0=no)			0
20	11					

Tree List

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J	K
1	Plot	Tree	Species	User code	DBH	Ht	CR	EXPF			
2	204	635	351	1	1.1	11.8	0.86	3.0			
3	204	636	351	1	1.5	13.1	0.90	3.0			
4	204	637	351	1	1.2	13.1	0.85	3.0		Dun	
5	204	638	351	1	0.9	10.8	0.82	3.0			
6	204	639	351	1	1.5	15.4	0.96	3.0		ONOANON	
7	204	640	351	1	0.8			3.0			
8	204	641	351	1	1.3			3.0			
9	204	642	351	1	0.7			3.0			
10	204	643	351	1	1.0			3.0			
11	204	644	351	1	0.7	9.2		3.0			
12	204	645	351	1	0.9	12.8		3.0			
13	204	646	351	1	0.7	9.8		3.0			
14	204	647	351	1	1.0	11.8		3.0			
15	204	648	351	1	1.6			3.0			
16	204	649	351	1	0.8			3.0			
17	204	650	351	1	1.4			3.0			
18	204	651	351	1	1.3			3.0			
19	204	652	351	1	0.9	11.2		3.0			
20	204	653	351	1	1.0	12.8	0.90	3.0			
21	204	654	351	1	1.1	11.8	0.86	3.0			
22	204	655	351	1	0.4	6.6	0.85	3.0			
23	204	656	351	1	1.1	12.1	0.86	3.0			
24	204	657	351	1	1.0	12.8	0.87	3.0			
25	204	658	351	1	1.3	14.1	0.84	3.0			
26	204	659	351	1	15	15.4	0.85	3.0			

- Outputs (What You Get)
- Tree Data: DBH, HT, CR, CFV, BFV
- Stand Data: TPA, BA, QMD, HT40, RD, CFV, BFV, CFV MAI, BFV MAI, proportion of volume by log class
- Stand Graphs: TPA, BA, CFV, & BFV by age
- Economic Analysis: IRR & PNV



Tree Data

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J	K	
1	AGE	Plot	Tree	Spp	DBH	HT	CR	CFVOL	BFVOL	TPA	Thin?	Α
7537	40	204	826	351	6.2	72.9	0.14	6.9	0.0	1.07	0	
7538	40	204	827	351	9.7	77.9	0.22	18.1	52.1	2.85	0	
7539	40	204	828	351	7.0	74.7	0.16	9.2	13.9	1.99	0	
7540	40	204	829	351	4.7	65.4	0.13	3.6	0.0	0.04	0	
7541	40	204	830	351	7.9	74.8	0.16	11.7	25.0	2.48	0	
7542	40	204	831	351	5.8	68.9	0.14	5.9	0.0	0.72	0	
7543	40	204	832	351	5.4	67.9	0.15	5.0	0.0	0.38	0	
7544	40	204	833	351	5.5	67.9	0.14	5.2	0.0	0.44	0	
7545	40	204	834	351	5.4	67.6	0.15	5.0	0.0	0.39	0	
7546	40	204	835	351	12.7	83.2	0.29	33.2	103.0	2.94	0	
7547	40	204	836	351	10.2	82.2	0.21	21.2	62.1	2.87	0	
7548	40	204	837	351	5.0	67.3	0.16	4.3	0.0	0.18	0	
7549	40	204	1109	351	6.9	69.8	0.18	8.4	11.6	2.00	0	
7550	41	204	635	351	6.5	71.2	0.15	7.6	0.0	1.44	0	
7551	41	204	636	351	11.0	79.3	0.25	23.8	62.1	2.90	0	
7552	41	204	637	351	7.2	74.4	0.15	9.6	16.2	2.03	0	
7553	41	204	638	351	5.7	68.2	0.14	5.5	0.0	0.52	0	
7554	41	204	639	351	11.5	87.3	0.24	28.7	80.4	2.93	0	
7555	41	204	640	351	5.2	67.2	0.14	4.6	0.0	0.19	0	
7556	41	204	641	351	8.7	81.7	0.18	15.5	46.1	2.72	0	
7557	41	204	642	351	5.1	66.6	0.15	4.4	0.0	0.18	0	
7558	41	204	643	351	6.2	71.1	0.15	6.8	0.0	1.06	0	
7559	41	204	644	351	5.3	66.8	0.15	4.7	0.0	0.26	0	
7560	41	204	645	351	5.8	72.2	0.14	6.1	0.0	0.61	0	
7561	41	204	646	351	5.2	67.1	0.14	4.5	0.0	0.18	0	
7562	41	204	647	351	6.7	72.1	0.16	8.0	0.0	1.61	0	
7563	41	204	648	351	12.5	85.8	0.27	33.0	114.6	2.93	0	
7564	41	204	649	351	5.1	68.0	0.13	4.3	0.0	0.11	0	
7565	41	204	650	351	11.7	76.8	0.29	26.1	73.2	2.92	0	
7566	41	204	651	351	9.4	78.1	0.21	17.2	49.6	2.83	0	

Stand Data

1	Cycle	Age	TPA	BA	QMD	HT40	CFV	BFV	CFV MAI	BFV MAI	RD	IRR	PNW
17	15	19	519.1	138.9	7.0	69.7	4006	5960	210.8	313.7	97.9	9.7%	\$231.82
18	16	20	511.2	142.9	7.2	71.3	4209	6670	210.5	333.5	99.8	10.3%	\$296.09
19	17	21	503.3	146.6	7.3	72.3	4404	7456	209.7	355.0	101.6	10.7%	\$354.80
20	18	22	495.5	150.1	7.5	73.7	4591	8014	208.7	364.3	103.2	10.8%	\$390.00
21	19	23	487.9	153.4	7.6	74.9	4772	8776	207.5	381.6	104.7	11.1%	\$454.20
22	20	24	480.4	156.5	7.7	76.1	4946	9377	206.1	390.7	106.0	11.1%	\$475.22
23	21	25	473.1	159.4	7.9	77.2	5113	9939	204.5	397.6	107.3	11.1%	\$500.00
24	22	26	466.0	162.2	8.0	78.2	5276	10650	202.9	409.6	108.4	11.2%	\$543.41
25	23	27	459.2	164.8	8.1	79.2	5433	11115	201.2	411.7	109.5	11.1%	\$552.43
26	24	28	452.5	167.3	8.2	80.2	5586	11673	199.5	416.9	110.5	11.1%	\$575.90
27	25	29	446.1	169.8	8.4	81.1	5734	12251	197.7	422.5	111.5	11.0%	\$596.18
28	26	30	439.9	172.1	8.5	81.9	5879	12719	196.0	424.0	112.4	10.9%	\$598.63
29	27	31	433.9	174.3	8.6	82.8	6020	13345	194.2	430.5	113.3	10.8%	\$613.59
30	28	32	428.2	176.5	8.7	83.6	6157	14129	192.4	441.5	114.1	10.8%	\$636.60
31	29	33	422.7	178.6	8.8	84.3	6291	14923	190.6	452.2	114.9	10.8%	\$663.63
32	30	34	417.4	180.6	8.9	85.1	6423	15236	188.9	448.1	115.6	10.7%	\$653.09
33	31	35	412.2	182.6	9.0	85.8	6551	16044	187.2	458.4	116.3	10.6%	\$674.19
34	32	36	407.3	184.5	9.1	86.4	6677	16425	185.5	456.3	117.0	10.5%	\$662.84
35	33	37	402.6	186.4	9.2	87.1	6800	17076	183.8	461.5	117.7	10.4%	\$664.25
36	34	38	398.1	188.2	9.3	87.7	6921	17400	182.1	457.9	118.3	10.3%	\$651.51
37	35	39	393.7	190.0	9.4	88.3	7039	18234	180.5	467.5	119.0	10.3%	\$665.76
38	36	40	389.5	191.7	9.5	88.9	7155	18583	178.9	464.6	119.6	10.2%	\$652.07
39	37	41	385.4	193.4	9.6	89.5	7270	19130	177.3	466.6	120.2	10.1%	\$651.04
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Stand Data

Age	Thin	prop_4"	prop_5"	prop_6"	prop_7"	prop_8"	prop_9"	prop_10"	prop_11"	prop_12"+
22	0.00	0.12	0.24	0.22	0.23	0.18	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	0.00	0.11	0.23	0.17	0.20	0.23	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	0.00	0.10	0.24	0.16	0.20	0.20	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	0.00	0.09	0.21	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	0.00	0.08	0.20	0.17	0.17	0.20	0.16	0.02	0.00	0.00
27	0.00	0.06	0.19	0.16	0.19	0.20	0.15	0.04	0.00	0.00
28	0.00	0.05	0.19	0.13	0.19	0.15	0.22	0.07	0.00	0.00
29	0.00	0.05	0.17	0.13	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.12	0.00	0.00
30	0.00	0.05	0.15	0.14	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.13	0.00	0.00
31	0.00	0.04	0.13	0.14	0.19	0.17	0.18	0.13	0.02	0.00
32	0.00	0.03	0.13	0.12	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.02	0.00
33	0.00	0.03	0.13	0.13	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.05	0.00
34	0.00	0.02	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.15	0.09	0.00
35	0.00	0.02	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.21	0.10	0.00
36	0.00	0.02	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.22	0.12	0.00
37	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.12	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.20	0.13	0.00
38	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.02
39	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.10	0.15	0.14	0.17	0.18	0.14	0.04
40	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.06
41	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.10	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.19	0.12	0.10

Stand Graphs



Stand Graphs



Red Alder Growth Simulator- Improvements

- Updated/2019 Version
- R code
- Treelist Generator
- Genetic Gain Multiplier?



Red Alder Growth Simulator- Uses

- Stand Projection
- Inventory Projection
- Testing Management Scenarios (i.e. Pre-commercial Thinning)
 - Should we do it?
 - When?
 - Does the initial TPA make a difference?
 - How much to leave?
 - Differences by site index?
- Testing Species Choice
 - Douglas-fir vs red alder



Red Alder Growth Simulator- Testing PCT

- F. Standing	Medium Site (SI20=65ft), Planting Density=600tpa							
Scenario	Unthinned	hinned PCT RD25, 150tpa PCT RD25, 250tpa		PCT RD45, 150tpa	PCT RD45, 250tpa			
PCT Age	NA	10	10	13	13			
Harvest Yield (MBF)	9.2	9.1	9.9	9.1	9.9			
Rotation Age (YRS)	29	27	27	29	28			
Log Value	726	825	755	827	754			
NPV (\$)	-\$61	\$168	\$109	\$63	\$59			
IRR (%)	5.3%	6.1%	5.9%	5.7%	5.7%			
BLV/SEV (\$)	-\$78	\$220	\$142	\$80	\$75			

	High Site (SI20=75ft), Planting Density=600tpa							
Scenario	Unthinned	PCT RD25, 150tpa	PCT RD25, 250tpa	PCT RD45, 150tpa	PCT RD45, 250tpa			
PCT Age	NA	6	6	10	10			
Harvest Yield (MBF)	12.3	11.6	14.3	10.5	12.9			
Rotation Age (YRS)	28	23	26	24	26			
Log Value	761	843	807	841	796			
NPV (\$)	\$395	\$895	\$863	\$633	\$660			
IRR (%)	6.8%	8.4%	8.0%	7.7%	7.6%			
BLV/SEV (\$)	\$509	\$1,264	\$1,148	\$875	\$878			

Red Alder Growth Simulator- Testing PCT

1. R. S. 1. M. M. M.	Medium Site (SI20=65ft), Planting Density=600tpa							
Scenario	Unthinned	PCT RD25, 150tpa	PCT RD25, 250tpa	PCT RD45, 150tpa	PCT RD45, 250tpa			
PCT Age	NA	10	10	13	13			
Harvest Yield (MBF)	9.2	9.1	9.9	9.1	9.9			
Rotation Age (YRS)	29	27	27	29	28			
Log Value	726	825	/55	827	754			
NPV (\$)	-\$61	\$168	\$109	\$63	\$59			
IRR (%)	5.3%	6.1%	5.9%	5.7%	5.7%			
BLV/SEV (\$)	-\$78	\$220	\$142	\$80	\$75			

The second of the	High Site (SI20=75ft), Planting Density=600tpa							
Scenario	Unthinned	PCT RD25, 150tpa	PCT RD25, 250tpa	PCT RD45, 150tpa	PCT RD45, 250tpa			
PCT Age	NA	6	6	10	10			
Harvest Yield (MBF)	12.3	11.6	14.3	10.5	12.9			
Rotation Age (YRS)	28	23	26	24	26			
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Red Alder Growth Simulator- Testing Species

		Red Alder						
Scenario	400tpa	600tpa	600Pct	1000tpa	1000Pct	400tpa		
PCT Age	NA	NA	10	NA	10	NA		
Harvest Yield (MBF)	10.6	12.3	12.9	11.9	11.8	35		
Rotation Age (YRS)	23	28	26	29	25	55		
Log Value	682	682	682	682	682	708		
NPV (\$)	\$494	\$178	\$294	\$547	\$705	\$289		
IRR (%)	7.8%	6.2%	6.5%	8.3%	9.0%	6.3%		
BLV/SEV (\$)	\$697	\$230	\$391	\$694	\$956	\$305		

Source: 2018. Andrew Bluhm, HSC 2018 Annual Meeting Tour

Red Alder Growth Simulator- Testing Species

		Red Alder					
Scenario	400tpa	600tpa	600Pct	1000tpa	1000Pct	400tpa	
PCT Age	NA	NA	10	NA	10	NA	
Harvest Yield (MBF)	10.6	12.3	12.9	11.9	11.8	35	
Rotation Age (YRS)	23	28	26	29	25	55	
Log Value	682	682	082	682	682	708	
NPV (\$)	\$494	\$178	\$294	\$547	\$705	\$289	
URR (%)	7.8%	6.2%	6.5%	8.3%	9.0%	6.3%	
BLV/SEV (\$)	\$697	\$230	\$391	\$694	\$956	\$305	

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