

# **A 3,000-yr high-resolution reconstruction of forest disturbances in the Cascade Range, Oregon, USA**

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## Summary

Current outbreaks of *Dendroctonus* bark beetles across the Pacific Northwest are widely regarded as unprecedented with the increased scale and severity of such outbreaks attributed to anthropogenic warming over the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries. Despite such severe outbreaks observed in recent years, very little is known of historic occurrence of these forest pests. Much of the historic reconstructions of forest disturbance in this region are focussed on the Coastal Mountain Range and Willamette Valley, Oregon, and southwestern Washington. This thesis aimed to address important knowledge gaps associated with forest disturbances by producing a high-resolution fire history reconstruction at three sites within the crest of the Cascade Range, Oregon, along with the development of sedaDNA-methodologies for the direct detection of several key forest pests, including the mountain pine beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*), the Douglas-fir beetle (*Dendroctonus pseudotsugae*), and the genus of budworm *Choristoneura*. The fossil charcoal records identified a period of heightened fire activity pre-700 yr BP, attributed to the Medieval Climate Anomaly, followed by a period of suppressed fire activity between 700 yr BP and present, associated with the effects of the Little Ice Age. DNA-based methods revealed the presence of *D. pseudotsugae* and *Choristoneura occidentalis* within lake sediments during periods of known outbreaks as inferred by aerial detection survey data. These results increase our understanding of fire dynamics within the Pacific Northwest and further emphasise the potential role of DNA-based methods in the field of palaeoecology.

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## List of abbreviations

**AB** – Alberta, Canada

**AD** – Anno Domini

**aDNA** – Ancient DNA

**ADS** – Aerial detection survey

**BLAST** – Basic Local Alignment Search Tool

**bp** – Base pairs

**BP** – Before present (1950 AD)

**Cal. yr. BP** – Calendar years before present

**CHAR** – Charcoal accumulation rate

**eDNA** – Environmental DNA

**FC3** – Forlorn Camp Lake 3

**GIS** – Geographic information systems

**HRM** – High resolution melting

**LIA** – Little Ice Age

**LML** – Little Monon Lake, Oregon

**LOD** – Limits of detection

**MCA** – Medieval Climate Anomaly

**MSH** – Mount Saint Helens

**MT** – Montana, USA

**NCBI** – National Centre for Biotechnology Information

**OR** – Oregon, USA

**PCA** – Principal components analysis

**PCR** – Polymerase chain reaction

**PYR** – Pyramid Lake, Oregon

**qPCR** – Quantitative polymerase chain reaction

**sedaDNA** – Sedimentary DNA

**Spp.** – Species

**SUM** – Summit Lake, Oregon

**USDA FS** – United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service

**WA** – Washington, USA

**WY** – Wyoming, USA

## **CHAPTER ONE**

### GENERAL INTRODUCTION

## 1. Research context

The detection of historic insect and disease outbreaks within palaeoecological records was recently identified as one of the top fifty priority research areas within the field of Quaternary science (Seddon et al., 2014), further emphasising the demand for widely applicable, standardised methodologies, capable of the direct detection of historic outbreak dynamics highlighted in the current literature (Morris and Brunelle, 2012; Morris et al., 2010; Brunelle et al., 2008; Raffa et al., 2008). The demand for a deeper understanding of historic outbreak occurrence has been heightened by the increased scale, severity, and synchronicity of current outbreaks of *Dendroctonus* spp. bark beetles (Coleoptera, Scolytinae) within coniferous forest ecosystems of North America, Europe, and Asia, which are widely regarded as unprecedented (Brunelle et al., 2008; Raffa et al., 2008; Bentz et al., 2010; Morris et al., 2015; Mitton and Ferrenberg, 2012). As relatively little is known of historic outbreak dynamics (Morris et al., 2015), our understanding of the spatial and temporal dynamics of past forest disturbances and of the naturally occurring resistance and resilience of these forest ecosystems remains limited (Morris et al., 2017; Hessburg et al., 2019).

Past dynamics of some key disturbance agents, such as fire, are relatively well understood (Long et al., 1998; Flannagan et al., 2001; Long et al., 2007; Brunelle et al., 2008; Bergeron et al., 2010) and methodically assessed within the palaeoecological record, e.g., the presence and morphology of charcoal particles which can indicate occurrence and severity of historic fire events. However, unlike wildfires, unequivocal evidence of insect pest outbreaks is rarely preserved (Jenkins et al., 2008; Hebertson and Jenkins, 2008; Morris et al., 2013), therefore, we can typically only measure the inferred indirect effects these agents inflict on forest communities. In addition, the reconstruction of insect outbreaks has been largely neglected due to the absence of an effective detection tool (Girona et al., 2018). Consequently, most of our understanding is derived from proxy evidence of recent known, large-scale, highly destructive events, such as the 1940's spruce beetle (*Dendroctonus rufipennis*) outbreak in Colorado, USA which killed over 90% of Engelmann spruce (*Picea engelmannii*) in White River National Forest (Eisenhart and Veblen, 2000). This bias towards primarily large-scale events results in a skewed understanding of forest pathogen occurrence and impact (Tittiger and Blomquist, 2016).

The knowledge gaps associated with historic forest pathogen occurrence are compounded by a lack of standardised detection methods, within which there are no commonly accepted



quantitative thresholds used to identify periods of outbreak, and a bias towards calibrating such methods on large-scale outbreaks. The ability of these methods to directly detect smaller, more localised outbreaks which still impact the overall forest ecology or create ideal conditions for subsequent outbreaks is unknown. Therefore, I argue the development of more sensitive, direct detection of disturbance agents over longer timescales is required to better understand historic outbreak dynamics. The study sites chosen for this thesis are all located within the Cascade Range of the Pacific Northwest of North America, a region whereby disturbance, notably by fire and insects, is very much a natural part of the ecosystem, and where over the last few decades, evidence suggests that the scale and severity of these disturbance events are increasing. The aims of this thesis are to explore current methods of detecting and reconstructing historic disturbance events, assess the degree to which they are capable of detecting all levels of disturbance by a wide range of agents, and explore the potential role of DNA-based methodologies in the field of palaeoecology.

## **2. Forest disturbance**

This thesis aims to focus primarily on one aspect of forest ecology, disturbance. Defined as a discrete event in time that disrupt ecosystems, changes resources, substrate availability, or the physical environment, disturbances play vital roles in determining forest composition, structure, and patterns of succession (Minckley and Long, 2016; Masek et al., 2008; White and Pickett, 1985). The frequency, severity, and scale of disturbance events through time are referred to as a disturbance regime (Suffling and Perera, 2008; Turner, 2010; White and Pickett, 1985) and an understanding of ‘natural’ disturbance regimes is integral to our understanding of how natural forest ecosystems function, how they change through time, and the impact humans inflict on these regimes (Suffling and Perera, 2008). Therefore, the accurate reconstruction of such disturbances forms one of the fundamental aspects of ecology and palaeoecology.

Disturbance events can be seen as facilitators of both destruction and renewal for example, the selective clearing of older, weakened trees by bark beetles facilitates regeneration of new growth (Burton, 2008), and are integral to maximise biological diversity and promote successional patterns (Burton, 2008; Resh et al., 1988; Brookes, 2019). The organisms or processes that cause disturbance, referred to as disturbance agents, can be broadly split in to selective- and non-selective agents. Selective agents, such as forest insects, often induce mortality in single and/or small group of species, as they have evolved to exploit a narrow

group of species or tissue types (Raffa et al., 2015). Perhaps some of the most studied examples of widespread, selective forest disturbance during the Holocene, include the Elm decline which led to an almost synchronous decline in *Ulmus* spp. across much of Britain and continental Europe around 5.5 ka BP (Parker *et al.*, 2002) and the mid-Holocene hemlock decline observed as an almost instantaneous decline of *Tsuga canadensis* across much of eastern North America around 5,000 yr BP (Bennett and Fuller, 2002; Fuller 1998). These rapid, species-specific declines have recently been attributed to a highly successful symbiotic relationship of fungi, transported via a bark beetle vector to viable hosts (Santini and Faccoli, 2015). In contrast, non-selective agents, such as fire, often result in widespread mortality of multiple or all species. Each of these agents will, therefore, differ in their observed impacts on stand structure, composition, and age (Burton, 2008) and influence the magnitude and duration of the event as well as the timeframe of recovery (Amiro et al., 2010). Regardless of specificity, each type of forest disturbances typically results in some level of stand modification, and it is the ability to detect these effects, within a wide range of archives, through time, that form the basis of historic reconstructions. These distinguishing features facilitate the detection and reconstruction of historic events within palaeoenvironmental samples.

### **3. The Pacific Northwest**

#### *3.1. Geography, geology, and climate*

The Pacific Northwest of North America comprises British Columbia, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, and covers nearly 20 degrees of latitude, extending from the Gulf of Alaska to northern California. This region is characterised by high topographic variability arising from the north-south trending mountain ranges including the Cascade Range, Coast Range, Olympic Mountains, and the British Columbia Mountain Range, and several lowland areas, including the Willamette Valley and the Puget Trough (Franklin and Dyrness, 1973). Altitudes range from sea-level to up to the highest point of 4,440m at the summit of Mt. Rainier, Washington. This high level of topographic variability within a relatively small geographical area results in highly variable geological, climatic, and ecological zones. The Pacific Northwest contains many lakes and bogs making it highly suitable for palaeoecological research (Whitlock, 1991). Consequently, there have been a number of reconstructions of historic disturbance events throughout this region, however, these are limited to the Coast Range and the Willamette Valley, leading to major knowledge gaps among the Cascade Range. The sites chosen for this study are all based within the northern Cascade Range of Oregon and the southern Cascade

Range of Washington, with the aim of extending our knowledge of disturbance into these understudied regions.

The geology of the Cascade Range consists of two major Cenozoic Age units: the underlying, older, more abundant section consists of largely deformed flows and pyroclastic rocks of Eocene origin, and the younger, volcanic rocks, consisting of andesitic and basaltic flows and breccia, which range in age from Pliocene to present (Peck et al., 1964). This combination of geologies has resulted in a high level of topographic variation within the Cascade Range with areas ranging from high plateaus to river cut valleys and slopes. High levels of volcanicity are also a predominant feature of the Cascade Range, with many highly documented eruptions over the last 40,000 years, including the eruption of Mt Mazama 7,700 yr BP and the eruption of Mt St Helens, in May 1980 AD, both of which are commonly used as time markers within palaeoenvironmental samples (Minckley and Long, 2016; Long et al., 2014; Whitlock et al., 2008; Brunelle and Whitlock, 2003; Millspaugh et al., 2000; Zdanowicz et al., 1999; Sea and Whitlock, 1995; Cwynar, 1987; Barnosky, 1985; Lichti-Federovich, 1970). On the timescale of palaeoenvironmental reconstructions, volcanism acts as both a driver of environmental change (landscape modification) and as an agent of disturbance (ash deposits and lahar flows) in this region (Figure 1.1).

The climate of the Pacific Northwest has undergone many changes since the last glacial maximum (LGM) (Sea and Whitlock, 1995). These dramatic shifts between glacial and interglacial environments over the last 20,000 years have greatly influenced the distribution and composition of plant, soil, and geological communities (Franklin, 1988; Whitlock, 1992). The present climate is driven by western maritime air masses and their interaction with the north-south trending mountains of the Cascade Mountain Range. Complex interactions between large-scale (latitude, longitude, and altitude) and small-scale (slope, aspect, hydrology) environmental factors produce many diverse climatic niches. The predominant climate for the Cascade Range is characterised by warm dry summers and cool wet winters (Peck et al., 1964). Precipitation patterns exhibit strong east-west, seasonal, and altitudinal gradients. The western side of the Cascades receives up to 3,800mm annual precipitation while a strong rain-shadow effect results in less than 500mm on the eastern side (Sproles et al., 2013). There is also a high seasonal effect, with up to 80% of precipitation falling between November and March. At higher elevations, over half of this precipitation falls as snow with annual snowpacks accumulating up to 5,000mm deep in some areas (Serreze et al., 1999). The average

winter temperatures at high elevation sites average  $\sim 0^{\circ}\text{C}$ , making these sites particularly vulnerable to climate change as small temperature shifts can greatly alter snow and ice dynamics. Spring snowmelt forms a principal component of the hydrological regime in these areas. Several small glaciers are present on the highest peaks (Peck et al., 1964). Recent warming has resulted in less overall snowfall, decreased snow cover, and earlier snow melt (Mote, 2006; Sproles et al., 2013). In the McKenzie River basin, central Oregon, current spring runoff occurs an average of 17-days earlier than in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century (Sproles et al., 2013). Earlier spring run-off and warmer summer temperatures lead to an increase in the number of warm and dry days, which create drought-like conditions conducive to both fire and insect outbreaks (Westerling et al., 2006).

### *3.2. Ecology*

Over one-third of Oregon and Washington is covered by forests (Brookes et al., 1996), making this region one of the most densely vegetated areas of North America (Franklin and Dyrness, 1973). The complex climatic niches produced by localised variability in geology, soils, elevation, aspect, slope, are reflected in vegetation patterns across this region. Dense forests dominated by some of the largest and longest-lived coniferous species, result in some of the highest productivity and greatest biomass anywhere in the world (Franklin, 1988). The current climate of mild, wet winters and warm, dry summers greatly favours the growth of evergreen and needle-leaved vegetation as these species capitalise on extended growing seasons while minimising transpiration during dry summer months (Waring and Franklin, 1979). These prolonged periods of warm and dry weather which facilitate extended growing seasons also provide optimal conditions for wildfire occurrence. Consequently, fire is and always has been an important catalyst for environmental change in this region, with the historic impacts of fire and fire suppression greatly influencing current forest composition. When describing such ecosystems, it is common to highlight several aspects of fire behaviour, notably, fire return time (frequency and time between fires), fire types and intensity (crown fires vs. ground fires and fire severity), and size/extent of fires (Heinselman, 1981). These are collectively referred to as a fire regime and can differ greatly by region/subregion (which will become evident during the charcoal analysis section of this thesis).

Large expanses of productive temperate forest ecosystems make the Cascade Range highly suitable for timber harvest. Consequently, industrial levels of timber harvest have been one of the primary land use types in this area for at least the last 100 years (Grant and Wolff, 1991).

Activities associated with logging (e.g. felling, road construction, slash disposal) have greatly altered stand structure, age, and composition, with wider impacts on soil erosion and hydrological dynamics (Beschta, 1978). These activities, more commonly found at lower elevations, would also impact characteristic signatures associated with other proxy methodologies typically used to reconstruct environmental change, such as pollen/macrofossil data. Therefore, to allow these types of analyses to be conducted on my samples in the future, higher elevation sites were favoured for this study to reduce the potential for significant levels of human influence on reconstructive signatures.

With the exception of several niche areas whereby large stands of single species are found for example, the Olallie Scenic Area, in the central Cascade Range, which is dominated by dense *Pinus contorta* stands, three major vegetation ‘zones’ or ‘series’ exist in the sampling region, named after the dominant climax species with many localised variations in understory species (See Table 1.1. for a summary of dominant species within these zones.).

<b>Zone</b>	<b><i>Tsuga heterophylla</i></b>	<b><i>Abies amabilis</i></b>	<b><i>Tsuga mertensiana</i></b>
<i>Altitude</i>	< 1,000m a.s.l.	1,000 – 1,500m a.s.l.	> 1,500m a.s.l.
<i>Main species</i>	<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>	<i>Abies amabilis</i>	<i>Tsuga mertensiana</i>
	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>	<i>Abies amabilis</i>
	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	<i>Abies procera</i>	<i>Abies lasiocarpa</i>
	<i>Abies grandis</i>	<i>Pseudotsugae</i>	<i>Picea engelmannii</i>
	<i>Pinus monticola</i>	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	<i>Pinus contorta</i>
		<i>Pinus monticola</i>	<i>Pinus monticola</i>
			<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>

**Table 1.1. The main vegetation zones of the Cascade Mountain Range, Oregon. Adapted from Sea and Whitlock, 1995 and Franklin and Dyrness, 1988. Also see Figure 1.1. for the distribution and extent of the above zones.**

The *Tsuga heterophylla* (western hemlock) Zone (Franklin and Dyrness, 1988) is found in the low-to-mid elevations of the westside Cascades (<1,000m a.s.l.). *Tsuga heterophylla*, a highly shade-tolerant species is the dominant or co-dominant climax-species, alongside *Pseudotsuga menziesii* or *Thuja plicata*, in this ecological zone. *Tsuga heterophylla* grows in dense stands, and their thin bark, shallow root systems, and highly flammable bark increase their susceptibility to fire. Despite such high vulnerability to fire, the fire regime in this zone ranges

between 150 and 400 years, owing to the cool, wet climates that dominate these altitudes (Arno and Davis, 1980; Parminter, 1983).

Above the *Tsuga heterophylla* zone, the *Abies amabilis* (pacific silver fir) Zone (Franklin and Dyrness, 1988) extends into the middle elevations of this region (1,000 – 1,500m a.s.l.). The climax species of *Abies amabilis* is often found alongside smaller proportions of *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, *Tsuga mertensiana*, *Abies procera*, and *Thuja plicata*. *Abies amabilis* is not a fire tolerant species (Agee, 1991) due to its thin bark, shallow root systems, and highly flammable foliage (Parminter, 1998). Here, the fire regime ranges from 200 to 500 years and are primarily controlled by levels of precipitation. These altitudes are characterised by high humidity and high levels of precipitation; however, prolonged drought-like conditions can lead to an increased occurrence of fire. The *Tsuga mertensiana* (mountain hemlock) Zone (Franklin and Dyrness, 1988) occupies the higher elevations, greater than 1,500m a.s.l., and represents the highest forested zone in Oregon and Washington. *Tsuga mertensiana* often occurs as a dominant or co-dominant, with *Abies amabilis*, *Abies lasiocarpa*, or *Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*. Despite having thicker bark than *Tsuga heterophylla*, dense stands and low-hanging, highly flammable foliage make *Tsuga mertensiana* stands highly susceptible to fire. While fire occurrence in this zone is relatively low, often occurring every 600 to 800 years, fires that do occur are predominantly stand replacing events. Above the timber line of the *Tsuga mertensiana* Zone, there exists areas of meadow or parkland (Franklin and Dyrness, 1988). This area is characterised by open boggy marshes, meadows, and moors, which form in poorly drained depressions. The dominant species include *Eriophorum polystachion*, *Equisetum palustre*, *Viola palustris*, *Sphagnum squarrosum*, *Sphagnum magellanicum*, *Scirpus cespitosus*, and *Trientalis arctica*.

In addition to the ecological ‘climax species’ classifications described by Franklin and Dyrness, (1988), Thorsen et al., (2003), developed the Ecoregions of Oregon, which denotes areas of general similarity in vegetation but also includes similarity in geology, physiography, climate, soil, land use, and hydrology (See Figure 1.1). A comprehensive understanding of the ecological zones and the species and features therein are vital in understanding the dynamics of forest disturbances i.e., how these forests respond to and recover from disturbance events. For example, mixed conifer forests will behave very differently to fire and insect outbreaks than single species stands, or how steep slopes can facilitate the rapid spread of fire and insect outbreaks. Each region consists of a two-character code made up of a number and a letter (i.e.

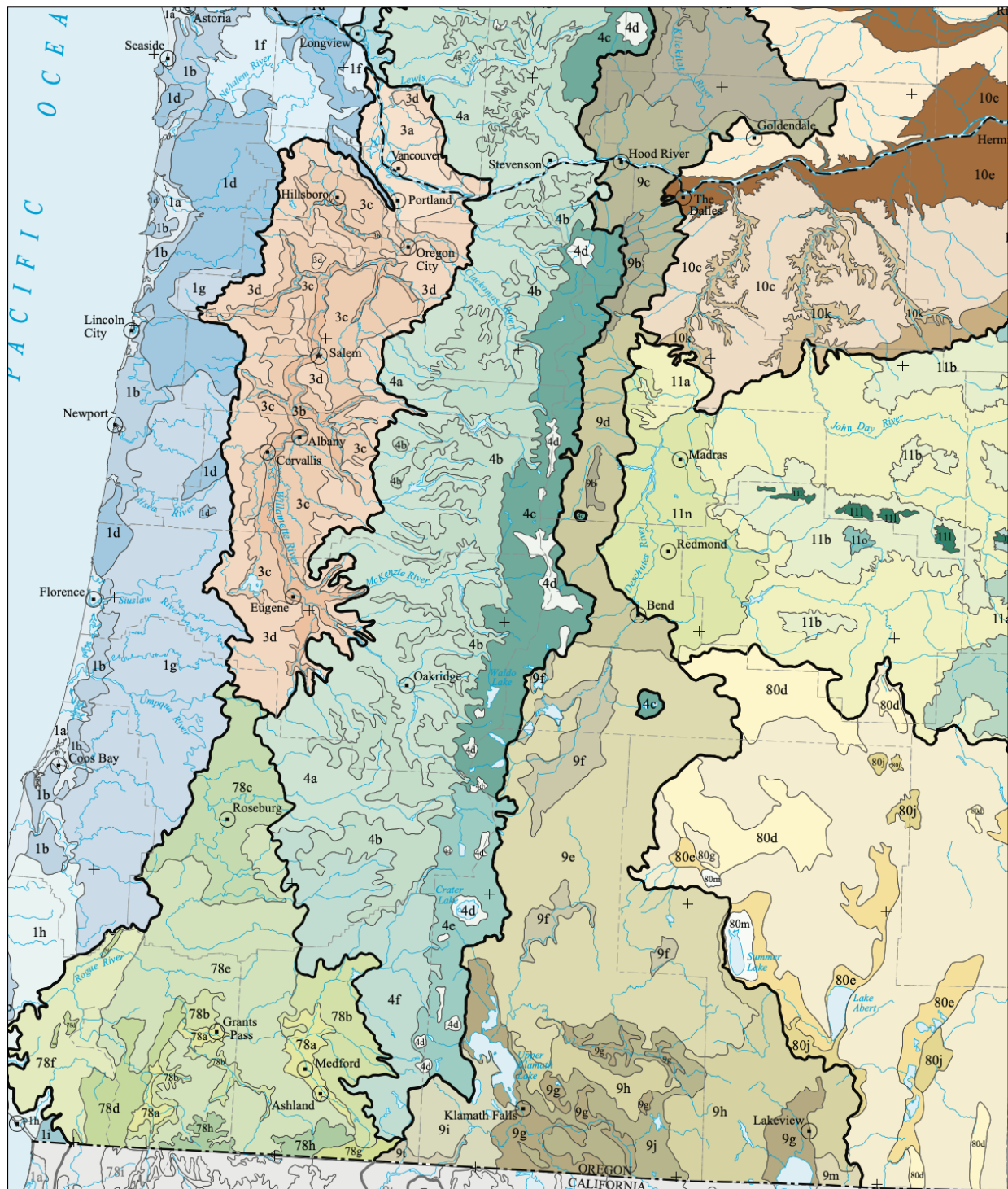
4a). The Cascade Range, denoted by the number 4, is divided into 6 Ecoregions, a, b, c, d, e, and f, all of which are characterised as having a moist, temperate climate that supports dense, extensive, highly productive coniferous ecosystems, with highly variable topography.

Sites chosen for this study lie within subdivisions 4b – The Western Cascades Montane Highlands and 4c – The Cascade Crest Montane Forest. Region 4b is similar to the *Tsuga heterophylla* zone outlined above, whereby abundant precipitation supports dense forests of *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, *Tsuga heterophylla*, *Abies amabilis*, and *Abies procera*. The topography in this zone is characterised by steeply sloped mountains dissected by river and stream valleys. Region 4c, which is akin to the *Abies amabilis* and *Tsuga mertensiana* zone outlined above, sits at slightly higher elevation than 4b, and is dominated by *Tsuga mertensiana* and *Abies amabilis*. The topography here consists of more open, undulating plateaus intersected by volcanic peaks, in comparison to the steep, stream cut slopes observed in region 4b. The combination of differing vegetation and topography will result in varying taphonomic and source area considerations for both fire and insect remains at sites found across different Ecoregions. For example, fossil charcoal is typically transported aerially or via surface hydrological processes. The topography of an area greatly influences the dynamics of these processes, with steeper areas effectively producing barriers for charcoal transportation while more open environments lead to greater potential source areas as charcoal can be blown in or washed in from a wider area (Scott and Damblon, 2010).

### 3.3. Disturbance and tree defences

In regions such as the Pacific Northwest which are characterised by disturbance, repeated historic exposure often results in physiological adaptations in host species which allow the ecosystem to persist through and recover from disturbance events (See Table 1.2) (Burton et al., 2008). These adaptations vary from fire ‘loving’ behaviour to preventative measures. For example, *Pinus contorta* exhibits serotinous cones, encased in a thick resin which require intense heat associated with wildfires to release their seeds (Teste et al., 2011; Hellum and Wang, 1985). The additional advantage of this fire strategy is that seeds germinate in the fresh ash beds of the preceding fire(s). Therefore, the general fire ecology of areas dominated by *Pinus contorta* are typically infrequent, high severity, stand replacement fires. In contrast, *Pseudotsuga menziesii* has evolved thick, cork-like bark which protects the delicate cambium during fire events and results in much longer intervals between destructive events (Kohnle et al., 2012). Knowledge of how individual species interact with fire is critical to our

understanding of how varying forest compositions react to and recover from fire events, which form a key component of assessing fire dynamics.



**Figure 1.1. The Ecoregions of The Pacific Northwest (Thorsen et al., 2013). The Cascade Range consists of 6 ecoregions 4a – Western Cascades Lowlands and Valleys, 4b – Western Cascades Montane Highlands, 4c – Cascade Crest Montane Forest, 4d – Cascades Subalpine/Alpine, 4e – High Southern Cascades High Montane Forest, 4f – Low Southern Cascades Mixed Conifer Forest.**



With regards to tree defences against insect attacks, the primary defence mechanism of Pinaceae (including *Pinus*, *Abies*, *Picea*, *Tsuga*, *Larix*, and *Cedrus*), is the production of oleoresin (Ferrenberg et al., 2014; Himejima et al., 1992; Smith et al., 1963). Resin exudation provides physical defences against attack, essentially reducing mobility or trapping insects, but also a chemical defence as resins are commonly laden with monoterpenes and diterpene acids, both of which have been shown to reduce bark beetle vigour (Raffa *et al.*, 2005). Coniferous trees exhibit formidable defences against insect attack (Franceschi *et al.*, 2005), with some species displaying defences strong enough to overcome epidemic-level outbreaks (Strom et al., 2002). These resin defence capabilities appear to be heritable genetic traits (Ferrenberg et al., 2014) with resin duct characteristics (flow rate, chemistry and duct number, density, and size) highly associated with host resistance to attack (Moreira et al., 2012; Gaylord et al., 2013). Outbreak mitigation strategies are often based on the assumption that slow-growing trees are ‘weaker’ trees compared to fast growing trees, and are therefore, at greater risk of being killed by insects. However, plant defence theory (Kant et al., 2015) suggests that defence mechanisms require high energy investment, thus, fast growing trees must be compromising the allocation of resources to developing defences (Heil and Baldwin, 2002).

Climate change is also drastically affecting tree defence capabilities in two principal ways (Huang et al., 2020; Raffa et al., 2015; Bentz et al., 2010). Firstly, drought-like conditions induced by a greater occurrence of warm and dry weather patterns, drastically limit the moisture available to assign to resin production of these species, greatly reducing their defence capabilities against insect attacks (Raffa et al., 2015; Negron et al., 2009). Secondly, warmer temperatures effectively extend the climatically accessible range of bark beetle outbreaks to higher elevation sites in the Cascade Range, whereas historic temperatures were too low to facilitate the breeding and development of bark beetle eggs and larvae (Morris et al., 2015). As such the trees in these habitats naturally have suppressed and or underdeveloped resin defences, leaving these individuals potentially disproportionately vulnerable to attack (Morris et al., 2015; Morris et al., 2012).

<b>Tree species</b>	<b>Fire tolerance</b>	<b>Fire 'strategy'</b>	<b>Mortal fire 'type'</b>
Lodgepole pine ( <i>Pinus contorta</i> )	Low	Late-opening (serotinous) cones keep the seedbank protected until the end of the fire season. Cones then open and release seeds into fresh ash bed.	Scorching of cambium layer or crown
Douglas-fir ( <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> )	High	Thick, cork-like bark that insulates the cambium layer. This species is slow growing, effective fire adaptation occurs after ~40 years growth.	Crown fires
Western hemlock ( <i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> )	Very Low	Little to no fire adaptation. Thin bark (even on mature individuals), thin shallow roots, and highly flammable foliage. Seed dispersal distance is very high (>3,500 ft)	Root char, crown fire, or core burn
Western larch ( <i>Larix occidentalis</i> )	Very high	Thick bark, high open crown, and deep roots. Annual regrowth of needle result in high water content	Survives all but the most severe fires. Widely regarded as the most fire-tolerant tree species in western North America.

**Table. 1.2. Key tree species of the Pacific Northwest and their typical level of fire tolerance and major fire adaptation strategies (Adapted from Agee, 1993; Hood et al., 2018)**

#### **4. Disturbance agents of the Pacific Northwest**

Evidence derived from archival records (Marlon et al., 2012), tree-ring records (Lauvaux et al., 2016; Merschel et al., 2018), and the analysis of particulate charcoal matter derived from lake sediments (Long et al., 1998; Hoffman et al., 2016) suggests that the conifer-dominated forests of the Pacific Northwest were historically strongly influenced by various natural disturbances such as fire, insect outbreaks, and volcanic activity. Palaeoecological reconstructions in this region show that fire has likely had both the greatest severity and occurrence, with the natural fire regime providing the primary control on patterns of community structure, composition, succession, and diversity (Taylor and Skinner, 1998). Current observations of the Pacific Northwest show a landscape overwhelmed with large areas of burnt vegetation or stands which exhibit the characteristic discolouration of the canopy associated with insect attacks. This dramatic shift in the dynamics of all disturbance agents is widely attributed to high levels of fire suppression since European settlement in the mid 17<sup>th</sup> Century, although the levels of suppression have drastically increased in the recent Century (Minckley and Long, 2016; Voelker et al., 2019; Columbaroli and Gavin, 2010; Walsh et al., 2008; Weisberg and Swanson, 2003; Skinner et al., 2002; Long et al., 1998; Teensma, 1988). The next section discusses the notable agents responsible for both current and historic disturbance events, their role within this ecosystem, and the current methods of detecting historic occurrence of these agents.

#### 4.1. Forest insects

Under normal conditions, bark beetles perform highly valuable roles within forest ecosystems (Müller *et al.*, 2008), notably, thinning of weakened trees, promoting ecological succession, initiating decomposition processes which contribute to nutrient cycling, and provide nesting opportunities for other organisms, and, perhaps more directly, provide a food source for birds and other vertebrates (Harvey *et al.*, 2013; Raffa *et al.*, 2016). Natural constraints, including the cool and wet winters typical of the Cascade Range, usually prevent most species from undergoing wide-scale population eruptions (Raffa *et al.*, 2008). Forest insect pests can be broadly split into two distinct groups based on the types of tissue they exploit. These groups consist of bark beetles, which as their name suggests, spend the majority of their life history beneath the bark of host trees, and defoliators, which reproduce in needle, cone, or seed tissue. These insects compete with humans for resources and their life cycle often leads to tree mortality and are, therefore, both considered pests. The next section explains the physiology, life history, and behaviour of both groups and explores how they have caused widespread tree mortality across much of the Pacific Northwest in recent years.

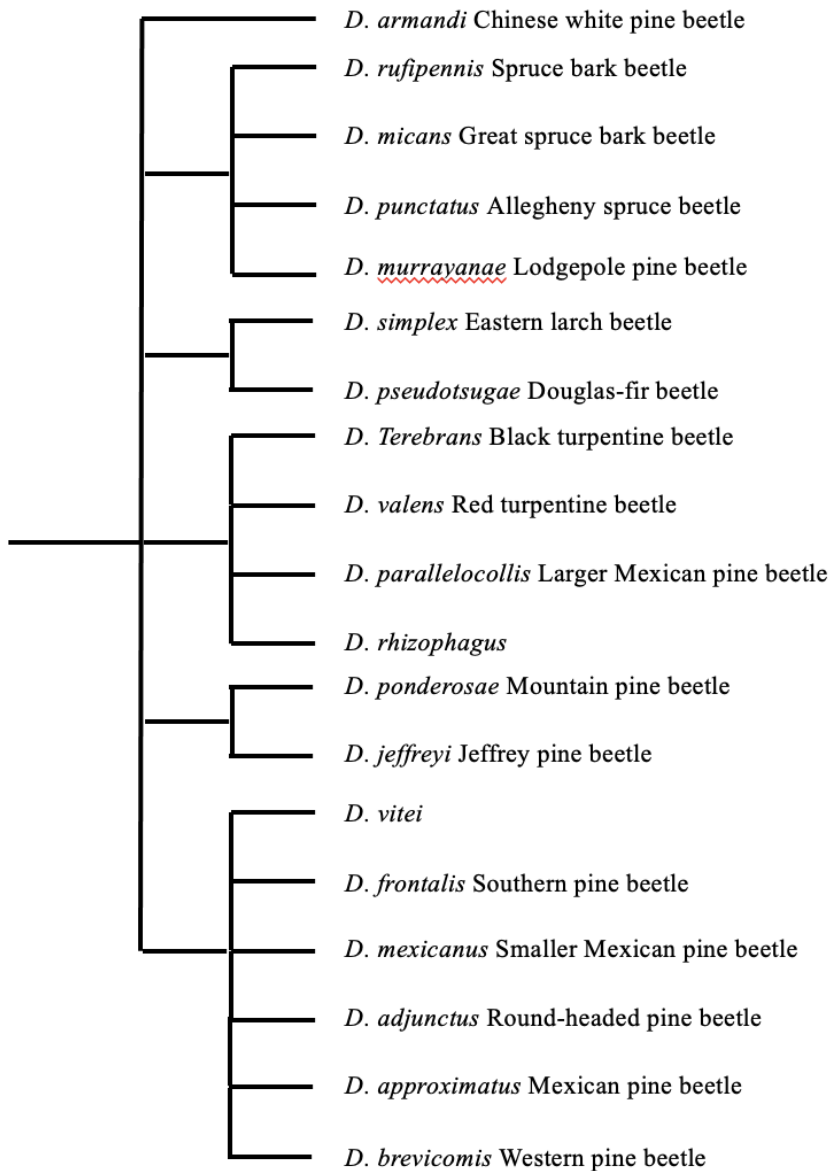
#### 4.2. Bark beetles and the genus *Dendroctonus*

The order Coleoptera is the most species-rich order of insects, containing 400,000 described species (Hammond, 1992) across 257 genera. Of these, a third are categorised as bark beetles (Six, 2020) as they spend the majority of their life cycle in the trees' phloem, the nutrient rich tissue underlying the bark (Raffa *et al.*, 2015). One genus, *Dendroctonus*, contains only 19 described species (Six and Bracewell, 2015) yet, is disproportionately responsible for high levels of tree mortality, making them one of the most destructive disturbance agents of coniferous ecosystems in the world (Six and Bracewell, 2015). This genus contains a wide range of life history strategies, from highly aggressive tree-killers to facultative colonisers of weak and weakened trees, to saprophagous exploiters of dead trees (Paine *et al.*, 1997; Klepzig and Six, 2004; Rene, 2016). Bark beetle attacks induce significant physiological effects on their host species and the surrounding forest communities and environments. These key physiological effects include the disruption of nutrient and water transport between the roots and canopy during bark beetle egg gallery construction and the introduction of pathogenic fungi during entry to the new host tree, both leading to rapid, synchronous, species-specific mortality (Raffa *et al.*, 2015; Fuller *et al.*, 1998). Crucially, these physiological stresses result in a characteristic discolouring of canopy foliage (from healthy green to red, orange, purple, or

grey), allowing the remote monitoring of the proportion of trees within a stand that are affected or have succumbed to an attack.

The term bark beetles refer solely to species who establish galleries in the phloem of woody plants (Lindgren and Raffa, 2013) and must be distinguished from the closely related ambrosia beetles (Coleoptera, Curculionidae) which depend entirely on cultivated fungi and similar species that feed on other plant tissues, such as cone beetles (*Conophthorus* Hopkins) (Lindgren and Raffa, 2013). All *Dendroctonus* species are morphologically similar (Wood, 1982). Adult beetles have cylindrical bodies with steep convex declivity, enlarged heads to accommodate large mandibles, and short retractable legs and antennae (Hulcr et al., 2015; Six and Bracewell, 2015), features that are perfectly adapted to tunnelling. Colours range from reddish brown, through brown, to black. While body shapes are very similar between *Dendroctonus* species, body size fluctuates greatly. The smallest species, the southern pine beetle (*Dendroctonus frontalis*) is three times smaller than the largest species, the red turpentine beetle (*Dendroctonus valens*), averaging 2.8mm and 7.3mm, respectively (Wood, 1982) and is likely correlated to the climate in which they are found, i.e., warmer regions facilitate growth of larger individuals. The genus has undergone several reclassifications since they were first described in 1836 (Erichson, 1836), however, recent molecular analysis of mtDNA COI sequences (Reeve et al., 2012) reveal 6 clades (See Figure 1.2) (Six and Bracewell, 2015). The growing number of DNA-based assessments of *Dendroctonus* spp. has generated a sufficient library of DNA sequences to expand the possibilities of further molecular methodologies to address other aspects of *Dendroctonus* dynamics. To date, there have been no attempts to use molecular methods (PCR, qPCR, or metabarcoding) to directly detect *Dendroctonus* within environmental samples in either a monitoring or reconstructive capacity.

While bark beetles often adapt to exploit localised environmental conditions, leading to slight variations in reproductive behaviours, feeding strategies, and interactions with other organisms (Schebeck et al., 2017), most species share general life attributes, each stage of which affords an opportunity for detection within palaeoenvironmental archives (Six and Bracewell, 2015). Bark beetles develop through four stages – egg, larva, pupa, and adult (Gibson et al., 2009). Adult beetles emerge from their brood galleries in late spring/early summer to find a mate and a new host (Raffa et al., 2015). This dispersal is typically limited to several hundred metres as the pheromone-mediated ‘mass-attack’ strategy is a key component in overwhelming new host tree defences mechanisms (Six and Bracewell, 2015; Reeve, 1997; Salom and McLean, 1989).



**Figure 1.2. Phylogenetics of the genus *Dendroctonus*, adapted from Six and Bracewell, 2015.**

Bark beetles face numerous challenges at all aspects of host selection, from highly toxic resin defences of the host, ensuring the host can support nutritional requirements of sustaining a brood, intense competition for less well-defended trees, vulnerability to predation *en route* to the new host, and time constraints due to the relatively short lifespan of the adult beetles (Raffa et al., 2016). Only a small proportion of bark beetles attack live trees (Lindgren and Raffa, 2013) and, of these, an even smaller proportion risk entering healthy live trees (Raffa et al., 2016). In addition, the host must be the right species, suitable age, adequate size, and be within a relatively narrow set of physiological conditions. Consequently, finding a poorly suited host (i.e. healthy, high resin capacity) inevitably always ends in death of the beetle (Six and Bracewell, 2015).

Once a new host has been selected, adult beetles burrow through the bark tissue and enter the phloem. Reproductive strategies broadly fall into two categories: monogamous species (e.g. *Dendroctonus* spp.), whereby the female initiates the attack on the new host and is joined by a single male, and, polygamous species (e.g. *Ips* spp.), whereby, the male initiates the attack on the new host and is joined by, and mates with, several females (Raffa et al., 2015). The difference in reproductive strategies significantly alters the brood size, which ultimately controls the outbreak dynamics of the next generation.

Gallery morphology and oviposition patterns differ between these groups and can be used to taxonomically identify most species (Wood, 1982). Monogamous species construct a single nuptial chamber constructed by the male, while polygamous species exhibit multi-chamber galleries constructed by each of the females. Eggs are deposited singly along these galleries and typically hatch between 10 and 14 days (Gibson et al., 2009). The construction of egg galleries within the fragile phloem greatly disrupts nutrient and water transport, which severely affects growth dynamics and/or results in the death of host trees (Brunelle et al., 2008). The disrupted growth dynamics or death of the host tree facilitates the most widely implemented methods of reconstructing insect outbreaks through the identification of divergence from ‘expected’ growth patterns in tree rings as the host tree is affected by the attack, or the loss in pollen abundance as a result of the death of the host tree(s).

Once hatched, larvae feed on phloem tissue and, occasionally, symbiotic fungi (Six and Bracewell, 2015; Raffa et al., 2015). Larvae develop in 3-5 stages, with the final instar constructing a small chamber in which to pupate (Six and Bracewell, 2015). Metamorphosis is completed in less than 10 days (Raffa et al., 2015) before the cycle begins again as adults flee the host tree to find a new host. The variation in body size discussed above is also a key control on the generational time and also the development rate (Six and Bracewell, 2015). Larger species, such as the mountain pine beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) are univoltine or semivoltine (one generation per year or one generation every two years), while smaller species such as the western pine beetle (*Dendroctonus brevicomis*) can be bivoltine or multivoltine (two, or more, generations per year) (Six and Bracewell, 2015).

Various disturbance agents, such as fire, have been widely studied in regards to their relationships to climatic factors (Brunelle et al., 2008; Westerling et al., 2006), however, the effects of climate change on the morphology, survival rates, and spatial distribution of insects

is a rapidly increasing area of research. Temperature has the greatest influence on the timing, development, survival, and dynamics of the bark beetle life cycle (Gibson et al., 2009) with the number of generations per year the key control on growth and population dynamics (Schebeck et al., 2017). Cold-induced mortality is a key factor driving *Dendroctonus* population dynamics (Regniere and Bentz, 2007). All *Dendroctonus* species are capable of overwintering in any life stage; certain species have a preference for specific life stages. For example, *Dendroctonus ponderosae* favours overwintering in the larval stage, while *Dendroctonus pseudotsugae* typically overwinter as adults (Wood, 1963). While the physiology of overwintering is not well understood (Lester and Irwin, 2012), it is thought that winter survival plays a critical role in range limitation and expansion, outbreak frequency, and severity (Logan and Powell, 2001; Campbell et al., 2007; and Aukema et al., 2008). Warmer winter temperature across much of the PNW has resulted in a greater proportion of bark beetle species successfully overwintering, leading to exponential growth patterns (Morris et al., 2015).

The morphology of individual beetles, their development rates, and their reproductive rates affect the amount of biomass available while dispersal strategies determine the period/duration of time by which insects are freely available in the environment to become incorporated into depositional environments. Therefore, understanding the dynamics of the bark beetle life history is critical in identifying the likelihood and mechanisms responsible for their remains, and therefore, their DNA being freely available in the environment to become deposited. The earliest example of *Dendroctonus* spp. presence in north-western America is attributed to a taxonomically identified macrofossil retrieved from a sedimentary core at Baker Lake, Montana, dating to 8,331 BP (Brunelle et al., 2008). However, between this early Holocene example and the current epidemic, very little information is known on historic outbreak occurrence.

#### 4.3. Defoliators

In addition to bark beetles, defoliators are another highly destructive group of biological disturbance agents in the Pacific Northwest (Stehr, 1967; Carolin and Coulter, 1959). Of the defoliators, the most destructive species belong to the *Choristoneura* genus of budworms. Unlike bark beetles, who spend the majority of their life cycle beneath the bark of host trees, *Choristoneura* develop within external tissues, such as needles, seeds, or cones (Royama, 1984). While *Choristoneura occidentalis*, *C. lambertiana*, and *C. rosaceana* are native to the Pacific Northwest (Carolin and Coulter, 1958), an increase in conditions favourable for

outbreaks (warm and dry), has led to a shift in equilibrium, resulting in dramatic levels of mortality in *Pseudotsuga menziesii* and true firs across Oregon and Washington, suggesting their dynamics are changing (Swetnam, 1995; Franklin et al., 1995; Powell, 1994; Fellin, 1982).

Balsam woolly adelgid (*Adelges picea*) is also a significant pest among the true fir (*Abies* spp.) forests of North America (Matthews, 1990). While not considered a pest in Europe, a lack of natural enemies has led to vast areas of true fir (mostly, *Abies lasiocarpa*) mortality across much of North America, since its' accidental introduction in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (Matthews, 1990). Several widespread outbreaks of balsam woolly adelgid have occurred in this region over the last 100 years (Mitchell and Buffam, 2001; Smith, 1967; Tunnock and Rudinsky, 1959).

#### 4.4. Fire

Fire is not a recent phenomenon. Fire is, and always has been, an integral process within all North American forest ecosystems (Agee, 1993). Evidence of fire can be found as early as the Carboniferous Period, aptly named for its' extensive coal deposits that contain a significant amount of fusain, a form of fossilised charcoal. Evidence suggests that fire has been the primary driver of changes to community structure, composition, succession, and diversity in the Pacific Northwest across many temporal and spatial scales (Merschel et al., 2018; Lauvaux et al., 2016; Long et al., 1998; Whitlock et al., 2010; Taylor and Skinner, 1998; Franklin, 1988). While the interactions between vegetation, fire, and climate are well understood on short timeframes, i.e., recent individual events (Westerling et al., 2006), comparatively little is known about historic interactions (Minckley and Long, 2016; Long et al., 2007). Dendrochronology-based assessments of fire are limited by the lifespan of the tree species; therefore, the examination of fossil charcoal remains preserved in depositional environments extend our knowledge of wildfire occurrence over longer timescales (Long et al., 2007). Several other major disturbance agents, including insect and disease activity and volcanic eruptions have undoubtedly played a key role in shaping vegetation change throughout the Holocene in the Pacific Northwest (Long et al., 2007; Agee, 1993), however, fire has historically had the greatest influence. A combination of low precipitation and high levels of thunderstorm development mean that the primary ignition source for fires in the PNW is lightning strikes (Agee, 1993). Recently, however, the number of fires attributed to anthropogenic ignition has exceeded those by natural



sources, for example, in 2018, 65% of fires in Oregon were attributed as ‘human-caused’ while 35% were ‘lightning-caused’ (Bureau of Land Management, 2018).

Fire regimes in the Pacific Northwest are broadly categorised into three types: low severity, whereby only small percentage of trees are killed, moderate severity, where some are killed and a similar percentage survive, and high severity, whereby most, if not all, trees are killed (Wetzel and Fonda, 2000; Agee, 1993). Areas with short fire intervals, often have fire regimes where low to mid severity fires are dominant, as there is less time for fuel loads to accumulate. In contrast, longer periods of time between fires allow fuel loads to build and the resulting fires are typically high severity, stand replacement fires (Wetzel and Fonda, 2000).

## **5. Current methods of reconstructing historic outbreaks**

Our baseline knowledge of historic bark beetle dynamics comes from traditional palaeoecological-based methods such as dendroecology (Berg et al., 2006; Alfaro et al., 2009; Smith et al., 2012), palynology (Morris et al., 2010; Morris and Brunelle, 2012), and the identification of subfossil remains (Brunelle et al., 2008; Morris et al., 2015), which provide information on long-term population dynamics, while GIS/remote sensing methods give insights into current outbreaks or the repercussions of those in the recent past (Meddens and Hicke, 2014). Very few of these reconstructions pre-date the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (Brunelle et al., 2008; Morris et al., 2015) and each have associated limitations. Fossil pollen can provide long records of ecological disturbance, however, fluctuations in pollen abundance largely only ‘infer’ impacts, while dendroecological assessments require trees to survive and subsequently recover, which is a rare occurrence during particularly severe outbreaks. These studies do, however, highlight an important principle, that when insect outbreaks reach epidemic levels, they can be ‘directly’ (their remains) or ‘indirectly’ (their effects) detectable within environmental samples (Brunelle et al., 2008). Yet, the reconstruction of insect outbreaks, including bark beetles and defoliators, has been largely neglected due to the absence of effective direct detection tools (Girona et al., 2018). This section aims to provide a review of the most widely applied methodologies of reconstructing insect outbreaks within the current literature and highlight how a lack of standardised methods and an absence of quantitative thresholds indicative of periods of infestation have contributed to our relatively poor understanding of insect outbreaks beyond recorded history.

### 5.1. Dendroecology

Bark beetles spend most of their life history within host trees (Raffa et al., 2008). As such, measuring the effects beetles induce on attacked trees and the surrounding vegetation forms a significant proportion of bark beetle research. The tree ring sampling methods (see Young et al., 2010 for further information) associated with dendroecological assessments are relatively standardised (Davis and Loader, 2020; Alfaro et al., 2010; McCarroll and Loader, 2004). It is, therefore, the interpretation of the tree ring measurements where some level of disparity within these methodologies arises.

To identify historic disturbance events, tree ring data are typically deconstructed into a background component and a peak component. The background component usually consists of a running mean or a statistical analysis to identify the expected levels of tree growth, while the peak component is calculated using an index to assess the rate of growth in relation to expected levels. These indices identify periods whereby tree growth diverges from expected i.e. values  $>1$  indicate a period whereby a tree is growing more than expected, while values  $<1$  indicated periods where a tree is growing less than expected. These are termed accelerated or restricted growth, respectively. This type of analysis constitutes the most widely implemented measurement of outbreak events as measurements serve as a proxy for canopy disturbance (Reid and Robb, 1999; Alfaro et al., 2003). Periods of accelerated growth, termed release, occur as disturbance creates openings within which surviving host trees, non-attacked individuals of the host species, non-host canopy species, or understory species can thrive (Morris et al., 2010). As surviving hosts are rare, particularly during severe outbreaks, most assessments focus on heightened growth rates in non-host species or non-attacked individuals (Alfaro et al., 2003; Campbell et al., 2007; Zhang and Alfaro, 2002).

Table 1.3. highlights several examples of published dendroecological reconstructions of bark beetle outbreaks. While each set of growth rate parameters successfully observed known outbreaks in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century or identified several previously unknown outbreaks, I think that the parameters chosen show high levels of variation which may have led to key ecological data being lost. Alfaro et al., 2004, chose to dismiss release periods less than 5 years in duration, suggesting severe outbreaks would likely cause opening of the canopy for at least 5 years. In this instance, it is possible that low-level, short duration, or more isolated/scattered outbreaks or outbreaks within mixed species stands may remain undetected, reemphasising the bias towards large-scale outbreaks. During a reconstruction of mountain pine beetle (*Dendroctonus*

*ponderosae*) outbreaks in lodgepole pine across British Columbia and Alberta, Canada, a series of 121 host and non-host stand chronologies was constructed (Alfaro et al., 2010). Growth release rate was defined as a period in which 30% of trees within a stand exhibited a 25% increase in growth in mean ring width for 3 consecutive years. Outbreaks in this region were known to occur between 1977 and 1983 (from aerial detection survey data) and in the late 1930's (from historical records) and were reflected in relative growth rates

Agent	Host	Location	Growth rate def.	Reconstructed outbreaks	Ref.
Mountain pine beetle ( <i>D. ponderosae</i> )	<i>P. contorta</i>	Chilcotin Plateau, BC, Canada	50% increase in relation to mean ring width of previous 5 years	1890's AD 1940's AD 1980's AD	Alfaro et al., 2003
Mountain pine beetle ( <i>D. ponderosae</i> )	<i>P. contorta</i>	White River Plateau, CO, USA	30% of trees within a stand exhibit a 25% increase in growth in mean ring width for 3 consecutive years	1930's AD 1977-1983 AD	Alfaro et al., 2010
Spruce beetle ( <i>D. rufipennis</i> )	<i>P. engelmannii</i>	BC and Alberta, Canada	200% increase in mean ring width between consecutive groups of 5 years	1716-1750 AD 1827-1845 AD 1860-1870 AD 1940-1960 AD	Eisenhart and Veblen, 2000
Spruce beetle ( <i>D. rufipennis</i> )	<i>P. engelmannii</i>	White River Plateau, CO, USA	250% increase in the mean ring width when consecutive groups of 5 years or more	1716 AD 1827 AD 1949 AD	Veblen et al., 1994

**Table 1.3. Several key dendroecological reconstructions of bark beetle outbreaks in North America, emphasising the disparity in agreed definitions for growth release.**

No other periods of outbreaks were identified within the time series. A reconstruction of *Picea engelmannii* (Engelmann spruce), outbreaks in Colorado, USA termed growth release as a 200% increase in mean ring-width between consecutive groups of 5 years (Eisenhart and Veblen 2000). Using these parameters, several outbreak occurrences were identified, in 1716–1750 AD, 1827–1845 AD, 1860–1870 AD, and 1940–1960 AD. In a reconstruction of spruce beetle outbreaks in Engelmann spruce, White River Plateau, Colorado, growth release was defined as a 250% increase in the mean ring width when consecutive groups of 5 years or more are

compared against the mean ring width for the entire series (Veblen et al., 1994). Standing dead trees were also sampled and successfully cross-dated, extending the length of the chronology to 500 yr BP. Evidence of outbreaks was found in 1716 AD, 1827 AD, and 1949 AD. While expected outbreak periods were identified, these examples emphasise a lack of standardised thresholds for several parameters associated with growth release. The amount of growth, the proportion of trees affected, and the period over which these effects must be observed to be deemed a period of disturbance all vary between these studies. Variations in localised conditions, community structure, the subject of the study (host or non-host species), make standardised methods difficult, and subsequently fair comparison problematic.

Tree-ring records are highly suitable for reconstructing disturbance events, as they offer annual resolution and therefore the possibility of identifying single events over multiple centuries, beyond recorded history (Morris et al., 2017). Trees of the family Pinaceae, which form the primary host of bark beetles, are relatively long-lived species, although there is a high level of variation among several key bark beetle host taxa (See Table 1.4). Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), the primary host of the Douglas-fir beetle (*Dendroctonus pseudotsugae*), are not only long-lived species, typically average ~1,200 years, but are also resistant to low- to moderate-level fires due to their thick bark. Long-term survival of the tree is critical for the longevity of the record. In contrast, the mountain pine beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) favour lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*), a much shorter-lived, typically around 200 years, fire-dependent species (Lotan and Brown, 1985). Communities comprising fire-dependent species that exhibit stand-replacement fire behaviour, such as lodgepole pine, impact the ability to reconstruct disturbance events as there are frequently no surviving trees available to produce records. These examples show how variation in event duration, host, stand composition, agent, expected fire regime, complicate uniform analysis, highlighting the difficulty in assigning standardised threshold for release for all stands.

Tree species	Life expectancy (years)	Typical Height (metres)	Shade Tolerance
<i>Abies amabilis</i> (Pacific silver fir)	400	45-55	Very tolerant
<i>Abies lasiocarpa</i> (Subalpine fir)	250	25-35	Tolerant
<i>Picea engelmannii</i> (Engelmann spruce)	500	45-55	Tolerant
<i>Picea sitchensis</i> (Sitka spruce)	800	70-75	Tolerant
<i>Pinus contorta</i> (Lodgepole pine)	250	25-35	Intolerant
<i>Pinus monticola</i> (Western white pine)	400	60	Intermediate
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Douglas-fir)	750	70-80	Intolerant
<i>Thuja plicata</i> (Western red cedar)	1000	60	Tolerant
<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> (Western hemlock)	400	50-65	Very tolerant
<i>Tsuga mertensiana</i> (Mountain hemlock)	400	25-35	Tolerant

**Table 1.4. Life expectancy, height, and shade tolerance for several key tree species in the Pacific Northwest. Shade tolerance is an important factor in determining how species respond to post-disturbance canopy opening and closing. Adapted from Franklin and Dyrness, 1988.**

One method of increasing the temporal resolution of dendroecological methods, involves matching diagnostic features, such as a unique ring-width pattern or a fire scar, shared between dead standing trees and live trees (Fritts, 1976), extending the chronologies far beyond recorded history. One notable example of successful cross-dating (Perkins and Swetnam, 1996) facilitated the reconstruction of mountain pine beetle in whitebark pine (*Pinus albicaulis*) in central Idaho over the last 1,000 years. A series of narrow ring structures (the diagnostic feature within the series which allowed matching of tree rings) in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century enabled successful cross-dating of records of multiple age. To identify outbreak periods, each ring width was divided by the mean width for the entire series (the expected growth) to identify periods of enhanced or restricted growth. Three outbreak periods were identified, one well documented period in the 1920's and two previously unknown occurrences, in 1730 and 1887. This example is, to our knowledge, the longest dendroecological reconstruction of bark beetle outbreaks.

Areas in North America where bark beetle outbreaks occur are typically also impacted by a variety of disturbance agents (fire, snow, avalanche, flooding) and climatic influences. While

indirect methods infer periods of outbreak, we cannot always discount the effects of these other agents, or the combination of several agents, on forest structure, therefore, growth dynamics.

## 5.2. Palynology

Unlike fire, which is a largely non-selective agent, forest pathogens often adapt to exploit a single host species (Marajo et al., 2007). Measurements of single species decline, inferred through fossil pollen abundance, allow the identification of shifts in vegetation, and therefore, possible periods of pathogenic outbreaks through time. One major advantage of palynology is that under favourable conditions, pollen seemingly preserves indefinitely, often providing the longest records of environmental change (Bennett and Willis, 2002) with some of the greatest forest disturbances identified through these methodologies. Notable examples include the mid-Holocene elm decline, during which levels of elm (*Ulmus* spp.) pollen decreased by 73% in less than ten years across much of northwest Europe (Peglar, 1992; Parker et al., 2002) and the mid-Holocene hemlock decline observed as an almost instantaneous decline of *Tsuga canadensis* across much of eastern North America around 5,000 yr BP (Bennett and Fuller, 2002; Fuller 1998). These have both since been attributed to pathogenic outbreaks likely carried by bark beetle vectors (Parker et al., 2002). More recently, the introduction of balsam woolly adelgid (*Adelges picea*) to eastern North America in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, has led to a rapid and widespread decline in *Tsuga canadensis* which is reflected in pollen records across this region (Allison et al., 1986; Calcote, 2003).

While not all events result in such dramatic fluctuations as those outlined above, quantification of these vegetational shifts, and the associated pollen fluctuations, during periods of known outbreaks, allow the identification of these characteristic signatures through time, extending our knowledge of historic occurrences (Parducci et al., 2017). These fluctuations can be assessed through qualitative (relative abundances of pollen) or quantitative (set thresholds for periods of infestation) measurements, both of which are employed in the current literature.

A calibration of a known 1986 spruce beetle outbreak in Wasatch Plateau, Utah, (Morris et al., 2010), against pollen signatures retrieved from lake sediments, aimed to qualitatively identify periods of outbreak using a sharp decline in pollen of host *Picea engelmannii*, coinciding with an increasing relative abundance non-host fir and understory species, as a parameter for identifying periods of infestation. While the 1986 outbreak was identified within the pollen sequence, no other dramatic fluctuation was observed within the 750-year sedimentary

sequence (Morris et al 2010). It is possible that purely qualitative parameters, e.g. sharp declines in host species, may fail to identify lower level outbreaks as not all outbreaks result in such observable dramatic shifts in pollen abundances.

Pollen-based methods often calculate ratios between key taxa to identify vegetational shifts indicative of disturbance. A high-resolution pollen analysis of the 1939-1951 spruce beetle outbreak at Antler Pond, CO, which killed >90% of *Picea engelmannii*, by volume, in the area was used to calibrate a *Picea/Abies* ratio during severe outbreaks (Anderson et al., 2010). A pre-outbreak ratio of 1.36 was reduced to 0.45 for the 40 years (1955-1996) following the outbreak. A ratio of 0.45 used to identify periods of outbreak pre-1939, although no other periods were identified. Morris and Brunelle, (2012), scaled up the basin-level approaches of Morris et al., (2010) and Anderson et al., (2010), discussed above, to determine whether palynological responses are robust at landscape-level assessments. In addition to Wasatch Plateau discussed in Morris et al., (2010), Morris and Brunelle, (2012), assessed a further six sites across Utah. Combinations of percentage data, influx data, and pollen ratios were assessed to provide the closest association with changes in vegetation during known period of outbreak during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (a decline in spruce coinciding with an increase in fir and understory species). Within this study, the ratio of spruce and fir to total non-arboreal pollen (NAP) most closely reflected these changes, yet no quantitative threshold (i.e. no specific ratio) was determined to identify historic outbreaks.

There are several factors that complicate the direct relationship between pollen abundances/percentages and vegetation biomass (Birks and Berglund, 2018), the first of which is the ability, or perhaps more importantly, the inability, to distinguish pollen grains to the desired taxonomic level. Palynology has historically suffered with the inability to identify taxa to the lowest possible level. As such, there are several groups of taxa, particularly within coniferous species, that have largely indistinguishable pollen grains (Birks and Birks, 2000), some of which are only differentiated through the presence/absence of very subtle features which may or may not be preserved (Moore et al., 1991). This is the case for several *Pinus* spp., the principal host of bark beetles. As such, they are often grouped into two pollen types: diploxylon-type in western North America e.g. lodgepole pine (*P. contorta*), Ponderosae pine (*P. ponderosae*), and Jeffrey pine (*P. jeffreyi*) and haploxylon-type e.g. whitebark pine (*P. albicaulis*), western white pine (*P. monticola*), and sugar pine (*P. lambertiana*) (Brunelle et al., 2008). While these species mostly occupy distinct ecological zones, there are communities

where multiple species are found, and consequently, reconstructing historic outbreaks in these areas based on palynological assessments alone are particularly problematic. For instance, if an outbreak occurs in a single host, the pollen abundance from this single species declines, yet the surrounding vegetation, including a palynologically indistinguishable non-host species, increases as a result of the newly available canopy space. The overall net pollen production for that pollen type may therefore remain consistent through the period of infestation and the outbreak remains undetected. A mountain pine beetle outbreak reconstruction in the northern Rocky Mountains (Brunelle et al., 2008), measured the ratio of host lodgepole pine pollen (diploxylon-type) to non-host whitebark pine pollen (haploxylon-type) to identify periods of infestation. During the analysis, the authors concluded that the possibility of Ponderosae pine contributing to diploxylon-type, and western white pine and limber pine (*Pinus flexilis*) contributing to haploxylon-type pollen, cannot be completely dismissed as they both occupy the northern Rocky Mountains.

The amount of pollen produced varies between species (Birks and Birks, 2000), with anemophilous (wind-dispersed) species generally producing significantly more pollen than entomophilous (insect-dispersed) species. As such, pollen deposited with an environment can be over- or under- representative of the contemporary vegetation. It is therefore vital to consider the source of pollen (local signal vs. regional signal). The literature shows signals vary greatly by catchment characteristics and vegetation composition i.e., dense forests comprise more vegetation typical represent local taxa, while open tundra, with very little vegetation, depicts more regional, wind-blown signals. Bark beetle outbreaks occur in dense coniferous ecosystems, so it is possible that the signals of low-level outbreaks, a decline in a local population, is masked by the regional signal. In addition, many bark beetle hosts, including *Tsuga*, *Abies*, and *Picea* are fast growing species. As such, they can recover from reduced pollen production (associated with death of a population or suppressed pollen production during periods of attack) to full production in less than 20 years (Cruz and Alexander, 2010). If sampling resolutions are too coarse, they can essentially ‘miss’ periods of suppressed pollen production associated with the disturbance event, with the pollen record showing consistent abundances of these taxa across the sampling intervals.

### 5.3. Taxonomic identification of preserved remains

Assessments of tree ring growth rates and pollen assemblages are indirect measurements of beetle events, i.e., they observe the effects of the agent on the surrounding vegetation.



Taxonomic identification of sufficiently preserved bark beetle remains within depositional environments is, to date, the only reconstructive method of analysis aimed at the direct detection of this disturbance agent. Adult dispersal typically occurs in June, and is particularly brief, with beetles leaving the inner bark for only several days within their 1- to 2-year life cycle (Raffa et al., 2008; Alfaro et al., 2010) and typically travelling less than 300m from their original host (Seidl and Rammer, 2017). Unfavourable conditions during this short window, such as heavy rainfall, can lead to interrupted flight patterns, and the subsequent incorporation of beetle remains within depositional environments (Brunelle et al., 2008). For example, the 1949 spruce beetle epidemic on the White River Plateau, Colorado, coincided with the wettest June on record (NCDC, 2010), resulting in an accumulation of adult beetle carcasses six inches deep, six feet wide, and more than a mile along the eastern shore of Trappers Lake (Frye et al., 1977; Morris et al., 2010).

It seems however, that the conditions required for large masses of beetle remains to be incorporated, preserved, and recovered to a level which is taxonomically identifiable, are rare. There are only two notable examples (Brunelle et al., 2008) of successful recovery of taxonomically identifiable remains (head and elytra) of adult bark beetles from lake sediments that provide information on historic occurrence - remains at Baker Lake, Montana, corresponding to the highly cited 1920/30's outbreak and three early Holocene examples, dating to 8331, 8410, and 8529 cal yr BP, along with two further early Holocene examples recovered from Hoodoo Lake, Idaho, dating to 7954 and 8163 cal yr BP (Brunelle et al., 2008). These early Holocene examples significantly pre-date any other known example from any type of reconstructive archive and provide the earliest examples of physical bark beetle presence in North America. A later assessment (Morris et al., 2013) found that within 30 sedimentary sequences from British Columbia, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado, no diagnostic remains for primary bark beetles were recovered, which seems to confirm the rare nature of these conditions. The major limitation of this method is that even when remains are found, they can often be too poorly preserved for taxonomic identification. Taxonomic analysis of the remains, consisting of beetle elytra and head capsules, were deemed 'most likely' to be associated with adult mountain pine beetle. This raises two points that are worth elaborating on. Firstly, bark beetles are morphologically very similar and, therefore, require a high level of taxonomic skill to distinguish, and secondly, diagnostic features are not always preserved. This can be seen in Morris et al., 2010, whereby chitinous remains that temporally correspond to

very recent outbreaks were recovered, however, preservation levels were too poor to allow taxonomic identification.

While the examples of taxonomically identifiable remains are rare, they highlight a fundamental principle, that bark beetle remains can become incorporated into depositional environments. I, therefore, hypothesise that DNA-based methods could be used to identify such remains with a higher level of sensitivity than taxonomic identification alone.

## **6. The potential role of DNA-based methodologies in palaeoecology**

### *6.1. Introduction to DNA-based methodologies*

Since the revolutionary work on the retrieval, extraction, and analysis of ancient DNA (hereafter aDNA) from ancient samples in the 1980's (Pääbo, 1989; Pääbo, 1985), the field of DNA-based methodologies to address key environmental and ecological questions has expanded exponentially (Crump 2021; Edwards, 2020; Parducci et al., 2019; Taberlet et al., 2018; Parducci et al., 2017; Pansu et al., 2015; Pedersen et al., 2015; Thomsen and Willerslev, 2015; Bohmann et al., 2014; Giguët-Covex et al., 2014; Rees et al., 2014; Pedersen et al., 2013; Epp et al., 2012; Jørgensen et al., 2012; Yoccoz et al., 2012; Ficetola et al., 2008; Bennett and Parducci, 2006; Coolen and Overmann, 1998). This type of DNA is characteristically found in low abundance and is subject to degradation through time and consequently, initially requires amplification to produce a sufficient quantity and quality of DNA molecules to be detected and analysed (Nichols et al., 2019). The breakthrough technique which facilitated such analysis was the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), an enzymatic reaction which exponential increases the number of copies of DNA molecules (Kelly et al., 2019; Nichols et al., 2019; Mullis and Faloona, 1987).

Of the various types of PCR, quantitative PCR (qPCR) is highly advantageous for such applications due to its cost effectiveness, high-sensitivity, high sequence specificity, and little to no post-amplification processing (Tsuji et al., 2019; Cao and Shockey, 2012). qPCR differs from traditional PCR in that it incorporates a fluorescent dye into the reaction which binds to double-stranded DNA, allowing the measurement of fluorescence within the reaction which can be used as a proxy for DNA abundance or level of gene expression (Robinson et al., 2018). In addition to the quantitative aspect of this technique, qPCR also allows the incorporation of post amplification high-resolution melt curve analysis (HRM), a technique used to differentiate species due to the variation in their melting temperatures ( $T_m$ ), associated with changes in

fragment length and sequence composition between species (Ririe et al., 1997). For this study, a SYBR Green qPCR assay with HRM was favoured as the various assays were designed to produce species-specific melting temperatures and it was hypothesised that the scale/severity of the insect outbreak could be estimated by the quantitative aspect of qPCR. In addition, my research group has previously validated the use of SYBR Green versus other polymerases and it has been shown to produce less amplification artifacts and produce more accurate levels of expression (see Robinson et al., 2018; Cao and Shockey, 2012).

## 6.2. *sedaDNA*

One branch of DNA-based methodologies involves the extraction of DNA from such sediments, referred to as *sedaDNA*. Lake sediments are a well-established source of long-term biological and environmental information (Brunelle et al., 2008; Arnaud et al., 2016) and have been widely used to provide proxy evidence of past biological communities and environmental change (Birks and Birks, 2008; Parnell et al., 2017) as evidence of this change is preserved for thousands of years. Additionally, lakes are found in almost all environments, making these methodologies widely applicable. Sediments typically contain varying levels of organic matter (Meyers and Teranes, 2001; von Wachenfeldt et al., 2008), sourced from within lake (autochthonous) biological processes, as well as material in-washed (allochthonous) from the surrounding catchment and the atmosphere (Giguët-Covex et al., 2019).

These ubiquitous DNA molecules are released from a wide range of sources and can persist in the environment for periods of several hours to several millions of years, depending on depositional conditions (van der Valk et al., 2021; Taberlet et al., 2018; Thomsen and Willerslev, 2015; Bohmann et al., 2014; Taberlet et al., 2012; Willerslev et al., 2007). The analysis of DNA from sediments is still a relatively new and exciting tool within this field (Edwards, 2020; Nichols et al., 2019) with the majority of research focussed on the identification of taxa and the reconstruction of plant communities (Sjögren et al., 2017; Alsos et al., 2016; Willerslev et al., 2014; Boessenkool et al., 2014; Jørgensen et al., 2012; Bennett and Parnell, 2006). As the previous literature review has highlighted, macrofossil remains of forest pests, notably bark beetles, have been successfully recovered from lake sediments (Morris et al., 2015; Brunelle et al., 2008) and are currently our oldest direct record for historic presence of these species. The preservation of beetle remains highlights the potential for the successful recovery of DNA from decomposed and/or indistinguishable remains from sedimentary archives, aiding in our understanding of historic outbreak occurrence.

While the combination of the wide range of depositional environments on a wide range of timescales makes DNA-based methodologies highly suitable for addressing palaeoenvironmental questions, these techniques have remained largely underutilised in historic detection or reconstructive capacities. To date, there have been no published investigations using DNA-based methodologies to detect forest pathogen outbreaks, current or historic. Of the few DNA-based studies of bark beetles that exist, most concern phylogenetics, the relatedness within and between species and populations (Stauffer et al., 2001; Schrey et al., 2005; Maroja et al., 2007; Peters et al., 2014; Godefroid et al., 2019). Analysis of mtDNA COI sequences and allele frequency for 9 microsatellite loci across the present-day population of spruce beetle has been used to assess timing of divergence and possible introduction, the results of which suggest these pathogens have been impacting North American forest ecosystems far longer than previously thought (Maroja et al., 2007). Two haplotypes were identified between Newfoundland and Alaska where white spruce is a primary host, and a third haplotype in the Rocky Mountains, where Engelmann spruce is favoured. The two northern lineages were 3-4% divergent from each other and from the Rocky Mountain population. Together with pollen records, used to confirm the historic availability of suitable hosts, it is highly possible that spruce beetles have been present in North America for the last 1.7 million years (Maroja et al., 2007).

## **7. Thesis structure and aims**

Whether an insect outbreak occurs in preferred hosts or occasional hosts, in weakened trees or healthy trees, is curtailed by tree defences or causes widespread mortality, some level of stand modification occurs, and it is the ability to detect these effects, within a wide range of archives, through time, that form the basis of historic reconstructions. The vast majority of the current bark beetle ecological literature states that current outbreaks of forest insects are unprecedented in both scale and severity, and while modern outbreaks suggest this to be true, without adequate reconstructions, this cannot be confirmed. What has become apparent during this review is that a lack of standardisation in the quantification of these stand modifications associated with bark beetle outbreaks, a combination of highly variable outbreak dynamics, and no standardised method of assessing them is partly responsible for our failing to fully understand the true occurrence and dynamics of past events at all levels.

The rapid growth of molecular techniques and the occurrence of beetle remains within lake sediments highlight why DNA-based methodologies have been widely ‘called for’ by several

high-profile bark beetle research groups (Morris and Brunelle, 2012; Morris et al., 2010; Brunelle et al., 2008; Raffa et al., 2008) to deepen our understanding of historic occurrence. It must be emphasised that due to the relative infancy of the use of DNA-based methods to address environmental change questions, these techniques are not without associated limitations and there are still some key fundamental ideas which need a deeper understanding. This thesis aims to extend our knowledge of several of these limitations, including the assessment of the effects cellular degradation (fragmentation and deamination) has on the recovery of DNA from historic samples, the factors associated with DNA taphonomy and catchment area, and how reliably DNA-based methods detect historic outbreak dynamics.

The underlying aim of this thesis is to deepen our understanding of historic disturbance in the previously unstudied crest area of the Cascade Mountain Range in the Pacific Northwest and assess the potential role of DNA-based methodologies in palaeoenvironmental reconstructions. To achieve these aims, this thesis has the following objectives:

To review the current methods of assessing historic disturbance in this region, outlining the associated strengths and weaknesses of each method, to better understand why we have such a limited knowledge of past disturbance occurrence in this region.

To assess the role of tephrochronology in providing key time markers associated with historic disturbance events and develop the reference database for such types of analyses.

To produce a continuous high-resolution fire reconstruction at three ecologically important, previously understudied sites within the Crest area of Cascade Range, Oregon, USA using a novel method of statistically analysing charcoal accumulation data.

To assess the degree to which DNA-based methodologies have the potential to better our understanding of historic outbreak dynamics, through the development of species-specific qPCR protocols for the direct detection of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae* and a genus-specific qPCR protocol for *Choristoneura* spp. within modern and palaeoenvironmental samples.

To identify the key areas within DNA-based methodologies which require further assessment and use the results generated within this thesis to attempt to develop these ideas.

## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **METHODS**

## 1. Site selection

### 1.1. Current and recent evidence of forest disturbance

Much of the current literature concerning the reconstruction of forest disturbance in this region is focussed on the Coast Range and the Willamette Valley areas of Oregon (Walsh et al., 2010a; Walsh et al., 2010b; Long and Whitlock, 2002; Long et al., 1998). Therefore, the first set of criteria for site selection was to focus on sites within the higher elevation, Cascade Range, with the aim of addressing important data gaps and extending our understanding of historic disturbance regimes into these previously understudied regions. The effects of recent, large-scale, highly destructive disturbance events are evident across much of the Cascade Range with nearly all forested areas exhibiting signs of recently burnt vegetation and/or the characteristic discolouring of the forest canopy associated with insect and disease. For example, Fig 2.1. shows Little Monon Lake, Jefferson County, Oregon, on the day of sediment collection in July 2016. In the foreground, standing burnt trees can be seen in the immediate vicinity of the lake. This area of burnt vegetation extends 2 km east and 3.5 km south and are the remnants of a major fire in the Olallie catchment in 2001. The mountainous peak observable in the background of the photograph is Olallie Butte, a shield volcano which sits 2,200m a.s.l. At the time of sampling, major signs of discolouration were evident along the entire western slope, attributed to from a *D. ponderosae* outbreak in *Pinus contorta*, which has been ongoing since 1995. The second set of criteria was the choice of sites, such as Little Monon Lake, whereby there was evidence of recent disturbance in the immediate vicinity of the lake as it was hypothesised that the ongoing/recent disturbance could be used as a positive control to check the reliability of any signals observed in the sedimentary archives i.e., evidence of recent fire at the site should be reflected in the charcoal record.

In addition to current observations and published reconstructions, the Pacific Northwest has a relatively unique, highly detailed record of historic disturbances which cover the last 75 years (1946 to 2021). Since 1946, a co-operative comprised of the USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection (FHP), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Forest Health Management Section (FHMS), and the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), have been performing annual aerial surveys of forest disturbances across all forested federal, state, and private land within the Pacific Northwest. The surveys are conducted by entomologists aboard light aircraft and follow a gridded system to allow comparison between the data from multiple years. The dataset contains information on the responsible agent (which include insects, disease, fire, wind-throw, snow, drought, mammals), the host tree species, the area affected,

and the severity of the outbreak. The duration of the event(s) and their movement through time can be inferred by analysing data over multiple years. Publicly available as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) datasets, these surveys have served as a highly valuable resource of disturbance trends within this area and are regularly used in land management plans and forest service reports. It seems, however, that this comprehensive database has been largely underutilised for research purposes. This dataset firstly helped with site selection as it identified sites recently affected by disturbance, but also allowed a deeper understanding of the dynamics associated with recent outbreaks, their extent, duration, and the responsible agent, which would provide invaluable in the interpretation and discussion of results generated in this thesis.



**Figure 2.1. A view of Little Monon Lake, Olallie, Oregon, showing areas of burnt trees associated with the 2001 fire in the foreground, with characteristic canopy discolouring associated with insect outbreaks on the western slopes of Olallie Butte in the background.**

To construct insect outbreak maps, individual annual polygon shapefiles of ADS data were combined in ArcMap (ESRI, 2021) to produce yearly records of disturbance from 1947 to 2016 across the Mount Hood National Forest and Willamette National Forest, Oregon, and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington. The resulting analysis presented a series of maps consisting of forested areas, topography, and hydrological features, overlain with outbreak data, including the responsible agent(s), the year of outbreak, with the extent of the outbreak marked with a translucent red polygon. The use of these polygons to demarcate area affected by outbreak facilitated the identification of outbreak extent and also areas repeatedly associated



with outbreaks, as the accumulation of these translucent layers over multiple years result in darker shaded regions on the output files (See Final Site Selection below for final analyses). To identify potential geographical features (such as catchments, valleys, slope features etc.) that may influence dispersal/spreading behaviour of disturbance agents, taphonomic processes, and potential source areas for charcoal and DNA, Hydrological Unit Code 10 (HUC 10) boundaries which represent watershed level units were used in combination with 10-metre contour lines. Watersheds with the United States are categorised into a standardised hierarchical drainage system, known as Hydrological Units, with each representing varying levels of hydrologic features i.e. Hydrological Unit Code 2 represent regional level drainage, while Hydrological Unit 12 represents sub watershed drainage (Johnson, J. *pers. comm.*). HUC 10, or watershed-level boundaries, were used in this study as they likely best represented the source areas of palaeoenvironmental data, while 10-metre contour lines highlights subtle features within the immediate lake vicinity that may influence taphonomic processes. GIS analysis identified that the primary agents of tree mortality in this region since 1946 have been fire, bark beetles (Curculionidae: Scolytinae), and tree defoliation attributed to the genus of budworm, *Choristoneura* (Coleman et al., 2018). As such, the final sites chosen for full analyses were located within watersheds which have been inundated with either fire, bark beetles, and/or budworms, with suitable catchments that would likely lead to in-washing of material, including charcoal, pollen, and DNA.

### *1.2. Final site selection and core descriptions*

GIS analysis of ADS data and consultation with the US Forest Service identified fifteen small, shallow lakes within the Cascade Range with no major inlets or outlets which exhibit high levels and/or distinct periods of disturbance associated with *Dendroctonus ponderosae*, *Dendroctonus pseudotsugae*, *Choristoneura* spp., and/or fire in the immediate vicinity, either from current observations or ADS data (See Table 2.2. for a summary of outbreak data obtained from GIS analysis of ADS data). All sites avoided any major human influences (notably, timber harvest) to reduce the potential influence these activities may have on the interpretation of results, while being accessible on foot and with topographic characteristics likely to lead to the inclusion of palaeoenvironmental material becoming incorporated into lake sediments. From these fifteen sites, a total of thirty-eight individual lake sediment cores and two peat cores were retrieved from the Mt Hood National Forest and Willamette National Forest, Oregon, and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington, across two field seasons in 2016 and 2017 (See Table 2.1 for the full list of cores obtained). The target time-period for this study was the mid-

to late-Holocene. As such, only single-drives were collected at each site as it was thought that this depth of sediment would provide sufficient coverage for this time-period.

Of the forty total cores, six sites were chosen due to their proximity to recent insect, disease, and/or fire events, ecological interest, and core length. These included Little Monon Lake (44°47'50"N, 121°47'17"W), Pyramid Lake (45° 8' 48" N, 121° 55' 35" W), Summit Lake (45°01'53"N, 121°47'17"W), Scorpion Lake East (44°49'54.9"N 121°59'16.2"W), Little Shadow Camp Lake (43°41'55.0"N 122°01'55.8"W), and Forlorn Camp Lake (45°57'19.7"N 121°45'31.8"W). Radiocarbon dating of middle and basal levels revealed poor sedimentation rates at both Little Shadow Camp Lake and Scorpion Lake East and, therefore, both sites were omitted from final analyses.

The cores obtained from Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, Summit Lake, and Forlorn Camp Lake 3 consisted of homogenous light brown (5YR 3/6) lake sediments with very little variation except for the visible tephra bands observed at Forlorn Camp Lake 3. No macrofossils were observed during subsampling of sediment cores.

<b>Site</b>	<b>Cores obtained</b>
<b>Beargrass Lake</b>	BGL_B1 BGL_D2
<b>Little Shadow Camp Lake</b>	LSCL_B1 LSCL_L2
<b>Gold Lake Bog</b>	GLB_L1 GLB_L2 GLB_L3
<b>Forlorn Camp Lake 3*</b>	FC3_B1 FC3_D2
<b>Hidden Big Lake</b>	HBL_B1 HBL_B2 HBL_D3
<b>Horseshoe Lake</b>	HSB_B1 HSB_D2
<b>Rock Island Lake</b>	RIL_B1 RIL_B2 RIL_D3 RIL_D4
<b>Barefoot Lake</b>	BFL_B1 BFL_D2
<b>Little Monon Lake*</b>	LML_B1 LML_D2 LML_L3 LML_L4
<b>Little Three Creeks Lake</b>	LTC_B1 LTC_B2 LTC_D3 LTC_B4
<b>Hideaway East Pond</b>	HEP_L1 HEP_L2 HEP_D3
<b>Pyramid Lake*</b>	PYR_L1 PYR_B2 PYR_L3 PYR_D4
<b>Scorpion Lake East</b>	SCO_B1
<b>Summit Lake*</b>	SUM_B1 SUM_D2
<b>Little Fish Lake</b>	LFL_D1 LFL_B2

**Table 2.1. All cores obtained during the 2016 and 2017 fieldwork season. Code B refers to cores obtained with a Bolivia-style corer. Code L refers to cores obtained with a Livingstone-style corer. Code D refers to cores obtained with a Bolivia corer with the addition of a full decontamination of the PVC barrel prior to core collection. \*Sites used in this thesis**

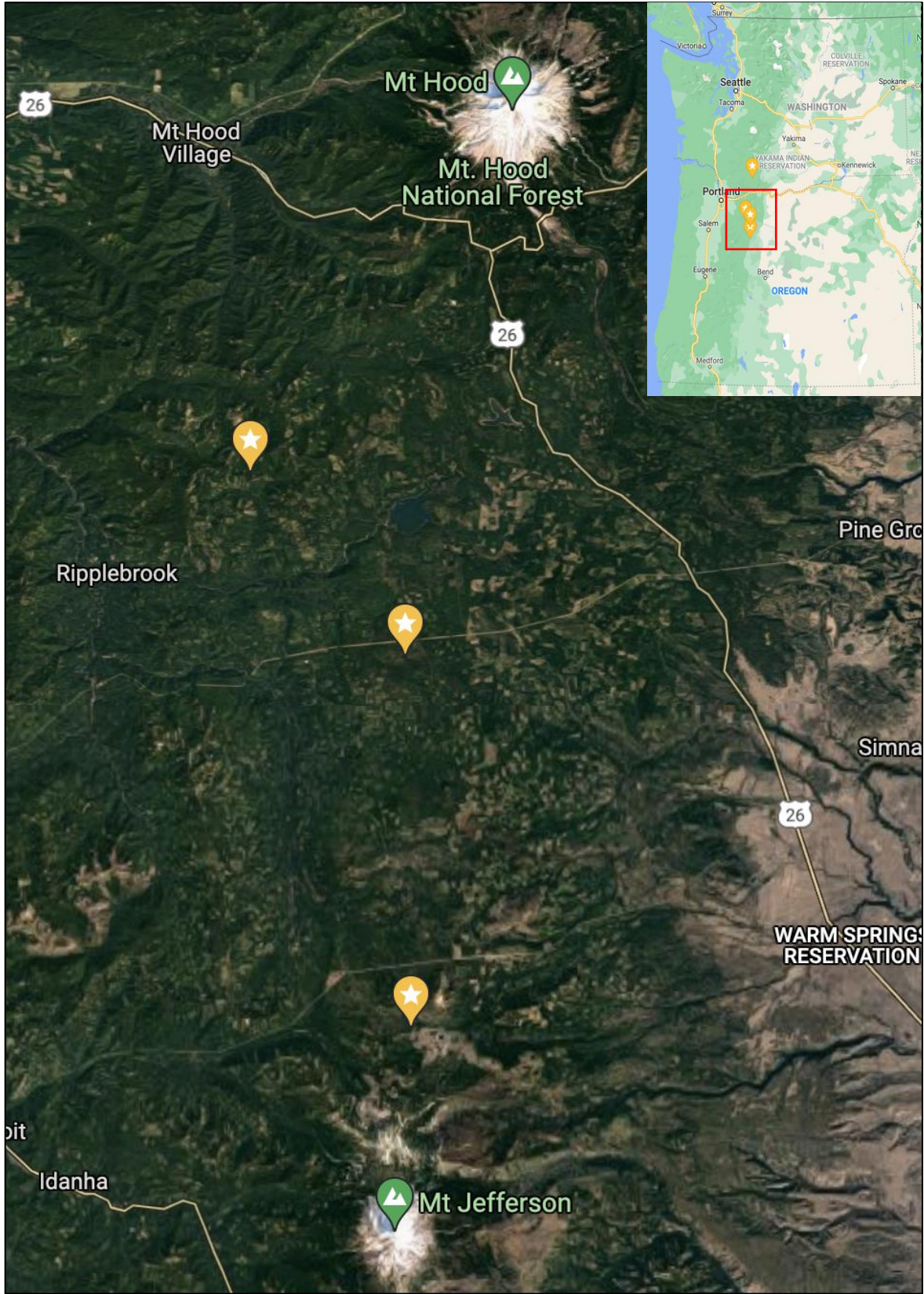


Figure 2.2. Site locations of (from north to south) Pyramid Lake, Summit Lake, and Little Monon Lake, Oregon.

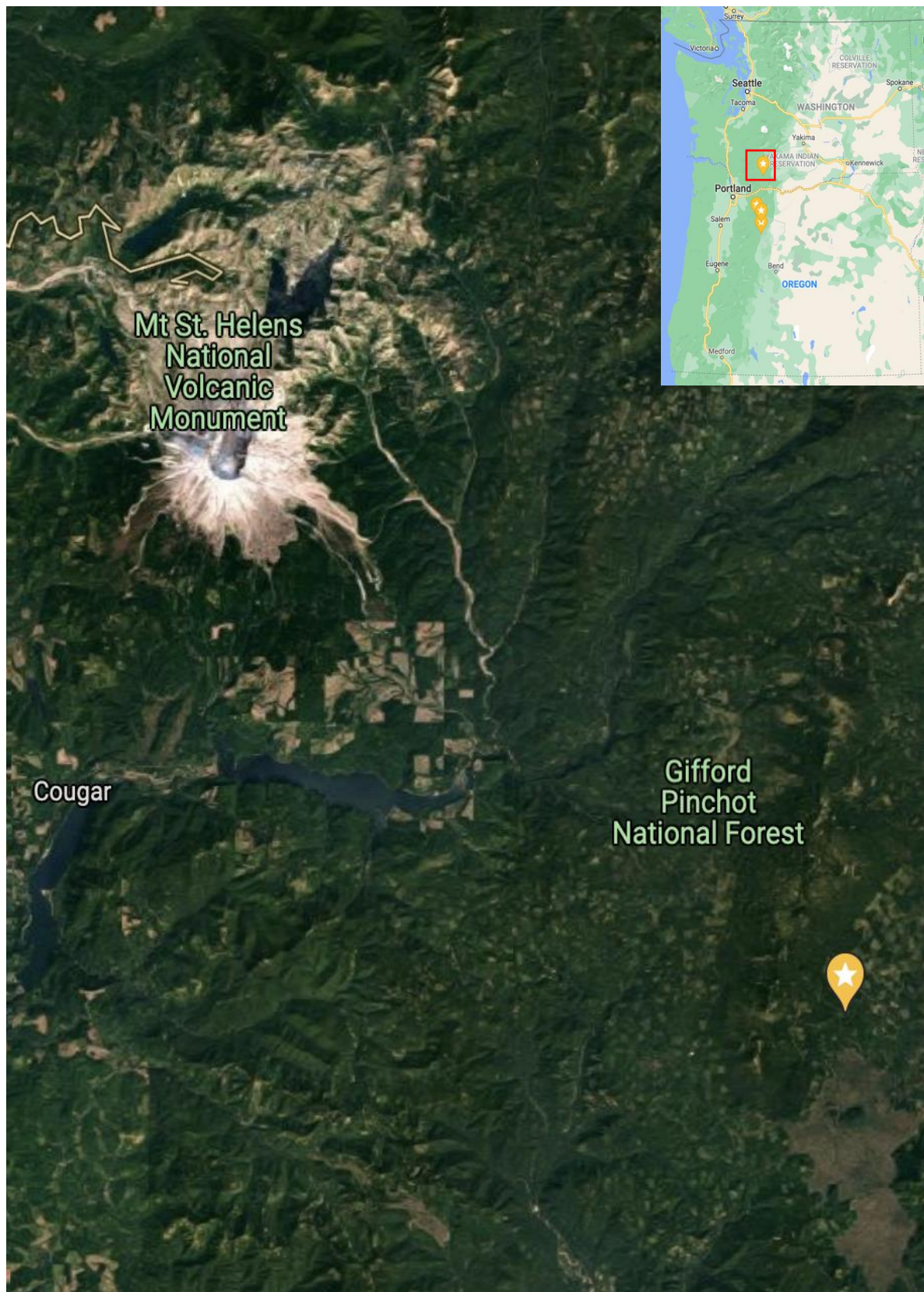


Figure 2.3. Site location of Forlorn Camp Lake, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington.

Site	Agent	Outbreak year(s)
<i>Little Monon Lake</i>		
	<i>D. ponderosae</i> (Mountain pine beetle)	1950, 1980, 1986, 1989, 1991, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i> (Douglas-fir beetle)	1987, 1999
	<i>Adelgies picea</i> (Balsam woolly adelgid)	1957, 1958, 1964, 1966, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015
	<i>Scolytus ventralis</i> (Fir engraver)	1997, 2003, 2004, 2007
	<i>Pseudohylesinus sericeus</i> (Silver fir beetle)	2004
<i>Pyramid Lake</i>		
	<i>D. ponderosae</i> (Mountain pine beetle)	2006, 2007, 2008
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i> (Douglas-fir beetle)	1992
	<i>Adelgies picea</i> (Balsam woolly adelgid)	2011
	<i>Scolytus ventralis</i> (Fir engraver)	2004, 2016
	<i>Choristoneura occidentalis</i> (Western spruce budworm)	1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992
	<i>Pseudohylesinus sericeus</i> (Silver fir beetle)	2012
<i>Summit Lake</i>		
	<i>D. ponderosae</i> (Mountain pine beetle)	1962, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1971, 1972, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i> (Douglas-fir beetle)	1954, 1995
	<i>Adelgies picea</i> (Balsam woolly adelgid)	1968, 1970, 1973, 2003, 2011
	<i>Scolytus ventralis</i> (Fir engraver)	1971, 1981, 1995, 2008
	<i>Choristoneura occidentalis</i> (Western spruce budworm)	1987, 1992, 1993

**Table 2.2. A summary of outbreak data at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake, obtained from GIS analysis of ADS data. As a consequence of the frequent, widespread outbreaks of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae*, and *Choristoneura occidentalis*, these species were chosen to be the targets of qPCR protocols designed within this thesis.**

### 1.3. Little Monon Lake

Little Monon Lake (44°47'50"N, 121°47'17"W, 1,511m elevation) is situated within Jefferson County, Mt Hood National Forest, Oregon. It is a shallow, 150m wide, 5-acre lake situated within Ecoregion 4c - Cascade Crest Montane Forest (Thorson et al., 2003) with the dominant catchment vegetation consisting of *Pinus contorta* (lodgepole pine), *Tsuga*

*mertensiana* (mountain hemlock), and *Callitropsis nootkatensis* (Alaska yellow cedar), all of which are either fire-dependent or not well adapted to fire (Minckley and Long, 2016). Beyond the immediate vicinity of Little Monon Lake, the extra-local vegetation is characterised by widespread single species stands of *Pinus contorta* forests to the east and south of the site, which are relatively uncommon in the Cascade Range and will likely impact the behaviour and response to disturbance regimes. At the time of sampling, Little Monon Lake was surrounded by open areas and standing dead trees to the south and east, the remnants of a widespread fire in 2001, and there was evidence of an ongoing *D. ponderosae* outbreak in *Pinus contorta* on the western slope of Olallie Butte. Little Monon Lake is bordered to the south by Monon Lake (65 acres) and to the north by Olallie Lake (240 acres). A Holocene fire reconstruction exists for a core obtained from Breitenbush Lake, 4km south of Little Monon Lake (Minckley and Long, 2016; Gavin et al., 2006) which would serve as a good comparison of fire regimes in this region. ADS data from Little Monon Lake shows this watershed has been inundated with disturbance since the origins of the survey, in 1947. Frequent and widespread outbreaks of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae*, *Scolytus ventralis*, *Adelges picea*, and *Pseudohylesinus sericeus* can be observed for the duration of the survey period (See Figure 2.2. and Table 2.3. for more information).



**Figure 2.4. Little Monon Lake, Jefferson County, Oregon.**

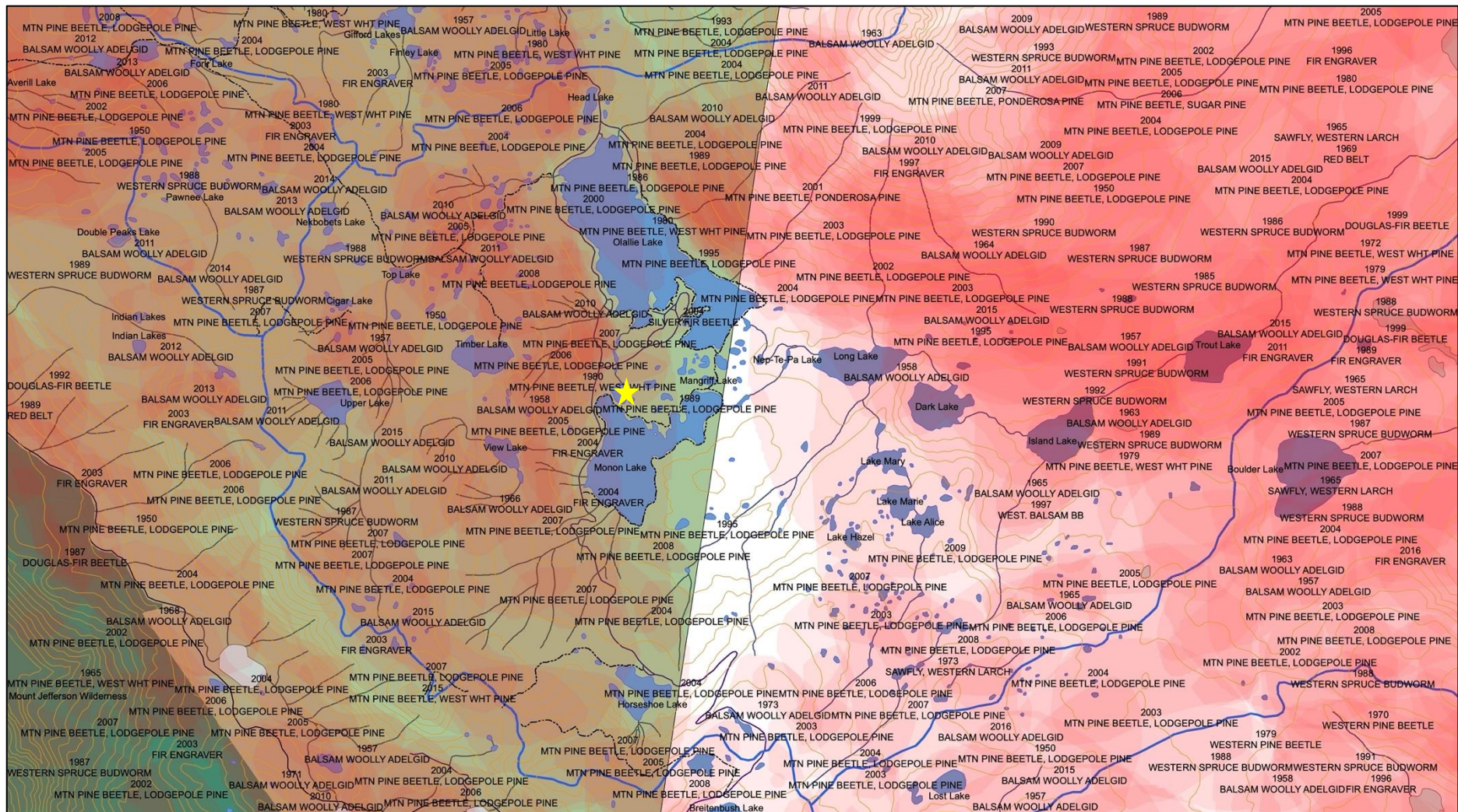


Figure 2.5. GIS analysis of ADS data at Little Monon Lake, Olallie, Oregon. This watershed has observed highly frequent and widespread outbreaks *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsuga*, *Scolytus ventralis*, *Adelges picea*, and *Pseudohylesinus sericeus* since the origins of the ADS survey in 1947.



#### 1.4. Pyramid Lake

Pyramid Lake (45° 8' 48" N, 121° 55' 35" W, 1,213m elevation) is a 283m wide, 5-acre high elevation site situated within the Roaring River Wilderness Area, Mt Hood National Forest, Oregon. site is situated within ecoregion 4b – Western Cascades Montane Highlands (Thorson et al., 2003). Dominant watershed vegetation consists of *Tsuga mertensiana* (mountain hemlock), *Tsuga heterophylla* (western hemlock), *Abies procera* (noble fir), *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Douglas-fir), *Abies amabilis* (Pacific silver fir), *Pinus monticola* (western white pine), with *Alnus rubra* (red alder), *Salix* spp. (willow), *Pteridium* spp. (bracken), and *Rhododendron macrophyllum* (Pacific rhododendron) forming the main understory species. The lake sits within a niche of a small west to east trending slope. Recent timber harvest is evident to the south. GIS analysis of the ADS insect and disease database shows Pyramid Lake has experienced several severe insect outbreaks in the last 70 years, including a series of *D. ponderosae* events in the 2006, 2007, and 2008, a *D. pseudotsugae* outbreak in 1992, and a period of widespread *Choristoneura occidentalis* (western spruce budworm) outbreaks throughout the 1980's and 1990's.



Figure 2.6. Pyramid Lake, Mt Hood National Forest, Oregon.

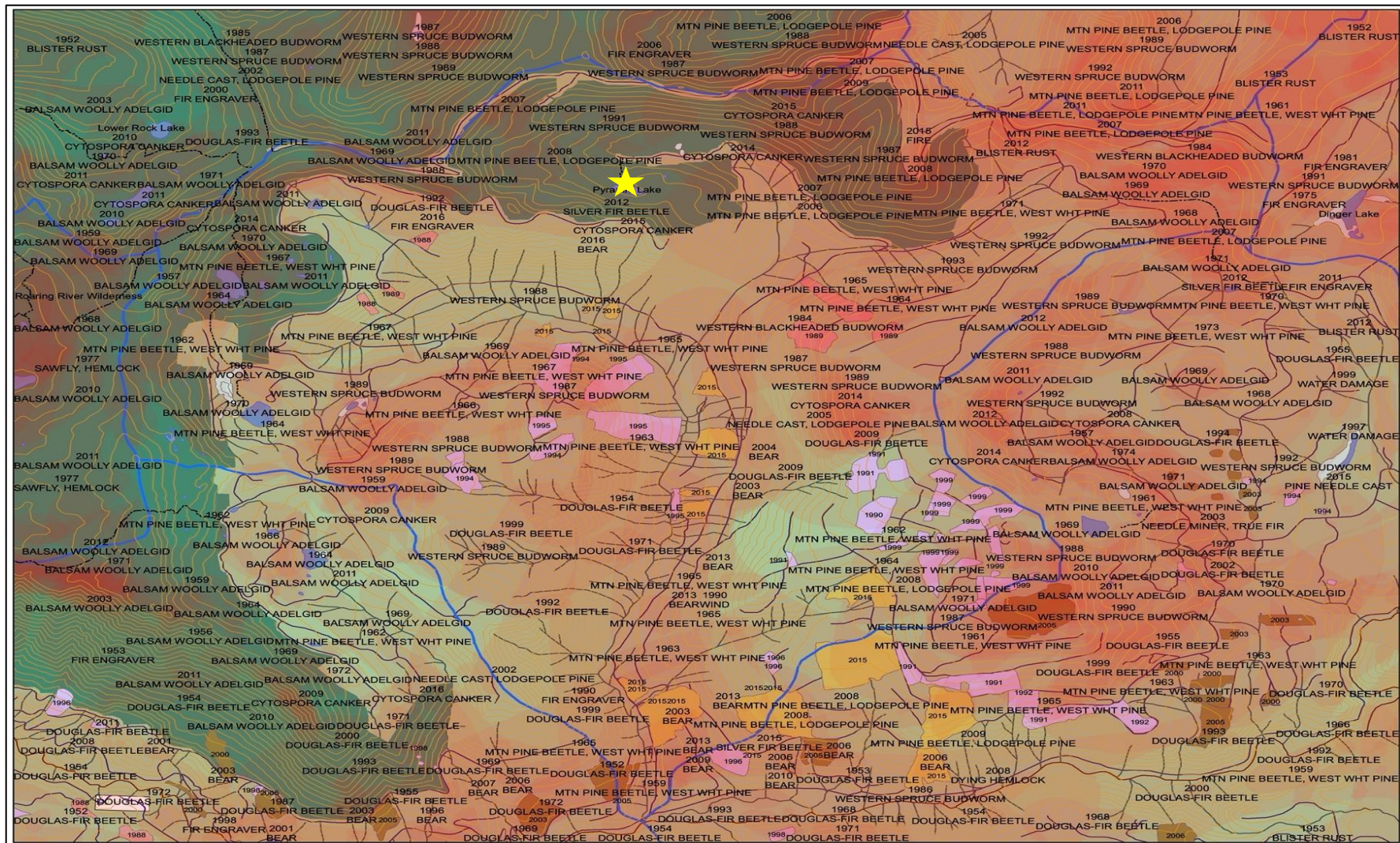


Figure 2.7. GIS analysis of ADS data at Pyramid Lake, Mt Hood National Forest, Oregon. Similar to Little Monon Lake, this watershed has observed highly frequent and widespread outbreaks *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsuga*, *Scolytus ventralis*, *Adelges picea*, and *Pseudohylesinus sericeus* since the origins of the ADS survey in 1947. Pyramid Lake has also experienced highly severe *Choristoneura occidentalis* outbreaks in the immediate vicinity of the lake.

### 1.5. Summit Lake

Summit Lake (45°01'53"N, 121°47'17"W, 1,275m elevation) is a 10-acre, 320m long lake situated ~10km south of Timothy Lake, Mt Hood National Forest, Oregon. The site is located within Ecoregion 4c – Cascade Crest Montane Forest (Thorson et al., 2003) with dominant stand species consisting of *Pinus contorta* (lodgepole pine), *Tsuga mertensiana* (mountain hemlock), *Cupressus nootkatensis* (Alaska yellow cedar). The catchment within which Summit Lake sits is the largest and most open of the three sites characteristic of the undulating plateaus found throughout Ecoregion 4c, rather than the river-cut valleys found throughout Ecoregion 4b. Therefore, Summit Lake potentially has the largest catchment out of the three sites chosen for full analysis, producing signals more associated with regional change than local change. At the time of sampling, a large area of standing burnt trees were evident across the north shore of Summit Lake, however, the timing of this burn is unknown.

ADS data shows that Summit Lake has been subject to outbreaks of *D. ponderosae* in nearly every decade since the beginning of the ADS survey, along with *Choristoneura occidentalis* outbreaks in 1989, 1992, and 1993. There have been two outbreaks of *D. pseudotsugae*, the first in 1954 and a second in 1995. There are also outbreaks from other notable agents including *Adelges picea* (Balsam woolly adelgid), *Scolytus ventralis* (fir engraver), however, these species were not chosen to be target species for DNA-based methodologies.



Figure 2.8 – Summit Lake, Oregon (obtained from google image search. Credit: Skeels, J)

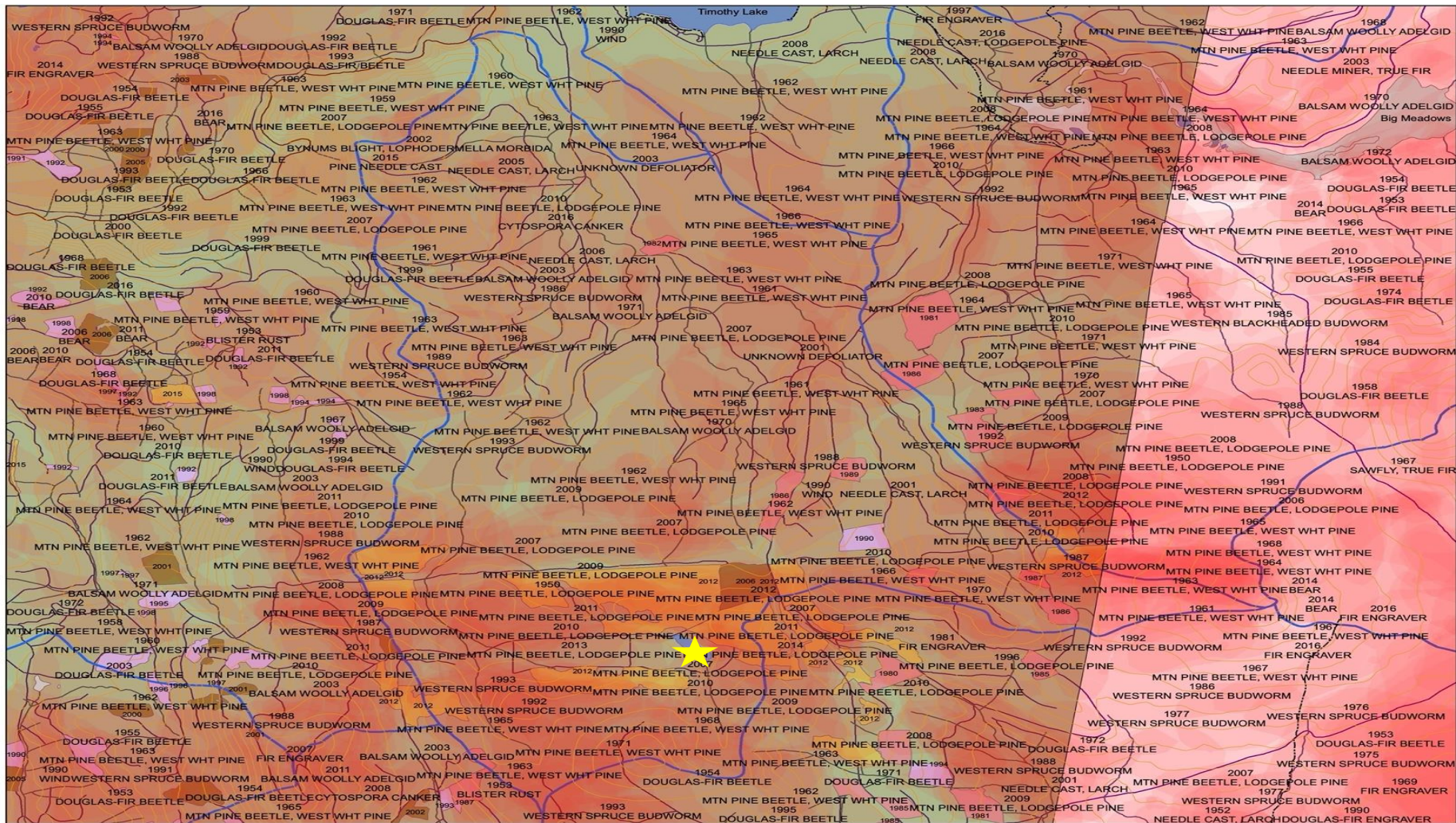


Figure 2.9. GIS analysis of ADS data at Pyramid Lake, Mt Hood National Forest, Oregon. Similar to Little Monon Lake, this watershed has observed highly frequent and widespread outbreaks *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsuga*, *Scolytus ventralis*, *Adelgies picea*, and *Pseudohylesinus sericeus* since the origins of the ADS survey in 1947. Pyramid Lake has also experienced highly severe *Choristoneura occidentalis* outbreaks in the immediate vicinity of the lake.

### 1.6. Forlorn Camp Lake 3

Forlorn Camp Lake 3 (45°57'19.7"N 121°45'31.8"W, 1132m a.s.l.) is a 200m wide lake situated within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington. The site sits within Ecoregion 4b – Western Cascades Montane Highlands (Thorsen et al., 2003). The dominant overstorey vegetation at this site consists of *Tsuga mertensiana* (mountain hemlock), *Tsuga heterophylla* (western hemlock), *Pinus contorta* (lodgepole pine), *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Douglas-fir), and *Abies amabilis* (Pacific silver fir), with *Vaccinium membranaceae* (black huckleberry), *Cornus canadensis* (dogwood), and *Rosa gymnocarpa* (dwarf rose) forming the main understory species.



**Figure 2.10. Forlorn Camp Lake 3, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington.**

Forlorn Camp Lake 3 lies 42km southeast of the summit of Mount St Helens and upon extrusion of core, three distinct tephra bands were observed. The uppermost band, termed FC3 B1, is located ~5cm from the surface and consists of dark grey, dense pumice. As there were no observable tephra bands above this layer it was assumed that it must derive from the most recent eruption of Mt St Helens, in 1980 AD. This would provide a critical dating control within the period covered by the ADS dataset and therefore this site was chosen for tephrogeochemical analyses. Should these observable tephra layers be associated with Mt St Helens, then analysis of cryptotephra would provide an additional dating control within this study. Two deeper tephra

bands, termed FC3 B2 and FC3 B3 consisted of two yellowish grey layers of ash which occur in quick succession 23cm deep within the core.



**Figure 2.11. - Core FC3\_B1 obtained from Forlorn Camp Lake 3, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington. Extraction revealed three distinct ash bands, the upper layer around 5cm from the surface, and two further layers between 23 and 25cm deep.**

## **2. Sediment collection**

Three lake sediment cores obtained from Little Monon Lake, Summit Lake, Pyramid Lake, Mt Hood National Forest, Oregon, were selected for charcoal and sedaDNA analyses. Single Bolivia cores were obtained from each site as it was believed that these would cover the relatively short time-period associated with this study. At all sites, the shallow bedrock and/or thick tephra layers prevented coring beyond the first Bolivia section. Cores measured 230 mm, 600 mm, 670 mm respectively. In addition, a fourth lake sediment core retrieved from Forlorn Camp Lake, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington, measuring 360mm, was selected for tephrogeochemical analysis due to its' proximity to Mt St Helens and several observable tephra layers. All sediment cores were obtained using a Bolivia corer, a modified Livingstone-type rod piston corer (Livingstone, 1955). The replacement of the steel coring barrel with a

single-use, decontaminated PVC pipe (Wright, 1967; Wright and Myrbo, 2008), is more suited to unconsolidated/watery sediments, limits the need to extrude the sample in the field and, critically for samples intended for DNA methodologies, allows the decontamination of all sampling equipment prior to collection (Morris et al., 2015). A traditional Livingstone corer was used to retrieve two peat cores from Gold Lake Bog, Oregon, however, these were not used for final analyses as there was no decontamination protocol implemented prior to sampling with this corer.

All sediment cores were obtained from the deepest part of the lake using a stabilised inflatable dingy. Once retrieved, sediments (which remained in their PCV pipes) were capped with floral foam to protect the sediment-water interface and prevent mixing of sediments and sealed with plastic caps and duct tape. All cores were refrigerated while on fieldwork and frozen at -20°C on return to Swansea University until sub-sampling, to limit DNA degradation. For subsampling, cores were sawn into 10 cm sections and left to thaw horizontally overnight to prohibit sediment mixing while thawing. During thawing, no fracturing or loss of sediment coherence occurred. High-resolution, contiguous 2mm sampling strategy was chosen to provide a comprehensive reconstruction of disturbance regimes and to address concerns in the literature that coarse sampling methodologies lead to a bias towards only detecting large-scale, destructive events (Long et al., 1998). Samples were taken every 2mm and isolated into the required volumes for charcoal, DNA, and radiocarbon dating, with the remaining sediment moved into falcon tubes and refrigerated. For DNA analyses, three replicates for each depth (each weighing 0.25g) were placed directly into the first step lysis tube of the QIAGEN PowerLyzer PowerSoil Kit (QIAGEN, UK). All subsampling equipment was decontaminated with a bleach, water, ethanol wash in between samples. DNA extractions were performed immediately after subsampling to limit the potential of DNA degradation.

### **3. AMS radiocarbon dating**

A total of forty-three 1 cm<sup>3</sup> bulk-sediment samples were taken across four sites to be AMS dated by myself at iThemba LABS, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, via the 6MV Tandem AMS system (Mbele et al., 2017). The six provisional cores were sampled for dates at the surface, middle, and base, in addition to several further samples taken near the surface (See Table 2.3 or Supplementary Material for full AMS analyses) to provide robust chronologies with an emphasis on the last few hundred years for which there is ADS

data and published reconstructions of forest disturbance with which to compare results. No macrofossils were obtained for dating.

At iThemba LABS, samples were subjected to a standard Acid-Base-Acid (A-B-A) pre-treatment (De Vries and Barendsen, 1952; Brock et al., 2010). The sediments were treated with hot 1% HCl (70°C for 45 minutes), washed with deionised water, treated with 0.4% NaOH (20°C for 30 minutes), washed with deionised water until pH was neutral, before a final reacidification of the sediment in 1% HCl (20°C for 10 minutes) and washed with distilled water. Samples were weighed and transferred into a combustion tube along with 80mg each of copper oxide and silver. Combustion tubes were connected to a vacuum and sealed using a blowtorch. Sealed samples were then placed in a furnace at 500°C for 6 hours to generate CO<sub>2</sub> and then graphitized. Samples were analysed using standard 6MV Tandem AMS system protocol (Mbele et al., 2017).

Raw radiocarbon dates were converted (two sigma) to calendar ages (cal. yr. BP) in OxCal (Bronk Ramsey, 2009) using the Bomb13NH1 calibration curve (Hua et al., 2013) which is prepended with IntCal13 (Reimer et al., 2020) (See Table 2.3). Before present (BP) refers to 1950 AD. Age depth models were constructed using Bayesian statistics in the R package “rBacon” (Blaauw et al., 2021) (See Figures 2.12, 2.13, and 2.13). Several iterations of age depths models were calculated using varying sampling slices and interpolation methods. Each iteration used the same the Bomb13NH1 calibration curve (Hua et al., 2013) which is prepended with IntCal13 for any pre-1950 dates (Reimer et al., 2020). Final age depth models were selected on goodness of fit and the determination of realistic transitions in sedimentation rates, using linear interpolation, with a 95% confidence interval.

Each age-depth model output contains four plots. The main plot shows the distribution of individual radiocarbon dates in blue, with the age-depth model outlined in grey. The red curve shows the mean age value, and the dashed grey lines show 95% confidence intervals. The upper left plot shows the goodness of fit of all Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) iterations and is used to identify the robustness of the age-depth model. The upper middle plot depicts average sedimentation rate. The upper right plot indicates variation in accumulation rates. Basal ages at each site were 2494-2307 cal. yr. BP at Little Monon Lake, 5441-5221 cal. yr. BP at Pyramid Lake, and 3595-3439 cal. yr. BP at Summit Lake. Average sedimentation rates at each site were 10.45 yr mm<sup>-1</sup> at Little Monon Lake, 9.57 yr mm<sup>-1</sup> at Pyramid Lake, and 5.71 yr mm<sup>-1</sup> at



Summit Lake. This temporal resolution is comparable to published sedimentation rates from the lower elevation Coastal Range and Willamette Valley due to the fine-resolution sampling intervals chosen for this study. Upon the discovery of slow sedimentation rate, Pb210 dating was considered, however, no financial budget was available to complete this additional analysis due to the abundance of radiocarbon dates already obtained. Due to such high sampling resolution we instead chose to reconstruct the last 2-3,000 years of disturbance at each site, as inferred by the age-depth model, as the underlying theme of this thesis is to move from long-term, coarse sampling methodologies, and aim to produce high-resolution, continual records, capable of detecting all levels of disturbance.

Site	Depth (mm)	Age	Age error	Age BP	Age AD/BC
<i>Summit Lake</i>					
	4	-80	66	260--7	1700-1957 AD
	8	0	60	149-20	1804-1936 AD
	32	930	79	959-684	861-1176 AD
	40	230	34	317-142	1761-1804 AD
	54	300	66	503-267	1652 AD
	60	300	60	498-273	1651 AD
	300 <sup>+</sup>	2110	36	2152-1991	230-90 BC
	600 <sup>*</sup>	3290	49	3595-3439	1439-1244 BC
<i>Little Monon Lake</i>					
	2	120	30	151-9	1800-1898 AD
	8	70	30	140-32	1810-1920 AD
	14	150	31	283-0	1717-1789 AD
	20	360	40	496-314	1510-1669 AD
	26	670	38	676-555	1204-1355 AD
	32	900	45	917-727	960-1139 AD
	38	910	33	910-735	974-1105 AD
	44	1030	33	977-902	854-985 AD
	50	1170	34	1176-974	712-847 AD
	58	1220	48	1278-1055	634-825 AD
	115 <sup>+</sup>	1610	46	1586-1382	248-431 AD
	230 <sup>*</sup>	2350	42	2494-2307	485-318 BC
<i>Pyramid Lake</i>					
	2	-500	31	-53	2004 AD
	8	40	31	256-33	1867-1918 AD
	16	90	32	266-22	1806-1930 AD
	24	460	34	543-473	1422-1557 AD
	36	590	36	649-532	1288-1431 AD
	40	590	42	651-529	1276-1433 AD
	340 <sup>+</sup>	2160	35	2307-2004	281-142 BC
	670 <sup>*</sup>	5330	55	5441-5221	3492-3272 BC
<i>Forlorn Camp Lake</i>					
	Above B1	1080	81	1154-900	774-1050 AD
	Below B1	660	39	676-554	1274-1396 AD
	Above B2	2510	53	2746-2436	796 -486 BC
	Below B3	4380	61	5665-5452	3715-3502 BC

**Table 2.3. Summary of AMS dates at sites used in this study. Each site contained a surface, middle, and basal date. Forlorn Camp Lake core FC3\_B1 was used for tephrogeochemical analyses. Above B1 refers to a bulk sample taken above the grey ash layer found 5cm from the core surface. Below B1 refers to a bulk sample taken below this layer. Above B2 refers to a bulk sample taken from the younger of the two lower ash bands found at 25 and 28cm depth. Below B3 refers to a bulk sample taken below the older of two ash layers found between 25 and 28cm deep. <sup>+</sup>Middle date, <sup>\*</sup>Basal date**

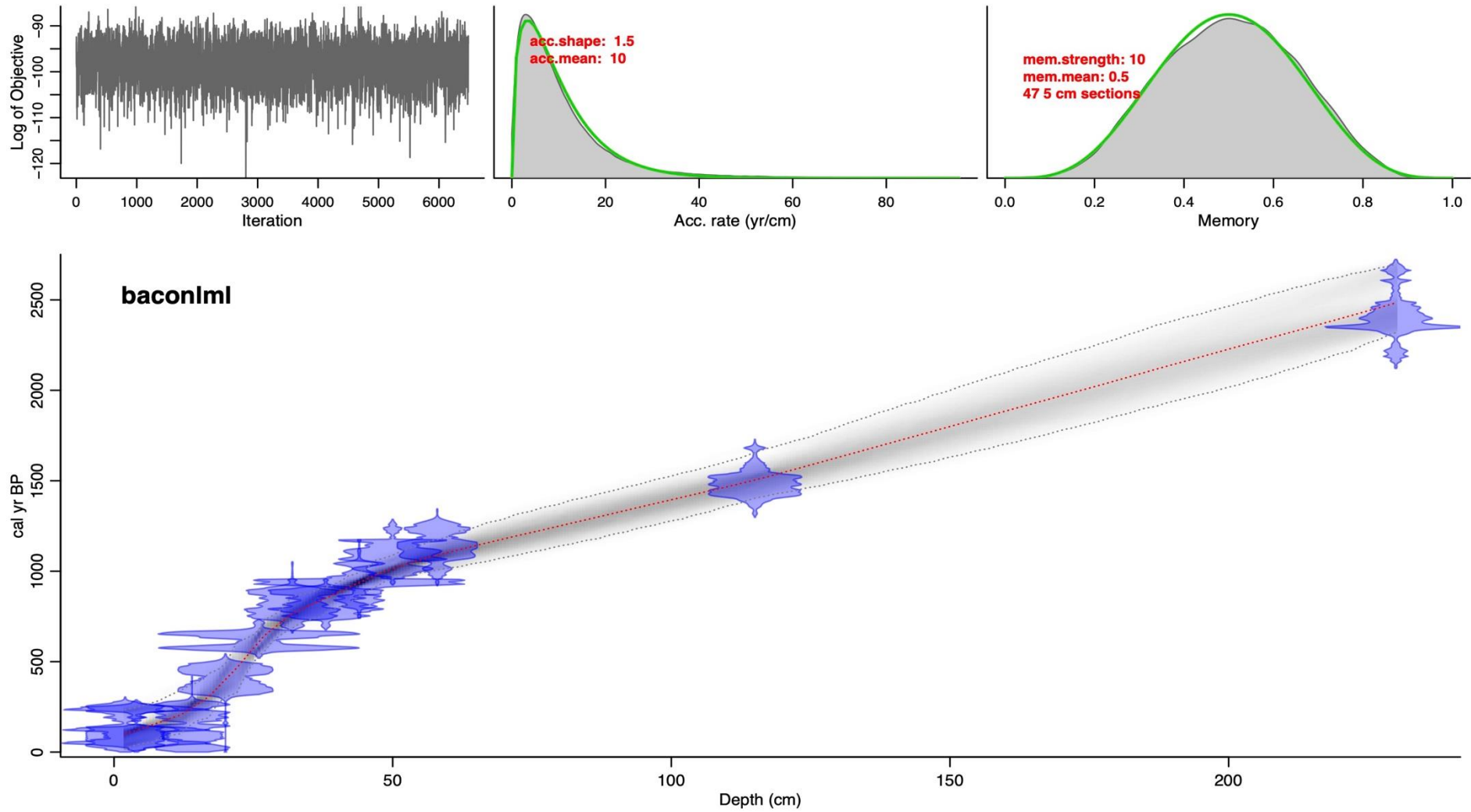


Figure 2.12. Age-depth model from Little Monon Lake, constructed using the R package “rBacon” (Blaauw et al., 2021).

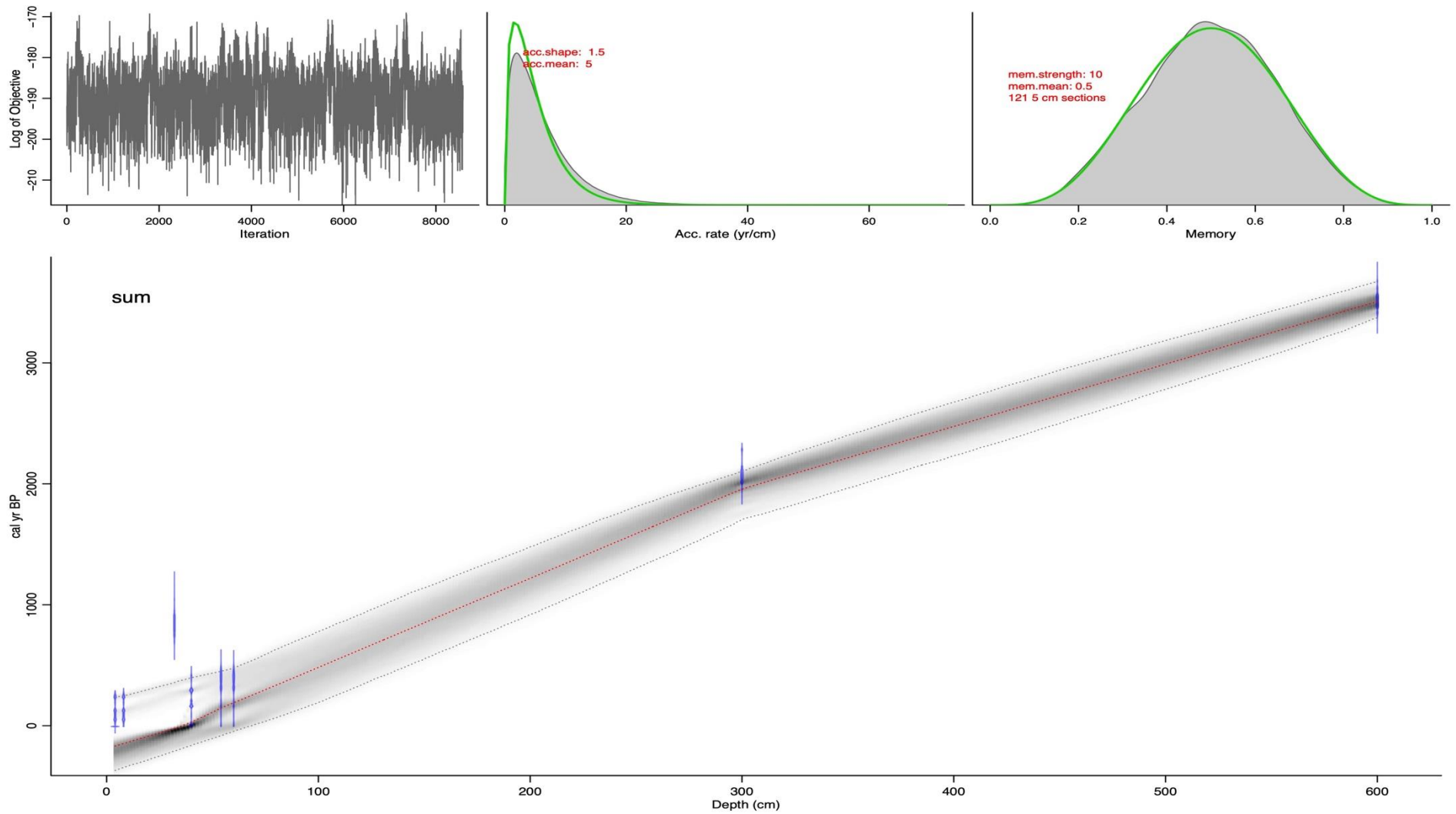


Figure 2.13. Age-depth model from Summit Lake, constructed using the R package “rBacon” (Blaauw et al., 2021)

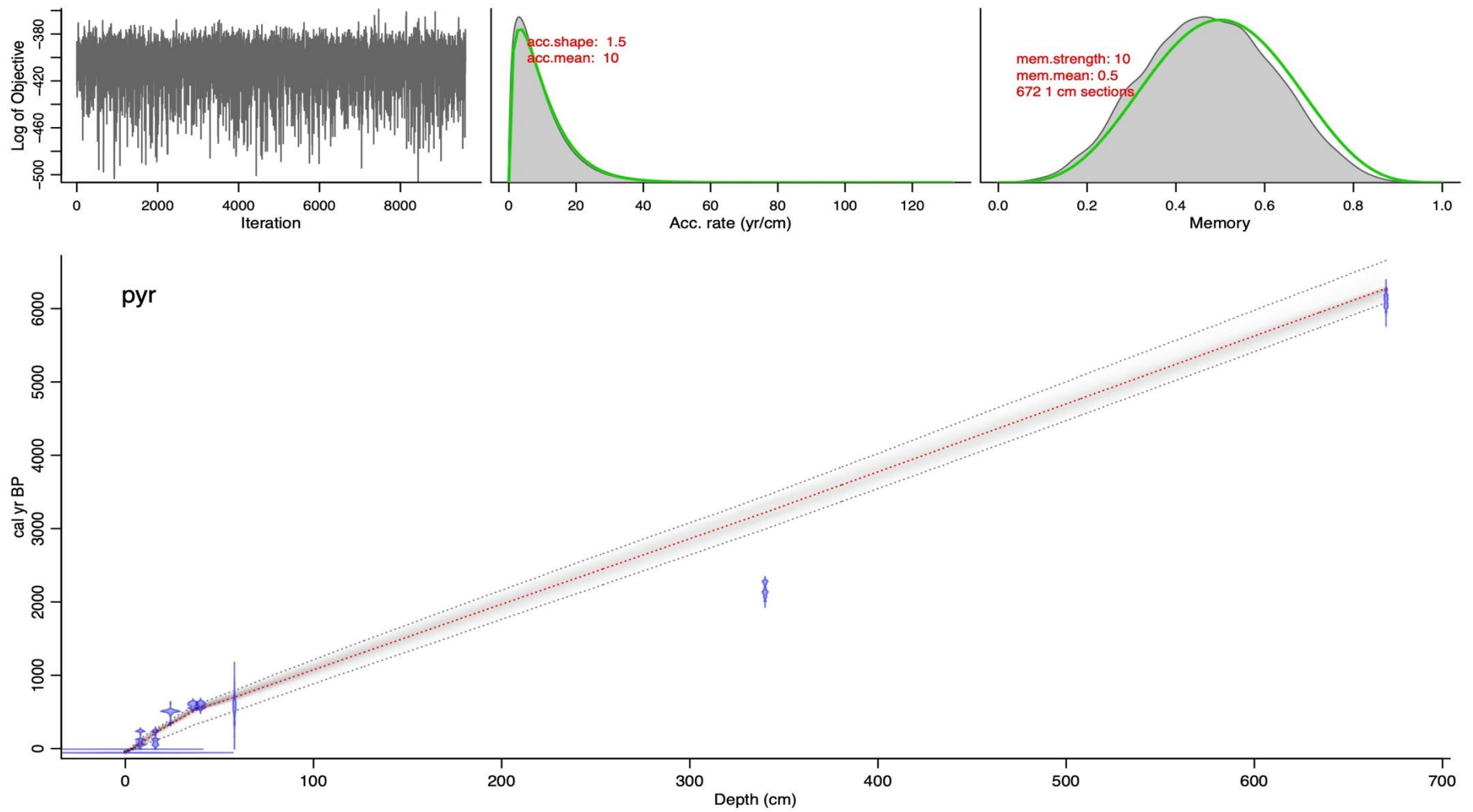


Figure 2.14. Age-depth model from Pyramid Lake constructed using the R package “rBacon” (Blaauw et al., 2021)

#### 4. Tephrochronology

The Cascade Volcanic Arc is a prominent feature within the Pacific Northwest, ranging from northern California to British Columbia. Several catastrophic eruptions have occurred during the Holocene including the 7,700 BP eruption of Mt Mazama and the May 1980 eruption of Mt St Helens, both of which provide critical time markers within published palaeoenvironmental reconstructions (Minckley and Long, 2016; Long et al., 2014; Whitlock et al., 2008; Brunelle and Whitlock, 2003; Millspaugh et al., 2000; Zdanowicz et al., 1999; Sea and Whitlock, 1995; Cwynar, 1987; Barnosky, 1985; Lichti-Federovich, 1970). Consequently, much research has been conducted on the geochemical composition of these ash layers, for example, Mount St Helens has over 100 chemically described tephra layers from the past 40,000 years (Mullineaux, 1986). Geochemical correlation of such tephra layers to reference databases facilitate not only the dating of sedimentary records but to transfer ages across multiple sites/sequences by linking geochemically unique tephra layers (Fiebel, 1999; Lowe, 2011). Upon retrieval of core FC3 B1 from Forlorn Camp Lake, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington, three separate and distinct layers of volcanic ash were observed. Sediment cores obtained from sites near Forlorn Camp (Chamber's Lake, Washington and Elk Pass, Washington (Zobel and Antos, 1991) report similar ash bands which correlate to 1980's eruption of Mt St Helens. Successful matching of the tephra found within FC3 B1 to reference data for Mt St Helens would provide a key time marker for the reconstruction of recent forest disturbances.

At Forlorn Camp Lake, 1 cm<sup>3</sup> tephra samples were taken from three distinct bands, each measuring between 3 and 5cm, observable within the stratigraphy. In addition, separate 1 cm<sup>3</sup> bulk sediment samples were taken above and below the visible tephra layers to provide radiocarbon dating constraints for all events. Samples were freeze-dried, weighed to 0.5g, and then ashed at 550°C for 4 hours to remove any organic contamination (Turney, 1998; Jones et al., 2018). The ashed samples were then soaked overnight in 10% HCl to disaggregate the sediment and remove any carbonates. Samples were sieved through 80 and 25µm mesh. The 80-25µm fraction was density separated following the heavy liquid separation technique (Turney, 1998; Blockley et al., 2005). The 2.3 to 2.5g cm<sup>-3</sup> fraction were mounted onto microscope slides and encased in epoxy resin (Stevenson et al., 2012; Lakeman et al., 2008; Davies et al., 2005). A polarised light microscope was used to confirm the presence of tephra shards. Where present, samples were polished using progressively finer grades of silica carbide

paper to expose a cross section of the shards for geochemical analysis (Jones et al., 2018). Major and minor element composition of the tephra shards were measured at the Tephra Analytical Unit (TAE) at the University of Edinburgh using a wavelength dispersive spectrometer electron microprobe (WDS EMPA) following standard running protocol (Hayward, 2012). A second set of analyses on FC3 were conducted at The University of Alberta, Canada, as the first set of analyses produced inconclusive results. Raw tephra results were normalised to 100%, a method commonly employed within tephra research to eliminate the variability of post deposition hydration and to make signatures comparable between published assemblages (Jones et al., 2018; Lowe et al., 2017; Eastwood et al., 2009; Smith and Westgate, 1968).

## **5. Macrofossil charcoal**

### *5.1. Sampling*

In the laboratory, 0.5cm<sup>3</sup> samples were taken at contiguous 2 mm intervals at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake, except for the uppermost 30 mm at Little Monon Lake, in which 0.25 cm<sup>3</sup> was used due to a lack of sediment. Several samples across three sites (27 samples from 433 depths) yielded insufficient sediment and were omitted from final analyses. Samples were taken using a calibrated syringe. Samples were soaked in 10% sodium hexametaphosphate for 7 days to deflocculate the sediment, prior to washing with a shower head tap attachment through a nest of sedimentology sieves at 500, 250, and 125 microns with each size class reserved to provide three sets of analyses for each depth (Schlacter and Horn, 2010; Froyd, 2006; Whitlock and Larsen, 2002; Patterson et al., 1987). A small sable paint brush was used to gently break up any remaining sediment. Prepared samples were washed onto a gridded petri dish and tallied under a 40x stereomicroscope to produce total counts for the following size classes - 125-250µm, 250-500µm, and >500µm. Identification of charcoal fragments were based on morphology, reflectance, and the nature of the fragment when crushed (Froyd, 2006; Whitlock and Larsen, 2002).

### *5.2. Creation of charcoal accumulation rates (CHAR)*

Raw charcoal counts do not account for variation in sedimentation rates; therefore, each size class was combined with an age-depth model (constructed using the R package “rBacon” (Blaauw et al., 2021)) to produce charcoal accumulation rates (CHAR) using the R package “paleofire” (Blarquez et al., 2014). CHAR was calculated for each size class and presented in particles mm<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>. Sample depths whereby a lack of sediment resulted in the absence of

charcoal data were interpolated by the R package “paleofire” (Blarquez et al., 2014) to produce contiguous records. The input volume within the CHAR construction model was amended to account for a smaller sample volume throughout the top 30mm at Little Monon Lake, whereby a lack of sediment resulted in sampling volumes of  $0.25\text{cm}^3$ .

### 5.3. The development of ‘fire event’ indices

It has been highlighted in the literature that the comparison of fire episodes between studies is problematic due to the variation in the resolution of different reconstructive methods i.e., tree rings provide annual resolution, whereby analysis of sediments typically analyse periods of time, dictated by the sampling methodology. The use of a contiguous sampling methodology and robust dating controls throughout facilitated the development of a novel method of identifying peak components within the charcoal record, associated with fire events. A spreadsheet was constructed with each row accounting for an individual year. Using age-depth models constructed in the R packages “OxCal” (Bronk Ramsay, 2009) and “rBacon” (Blaauw et al., 2021), each sampling depth was placed onto the corresponding age along with the CHAR value for that sample depth. CHAR values were then repeated to the next sampling point, for example, the 4mm sample at Little Monon Lake, which dates to 121 yr BP, has a CHAR value of  $19.81\text{ particles mm}^{-1}\text{ yr}^{-1}$ . The value of 19.81 was ascribed to every year until we reach the next sampling point, at 6mm which dates to 142 yr BP and, whereby the CHAR value was  $1.9\text{ particles mm}^{-1}\text{ yr}^{-1}$  (See Figure 2.15). This method of analyses generated a charcoal history with a simulated annual resolution, akin to those constructed by dendroecological methods (See Figure 2.15). The aim of this approach was to test whether this method could identify peaks in charcoal data as well as calculate return intervals comparable with those calculated from annual tree ring datasets from nearby sites (Minckley and Long, 2016) using data already used for fire reconstruction (CHAR values and an age depth model).

In order to identify fire events, we must first determine what is classed as a fire event. The most widely implemented method of identifying fire events is to determine periods of time within the charcoal records whereby the fire activity at any depth exceeds that of the background fire behaviour. The creation of event indices within the CHAR series involved a three-step decomposition of the dataset (Higuera et al., 2010). Firstly, to construct the background component, or *backgroundCHAR*, three variations of running mean were constructed for the series using moving windows of 100, 150, and 200 years i.e. for the 100-yr window, an average for the values 50 years above and 50 years below a given value, excluding that given value



were used. CHAR values at each depth were then divided by this background component to create a ratio, known as *peakCHAR* (Hawthorne and Mitchell., 2016; Finsinger, 2014; Leys et al., 2013; Higuera et al., 2005; Whitlock and Larsen, 2002; Long et al., 1998).

Depth of sed sample	Age (yr BP)	CHAR value	Running av. 200 yr	Ratio	Events
4	121	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	1
	122	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	123	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	124	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	125	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	126	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	127	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	128	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	129	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	130	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	131	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	132	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	133	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
	134	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424	
135	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424		
136	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424		
137	19.81	7.3504	2.695091424		
138	19.81	7.3199	2.706321125		
139	19.81	7.2894	2.717644799		
140	19.81	7.2589	2.729063632		
141	19.81	7.2284	2.740578828		
6	142	1.9	7.28745	0.2607222	
	143	1.9	7.25695	0.261817981	
	144	1.9	7.22645	0.262923012	
	145	1.9	7.19595	0.26403741	
	146	1.9	7.19495	0.264074108	
	147	1.9	7.19395	0.264110815	
	148	1.9	7.19295	0.264147533	
	149	1.9	7.19195	0.264184262	
	150	1.9	7.19095	0.264221	
	151	1.9	7.18995	0.264257749	
	152	1.9	7.18895	0.264294508	
	153	1.9	7.18795	0.264331277	
	154	1.9	7.18695	0.264368056	
	155	1.9	7.18595	0.264404846	
	156	1.9	7.18495	0.264441645	
	157	1.9	7.18395	0.264478455	
158	1.9	7.18295	0.264515276		
159	1.9	7.1991	0.263921879		
160	1.9	7.21525	0.263331139		
161	1.9	7.2314	0.262743037		
162	1.9	7.24755	0.262157557		

**Figure 2.15. Sample output of the novel method of identifying event indices within CHAR data. Samples were placed onto their corresponding ages along with their associated CHAR values. These values were then extrapolated to the sample below to provide simulation annual resolution of CHAR data. Running means were then constructed from these continual records to produce the background component. Individual CHAR values were then divided by the background component to produce a ratio. Ratios greater than or equal to 1 were classed as fire events.**

There is no agreed upon threshold for indices which represent fire events. In a simplistic manner, indices greater than or equal to 1 indicate periods whereby the signal at a given depth is greater than or equal to the background component and one could argue that this alone could be considered a fire event. Methods outlined in Long et al., 1998, ascribed a range of values to determine which threshold best suited the data with regards to the ‘real life’ behaviour and expected fire patterns of the vegetation type found at a given site. Therefore, an additional test, using a range of values, 1, 1.05, 1.12, and 1.2, as thresholds for fire events, were compared,

using the 100-yr window as the source of backgroundCHAR. Throughout all CHAR analysis, periods whereby a lack of sediment led to zero charcoal values, a linear interpolation was used to fill in missing data and prevent any division by zero within the dataset.

#### 5.4. Fire events and return fire intervals

Due to the variation in age and sedimentation rate among sites, the CHAR records for Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake were split into 100-year periods before present (i.e., 0-99, 100-199 yr BP, with BP fixed at 1950 AD) as identified using age depth models. This additional set of analysis allowed the comparison of the total fire events between sites. Accurate mean return intervals are typically limited to dendroecological methodologies with annual resolution. To test whether continuous, high-resolution records are capable of producing return fire intervals comparative to those derived from tree ring data, mean fire return intervals were calculated by measuring the periodicity of fire events as identified by the time between events identified by *peakCHAR* and then temporally compared to events identified within published reconstructions using age-depth models.

## 6. DNA

### 6.1. DNA extractions and qPCR primer design

Taxonomically confirmed positive controls are vital in all aspects of DNA research, used for sequencing, primer design, and for validating successful amplification within PCR protocols. Ten taxonomically identified individuals of mountain pine beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*), Douglas-fir beetle (*Dendroctonus pseudotsugae*), and western spruce budworm (*Choristoneura occidentalis*) were obtained by Beth Willhite, Regional Entomologist for USDA FS Region 6, Oregon. DNA was extracted using a QIAGEN DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (QIAGEN, UK) following manufacturer's instructions. Tissues samples were preserved in molecular grade ethanol upon collection to reduce enzymatic degradation until time of DNA extraction (Srinivasan et al., 2002). Several published examples of successfully recovered macrofossil beetle remains from lake sediments (Brunelle et al., 2008; Morris et al., 2015) suggest the most commonly preserved body parts consist of head and elytra, likely due to a high content of chitin, a robust biopolymer, which forms the basis of the insect exoskeleton. Chitinous remains are, therefore, becoming increasingly used as a source of ancient DNA (aDNA) (Campos and Gilbert, 2011; Stankiewicz et al., 1997; Miller et al., 1993). The extraction of DNA from modern specimens for the use of positive PCR controls and to test the

efficacy of DNA protocols would also facilitate the analysis of DNA yields from different tissue types, as these would be the source material of any fossil DNA.

The morphology of the target species chosen for DNA analyses within this study are highly different. The bark beetles, *D. ponderosae* and *D. pseudotsugae*, are characterised by hard exoskeletons, while the budworms of *Choristoneura* spp., are formed primarily of soft body parts with only a few chitinous components. To test how various types of remains and digestion times impact the potential for DNA release, which ultimately determines the likelihood of recovering target species DNA within environmental samples, a series of whole beetles, head and elytra, and leg tissue samples from *D. ponderosae* and *D. pseudotsugae* and whole pupae of *C. occidentalis* were extracted using a QIAGEN Blood and Tissue Kit to use as positive controls for PCR reactions. Samples were extracted after 4 hours digestion and 20 hours digestion in proteinase K to assess how longer incubation periods affected DNA yields from chitinous remains. DNA concentrations were measured using a Qubit dsDNA HS Assay Kit with a Qubit 3.0 Fluorometer (Invitrogen, Inc.). High resolution melting (HRM) analysis from the above extractions were used to provide reference melting temperature ( $T_m$ ) of target species ( $T_m \pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) to confirm any successful amplifications within sedaDNA samples.

Modern tissue samples of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae* and *C. occidentalis* were sequenced at IBERS (Aberystwyth University). The primer pairs used were Pat and Jerry and Rust and Marty (See Table 2.4 for primer pairs used in sequencing) which amplify ~650bp fragments of the COI mtDNA gene (Simon et al., 1994; Sperling et al., 1994) and the Cole01F and Cole01R (Taberlet et al., 2018) primer set which amplify a ~115bp fragment of the 16s mtDNA. These various primer sets were used to help identify regions whereby *D. ponderosae* and *D. pseudotsugae* differ to aid in the design of species-specific protocols. PCR conditions for all sequencing reactions were as follows: 95°C for 5:00, followed by 30 cycles at 95°C for 00:10 and 54.5°C for 00:30, with a final elongation stage at 72°C for 5:00. All amplified PCR products were checked for expected amplicon size using 2% gel electrophoresis. Sequences were aligned with BioEdit v. 5.0.9 using Clustal W.

## 6.2. *Dendroctonus* protocol

Sanger sequencing revealed no regions within the 16s mtDNA obtained using Cole01 primer sets (Taberlet et al., 2018) with sufficient difference to design species-specific primers. Primer sets DpondF and DpondR and DpseudoF and DpseudoR (see Table 2.4) were designed to

amplify 84 bp fragments of the cytochrome c oxidase subunit I (hereafter COI) mtDNA gene of *D. ponderosae* and *D. pseudotsugae*, respectively. All primer sets were designed using Oligo Architect™ (Sigma-Aldrich Co.) and checked for cross-amplification using NCBI Primer-BLAST (Ye et al., 2012). While the product of DpondF and DpondR has a similarity of 98% with *D. simplex* (Eastern larch beetle), and the product of DpseudoF and DpseudoR has a similarity of 98% with *D. simplex* (Eastern larch beetle) and 90.48% similarity to *D. rhizophagus* (Mexican pine beetle), the geographical distribution of *D. ponderosae* and *D. pseudotsugae* in relation to the other amplified species do not overlap, therefore, the potential for cross-contamination is extremely unlikely.

### 6.3. *Choristoneura* spp, protocol

*Choristoneura* spp. primers were designed using sequences from modern *Choristoneura occidentalis* (Western spruce budworm) pupae obtained through Sanger sequencing using the Cole01F and Cole01R primer set (Taberlet et al., 2018) which amplifies a ~115 bp fragment of the 16s mtDNA gene. ChoristF and ChoristR are a genus-specific primer set designed to amplify an 82 bp fragment of the 16s mtDNA gene in all 49 described *Choristoneura* species. This primer set was designed at genus-level as the distribution of *Choristoneura* species in the Pacific Northwest is largely unknown, yet all are defoliators and considered pests. Therefore, information about the presence of any species within this genus would be insightful.

Primer set	Target species	Target gene	Sequence (5' to 3')	Product length
DpondF	<i>D. ponderosae</i>	COI	GCA GTT CCA ACC GGA ATT AAA A	84 bp
DpondR	“		TCA AAG GGA GGA GGG AGT TAA T	
DpseudoF	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i>	COI	GCA GTT CCT ACC GGA ATT AAA A	84 bp
DpseudoR	“		CCA AAG AGA AGA AGG AGT TAG A	
ChoristF	<i>Choristoneura</i>	16s	TGT GAT GAG CTC AAA CTA CAA ACC	82 bp
ChoristR	“		AAA GAA ACT TTC GGA TGT TTA GGA	
Jerry <sup>a</sup>	Univ.	COI	CAA CAT TTA TTT TGA TTT TTT GG	632 bp
Pat <sup>a</sup>	“		TCC AAT GCA CTA ATC TGC CAT ATT A	
Rust <sup>a</sup>	“	COI	ACT GTG AAT ATA TGA TGG GCT CA	650 bp
Marty <sup>a</sup>	“		TAC AAT TTA TCG CCT AAA CTT CAG CC	
Cole01F <sup>b</sup>	Coleoptera	16s	TGC WAA GGT AGC ATA ATM ATT AG	115 bp
Cole01R <sup>b</sup>	“		TCT ATA GGG TCT TCT CGT C	
matKF <sup>c</sup>	Plants	matK	TCG GCA ATG TTA TTT CC	97 bp
matKR <sup>c</sup>	“		CCT CAG AAA ATA ACC TGG	

**Table 2.4. Primer sets for mountain pine beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*), Douglas-fir beetle (*D. pseudotsugae*) and *Choristoneura* spp. matK, and those used in NGS. <sup>a</sup>Simon et al., 1994, <sup>b</sup>Taberlet et al., 2018, <sup>c</sup>Kim et al., 2018.**

#### 6.4. qPCR optimisation

All primers sets were designed to amplify short fragments to accommodate for DNA degradation in older samples, allowing the same qPCR protocol to be applied in both modern biodiversity assessments and for historical reconstructions. Primers were assessed using positive control tissue from the initial sequencing reactions. Temperature gradient tests for all primer sets were performed between 55-65°C to provide optimum annealing temperatures and increase specificity, as higher annealing temperatures reduce the risk of non-specific amplification. Limits of detection (LOD) were identified using a ten-fold dilution series with tissue DNA from each species. Dilutions ranged from 1:1 to 1:1,000,000, extended to 1:10,000,000 in the case of DpondF and DpondR assay. All qPCR runs were carried out in 10µl reactions with 1µl of template DNA. For all PCRs and qPCRs, three PCR replicates were used throughout unless otherwise stated. The amplification master mix contained 5µl SYBR Green, 1µl of each primer and 2µl of molecular grade H<sub>2</sub>O. Optimised qPCR protocols are as follows:

**DpondF and DpondR** (Target: *D. ponderosae*): 95°C for 5:00, followed by 45 cycles at 95°C for 00:10 and 61.5°C for 00:30. High resolution melt (HRM) curve analysis ran from 60 to 90°C in 0.1°C increments.

**DpseudoF and DpseudoR** (Target: *D. pseudotsugae*): 95°C for 5:00, followed by 45 cycles at 95°C for 00:10 and 61.5°C for 00:30. High resolution melt (HRM) curve analysis ran from 60 to 90°C in 0.1°C increments.

**ChoristF and ChoristR** (Target: *Choristoneura* spp.): 95°C for 5:00, followed by 45 cycles at 95°C for 00:10 and 61.5°C for 00:30. High resolution melt (HRM) curve analysis ran from 60 to 90°C in 0.1°C increments.

### 6.5. *sedaDNA* extractions

All sediments were subsampled at 2mm resolution under sterile conditions consistent with established *sedaDNA* extraction methodologies (Pedersen et al., 2015; Parducci et al., 2017; Taberlet et al., 2018). At each depth, three replicates, weighing ~0.25g, were extracted within a UV treated hood using a Qiagen Powerlyzer PowerSoil Kit (Qiagen, UK) according to manufacturer's instructions, except for a final elution volume of 60 µl used to increase DNA yield. DNA concentrations from *sedaDNA* extractions were quantified using a Qubit dsDNA HS Assay Kit with a Qubit 3.0 Fluorometer (Invitrogen, Inc.). All qPCRs were run in triplicate, unless otherwise stated, and a positive result was classed as at least one positive from three replicates with a melt rate above 200 -d(RFU)/dt. Positive controls for each species were included in each PCR run along with extraction blanks and PCR blanks. Any samples containing potential amplifications using the qPCR protocols were re-run as conventional PCRs using the same protocols and sent for Sanger sequencing to confirm species.

### 6.6. Confirmation of *sedaDNA*

As the historic presence of these *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae* and *C. occidentalis* is largely unknown within this region, beyond the time-period associated with the ADS survey, these species could not be used to check the presence and preservation of useable DNA within the sedimentary cores. Palynological reconstructions (Long et al., 1998; Long et al., 2002; Briles et al., 2005; Walsh et al., 2010; Minckley and Long, 2016) from northwest Oregon show this region has been continuously vegetated for the timescale of this study. Therefore, a maturase K assay (Kim et al., 2018), which amplify a 97 bp fragment of the plant plastidial gene, was used to assess the levels of DNA preservation within the sediment i.e., if vegetation was not detected, this would suggest issues with DNA preservation. *Pinus lambertiana* was used as a positive control within the matK assay with DNA extracted from a positively identified seed cone obtained from Little Monon Lake using a QIAGEN DNeasy Plant Mini Kit (QIAGEN,

UK) following manufacturer's instructions. qPCR was conducted in 10µl reactions containing 0.25µl each of forward and reverse primer, 5µl SYBR Green and 4.5µl sedaDNA. The qPCR conditions consisted of an initial denaturation phase of 5 mins at 95°C, followed by 40 cycles of 10 seconds at 95°C and 30 seconds at 55°C. High resolution melt curve analysis ran between 60 and 90°C in 0.1°C increments. In addition to the matK assay, a second control of DNA preservation was used. As Coleoptera are commonly preserved in lake sediments (Elias, 2010; Smol et al., 2001; Coope, 1977), the general Cole01 primer pair (Taberlet et al., 2018) used in sequencing were also used to confirm the presence of Coleopteran DNA within sedaDNA samples.

#### *6.7. Testing for potential PCR inhibition*

Humic acids are known to be very potent PCR inhibitors which could present false negatives within sedaDNA results (Sidstedt et al., 2015). To assess the level of PCR inhibition within sedaDNA samples, varying concentrations of sedaDNA from the uppermost samples at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake were added to various volumes of molecular grade H<sub>2</sub>O, and 1µl of *D. ponderosae*. Final volumes measured 5.5µl. All samples were amplified using the Dpond protocol. The hypothesis for this experiment was that samples with higher concentrations of sedaDNA would likely introduce a greater abundance of PCR-inhibiting humic acids into the reaction, potentially delaying or preventing the amplification of pure *D. ponderosae* DNA i.e., samples with no difference in Ct value between no sedaDNA and 4.5 µl sedaDNA would suggest no PCR inhibition.

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### RESULTS



## 1. DNA

### 1.1. Tissue extractions of target species

#### 1.1.1. Dendroctonus

To test how target species morphology and the source tissue type affects DNA recovery, the DNA extractions from *D. ponderosae* and *D. pseudotsugae* were performed on various combinations of body parts. During this test, DNA extracted from intact whole adult specimens of *D. ponderosae* and *D. pseudotsugae* generated the highest overall DNA yields, while extractions of leg tissue only consistently had the lowest yields (See Table 3.1.). In addition, these combinations of body parts were subjected to varying periods of digestion in proteinase K, ranging from four hours to twenty hours, to assess the degree to which organisms characterised by high levels of chitin may require additional levels of digestion to release DNA. Tissues subjected to a twenty-hour digestion in proteinase K did not always lead to higher DNA yields over four-hour incubation times. While longer digestion periods resulted in almost double the DNA yield in whole beetles in both *D. ponderosae* and *D. pseudotsugae*, increasing from 48.0 to 100.2 ng/μl and 51.6 to 91.5 ng/μl, respectively, longer digestion periods led to lower yields in combined head and elytra and leg tissues in both species. While whole beetles yielded higher quantities of DNA, combined head and elytra tissues are typically the body parts recovered from palaeoenvironmental samples (Morris et al., 2015; Brunelle et al. 2008), and since sufficient levels of DNA were obtained from these tissue types, these extractions were used at all stages of primer design, protocol optimisation, sequencing, and as PCR and qPCR positive controls.

#### 1.1.2. Choristoneura spp.

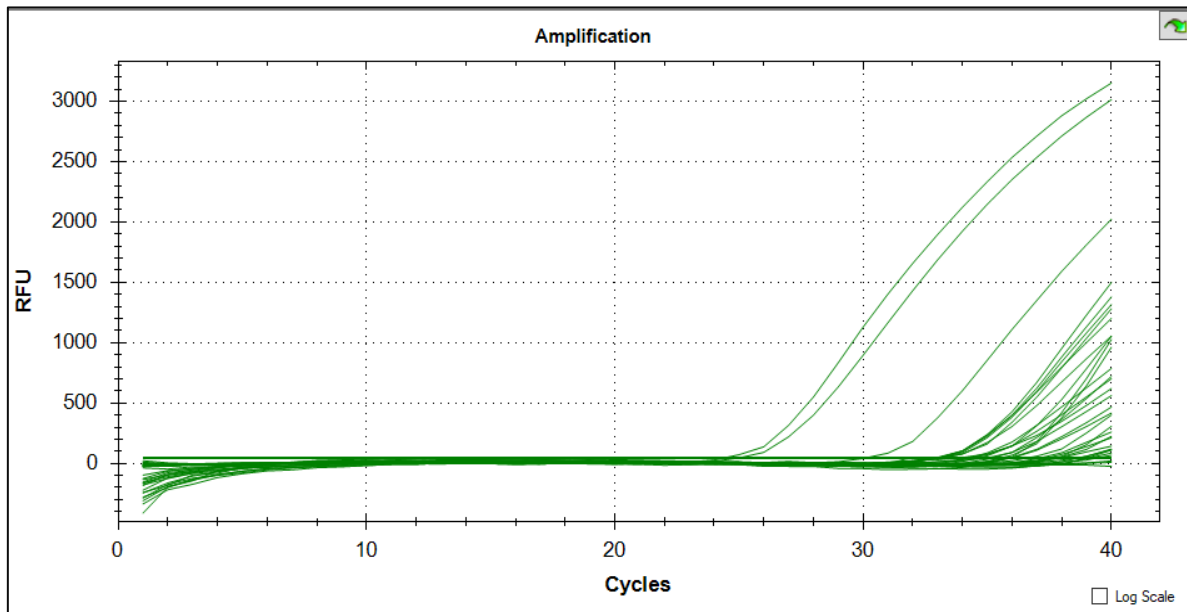
As only taxonomically confirmed larvae of *Choristoneura occidentalis* was obtained from colleagues in the USDA Forest Service, a 'body part' test was not conducted, instead whole larvae were used for DNA extractions, sequencing, and as PCR and qPCR controls. Interestingly, despite a short digestion time of 4 hours, DNA yields were higher than those obtained from whole adult specimens in both beetle species (based on 10 individuals per 'body part' type) highlighting the variation in DNA recovery from 'hard' bodied species versus those comprised of mostly soft tissues. See Discussion for further interpretation of how these results may influence the recovery and detectability of DNA between these two different groups of forests insects.

Species	Body part	Digestion period (hrs)	DNA yield (ng/μl)	σ
<i>D. ponderosae</i>				
	Whole	4	48.0	2.13
	Head and elytra	4	46.2	1.96
	Leg	4	6.1	0.88
	Whole	20	100.2	4.79
	Head and elytra	20	35.5	2.70
	Leg	20	4.2	0.48
<i>D. pseudotsugae</i>				
	Whole	4	51.6	3.67
	Head and elytra	4	19.5	1.08
	Leg	4	0.4	0.10
	Whole	20	91.5	3.19
	Head and elytra	20	3.6	0.56
	Leg	20	0.3	0.09
<i>C. occidentalis</i>				
	Whole	4	110.1	7.76

**Table 3.1. DNA yields from whole beetles, head and elytra tissue, and leg tissue samples for *D. ponderosae* and *D. pseudotsugae* and for *Choristoneura occidentalis* pupae. 10 individuals were used in each scenario.**

### 1.2. Quantification of sedaDNA extractions and background DNA checks

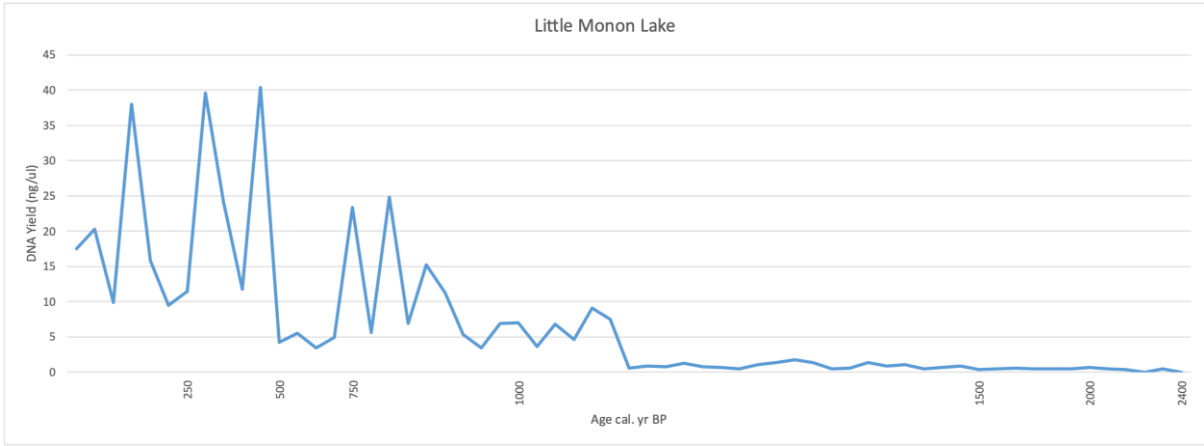
Quantification of DNA yields using Qubit 3.0 assays indicated DNA was present in nearly all sedaDNA samples and exhibit declining levels of total DNA concentration through time, typical of expected levels of DNA degradation with age (See Figures 3.1 to 3.3). Sufficient levels of DNA preservation were confirmed as the matK (Kim et al., 2018) assay evidenced vegetation at all depths at all sites, while general Coleoptera primers (Cole01 protocol, outlined in Taberlet et al., 2018), also indicated the presence of Coleopteran DNA within the sedimentary cores.



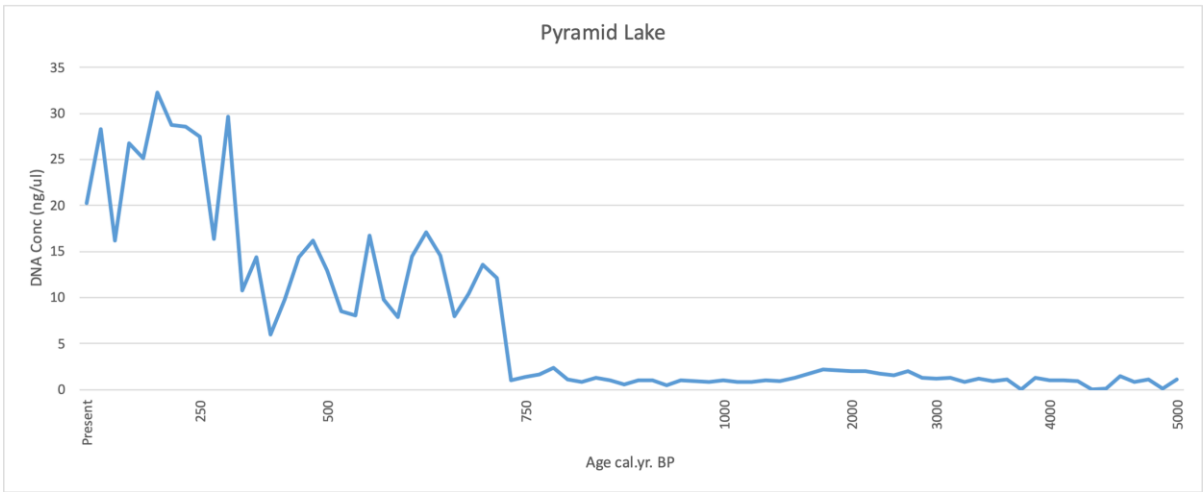
**Figure 3.1. Output of MatK qPCR assay indicating presence of DNA throughout the sediment cores obtained at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake.**

### *1.3. Primer specificity, efficiency, and limits of detection*

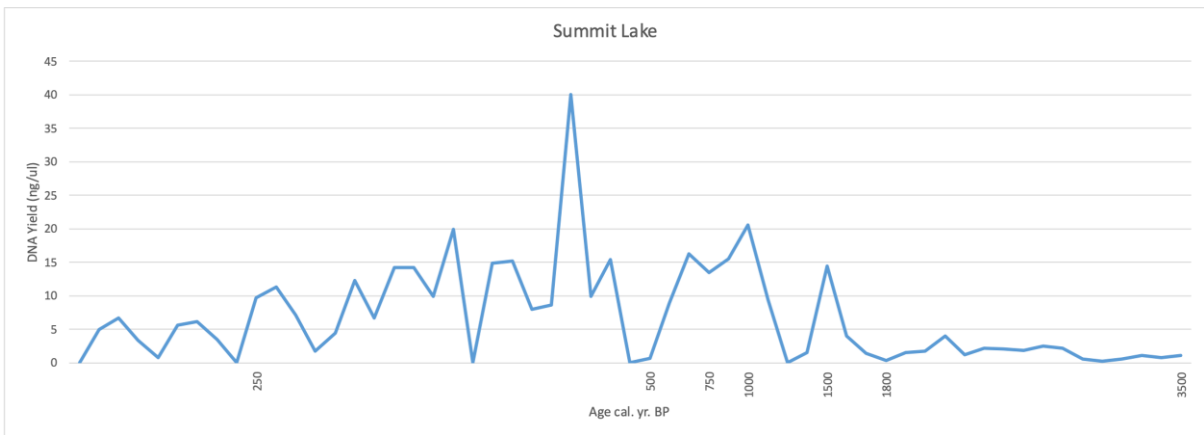
Primer sets DpondF and DpondR and DpseudoF and DpseudoR are designed to be species-specific and were tested in vitro against positive controls for *D. ponderosae* and *D. pseudotsugae* obtained from the Mt Hood National Forest, Oregon, U.S.A. These individuals were obtained from locations nearby to the sites chosen within this thesis to ensure any sequences recovered from sedaDNA would be comparable to modern specimens from local populations. Dpond, Dpseudo, and Chorist qPCR protocols were run with tissue of both target and non-target species to highlight specificity (Table 3.2). Primer pairs Dpond and Dpseudo demonstrated high levels of species-specificity amplifying only the target species and not the closely related non-target species. ChoristF and ChoristR were designed to be genus specific and were validated with *C. occidentalis* as a positive control and *D. ponderosae* as a negative control. Amplicons were Sanger sequenced (Men et al., 2008) and the resulting sequences were checked against published reference material for target species using NCBI-BLAST. All amplified sequences matched expected corresponding reference sequences within the NCBI database.



**Figures 3.2. sedaDNA yields from Little Monon Lake with corresponding age inferred from age-depth model**



**Figure 3.3. sedaDNA yields from Pyramid Lake with corresponding age inferred from age-depth model**



**Figures 3.4. sedaDNA yields from Summit Lake with corresponding age inferred from age-depth model**

Primer set	Samples	Ct value
<i>DpondF and DpondR</i>	<i>D. ponderosae</i> #1	17.3
	<i>D. ponderosae</i> #2	16.2
	<i>D. ponderosae</i> #3	16.4
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i> #1	No amp.
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i> #2	No amp.
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i> #3	No amp.
<i>DpseudoF and DpseudoR</i>	<i>D. ponderosae</i> #1	No amp.
	<i>D. ponderosae</i> #2	No amp.
	<i>D. ponderosae</i> #3	No amp.
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i> #1	17.9
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i> #2	17.7
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i> #3	17.7
<i>ChoristF and ChoristR</i>	<i>C. occidentalis</i> #1	16.7
	<i>C. occidentalis</i> #2	16.6
	<i>C. occidentalis</i> #3	16.6
	<i>D. ponderosae</i> #1	No amp.
	<i>D. ponderosae</i> #2	No amp.
	<i>D. ponderosae</i> #3	No amp.

**Table 3.2. qPCR results summary showing the species-specificity of designed primer sets *Dpond*, *Dpseudo*, and *Chorist*.**

Temperature gradient tests were run between 55 and 65°C revealed primer efficiencies were optimal at both 60 °C and 61.5 °C, and so annealing temperatures for all primer sets were optimised at 61.5°C to provide increased specificity. High resolution melting (HRM) analysis of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae*, and *C. occidentalis* tissue samples using the newly designed primer sets yielded consistent melting temperatures of 71.7°C, 72.8°C, and 70.7°C, respectively. These melting temperatures were used to indicate presence of target species in any positive sedaDNA samples. A ten-fold dilution series of positive controls of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae*, and *C. occidentalis* DNA obtained from taxonomically verified modern samples show that primer efficiencies for each primer set were 104.0%, 89.3%, and 91.1%, respectively, with limits of detection of 0.00000462 ng/μl, 0.000195 ng/μl, and 0.00011 ng/μl, respectively.

#### 1.4. *sedaDNA* results

##### 1.4.1. Pyramid Lake

###### 1.4.1.1. *Dpseudo* protocol

Two positive sets of amplifications of *D. pseudotsugae* were identified using the *Dpseudo* protocol (target: *D. pseudotsugae*) at Pyramid Lake. The first at 2mm (in 2/3 replicates, T<sub>m</sub>: 72.6°C) and the second at 22mm (in 1/3 replicates, T<sub>m</sub>: 72.0°C). The T<sub>m</sub> of these amplifications correspond to the T<sub>m</sub> of *D. pseudotsugae* (Figure 3.4). Age depth models indicate these depths correspond to 1955 - 2004 AD and 543 - 473 cal. yr. BP, respectively. The uppermost sample, 2mm, shows a high level of amplification, with positives occurring in 2 out of 3 replicates. This sample coincides with the period associated with ADS data, during which there was a known outbreak of *D. pseudotsugae* in 1992 within the immediate vicinity of Pyramid Lake.

###### 1.4.1.2. *Dpond* protocol

Six positive sets of amplifications were identified using the *Dpond* protocol (target: *D. ponderosae*) at Pyramid Lake. These amplifications occurred at 64mm (in 2/6 replicates, T<sub>m</sub>: 74.0°C), 66mm (in 1/6 replicates, T<sub>m</sub>: 74.1°C), 70mm (in 1/6 replicates, T<sub>m</sub>: 74.1°C), 72mm (in 1/6 replicates, T<sub>m</sub>: 73.5°C), 74mm (in 3/6 replicates, T<sub>m</sub>: 73.9°C), 80mm (in 2/6 replicates, T<sub>m</sub>: 73.9°C) (Figure 3.5). Age depth models indicate these depths correspond to a period between 752 cal. yr. BP (64mm) and 896 cal. yr. BP (80mm). The T<sub>m</sub> of the replicates was consistent in all cases, but different from that from modern reference material from the target species.

###### 1.4.1.3. *Chorist* protocol

No positive amplifications of *Choristoneura* spp. occurred at any depth at Pyramid Lake using the *Chorist* protocol. All positive controls amplified in all qPCR reactions and there were no amplifications in the negative controls.

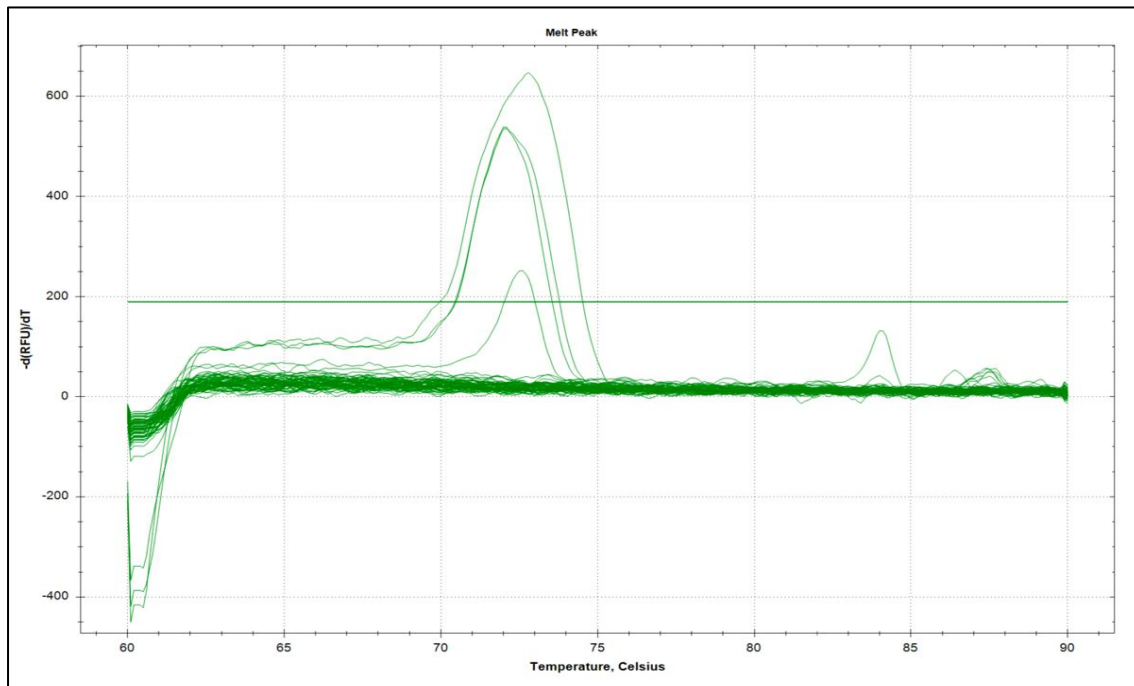


Figure 3.5. HRM analyses of Dpseudo protocol at Pyramid Lake indicating three positive amplifications matching  $T_m$  of the target species (*D. pseudotsugae*)

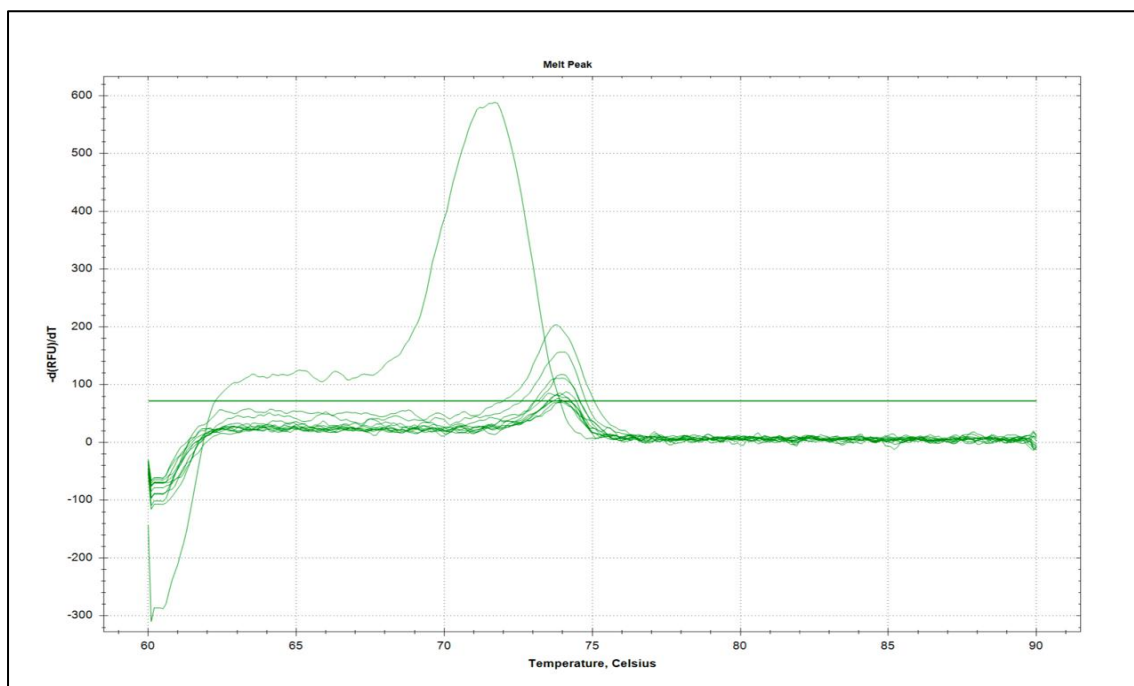


Figure 3.6. HRM analyses of Dpond protocol at Pyramid Lake indicating the multiple amplifications of an unknown target

### 1.4.2 Little Monon Lake

#### 1.4.2.1. All protocols

The use of the Dpond, Dpseudo, and Chorist qPCR protocols resulted in no positive amplifications of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae* or *C. occidentalis* at any sample depth at Little Monon Lake. All qPCR positive controls amplified successfully and there was no evidence of contamination in any negative controls. The surface sample predates the period covered by the ADS survey dataset, as such, there is no information on which, if any, species were expected at Little Monon Lake.

### 1.4.3. Summit Lake

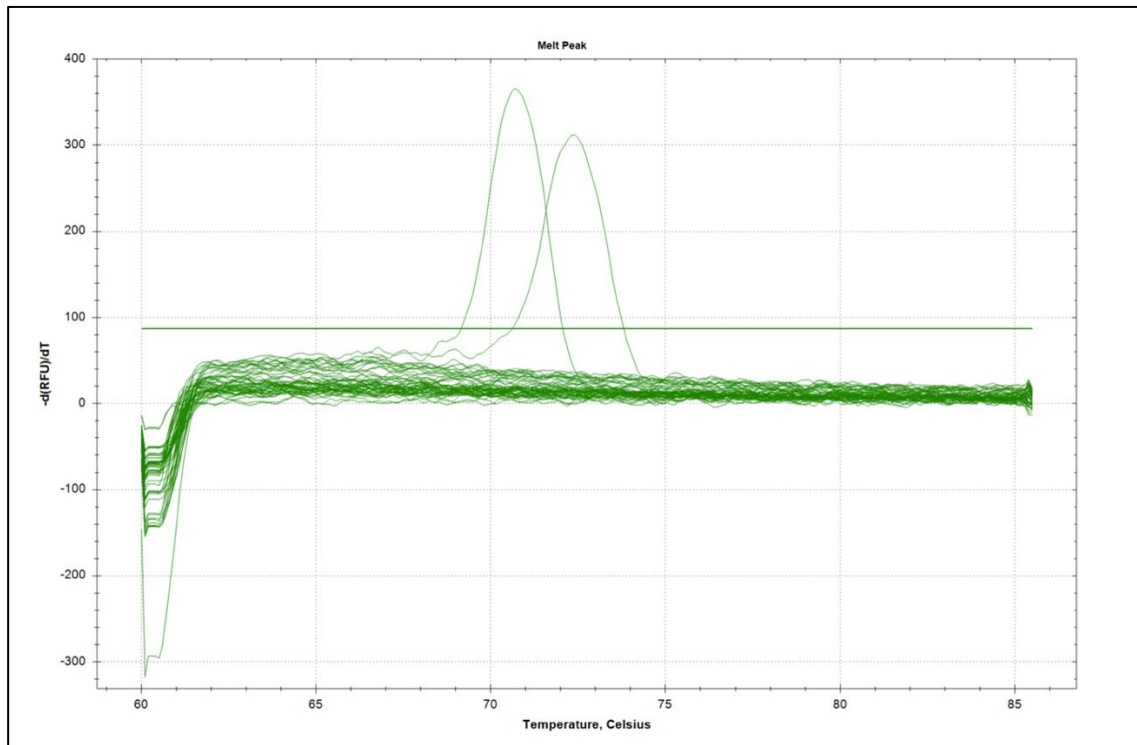
#### 1.4.3.1. Chorist protocol

One positive amplification from three replicates was identified using the Chorist qPCR protocol in the uppermost (2mm) sample at Summit Lake. While no radiocarbon date exists for the uppermost sample, the sample directly below dates to 1810-1925 AD, which suggests the uppermost sample could originate from the early-to-mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century. High resolution melting (HRM) analyses indicated that the T<sub>m</sub> of the positive amplification (72.4°C) was different from the positive control of *Choristoneura occidentalis*, however, several other *Choristoneura* species are known to inhabit the Mt Hood National Forest, including sugar pine tortrix (*C. lambertiana*) and the Obliquebanded leafroller (*C. rosaceana*) (Figure 3.4). Samples which showed potential amplifications using the qPCR protocols were re-run as conventional PCR with the Chorist protocol. This PCR produced four positive amplifications that matched the expected product length of the *Choristoneura* spp. The resulting sequences were not clear enough to distinguish the species, therefore, the presence of the target species cannot be confirmed. Several repetitions to reproduce the positive amplification were attempted, however, no further positive amplifications occurred.

#### 1.4.3.2. Dpond and Dpseudo protocols

Neither *D. ponderosae* or *D. pseudotsugae* were detected at any depth using the Dpond and Dpseudo protocols.





**Figure 3.7. HRM analyses of Dpseudo protocol at Summit Lake indicating the amplification of an unknown target**

### 1.5. PCR inhibition trials

To assess the degree to which PCR inhibition associated with humic acid content may have contributed to the lack of positive amplifications outlined above, a dilution series containing varying levels of sedaDNA with 1 $\mu$ l of *D. ponderosae* tissue DNA were run with the Dpond qPCR protocol using the uppermost sample at each site (Table 3.3). The hypothesis was that samples containing higher concentrations of sedaDNA would introduce more potential PCR inhibitors into the reaction and delay the amplification of pure *D. ponderosae* DNA.

At Pyramid Lake, the sample containing no sedaDNA + 1 $\mu$ l DNA (Sample 6) amplified three cycles earlier than the sample containing 3.5 $\mu$ l sedaDNA + 1 $\mu$ l DNA (Sample 2). This suggests the potential for significant levels of PCR inhibition at the surface sample at Pyramid Lake. At Summit Lake, the sample containing no sedaDNA + 1 $\mu$ l DNA (Sample 6) amplified at the same cycle as the sample containing 3.5 $\mu$ l sedaDNA + 1 $\mu$ l DNA (Sample 2) indicating there is no PCR inhibition within the surface sediment at Summit Lake. At Little Monon Lake, the sample containing no sedaDNA + 1 $\mu$ l DNA (Sample 6) amplified 1.3 cycles earlier than the

sample containing 3.5µl sedaDNA + 1µl DNA (Sample 2). This suggests there could be moderate levels of PCR inhibition at Little Monon Lake.

Site	Sample #	sedaDNA:DNA Mixture	Ct value
<i>Pyramid Lake</i>	1	4.5µl sedaDNA - no DNA	0
	2	3.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA	19.4
	3	2.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 1µl H2O	19.0
	4	1.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 2µl H2O	19.5
	5	0.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 3µl H2O	17.4
	6	no sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 3.5 H2O	16.5
<i>Summit Lake</i>	1	4.5µl sedaDNA - no DNA	0
	2	3.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA	15.0
	3	2.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 1µl H2O	14.9
	4	1.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 2µl H2O	15.2
	5	0.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 3µl H2O	15.1
	6	no sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 3.5 H2O	15.0
<i>Little Monon Lake</i>	1	4.5µl sedaDNA - no DNA	0
	2	3.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA	19.6
	3	2.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 1µl H2O	18.8
	4	1.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 2µl H2O	18.8
	5	0.5µl sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 3µl H2O	18.5
	6	no sedaDNA - 1µl DNA + 3.5 H2O	18.3

**Table 3.3. Ct values for varying concentrations of sedaDNA:DNA to test potential PCR inhibition**

## 2. Charcoal

### 2.1. Summary statistics of raw charcoal counts

The maximum number of charcoal particles found within any particular depth at Little Monon Lake were 5, 35, and 181 particles in the > 500 µm, 250 – 500 µm, and 125 – 250 µm size classes, respectively. The 5 particles found within the >500 µm size class, at 114mm depth (1,497 cal. yr. BP), were the highest number of particles found within this size class at any site. All samples within the 125 – 250 µm size class contained charcoal particles. Little Monon Lake contained the highest mean number of particles per 2mm sample across all sites in both the 250 – 500 µm and >500 µm size classes, with an average of 9.06 and 0.31 particles per depth, respectively. The maximum number of particles found within a particular depth at Pyramid Lake were 2, 17, and 133 particles in the > 500 µm, 250 – 500 µm, and 125 – 250 µm size classes, respectively. All samples within the 125 – 250 µm size class contained charcoal particles. Pyramid Lake contained the lowest mean number of particles across all size classes, with an average of 0.12, 3.98, and 45.07 particles within the >500 µm, 250 – 500 µm, and 125 – 250 µm size classes, respectively. The maximum number of particles found within a particular depth at Summit Lake were 2, 22, and 182 particles in the > 500 µm, 250 – 500 µm, and 125 – 250 µm size classes, respectively. All samples within the 125 – 250 µm size class

contained charcoal particles. Summit Lake contained the highest mean number of particles per 2mm sample in the 125 – 250  $\mu\text{m}$  size class at all sites with an average of 87.56 particles.

		>500 $\mu\text{m}$	250-500 $\mu\text{m}$	125-250 $\mu\text{m}$
<i>Little Monon Lake</i>				
	Min	0	0	5
	Max	5	35	181
	Mean	0.31	9.06	76.31
	Var	0.46	39.50	1264.16
<i>Pyramid Lake</i>				
	Min	0	0	9
	Max	2	17	133
	Mean	0.12	3.98	45.07
	Var	0.13	10.78	675.28
<i>Summit Lake</i>				
	Min	0	0	12
	Max	2	22	182
	Mean	0.21	7.47	87.56
	Var	0.21	21.89	1908.33

**Table 3.4. Summary statistics of raw charcoal count data**

## 2.2. Distribution of charcoal particles

The violin plots outlined in Figure 3.7 combine a typical box plot with a kernel density plot to show the frequency of sample depths which contain a given number of particles. Patterns of distribution within the 125 – 250  $\mu\text{m}$  size classes are very different between the three sites. Little Monon Lake is normally distributed with the main population of the data grouped around the median particle count of 77 particles. The same size class at Pyramid Lake is unimodally distributed, however, the main population is skewed towards the lower end of the particle counts, with most sample depths containing between 20 and 30 particles. The data for Summit Lake shows a multimodal distribution with two main populations. The first population contains a group of samples each with around 25 particles with a second, much larger, population focused around 100 particles. The distribution of the 250 – 500  $\mu\text{m}$  size class is similar for all three sites with the main populations skewed towards a lower number of charcoal particles per depth. The distribution of the >500  $\mu\text{m}$  size class is also similar across all three sites, as most of the sampling depths contained no charcoal particles within this size class. Little Monon Lake shows the greatest variation as a single sample within this site contains 5 charcoal particles, which is the highest count within this size class at any site.

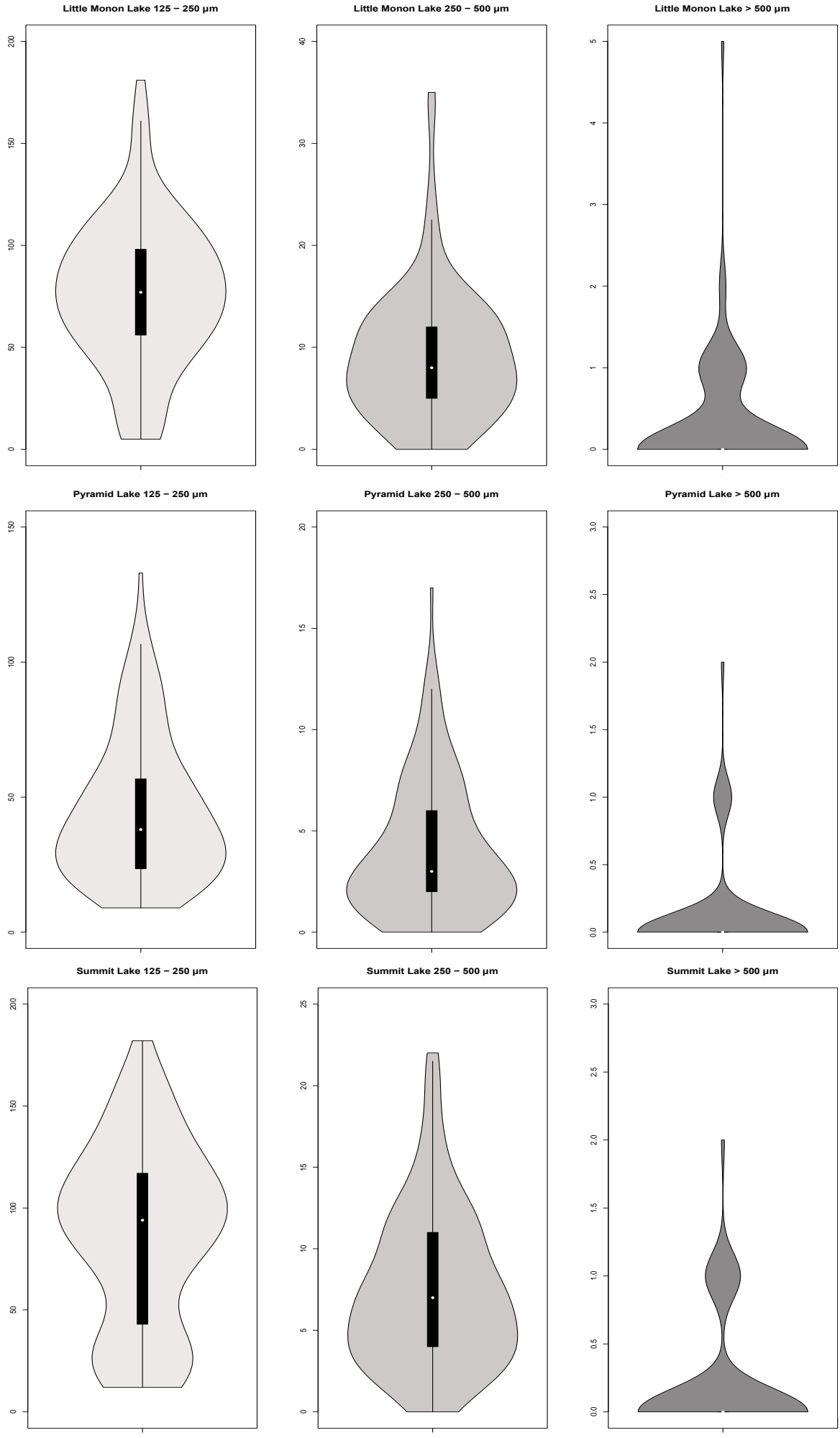


Figure 3.8. – Violin plots of raw charcoal counts at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake.

### 2.3. Charcoal accumulation rates (CHAR)

#### 2.3.1. Little Monon Lake

##### 2.3.1.1. 250-125 $\mu$ m

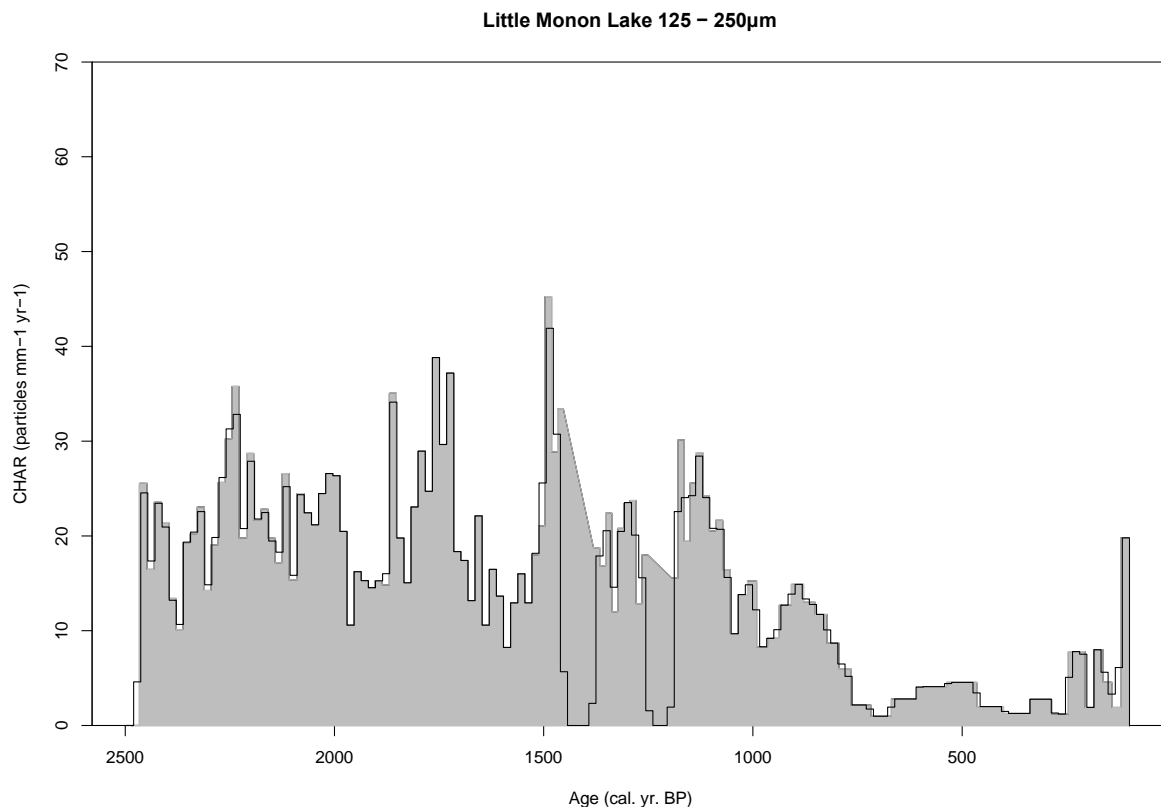
A total of 8,013 charcoal particles were observed in this size class across all depths. The record for Little Monon Lake begins with moderate level CHAR values around 25 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . These decline to 10.12 by 2,400 yr BP. This decline is followed by a steady increase in CHAR values to 36 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . By 2,200 yr BP. The peak is followed by a sharp decline in CHAR values to 11 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  by 1,900 yr BP. The next 400-year period, between 1,900 yr BP and 1,500 yr BP, sees three distinct CHAR peaks followed by rapid declines in CHAR values. The first peak in this sequence occurs ~1,850 yr BP with a value of 35 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , the second, occurs 100 years later, in 1,750 yr BP whereby values peak at 40 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . This period is followed by a period of low CHAR, falling to 10 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  between 1,700 yr BP and 1,550 yr BP. Around 1,500 yr BP, CHAR dramatically increases to the highest value for the series with CHAR around 48 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . The period 1,400 yr BP to 1,100 yr BP is characterised by a steady increase to 30 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  followed by a gentle decrease in CHAR to ~5 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  by 750 yr BP. The period 750 yr BP to 250 yr BP is characterised by very low CHAR values, less than 5 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . The most recent 250 years exhibit a rapid increase in CHAR values which range from 2 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  at 200 yr BP to 20 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  in the uppermost sample.

##### 2.3.1.2. 500-250 $\mu$ m

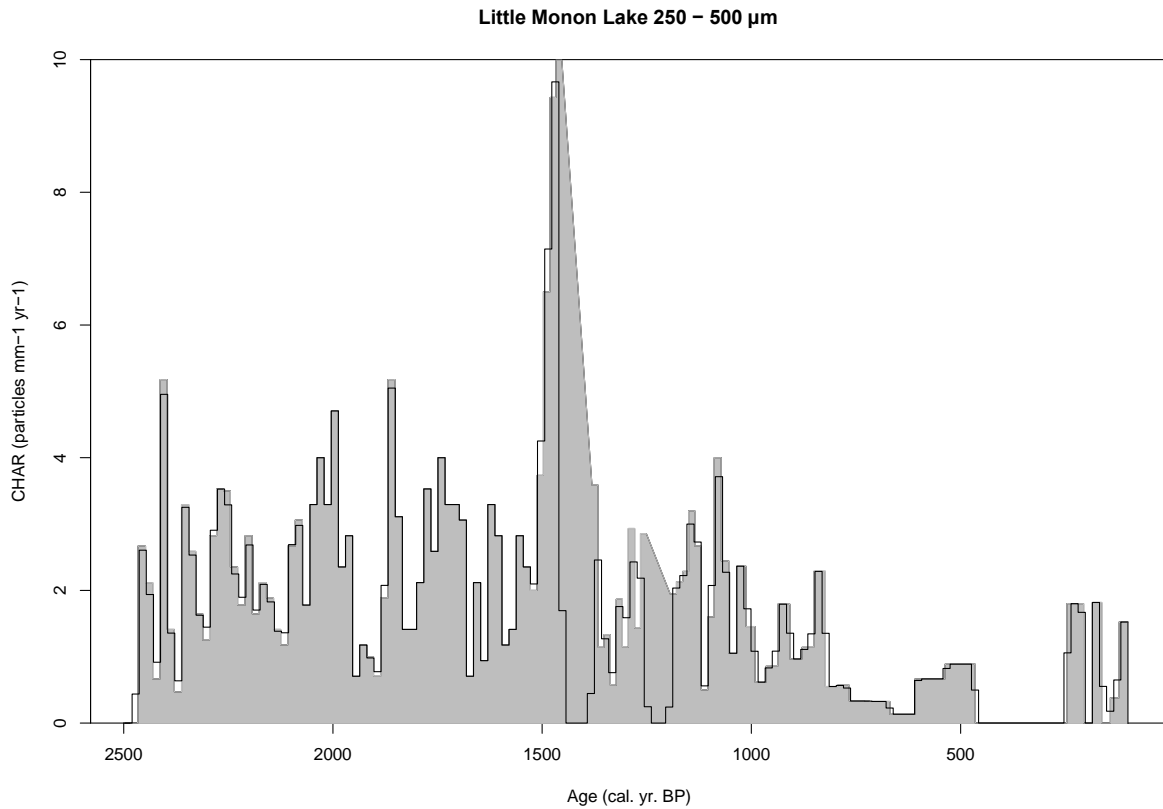
A total of 951 particles were observed in this size class with an average of 8.29 particles ( $\sigma$  6.55) observed per sample depth. The first 1,000 years (2,500 yr BP to 1,500 yr BP) of CHAR values in this size class are highly fluctuating ranging between 0.5 and 5.5 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . The distinct peak observed in the >500 $\mu$ m size class ~1,500 yr BP is also observed in the 500-250 $\mu$ m size class. This peak, which has a top value of 10 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  is the highest peak throughout the 500-250 $\mu$ m size class CHAR record. This peak is followed by around 800 years of similar fire activity to the first 1,000 years, fluctuating between 0.5 and 4 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . There is a noticeable decline in CHAR values around 750 yr BP whereby values fall to less than 0.3 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . The most recent 200 yr BP sees an increase in CHAR values to around 0.8 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ .

### 2.3.1.3. $>500\mu\text{m}$

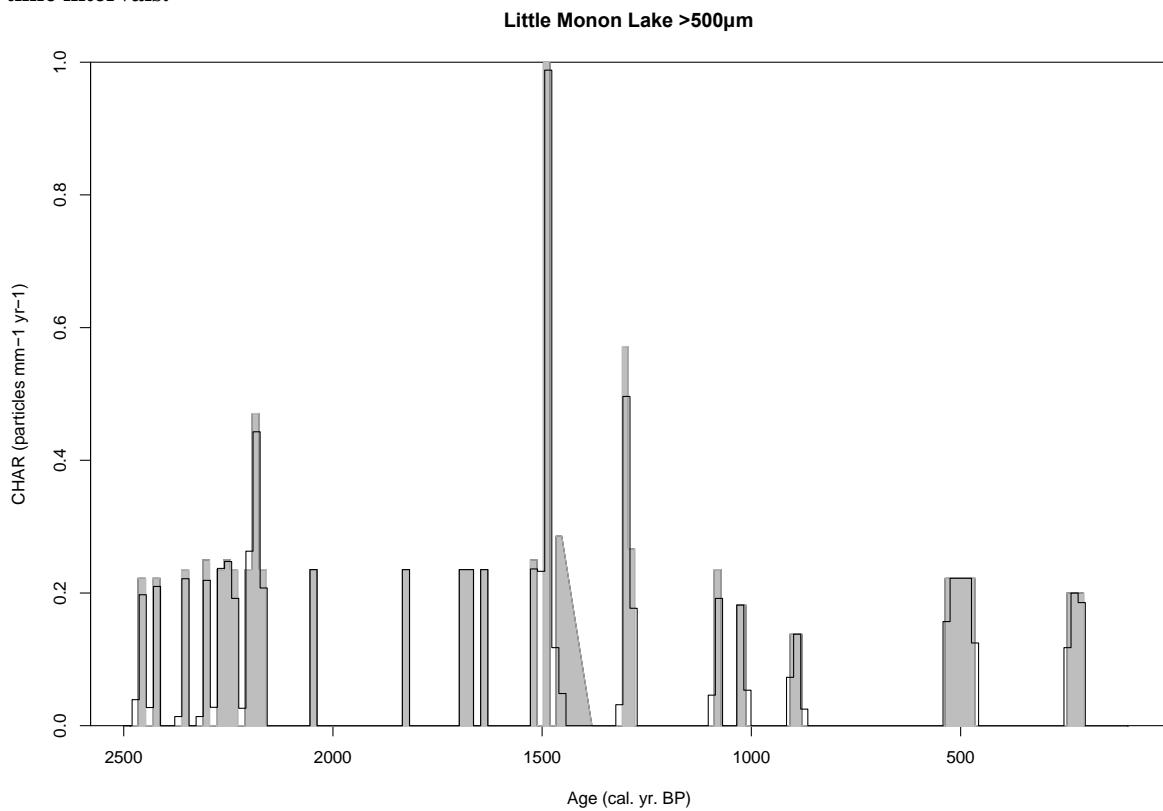
The  $>500\mu\text{m}$  size class expectedly contains far few numbers of charcoal particles than the two smaller size classes. A total of 33 particles were observed within this size class with an average of 0.29 ( $\sigma$  0.66) per sample depth. CHAR values are higher at the beginning of the record with near consistent values ranging from 0 to 0.2 particle  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  for the period of 2,400 BP to 2,050 BP. During this period, there is a distinct peak in CHAR  $\sim 2,200$  yr BP whereby values rise to 0.5 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  from a background value of 0.2 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . This interval is followed by a period of no charcoal particles between 2,000 yr BP and 1,700 yr BP. The second peak occurs at 1,500 yr BP where CHAR values rapidly increase to 1 particle  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , which is the largest CHAR value observed in this size class at Little Monon Lake. A third peak occurs around 1,350 BP where CHAR values rise to 0.6 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . Three small peaks in CHAR are observed  $\sim 1,000$  yr BP with values  $\sim 0.2$ . CHAR values within the last 1,000 years are much reduced compared to earlier in the record. Two periods of fire activity are observed around 500 and 250 yr BP with CHAR values  $\sim 0.1$  particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ .



**Figure 3.9 Little Monon Lake - CHAR 125 – 250  $\mu\text{m}$  size class. Original accumulation rates are represented by the shaded area while the histogram represents interpolated accumulation rates at equal time intervals.**



**Figure 3.10. Little Monon Lake – CHAR 250 – 500 µm size class. Original accumulation rates are represented by the shaded area while the histogram represents interpolated accumulation rates at equal time intervals.**



**Figure 3.11. Little Monon Lake CHAR >500 µm size class. Original accumulation rates are represented by the shaded area while the histogram represents interpolated accumulation rates at equal time intervals.**

### 2.3.2.3. *Pyramid Lake*

#### 2.3.2.1. *>250-125 $\mu$ m*

CHAR values for this site are considerably lower than the records for Little Monon Lake and Summit Lake. Background CHAR levels are fairly uniform, ranging between 5-8 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  throughout. There are several episodic peaks observed throughout the record, but perhaps not as abrupt as the other sites. The largest peak occurs ~1,650 yr BP where CHAR values rise dramatically to 32 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . This peak is followed by a period of around 300 years whereby CHAR values steadily decline to a low of 4 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . By 1,200 yr BP, CHAR starts to rise again, culminating in a peak of 25 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  around 750 yr BP. An abrupt decline in CHAR values is observed after this period whereby CHAR value decrease from 20 to less than 10 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  where they remain until the present-day sample.

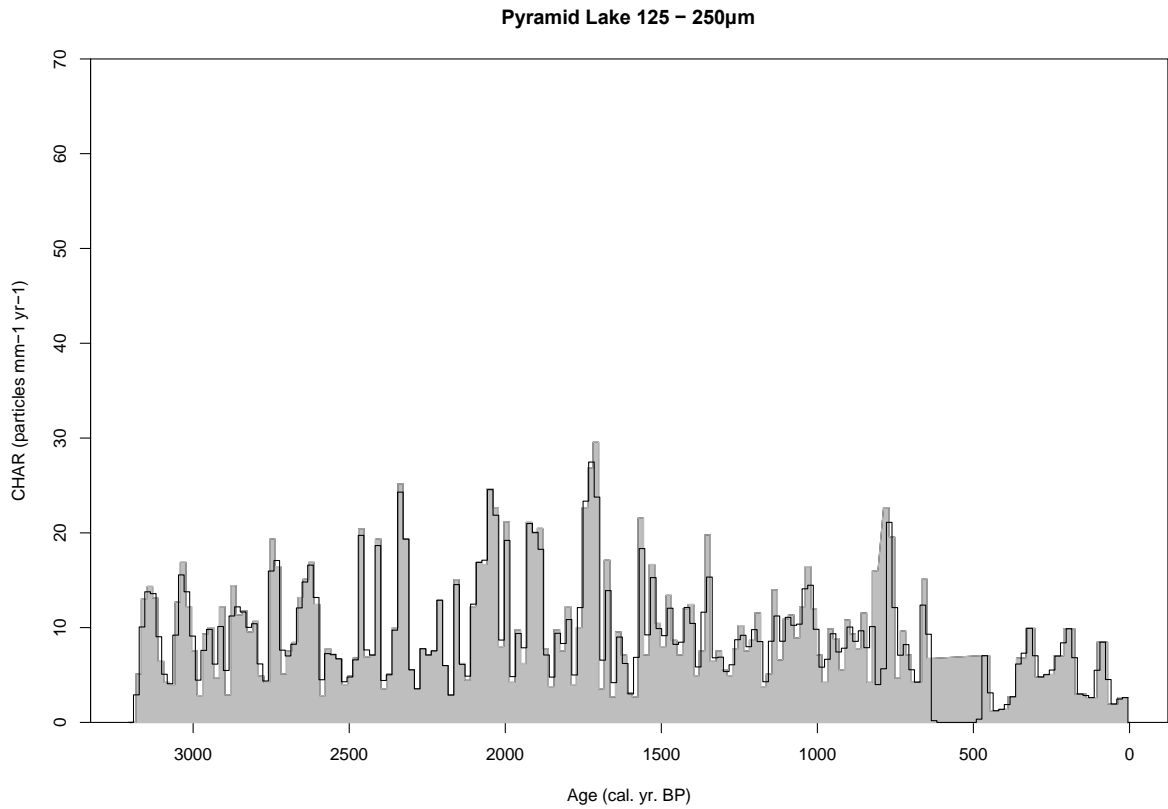
#### 2.3.2.2. *>500-250 $\mu$ m*

The pattern of CHAR for this size class is characterised by relatively low background CHAR with values ~1 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , throughout. Upon these fairly stable background levels exist a series of evenly spaced peaks of equal magnitude which range between 2 and 3 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . The largest peak occurs at 800 yr BP whereby values rise above 4 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . Interestingly, this peak is not as distinct in the other size classes for Pyramid Lake. Between 800 yr BP and present, there is a distinct reduction in CHAR values with very low background levels and several low amplitude peaks of 1-1.5 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ .

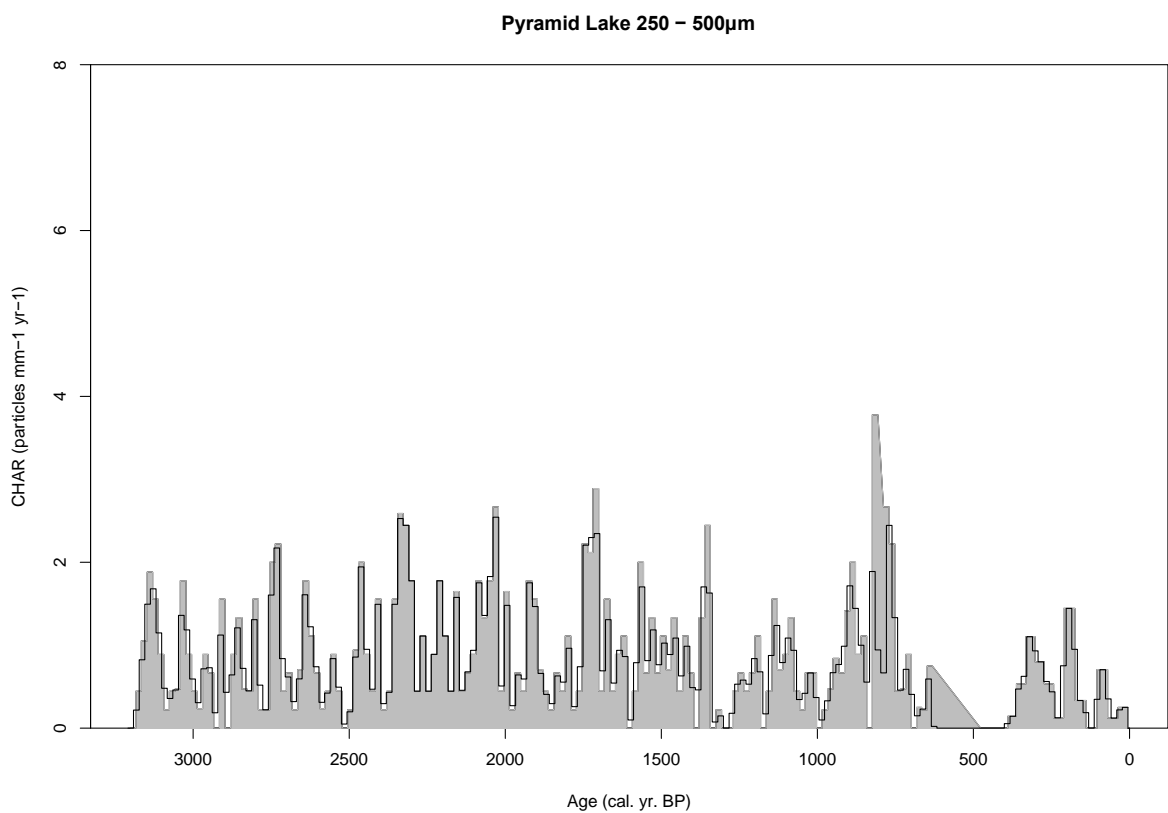
#### 2.3.2.3. *>500 $\mu$ m*

Two distinct peaks occur towards the beginning of the record. The first, at 3,000 yr BP, where CHAR rises to 0.5 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  and the second, around 2,300 yr BP, with values of 0.45 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . The remainder of the record consists of 10 evenly spaced, small peaks with values around 0.2 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . Between 750 yr BP and present, only one small peak is evident, occurring at ~350 yr BP with a value of 0.15 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ .

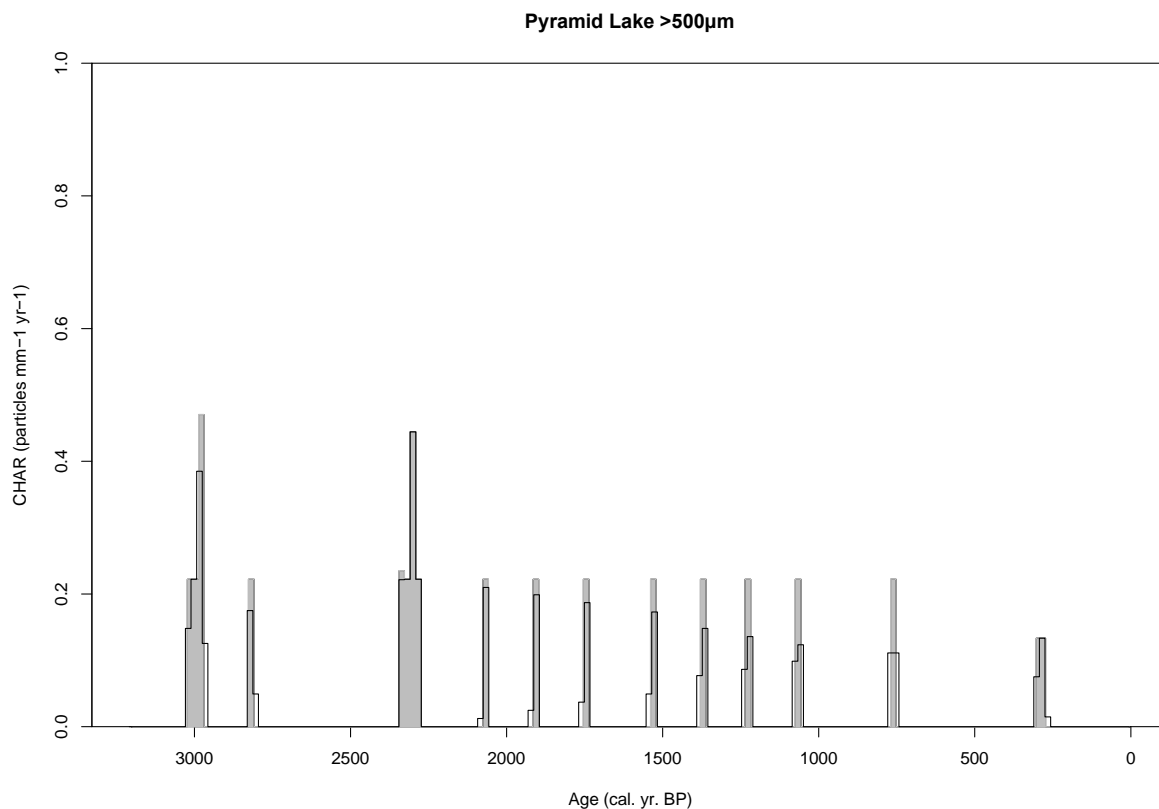




**Figure 3.12. Pyramid Lake - CHAR 125-250  $\mu$ m size class. Original accumulation rates are represented by the shaded area while the histogram represents interpolated accumulation rates at equal time intervals.**



**Figure 3.13. Pyramid Lake - CHAR 250 - 500  $\mu$ m size class. Original accumulation rates are represented by the shaded area while the histogram represents interpolated accumulation rates at equal time intervals.**



**Figure 3.14. – Pyramid Lake - CHAR > 500 µm size class. Original accumulation rates are represented by the shaded area while the histogram represents interpolated accumulation rates at equal time intervals.**

### 2.3.3. Summit Lake

#### 2.3.3.1. >250-125µm

CHAR values for Summit Lake are the highest between all sites, characterised by very high background signals around 25 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . Between 1,800 to 1,350 yr BP there is an apparent upward trend in CHAR values. During this period, background signals steady rise from 10 to 40 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , with several peaks reaching 50 to 55 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . Between 1,350 and 1,100 yr BP, background signals are dramatically reduced to a stable level of 30 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  throughout this brief period. While background CHAR remains relatively low, several notable peaks are observed within this period, which range 45-55 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . The period 1,100 to 900 yr BP contains the highest level of CHAR at Summit Lake. Background levels of 35 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  and peaks ranging from 55 to 68 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  represent the highest CHAR levels found at any site. Between 900 and 650 yr BP, there is an overall declining trend in CHAR following the peak values observed in the previous period. There is one distinct peak within this downward trending period, occurring at 850 yr BP where CHAR values rise dramatically to 60 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . At 650 yr BP, there is an obvious and abrupt change in the fire regime. A dramatic decline in CHAR from 40 to 5 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  occurs within a few decades. From this period to the present day, CHAR

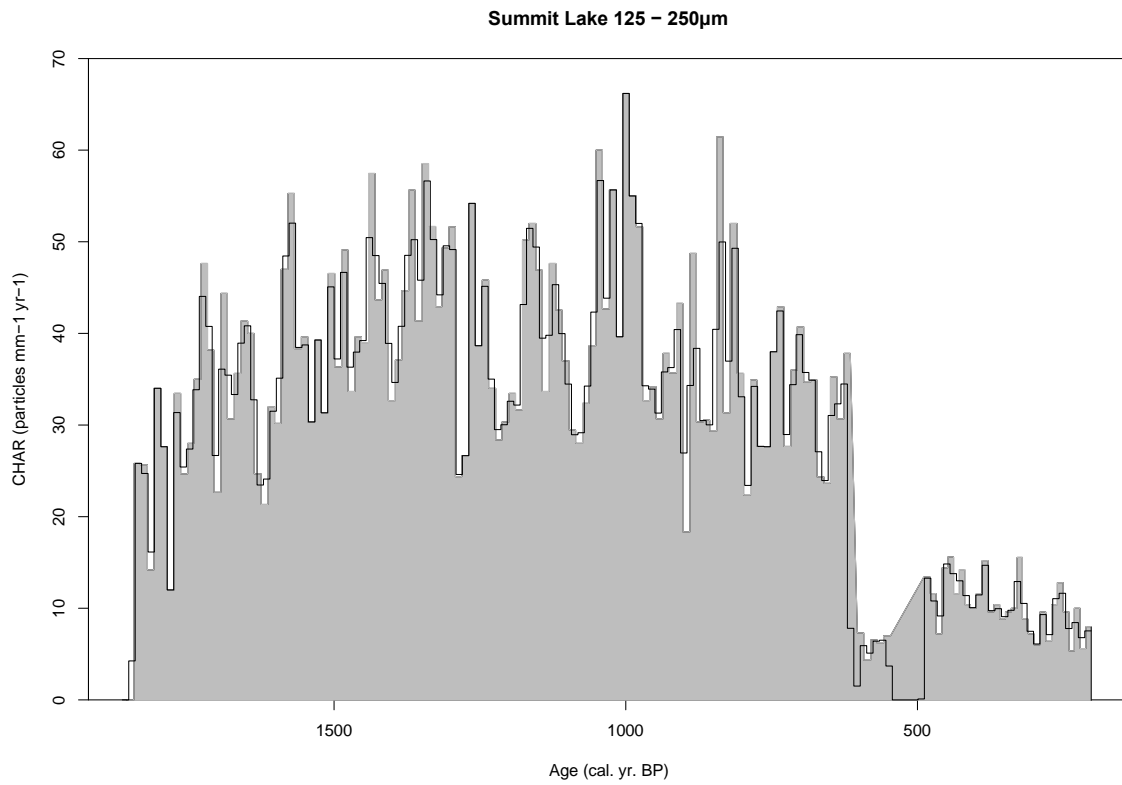
remains low, never exceeding 15 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  and takes the form of a more background component over high variation.

#### 2.3.3.2. $>500\text{-}250\mu\text{m}$

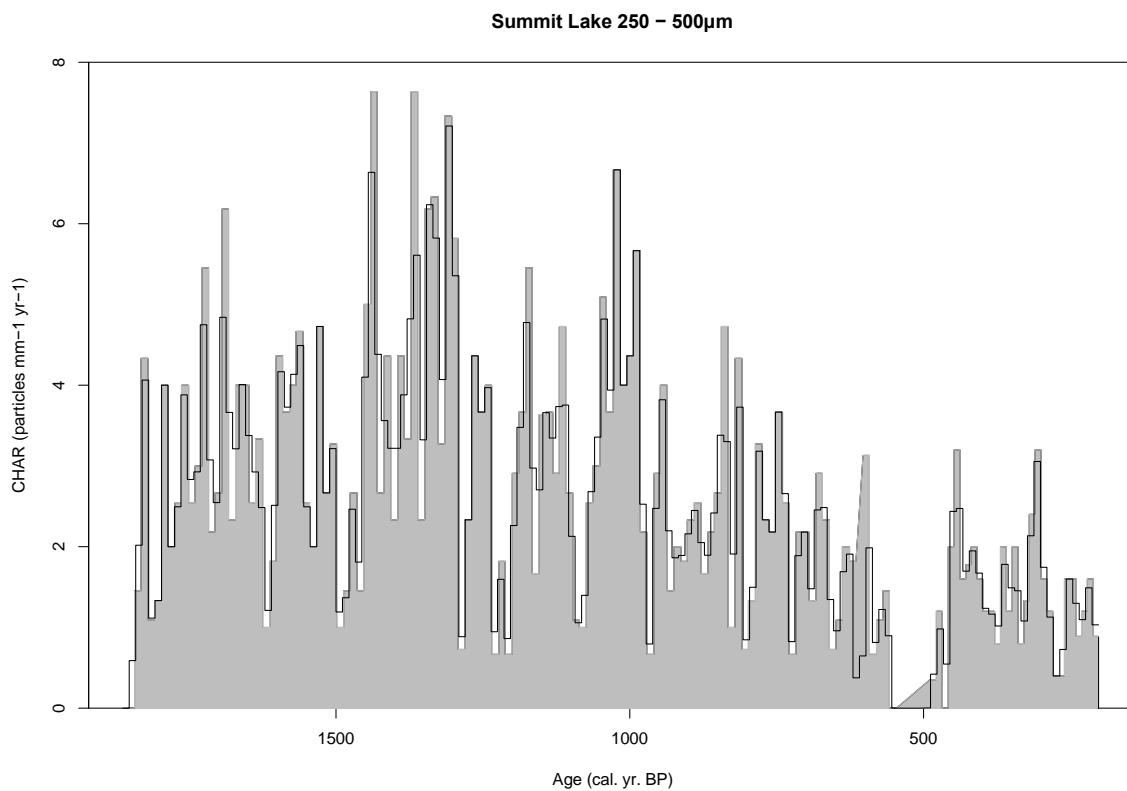
The record for this size class is much more fluctuating than the smaller size class. Background signals are low, ranging from 1 to 2 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , however, this record is characterised by very large and distinct peaks in CHAR. The upward trend between 1,800 and 1,300 yr BP is also observable in this record, with numerous peaks between 6 and 7.8 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  occurring throughout this period. From 1,300 yr BP onwards, there is an overall decline in CHAR values. Despite the overall decline, there are still numerous dramatic peaks within the record, although the amplitude decreases moving towards the present day. One other significant peak occurs during this period, at 1,000 yr BP with a value of 7 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . Unlike the abrupt decline observed at 650 yr BP in the smallest size class, CHAR values here trend downward more smoothly, with less of an instantaneous change and more like a smooth transition. The values for the last 650 years are less stable than those observed in the smallest size class. Although background levels are low, less than 1 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , there are numerous peaks within the period comparable with earlier in the record. Two peaks occur at 450 and 200 with values over 3 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , which are more akin with pre 650 yr BP levels. The last 200 years see a downward trend towards 1 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ .

#### 2.3.3.3. $>500 \mu\text{m}$

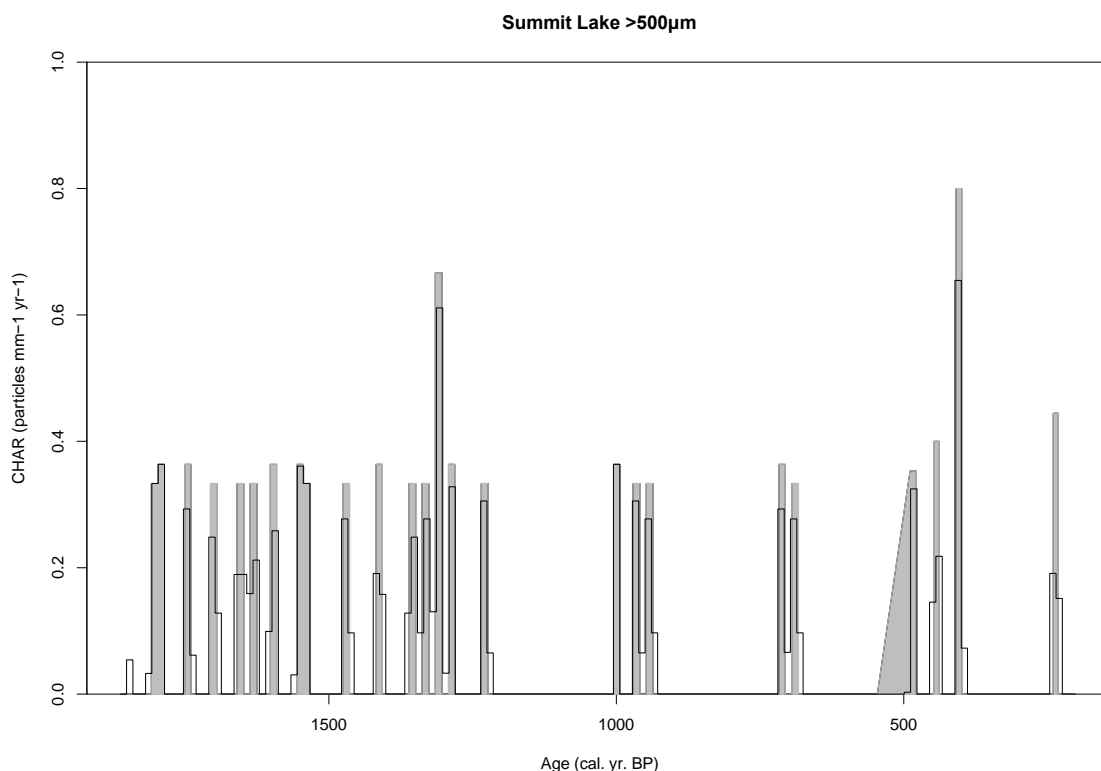
The  $>500\mu\text{m}$  record for Summit Lake is interesting as it does not follow the patterns observed in the two smaller size classes. Higher peaks are observed in the more recent samples, than earlier in the record. There is a clustering of CHAR peaks between 1,800 yr BP and 1,200 yr BP, mostly of equal amplitude of around 0.4 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . There is one peak of 0.7 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  around 1,300 yr BP which greatly exceeds the values surrounding it. A similar peak is observed in the 500-250 $\mu\text{m}$  record. This peak is followed by a period of very little fire activity with no CHAR between 1,250 to 1,000 yr BP. Between 1,000 and 950 yr BP there is a cluster of three CHAR peaks with values  $\sim 0.4$  particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . These peaks are followed by another hiatus in CHAR. Two peaks occur at 700 yr BP measuring 0.4 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ . The last 500 years contain several peaks in CHAR, including the highest peak observed throughout the record. Three peaks of 0.4 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  are separated by one large peak around 400 yr BP where CHAR values rise dramatically to 0.8 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , which is the highest value for the series.



**Figure 3.15. Summit Lake - CHAR 125-250  $\mu\text{m}$  size class. Original accumulation rates are represented by the shaded area while the histogram represents interpolated accumulation rates at equal time intervals.**



**Figure 3.16. - Summit Lake - CHAR 250 - 500  $\mu\text{m}$  size class. Original accumulation rates are represented by the shaded area while the histogram represents interpolated accumulation rates at equal time intervals.**



**Figure 3.17. – Summit Lake - CHAR >500 µm size class. Original accumulation rates are represented by the shaded area while the histogram represents interpolated accumulation rates at equal time intervals.**

#### 2.4. Fire 'event' indices

Several running mean intervals (200-yr, 150-yr, and 100-yr) were used to assess how various methods of calculating *backgroundCHAR* in the 125 – 250 µm size class affected the number of fire events identified using the event indices (Table 3.5). Little Monon Lake showed the greatest disparity in number of fire events identified between the differing lengths of running mean. The 100-yr window resulted in the identification of 65 fire events throughout the series, compared to 58 and 53 events identified using the 150-yr and 200-yr windows, respectively. Therefore, 7-12 more fire events were identified using the shorter running mean. The results for Summit Lake show much less variation in the number of fire events identified using the varying length of running mean, with 72 events identified using the 100-yr window, 71 events identified using the 150-yr window, and 70 events identified using the 200-yr window. At Pyramid Lake, 69 fire events were identified using both the 200-yr and 150-yr windows, however, a further 10 events, were identified using the shorter 100-yr window. This analysis was done manually using conditional formatting in Microsoft Excel, highlighting the sample depths at which the event thresholds were met.

Figures 3.17 to 3.25 show the varying running means for each site, as calculated by the 100-yr, 150-yr, and 100-yr windows, plotted with the values for CHAR. These results clearly demonstrate how the 100-yr window is more variable and reflective of the *peakCHAR* component. While detecting the highest number of events does not necessarily result in the highest quality reconstruction, a 100-yr running mean was used as it was relative to the 500-yr running means implemented when using 1cm sampling resolutions, cited in the literature (Minckley and Long, 2016; Walsh et al., 2008; Long et al., 2007; Long et al., 1998).

There was a high level of variation between the number of events identified using values of 1, 1.05, 1.12, and 1.2, as thresholds for fire occurrence. Table 3.6 shows the number of events identified by each threshold along with the percentage of events identified by the 1.05, 1.12, and 1.2 threshold, in comparison to a threshold of 1. At Little Monon Lake, 65 events were identified using an event index of 1, compared to just 25 events identified using a threshold of 1.2. This is a 62% reduction in the number of events between these set of thresholds, which is the greatest difference across all three sites. Summit Lake shows similar results, with 72 events identified using a threshold of 1, with only 33 events identified using a threshold of 1.2, which accounts for a 55% reduction in the total number of events identified. At Pyramid Lake, there was much less variation in the number of events detected by the range of indices, however, there was still a 32% reduction in the number of events identified using a threshold of 1.2, in comparison to the 79 events identified using a threshold of 1.

	Little Monon Lake	Pyramid Lake	Summit Lake
100-yr window	65	79	72
150-yr window	58	69	71
200-yr window	53	69	70

**Table 3.5. Total number of fire events identified using 100, 150, and 200-yr running windows.**

Index	Little Monon Lake	Pyramid Lake	Summit Lake
1	65	79	72
1.05	50	72	65
1.12	35	58	47
1.2	25	54	33
% of Index = 1			
1	100	100	100
1.05	76.92	91.14	90.28
1.12	53.85	73.42	65.28
1.2	38.46	68.35	45.83

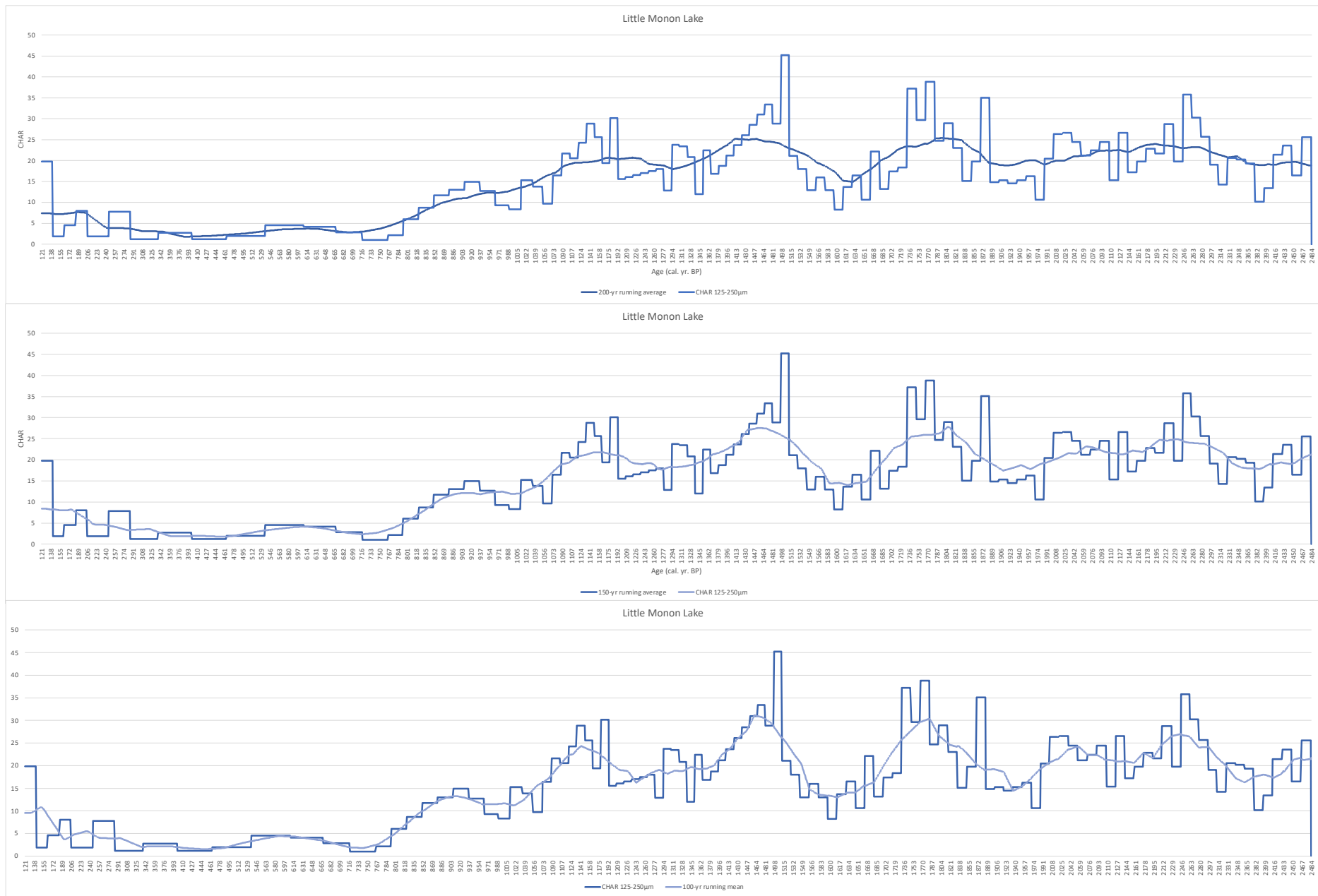
**Table 3.6. The number of fire events identified using 1, 1.05, 1.12, and 1.2 as a threshold for fire events (as used in Long et al., 1998) and the percentage of events identified by the 1.05, 1.12, and 1.2 threshold, in relation to a threshold of 1.**

### 2.5. Fire return intervals

Fire return intervals were calculated using a 100-yr window and an event threshold of 1.0. At Little Monon Lake, the average fire return interval (FRI) for the entire series was 36.64 years ( $\sigma$  36.31 years), however, there is a high level of variation in the FRI behaviour at Little Monon Lake. FRI ranges from 22.8 years between 1,000 to 1,499 yr BP to 83.2 years in the most recent 500-yr period. The Pyramid Lake record show a similar level of fluctuation. The average FRI for the entire series is 41.34 years ( $\sigma$  29.17 years), however, this ranges from 28.4 years in the period between 3,000 and 3,499 yr BP, to 91.8 years in the most recent 500-year period. These dramatic increases in FRI are indicative of the fire suppression patterns observed in both CHAR records described above. The record at Summit Lake is much more consistent. The average FRI for the series was 22.45 years ( $\sigma$  15.52 years) with a high of 20.2 in the most recent 500-yr period and a low of 27.8 years in the period 1,000 to 1,499 yr BP.

	Little Monon Lake	Pyramid Lake	Summit Lake
<b>Mean fire return interval</b>	36.6	41.3	22.4
<b>0-499 yr BP</b>	83.2	91.8	20.2
<b>500-999 yr BP</b>	68.0	32.2	20.7
<b>1000-1499 yr BP</b>	22.8	37.0	27.8
<b>1500-1999 yr BP</b>	36.8	38.5	20.8
<b>2000-2499 yr BP</b>	28.8	45.5	
<b>2500-2999 yr BP</b>		32.1	
<b>3000-3499 yr BP</b>		28.4	

**Table 3.7. Mean fire return interval for the entire series at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake with the mean fire return intervals for 500-yr periods before present. These were calculated using a 100-yr running mean and an event threshold of 1.0.**

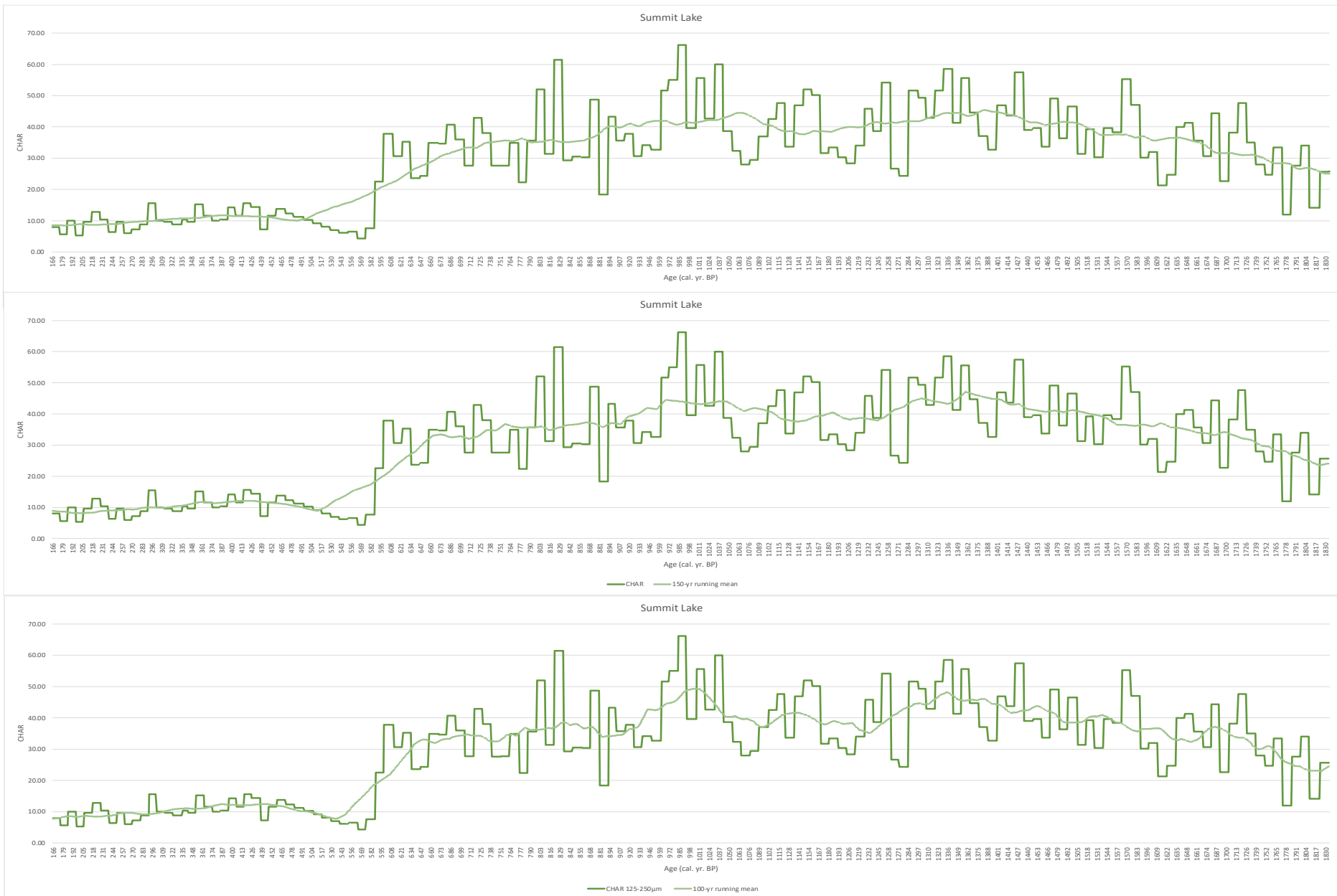


Figures 3.18, 3.19, and 3.20. 200-yr running mean (top), 150-yr running mean (middle), and 100-yr running mean (bottom) at Little Monon Lake, Oregon.





Figures 3.21, 3.22, and 3.23. 200-yr running mean (top), 150-yr running mean (middle), and 100-yr running mean (bottom) at Pyramid Lake, Oregon.



Figures 3.24, 3.25, and 3.26. 200-yr running mean (top), 150-yr running mean (middle), and 100-yr running mean (bottom) at Summit Lake, Oregon.

## *2.6. Fire events per 100-yr period*

The following results are based on an event threshold of 1.0 and a running mean of 100 years.

### *2.6.1. Little Monon Lake*

At Little Monon Lake the most common number of fire events per century is 3, with 7 100-yr periods containing 3 events. The record shows a highly fluctuating number of events with a clustering of higher fire activity within the middle of the Little Monon Lake record, between 2,099 yr BP and 999 yr BP. With the exception of 1,500 to 1,599 yr BP, every 100-yr period contains at least 2 fire events. The 100-yr period with the highest number of fire events occurs between 1,400-1,499 yr BP with a total of 7 events. One period, 1,100 to 1,199 yr BP contains 6 events. Two periods, 2,000-2,099 yr BP and 1,300-1,399 yr BP contain 5 fire events. The number of fire events per 100-yr period dramatically decreases between 800-yr BP and present, whereby mostly 0 or 1 events are observed, with the exception of 100-199 yr BP, whereby two events are identified.

### *2.6.2. Pyramid Lake*

The record for Pyramid Lake is seemingly less variable than those observed at Little Monon Lake or Summit Lake with less dramatic fluctuation in the number of events. The most common number of fire events per century at Pyramid Lake is 2 events, which can be found within 11, 100-yr periods. No 100-yr periods contain 6 or 7 fire events as observed in both the Little Monon Lake and Summit Lake records. Two periods, 2,800-2,899 yr BP and 1,000 to 1,099 yr BP, contain the most fire events, each with 5 events observed within their respective periods. A change in fire regime is observable from the 700-799 yr BP to present as the number of events per 100-yr period is noticeable reduced to between 2, 1, or 0 events.

### *2.6.3. Summit Lake*

The record for Summit Lake clearly highlights that fire activity is greatest and most variable at this site. Of the 19 100-yr periods within the record, 14 periods contain at least 3 fire events. One period, 400 – 499 yr BP contains 7 fire events, the most observed at Summit Lake. Two periods 1700-1799 yr BP and 600-699 yr BP contain a total of 6 events. Only the most recent 100-yr period, 0-99 yr BP, contained no events, which is attributed to a lack of sample during this time period.

Interestingly, none of the 100-yr periods contain the same number of fire events across all three sites.

	Little Monon Lake	Pyramid Lake	Summit Lake
0-99	0	2	0
100-199	2	1	2
200-299	1	0	5
300-399	1	2	4
400-499	1	2	7
500-599	1	0	2
600-699	0	1	6
700-799	1	4	4
800-899	3	4	3
900-999	2	2	5
1000-1999	4	5	2
1100-1199	6	2	5
1200-1299	4	3	5
1300-1399	3	2	3
1400-1499	7	2	5
1500-1599	1	2	2
1600-1699	3	2	4
1700-1799	3	4	6
1800-1899	2	3	2
1900-1999	3	2	
2000-2099	5	3	
2100-2199	2	1	
2200-2299	4	3	
2300-2399	3	3	
2400-2499	3	1	
2500-2599		4	
2600-2699		3	
2700-2799		3	
2800-2899		5	
2900-2999		2	
3000-3999		3	
3100-3199		3	

Figure 3.27. The number of events per 100-yr period at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake as identified by the 100-yr running window.

### 3. Tephra

All geochemical results presented, along with reference database material, are normalised to 100% to eliminate the variability of post deposition hydration and to make signatures comparable between publications (Jones et al., 2018; Lowe et al., 2017; Eastwood et al., 2009; Smith and Westgate, 1968).

Site	Depth	Age	Age error	Age BP	Age AD/BC
<i>Forlorn Camp Lake 3</i>					
	Above B1	1080	81	1154-900	774-1050 AD
	Below B1	660	39	676-554	1274-1396 AD
	Above B2	2510	53	2746-2436	796 -486 BC
	Below B3	4380	61	5665-5452	3715-3502 BC

**Table 3.8. Radiocarbon dates and calibrated ages for samples associated with tephra analyses at Forlorn Camp Lake, Washington.**

#### 3.1. FC3 B1

There are several factors which suggest with high probability that tephra layer FC3 B1 obtained from Forlorn Camp Lake 3 is derived from Mt St Helens Tephra Layer D. Firstly, reference material of Tephra Layer D obtained from the source at Mt St Helens has previously been radiocarbon dated from a charcoal macrofossil contained within the deposit to 1150 BP (Mullineaux, 1986). A radiocarbon date obtained from a bulk sample directly below FC3 B1 gives an age range of 1154-900 BP which temporally associates these layers. Secondly, Figures 3.27, 3.28, 3.29, and 3.30 below show PCA of major element geochemical signatures of FC3 B1, FC3 B2, and FC3 B3, against reference material from major eruptions over the last 4,000 years at Mt St Helens obtained from Mullineaux, 1981. The four plots which combine SiO<sub>2</sub> with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub> with MgO, SiO<sub>2</sub> with Na<sub>2</sub>O, and SiO<sub>2</sub> with K<sub>2</sub>O, show major grouping of geochemical signatures of layer FC3 B1 and Tephra Layer D as a distinct population with no overlap to any other set of reference chemistry. This correlation is further confirmed by assessing one of the more abundant elements, SiO<sub>2</sub>. Tephra layer FC3 B1 contains unusually low levels of silica, with an average value of 68.52%. Reference material for Mt St Helens Tephra Layer D also exhibits this unusually low level of silica with an average abundance of 68.5%. These uncommon values further evidence the correlation of these layers as the abundance of silica within these layers is significantly different to the higher levels, between 70-75%, found throughout the history of Mt St Helens. Therefore, a combination of the visual

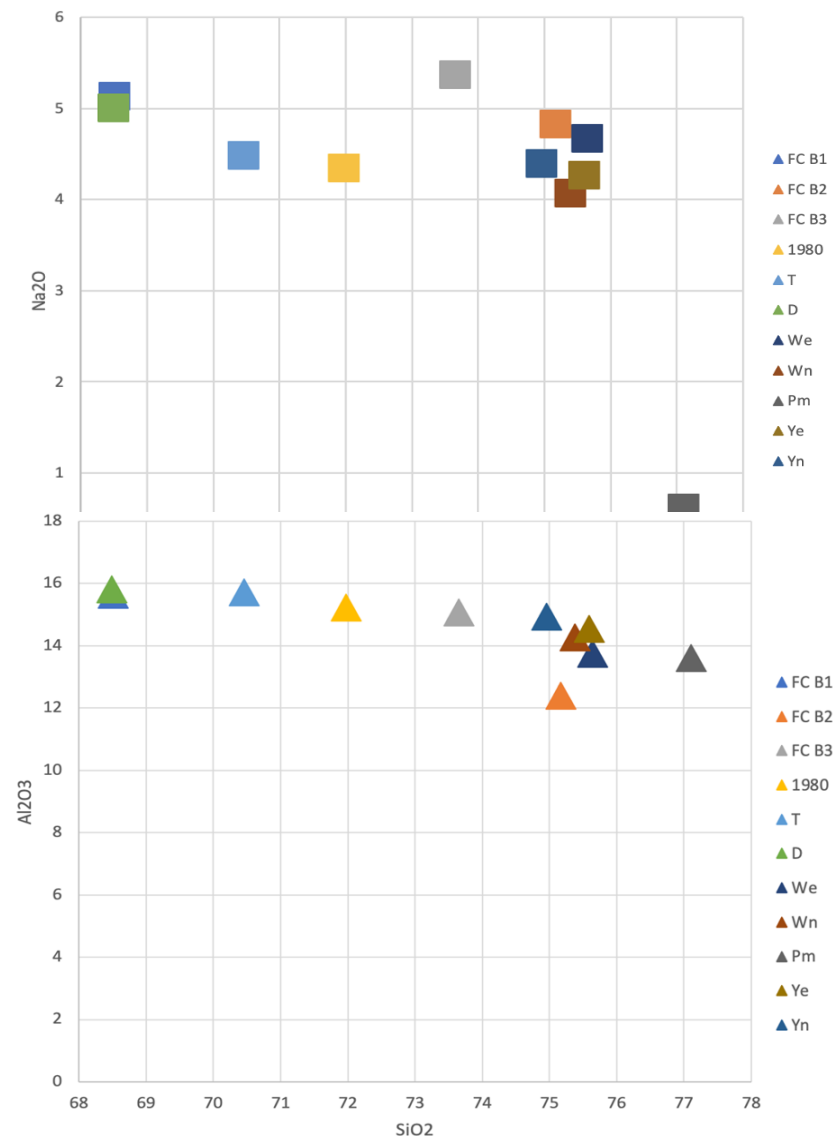
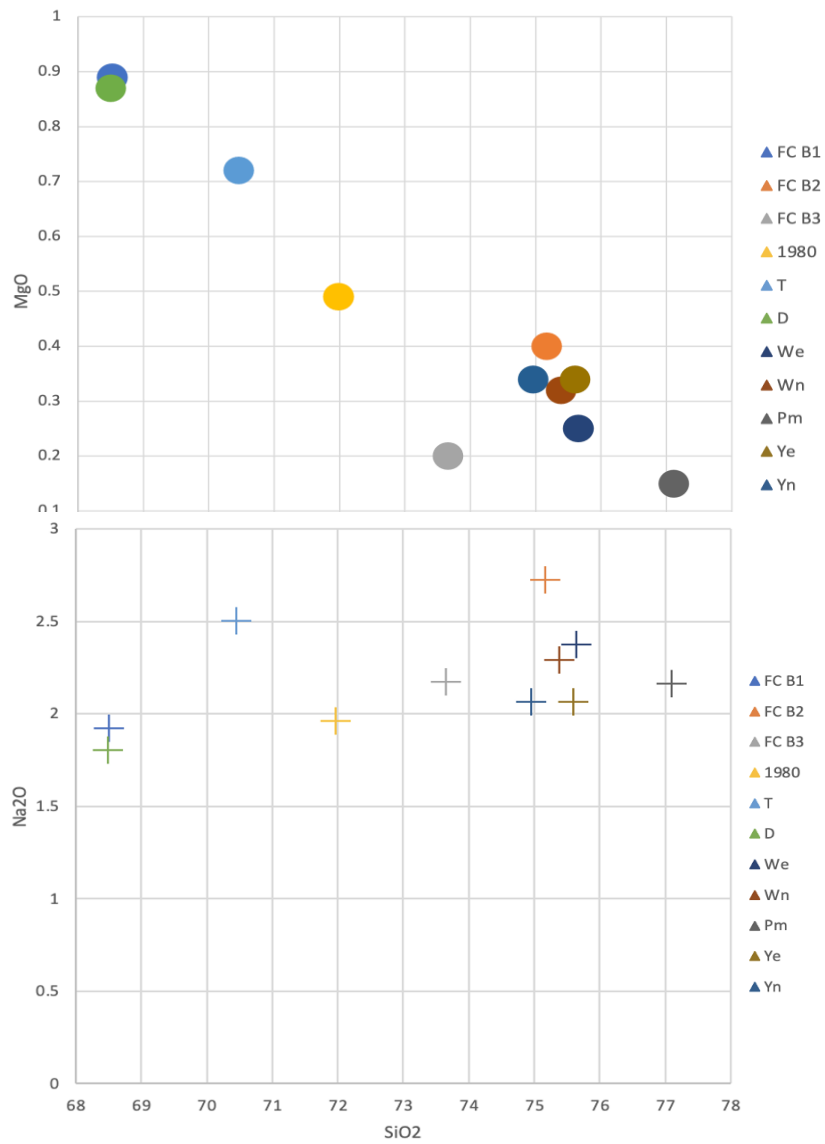
similarities among these layers, their correlation in age and, strong correlation in geochemical signatures is sufficient to correlate FC3 B1 with Mount St Helens Layer D.

<b>Tephra Set</b>	<b>SiO2</b>	<b>TiO2</b>	<b>Al2O3</b>	<b>FeO</b>	<b>MnO</b>	<b>MgO</b>	<b>CaO</b>	<b>Na2O</b>	<b>K2O</b>
<b>FC B1</b>	<b>68.52</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>15.62</b>	<b>2.98</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>4.21</b>	<b>5.13</b>	<b>1.92</b>
$\sigma$	9.96	0.77	5.29	4.03	0.08	1.80	3.85	1.33	1.12
<b>FC B2</b>	<b>75.17</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>12.38</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>4.82</b>	<b>2.72</b>
$\sigma$	6.47	0.32	2.82	1.82	0.04	0.37	1.24	1.13	0.87
<b>FC B3</b>	<b>73.66</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>15.06</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>2.60</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>2.17</b>
$\sigma$	6.16	0.07	4.02	0.38	0.02	0.19	2.09	1.52	1.01
1980	71.98	0.44	15.22	2.62	0.06	0.49	2.78	4.34	1.96
T	70.46	0.42	15.71	2.90	0.05	0.72	2.82	4.48	2.50
D	68.50	0.42	15.80	2.00	0.05	0.87	3.10	5.00	1.80
We	75.65	0.26	13.74	1.53	0.06	0.25	1.37	4.67	2.37
Wn	75.39	0.19	14.26	1.73	0.02	0.32	1.63	4.06	2.29
Pm	77.11	0.24	13.59	0.93	0.03	0.15	1.01	0.61	2.16
Ye	75.60	0.14	14.54	1.25	0.03	0.34	1.68	4.26	2.06
Yn	74.96	0.15	14.93	1.24	0.04	0.34	1.79	4.39	2.06

**Table 3.9. – Summary of geochemical data from Forlorn Camp Lake samples with reference material from all Mount St Helens eruptions from the last 4,000 years (Mullineaux, 1996).**

### 3.2. FC B2 and FC B3

Layers FC3 B2 and FC3 B3 both appear to have several clusters of differing geochemistry, suggesting they are each composed of numerous populations or may be contaminated. As such, significant correlation of these layers against reference material from Mt St Helens could not be achieved. Radiocarbon dates obtained from bulk sediments above and below these tephra layers result in an age range of 2,436 to 5665 cal. yr. BP, which suggests that these layers should derive from Mt St Helens Tephra Set Y or Mt St Helens Tephra Set P. However, analysis of raw geochemical data and PCA failed to provide a strong correlation between these layers. Since Layers FC3 B2 and FC3 B3 are within such close proximity to each other within core FC3, there is a possibility that FC3 B3 could have contaminated FC3 B2, or vice versa, either through reworking in the core or sediment deposition into the lake at the time from material on the landscape. Layers FC3 B2 and FC3 B3, therefore, remain uncorrelated.



Figures. 3.28. (top left), 3.29. (top right), 3.30. (bottom left), and 3.31 (bottom right). Scatter plots depicting major element geochemistry of FC B1, FC B2, and FC B3 against reference material for major eruptions of Mt St Helens over the last 4,000 years show clear correlation between Tephra Set D and FC B1.

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### DISCUSSION



## **1. Dating controls**

### *1.1. Original rationale for this study*

Most of the study sites chosen within this study are located along the crest of the Cascade Range, an area which is disproportionately understudied with much of the published literature concerning the reconstruction of historic disturbance in western North America focussed on the western and eastern slopes of the Cascade Range, Oregon and the Rocky Mountains, Colorado (Long et al., 2016; Morris and Brunelle, 2012; Morris et al. 2010; Anderson et al., 2010; Colpron-Tremblay and Lavoie, 2010; Long et al., 1998). With an abundance of suitable lake sites, these higher-elevation sites would afford the opportunity to address important data gaps within this region and expand our knowledge of historic fire and insect occurrence across the western North America as a whole, which was a key factor in site selection.

The original objective for this study was to calibrate known forest disturbance events in the Cascade Range over the last 70 years, obtained from USDA Forest Service Aerial Detection Survey (ADS) data, with pollen signals obtained from near-annual/sub-decadal sampling of lake sediment cores (as per, Morris et al., 2012; Anderson et al., 2010 outlined in the General Introduction). This is important to highlight as it formed the key rationale for site selection, sampling strategy, etc. The hypothesis was that insect-induced tree mortality during periods of outbreaks would result in quantifiable changes in pollen abundances and produce ‘signatures’ associated with such events. These characteristic signatures could then be identified through time to provide valuable insights of historic insect occurrence. These records of historic outbreak occurrence would also facilitate exploratory analysis into the use of DNA-based methodologies in detecting forest insects during periods of outbreak, using the palynological reconstruction as a proxy for identified events. As timber harvest has been a major landscape use in the Cascade Range for the period of the ADS dataset and could interfere with the event calibration (for example, a decline in tree pollen associated with logging activity mistaken for a period of beetle-induced tree mortality), high elevation sites, often adjacent to wilderness areas, were favoured to limit the potential of human influence on forest disturbances signals, providing information on an ecosystem functioning as close to ‘natural’ as possible.

Robust chronologies, particularly within the 70-year calibration stage were critical in identifying insect-induced modifications, which would ultimately determine the accuracy of the historic reconstructions. An abundance of radiocarbon dates focussed near the surface of the three final sites chosen for full analyses revealed one significant and unanticipated

disadvantage of high elevation sites in the Cascade Range; slower sedimentation rates than those observed at lower elevation sites such as the Coast Range and at sites in the Willamette Valley. Sedimentation rates within published palaeoenvironmental reconstructions range from  $\sim 5$  years  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the lower-elevation Coast Range (Long and Whitlock, 2002) to  $\sim 34$  yr  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the lowland Willamette Valley (Minckley and Long, 2016). Radiocarbon dates and age-depth models outlined in this thesis revealed sedimentation rates at the higher elevation sites of the Cascade Range were between 50- and 360-years  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (based on an average of 10-72 years  $2\text{mm}^{-1}$  observed at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake).

As a consequence of poor sedimentation rates, the number of sampling points with dates correlating to ADS data were insufficient to facilitate the original objective of producing a robust calibration of disturbance signatures over the last 70 years. Therefore, a contiguous high-resolution, 2mm sampling methodology was chosen to achieve continual records of environmental change at time intervals which still reflect the timescales of the processes occurring in these ecosystems and with those in the published literature.

### *1.2. Radiocarbon dating and tephrochronology*

The proximity of Little Monon Lake, Pyramid and Summit Lake to several major volcanoes within the High Cascade Range, highlighted that any identified tephra layers could serve as an additional dating tool, providing distinct chronological markers within the timeframe of the ADS dataset, most notably, the May 1980 eruption of Mt St Helens. Any recovered tephra layers could also be used to cross-correlate events between cores (Lowe et al., 2011). Well-documented tephra layers, such as the eruption of Mt Mazama, central Oregon, in 7,630 yr BP, are readily used to provide key time markers of environmental change across North America (Minckley and Long, 2016; Long et al., 2014; Whitlock et al., 2008; Brunelle and Whitlock, 2003; Millspaugh et al., 2000; Zdanowicz et al., 1999; Sea and Whitlock, 1995; Cwynar, 1987; Barnosky, 1985; Lichti-Federovich, 1970). The distinct bands of tephra found within core FC3, recovered from Forlorn Camp Lake, Washington, provided an opportunity to test the applicability of these methods. A thick band of ash found near the surface of core FC3 was believed to be associated with the 1980 eruption of Mt St Helens, as there were no other tephra bands observed above this layer, suggesting that it could only have been associated with the most recent eruption. In addition, soil samples from two nearby sites contained 53mm ash (from Chamber's Pass (22km from MSH)) and 44mm ash (from Elk Pass (44km from MSH)) which correlated to the May 1980 eruption of Mount St Helens (Zobel and Antos, 1991).

<b>Tephra Set</b>	<b>Eruptive Stage</b>	<b>Age of onset (yr BP)</b>
<b>1980</b>		1980 AD
<b>T</b>	<i>Goat Rocks</i>	1800 AD
<b>X</b>		1500 AD
<b>W</b>	<i>Kalama</i>	1480 AD
<b>FC3 B1</b>		1154-900
<b>D</b>	<i>Sugar Bowl</i>	1,200
<b>B</b>	<i>Castle Creek</i>	2,500 – 1,600
<b>FC3 B2</b>		2746 - 2436
<b>P</b>	<i>Pine Creek</i>	3,000 - 2,500
<b>Y</b>	<i>Smith Creek</i>	4,000
<b>FC3 B3</b>		5665 - 5452
<b>J</b>		10,500
<b>S</b>	<i>Swift Creek</i>	13,000
<b>K</b>		19,000
<b>M</b>	<i>Cougar</i>	20,500
<b>C</b>	<i>Ape Canyon</i>	50,000 – 40,000

**Table 4.1. The temporal context of tephra layers obtained from Forlorn Camp Lake (highlighted in grey) in relation to late-Pleistocene and Holocene eruptions at Mt St Helens. Tephra layer FC3 B1 was successfully geochemically matched to reference material from Tephra Set D owing to their unusually low levels of silica and close temporal association. FC3 B2 and FC3 B3 remain uncorrelated.**

Analysis of major elemental chemistry and radiocarbon dating of the tephra layers recovered from Forlorn Camp Lake revealed that the sediments were much older than first thought. The uppermost tephra layer expected to match the 1980 eruption was instead successfully matched to reference material from Mt St Helens Tephra Layer D, confirmed by their close temporal association, and correlation in geochemical signatures, notably, their unusually low levels of SiO<sub>2</sub> ~ 68%, compared to the silica abundance at adjacent levels, where values are between 70 and 75%. Layers FC3 B2 and FC3 B3 remain uncorrelated to any reference material for any eruption of Mt St Helens. The radiocarbon date obtained from above layer FC3 B2 places this layer between Mt St Helens Tephra Sets B and P (See Table 4.1), however, geochemical analysis of this layer failed to identify the origin. Interestingly, the radiocarbon date obtained from below FC3 B3 places this layer, between Mt St Helens Tephra Sets Y and J, in a period of dormancy at Mt St Helens. Tephra layer FC3 B2, which dates to between 2,746 – 2,436 yr BP, falls within a period whereby both Mt Rainier and Mt Adams, Washington, have documented eruptions (Sisson and Vallance, 2008; Donoghue et al., 2007). Both volcanoes are within close proximity to Forlorn Camp Lake; however, no correlation could be made with the geochemistry available (Sisson and Vallance, 2008). The date associated with Layer FC3 B3 (5,665 to 5,452 yr BP) coincides with the Osceola collapse event (Vallance and Scott, 1997) whereby a great lahar which flowed northeast of the summit to cover an area around 212 square-miles across the Puget Trough. Forlorn Camp Lake sits to the southwest of Mt Rainier and despite the temporal correlation of these events, it is unlikely that they are related. It cannot

be discounted that tephra layers FC3 B2 and FC3 B3 may not derive from Mt St Helens, but instead from other volcanoes within the Cascade Volcanic Chain.

During analyses it became apparent that there is a distinct lack of reference material for North American tephra, which hindered the successful matching of tephra layers FC3 B2 and FC3 B3. Reference databases of tephra geochemistry are typically generated from deposits located at the source, whereas the taphonomic processes associated with the transport, deposition, and incorporation of tephra into sediment results in less clear signals i.e., mixing of closely erupted events or mineral contamination (Stevenson et al., 2013; Naeser et al., 1981). ‘Tephra Base’ (<http://www.tephrabase.org/>), is a European-collaborative database of names, ages, and geochemical signatures of tephra layers found in Iceland, northwest- and northern-Europe, Russia, and central Mexico (Newton et al., 2007), facilitating the speedy and efficient matching of sediment-derived tephra layers within a comprehensive database of reference material. Since a ‘Tephra Base’ style database does not yet exist for North American tephra and there are only several published collections of Mt St Helens geochemistry (Mullineaux et al., 1975, Mullineaux, 1986; Mullineaux, 1996).

While the tephra layers from Forlorn Camp Lake failed to provide distinct time periods within the original scope of the project, analyses have generated a set of radiocarbon dated geochemical signatures which could add to the reference database of tephra from Mount St Helens. It appears a high level of variation within the chemistry of ash recovered from both layers coupled with a lack of reference material were crucial limiting factors in the successful correlation with reference material. Therefore, it is hoped that the tephra geochemistry of the samples within the core obtained from Forlorn Camp Lake, Washington, along with any further layers identified in future analyses of other cores obtained during this thesis, will be used in the future to help calibrate a comprehensive database for North America, ensuring locally sourced reference material significantly matches with ‘real world’ samples which have been subjected to environmental processes and potential contamination.

## 2. DNA

The development of qPCR protocols for the direct detection of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae*, and *Choristoneura* spp. outlined in this thesis show promise for the potential role of DNA-based methodologies in palaeoenvironmental research. The sites chosen for this thesis have been inundated with outbreaks of a wide range of forest insects at least for the last 70 years, yet the number of positive amplifications of target species were much lower than expected. This section aims to discuss the results obtained through the novel use of qPCR to detect historic occurrence of these species, highlight the potential factors which may have contributed to the results observed, and summarise the lessons learnt from this thesis to outline areas within sedaDNA research which still require further development.

### 2.1. *sedaDNA*

While radiocarbon dating and age-depth models revealed that an insufficient number of samples covered the periods associated with the ADS data set to provide robust calibrations of individual outbreak extent and location with sedimentary evidence of pathogen presence, several samples near the surface of Pyramid Lake and Summit Lake do indeed correlate to the time periods associated with the ADS dataset (Table 4.2). The surface sample at Pyramid Lake dates to 1955 – 2004 AD which nearly spans the entire period associated with the ADS dataset. In addition, the 8mm sample dates to 1867 – 1918 AD suggesting that the 4mm and 6mm samples could derive from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and potentially cover a short period of the ADS dataset. At Summit Lake, the uppermost sample failed to be dated due to a lab error in the preparation process. With the sample below the uppermost sample, at 4mm, dating to 1800 to 1957 AD, age depth models suggest there is also potential for parts of this sample and the uppermost sample covering periods of time associated with the ADS dataset. This highlights the great advantage of having robustly dated sediments which produce high-quality age depth models, particularly in time periods by which there is valuable proxy data, as these often provide useful additional information. The surface sample at Little Monon Lake pre-dates the ADS dataset and therefore there is no direct comparison of results at this site to any reference material. Analysis of ADS did, however, facilitate a direct comparison of known periods of outbreaks with potential DNA positives obtained from sedimentary records, which crucially, facilitated the interpretation of the results over this period.

Site	Depth	RC Age	Age error	Age BP	Cal. Age AD/BC
<i>Summit Lake</i>	4mm	-80	66	260—7	1800-1957 AD
	8mm	0	60	149-20	1804-1936 AD
<i>Pyramid Lake</i>	2mm	-500	31	-53--5	2004 AD
	8mm	40	31	256-33	1867-1918 AD
	16mm	90	32	266-22	1806-1930 AD

**Table 4.2. Radiocarbon dates from Summit Lake and Pyramid Lake which overlap with the period associated with the ADS survey data.**

Site	Agent	Outbreak years	Corresponding sample
<i>Pyramid Lake</i>	<i>D. ponderosae</i>	2006, 2007, 2008	None
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i>	1992	2mm, 4mm*, 6mm*
	<i>C. occidentalis</i>	1987, 1988, 1991	2mm, 4mm*, 6mm*
<i>Summit Lake</i>	<i>D. ponderosae</i>	1950, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1968, 1975, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.	2mm
	<i>D. pseudotsugae</i>	1954, 1995	2mm
	<i>C. occidentalis</i>	1986, 1987, 1988, 1992, 1993	2mm
	<i>Adelgies picea</i>	1970, 1973, 2003, 2011	2mm

**Table 4.3 shows the outbreak occurrence at Pyramid Lake and Summit Lake alongside samples with corresponding ages. \*Depths not confirmed by radiocarbon dating to coincide with ADS data, but indicated by age-depth models.**

### 2.1.1.1. *Pyramid Lake*

#### 2.1.1.1.1946 – 2017 AD

The date of the surface sample, 0-2mm, at Pyramid Lake ranges from 1955 to 2004 AD, which means that Pyramid Lake is the only site at which sample ages can be confidently associated with the period of ADS survey data, and, therefore, the only site at which we can directly compare the results from DNA analyses with known outbreaks. During this period there were several outbreaks of *D. ponderosae* to the northwest of the site, several *Choristoneura occidentalis* outbreaks to the west, north, and east of the site, and a *D. pseudotsugae* outbreak to the southwest of the site (See Table 4.3 and Figure 4.1). Within this uppermost sample, the Dpseudo protocol (target: *D. pseudotsugae*) produced successful amplifications in two out of three replicates with an amplicon melting temperature corresponding to that of *D. pseudotsugae* tissue.

The topography of the Pyramid Lake catchment and the geographical location of the 1992 outbreak of *D. pseudotsugae* in relation to Pyramid Lake is critical in the recovery and

detection of *D. pseudotsugae* DNA. Within the sub catchment depicted in Figures 4.1 to 4.3., it is evident that Pyramid Lake sits on a small, plateau-like shelf, with the southern slope feeding into Pyramid Lake and the west and northern areas draining away from Pyramid Lake. The outbreak occurred to the south of Pyramid Lake (shown in red in Figure 4.1) and lies along the leeward side of a ridge, situated 165m above Pyramid Lake, with the natural run-off regime likely to wash material from this crest into Pyramid Lake. This is evidence by signs of erosion along the downward ‘outbreak’ slope which has been identified as a key indicator of potential sources of in-washed material, including DNA (Giguet-Covex et al., 2014). Alsos et al., 2018, found that the correlation between catchment relief and total DNA ( $r^2 = 0.42$ ) were higher than the correlation between total DNA and local vegetation ( $r^2 = 0.34$ ), suggesting that particularly in small catchments, such as Pyramid Lake, processes associated with slope, run off or snowmelt are critical in sediment delivery (Parducci et al., 2019). High levels of precipitation, in the forms of snow, snowmelt, and rain, are typical in this region of the Cascade Range, which increases the likelihood that taphonomic processes would result in material, including DNA, from the outbreak ending up incorporated into the sediment at this site. Outbreaks of species ‘downward’ of Pyramid Lake would therefore likely have to fly into the lake in order to become incorporated into the sediment.

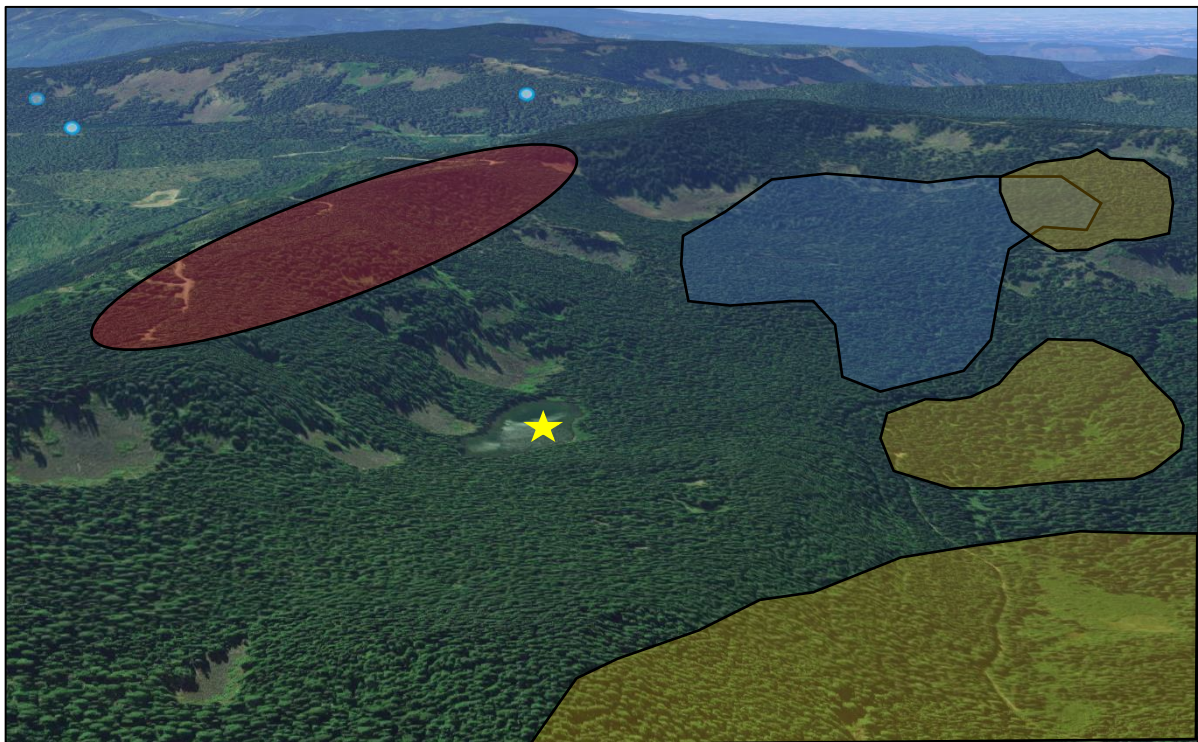
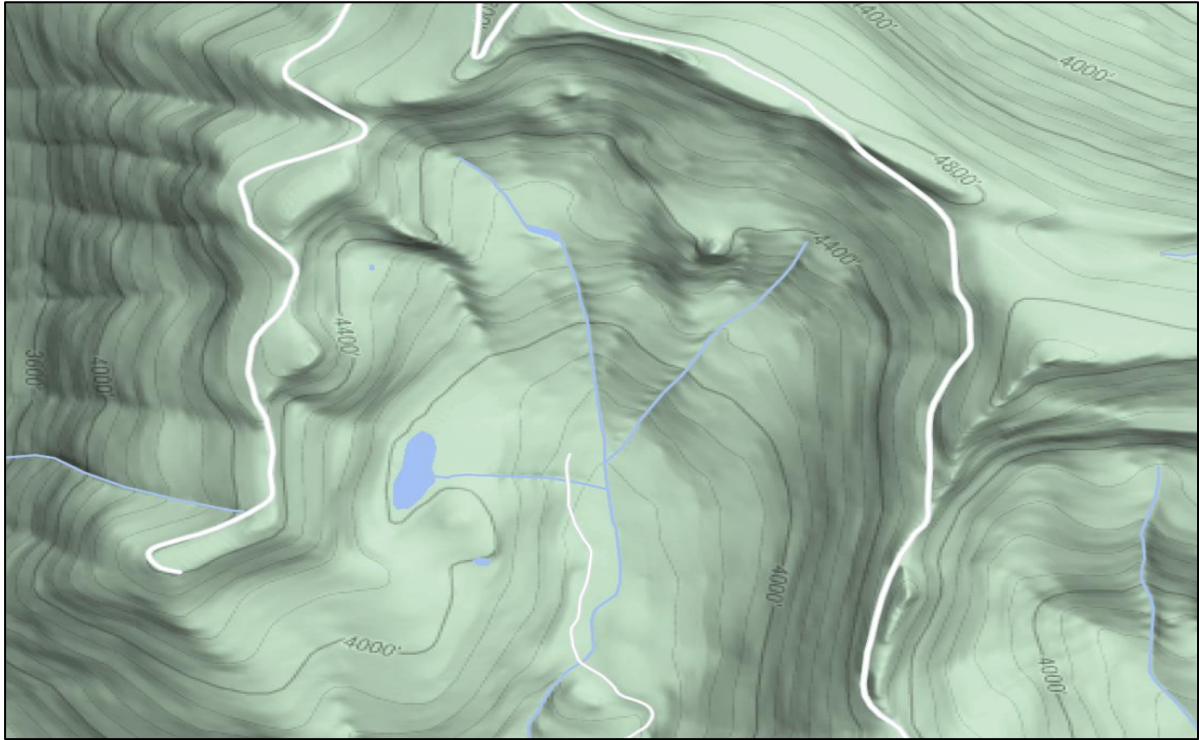
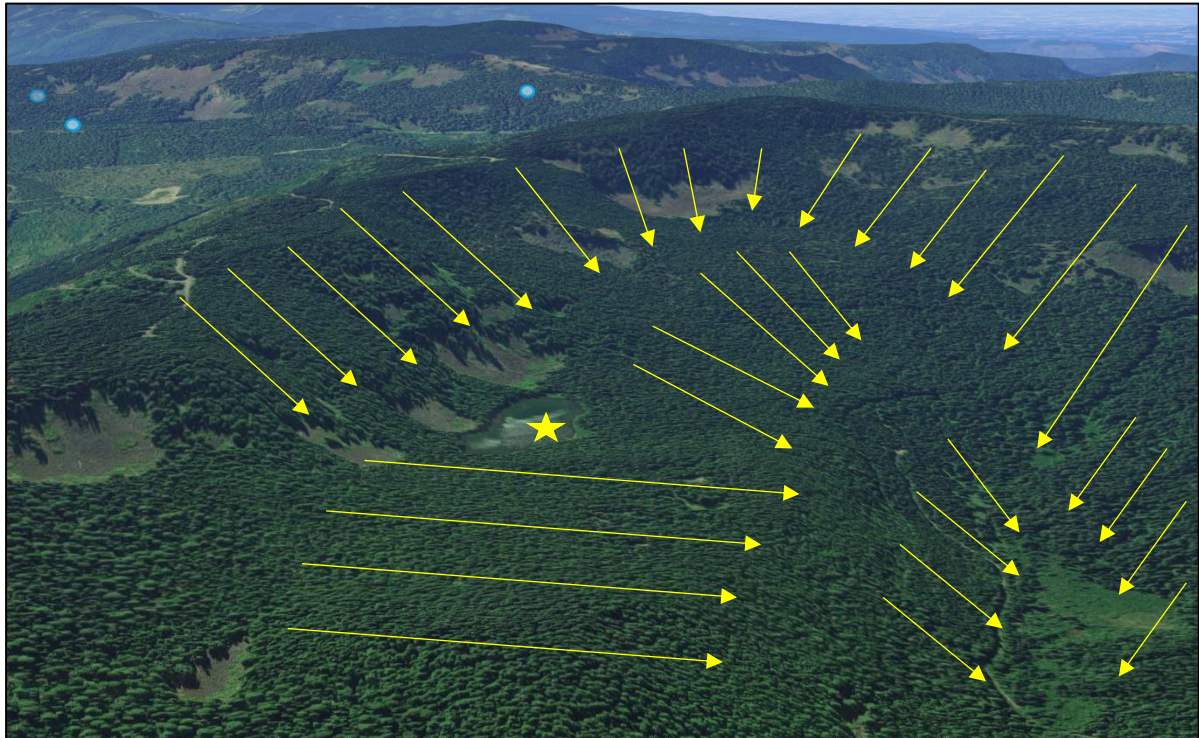


Figure 4.1. The location of Pyramid Lake (starred) and known outbreaks of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae* and *Choristoneura occidentalis* obtained from ADS data. The outbreak of *D. pseudotsugae* of 1992 is shown in red while the *D. ponderosae* outbreaks of 2006, 2007, and 2008 are shown in blue. The outbreaks of *Choristoneura occidentalis* in 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1992 are shown in yellow.



**Figure 4.2.** A topographic map of Pyramid Lake, showing how catchment dynamics may explain the results found during sedaDNA analysis.



**Figure 4.3.** A schematic of the Pyramid Lake catchment, showing drainage patterns which have been shown to influence the source areas of material, including DNA.



A lack of *Choristoneura* species qPCR amplifications at Pyramid Lake, despite several outbreak occurrences of *Choristoneura occidentalis* during this time evidence the strong influence of taphonomic processes, outlined above, in delivering DNA to the site. The location of the outbreaks, between 900m and 1,200m to the north and at lower elevation than Pyramid Lake, suggests material from these outbreaks is likely to wash away from Pyramid Lake instead of becoming incorporated into the sediment. From an outbreak in this location, it seems the only mechanisms for remains of *Choristoneura* spp. to become incorporated into Pyramid Lake would have been for individuals to fly into the lake itself. Adult *Choristoneura* have shown to readily fly 20km, with a record dispersal distance documented at 450km (Sturtevant et al., 2013; Greenbank et al., 1980). Effective dispersal is a key component in the mass attack dynamics of budworm species linking spatially disjunct populations (Régnière, et al. 2019; Anderson et al., 2011). These flight behaviours show that the *Choristoneura* have the capacity to reach Pyramid Lake, however, no target DNA was recovered. One hypothesis is that the majority of the newly hatched populations moved further down into the watershed to find suitable hosts there, with only several individuals dispersing in the direction of Pyramid Lake. This highlights the importance of considering the outbreak scenario as a whole and understanding the various factors that may contribute to the recovery of target species DNA i.e. the number of individuals that are flying in the right direction to encounter a lake, how many are incorporated into the lake, how many avoid being eaten, and then how many become deposited into the lake sediment. When outlining all these factors, it is perhaps more understandable how only several positive amplifications were obtained in this study. In future studies, a comparison between several lakes within a watershed, each with differing topographic constraints could help to further develop the understanding of the variables outlined above.

The age range of the 0-2mm surface sample (1955 to 2004 AD) predates the known outbreaks of *D. ponderosae* in 2006, 2007, and 2008 (shown in Figure 4.1 and Table 4.3). This suggests the most recent sediment was missed during sediment collection, likely forming a part of the unconsolidated surface/sediment interface. A lack of positive amplification of *D. ponderosae* within the uppermost sample potentially addresses the concerns of leaching of DNA to lower depths within sedimentary archives (Haile et al., 2007; Sjögren et al., 2017). The results here highlight that a radiocarbon dated sample obtained 2-4 years prior to a series of highly severe outbreaks in the immediate vicinity shows no evidence of DNA moving downwards within the core and mixing with older sediments. These results concur with those found in Sjogren et al.,

(2017) whereby abrupt/diagnostic signals of events do not appear in sediments prior to the event(s), although, it cannot be discounted that the small sample volume may have just failed to detect *D. ponderosae* at this depth.

#### 2.1.1.2. Pre-1946 AD

In addition to the positive amplifications within the period covered by ADS data, there were two positive amplifications which pre-date the ADS survey. Firstly, there was a positive amplification (in one of three replicates) of *D. pseudotsugae* within the 22mm sample using the Dpseudo assay (target: *D. pseudotsugae*) with a Tm matching *D. pseudotsugae* tissue. Age depth models suggest this sample dates to between 543 and 473 yr BP. While this outbreak clearly occurred before the onset of ADS data, resulting in no information about the spatial occurrence of this outbreak, the catchment dynamics which likely led to the positive amplification in the uppermost sample suggests that this outbreak may have occurred across the same crest, to the south of Pyramid Lake, which would result in material washed into Pyramid Lake. This outbreak coincides with the end of a moderate-level fire period as shown by fossil charcoal data, suggesting this period may have been warmer and drier than surrounding periods leading to a suppression of tree defences, making them susceptible to disturbance by both insects and fire. Secondly, several successful amplifications using the Dpond protocol occurred in a period between 752 cal. yr. BP (sample depth 64mm) to 896 cal. yr. BP (sample depth 80mm) at Pyramid Lake. The melting temperature of the amplicons were ~1.6-2°C higher than that from *D. ponderosae* reference material suggestive of some level of DNA degradation (see 2.2.4. *DNA degradation*, for further discussion). NCBI-BLAST data suggests that the Dpond qPCR protocol only amplifies *D. ponderosae* and *D. simplex*, which suggests that the amplicon could potentially be associated with a unsequenced *D. ponderosae* population or an unspecified amplification of a non-target species. The period between 752 and 896 BP whereby positive amplifications using the Dpond qPCR protocol were identified coincides with an intense fire period, observed within the fossil charcoal record at Pyramid Lake. This period contains the highest CHAR values found throughout the 250-500 µm size class as well as appearing as a distinct peak in both the 125-250µm and >500 µm records. The correlation of timing of these events coincides with the end of the Medieval Climate Anomaly (MCA) (Walsh et al., 2008), which is characterised by a period of prolonged warm and dry conditions which could have led to heightened drought stress in host trees leading to a period of insect outbreaks with a subsequent period of heightened fire activity in the resulting stands of dead trees. Another scenario in this instance could be that fires disturbed surface sediments

and lead to a heightened period of erosion of all terrestrial matter, including charcoal (see Colombaroli and Gavin, 2010; Whitlock and Larsen, 2002)

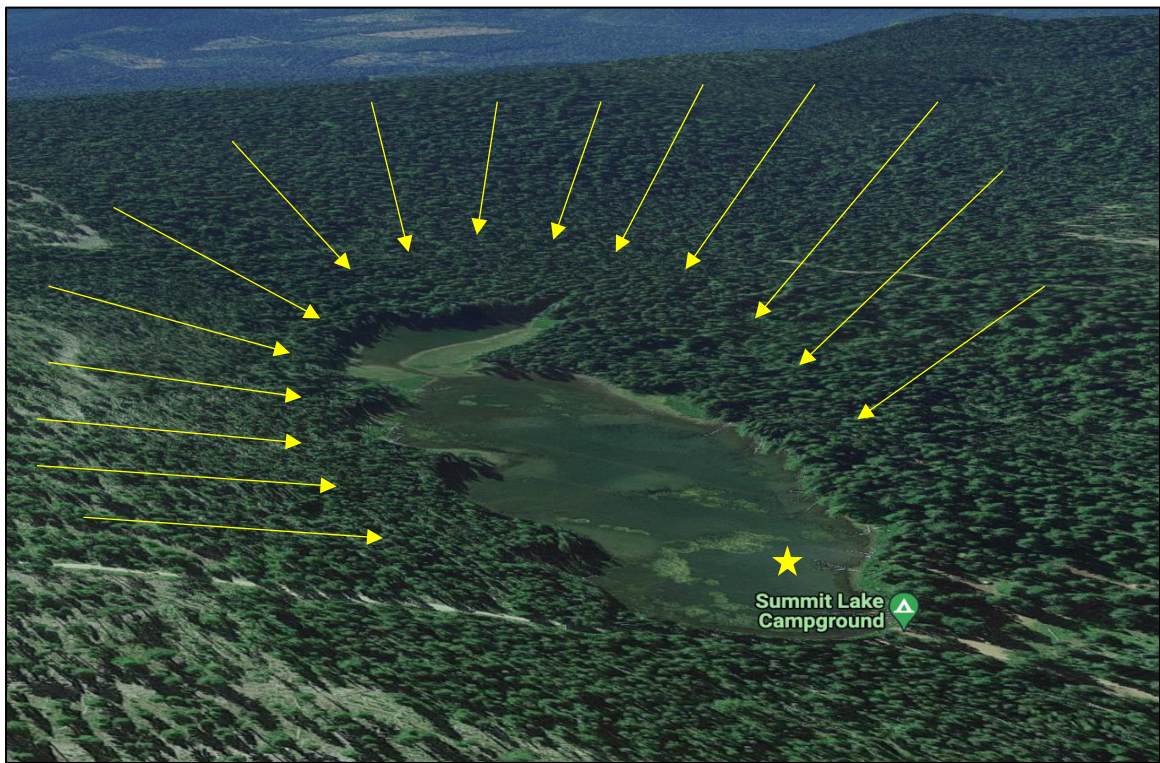
### 2.1.2.. Summit Lake

Due to a lab error while dating, the age range of the uppermost sample (0-2mm) at Summit Lake is unknown. However, the date obtained from the 2-4mm sample ranges from 1810-1925 AD, meaning the surface sample may derive from the mid- to late-20<sup>th</sup> Century and, therefore, cross-over with the ADS dataset. During the period covered by the ADS dataset, there were frequent and widespread outbreaks of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae*, *C. occidentalis*, and *Adelgis picea* in the immediate vicinity of Summit Lake (See Table 4.3 for more info). A positive amplification using the Chorist (target: *Choristoneura* spp.) qPCR protocol was identified in the uppermost sample, in one of three replicates. The melting temperature of the amplicon was 1.6°C higher than positive control tissue from *C. occidentalis*. Conventional PCR produced four positive amplifications which matched the expected product length of *Choristoneura* spp. Sanger sequencing produced a mixture of DNAs which along with the varying T<sub>m</sub> found in the *D. ponderosae* positives at Pyramid Lake, suggests some level of DNA degradation at these sites. ADS data shows an outbreak of *C. occidentalis* in 1993, along the southern shoreline of Summit Lake, which could account for the potential positive as the topography indicates that material from this outbreak may become incorporated into the sediment at Summit Lake. Several other *Choristoneura* species are known to inhabit the Summit Lake watershed, including the Oblique-banded leafroller (*C. rosaceana*) and the sugar pine tortrix (*C. lambertiana*), however, a lack of successful sequencing failed to facilitate the matching of sequences to reference material for these other potential species. As described in the Methods Chapter, the catchment for Summit Lake is the widest, and most open of the three final sites chosen, characterised by undulating plateaus typical of Ecoregion 4c (Thorsen et al., 2013). Unlike Pyramid Lake where the highly undulating landscape and distinct topographic features provides a better understanding of potential source areas for material, a wide, open catchment affords a much greater disparity in the potential sources of material. A lack of barriers, such as steep river cut valleys which may interrupt flight patterns, potentially increase the source area of insects able to fly into this area. Equally, a larger catchment increases the hydrological influence, providing much more opportunity for material to be in-washed into Summit Lake. Despite this, only one set of amplifications occurred at Summit Lake. Perhaps the openness of the catchment decreased the density of biomass of the target species, allowing

dispersal in any direction, in contrast to the dynamics of Pyramid Lake whereby topography essentially controls dispersal direction.



**Fig. 4.4** The location of Summit Lake in relation to the extent of the known outbreak of *Choristoneura occidentalis* in 1993.



**Fig. 4.5** A schematic of the Summit Lake drainage showing in-wash patterns which may explain the results from sedaDNA analyses.

### 2.1.3. *Little Monon Lake*

Current observations of Little Monon Lake show an area highly impacted by disturbance in the recent past. The devastating effects of the highly severe fire, which occurred in 2001, can be seen across much of the south of Little Monon Lake, with evidence of ongoing forest insect outbreaks across the slopes of Olallie Butte. The fossil charcoal record shows high fire activity at Little Monon Lake, suggesting fire has been a major disturbance agent in this catchment over recent centuries, further evidence by the fire record at Breitenbush Lake, in the adjacent catchment (Minckley and Long, 2016).

Despite such high insect activity observed at the site and within the ADS dataset, no positive amplifications occurred at any depth using the Dpond, Dpseudo, and Chorist qPCR assays. The age range of the surface sample at Little Monon Lake (1800 to 1898 AD) pre-dates the time period covered by the ADS survey dataset, therefore, there was no opportunity to compare expected forest insect outbreaks identified using the ADS dataset with any results from sedaDNA. The topography of the Olallie catchment (See Figure 4.7) suggests that had the most recent sediments been recovered, DNA from these outbreaks may likely have in-washed into Little Monon Lake from all directions. One hypothesis as to why no insect DNA was recovered could be linked to such high fire activity. The charcoal record for Little Monon Lake indicates high levels of fire between 2,500 yr BP and 600 yr BP, therefore, there is potential that frequent fires may have hindered the establishment of insect populations due a lack of suitable hosts. A deeper discussion on the interplay between fire and insects can be found in the Charcoal Discussion section below. The lack of results found at Little Monon Lake failed to extend our knowledge of past insect occurrence beyond the period associated with the ADS survey data.

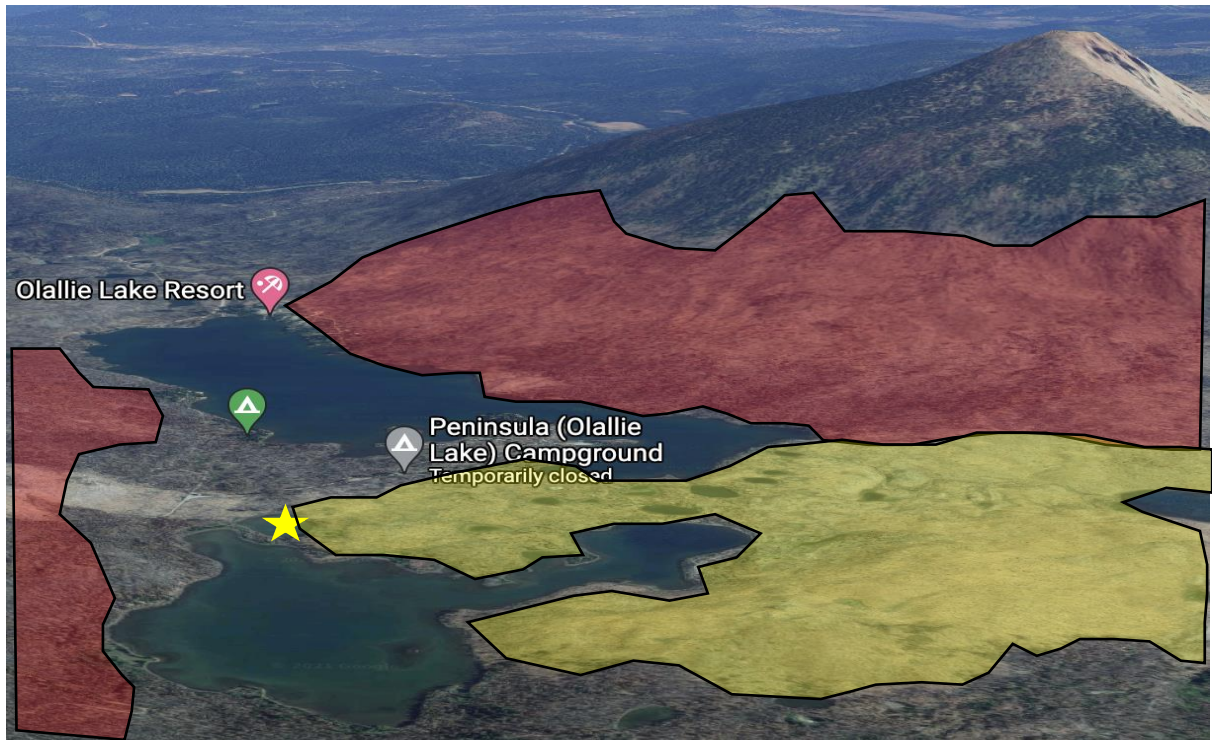


Figure 4.6. The location of Little Monon Lake in relation to *D. ponderosae* outbreaks (shown in red) obtained from ADS data, and the effects of the most recent fire at within the Olallie catchment (shown in yellow).

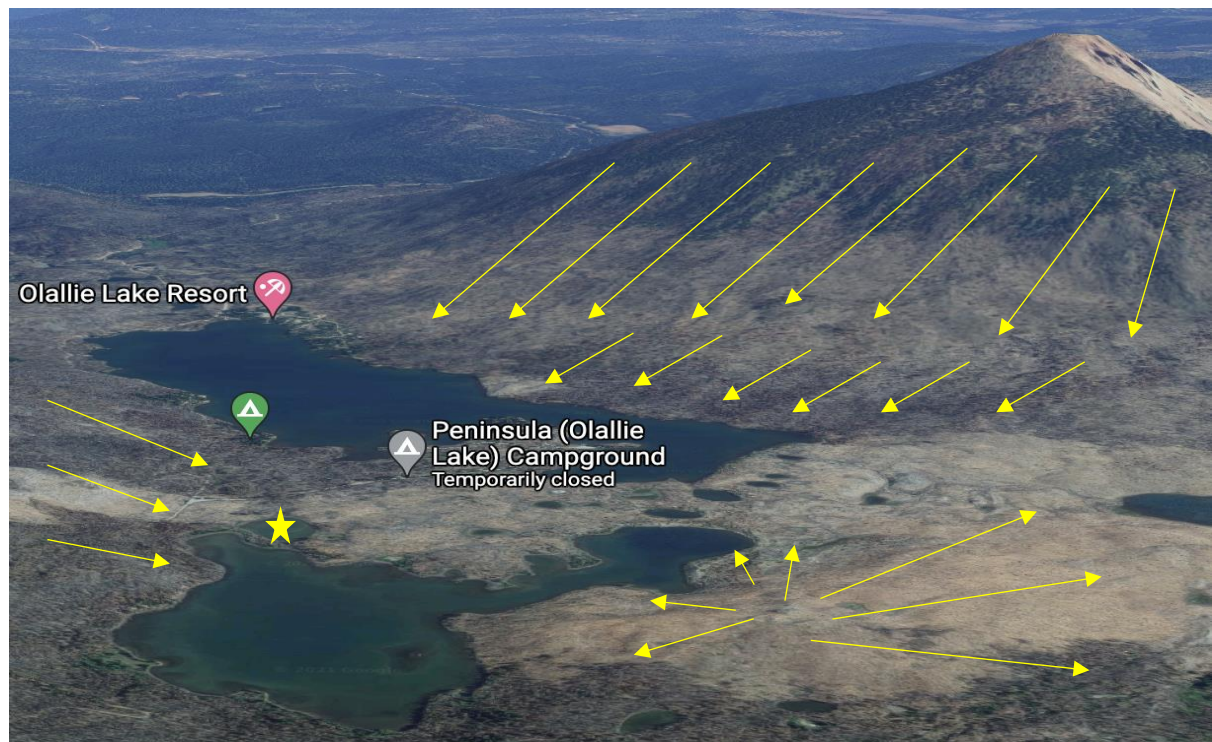


Figure 4.7. A schematic of the Little Monon Lake catchment, identifying potential sources of in-washed material.

In addition to the ADS dataset which spans the period of 1946 to 2017 (the year of sampling), the General Introduction contained a discussion of the current methods of detecting historic insect outbreak occurrence based on tree ring data, palynology, and taxonomically identified remains on longer timescales, beyond that of the ADS dataset. In each study, the authors calibrated signals within their respective proxy to identify characteristic signatures during known periods of outbreak. These signatures were then used to identify any period within the record which contained the same behaviour that suggest periods of outbreak. This facilitated a discussion on any correlation between the two set of positive amplifications observed at Pyramid Lake, obtained between 543 and 473 yr BP and 752 and 896 yr BP, of which there is no ADS data with which to compare results. A meaningful calibration requires a sufficient number of samples to be robust and useable. It was thought that basing a calibration on only two periods of outbreak failed to produce adequate calibration.

The earliest evidence of insect outbreaks in western North America as inferred by dendroecological methods was a *D. rufipennis* (spruce beetle) outbreak in 1716-1750 AD across British Columbia and Alberta, Canada (Eisenhart and Veblen, 2000). Therefore, evidence obtained from tree ring data does not cover a long enough timeframe with which to compare the results observed at Pyramid Lake. The records utilising lake sediments to conduct palynological analyses extend the length of insect reconstructions to the time periods associated with my sites. Reconstructions based on pollen analysis only detected insect outbreaks within the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (Morris and Brunelle, 2012; Anderson et al., 2010; Morris et al., 2010) with no further outbreaks detected in older samples. Evidence of historic insect outbreaks as inferred by taxonomically identified remains (Brunelle et al., 2008) have provided the longest reconstructions of outbreak occurrence, which span the entire Holocene. Evidence of bark beetle remains, most likely attributed to *D. ponderosae*, were recovered from 8331, 8410, and 8529 cal yr BP, along with two further early Holocene examples recovered from Hoodoo Lake, Idaho, dating to 7954 and 8163 cal yr BP (Brunelle et al., 2008). Therefore, these provide no additional information on the historic outbreak patterns observed at Pyramid Lake. The sedaDNA results presented here are most analogous with those of Brunelle et al., (2008), whereby insect remains were identified only from the early Holocene and in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, with no evidence recovered in between these time intervals. It seems highly unlikely, given the abundance of suitable hosts and periods of warmer and drier climate, such as the MCA, that bark beetles have only been impacting the forests of western North America in the early Holocene and in the most recent few hundred years. Therefore, one highly important aspect of

forest pest dynamics, which requires further understanding, is the behaviour of these species in between periods of outbreaks i.e., are species continuously present at low levels or do they only survive in areas where environmental conditions are suitable for supporting such high-level outbreaks? I believe the more likely scenario in this instance is that varying levels of outbreaks are almost continual and that current proxies are just not capable of detecting all levels of outbreak. As DNA-based methodologies are directly detecting the agent, not the effects of the agent, these are in theory the most sensitive method of identifying presence of beetles which could correspond to low-level populations as well as epidemics.

## *2.2. Factors affecting DNA recovery*

Forest Service ADS data shows that Pyramid Lake, Monon Lake, and Summit Lake are situated in catchments which have been inundated with outbreaks of a wide range of forest pathogens at least for the last 75 years, yet an underwhelming recovery of target species DNA was observed at all sites. Palynological reconstructions from the region show consistent levels of suitable host species to support outbreaks large/severe enough to cause significant modification to the surrounding forest ecosystem, for at least 13,000 years (Minckley and Long, 2016). This section aims to address one of the fundamental questions within this thesis and within wider environmental DNA research: what are the controlling factors that ultimately affect the likelihood that DNA from target species is released into the environment, becomes incorporated into depositional environments, and is subsequently preserved, avoiding levels of degradation which prevent amplification and sequencing?

### *2.2.1. Species morphology*

Most studies concerning the recovery of DNA from sediments have focussed on vertebrates and plants (Kisand et al., 2018; Kistler, 2012; Schlumbaum and Tensen, 2008; Willerslev and Cooper, 2005; Parducci and Petit, 2004; Willerslev et al. 2004; Pääbo, 1993), while the of recovery of DNA from insects has been disproportionately understudied, limited to museum specimens dating to only several hundred years old (Watts et al., 2006; Hartley et al., 2006; Harper et al., 2006; Goldstein and Desalle, 2003) or amber-encased specimens of millions of years old (Cano et al., 1992; Desalle et al. 1992). Therefore, the mechanisms of recovery of DNA from specimens between these two extremes, on the timescales concerned with most palaeoenvironmental reconstructions, requires further development (Thomsen et al., 2009).



Here, *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae*, and *C. occidentalis* represented species with diverse morphological characteristics which posed different challenges for the preservation, and therefore, the potential for recovery of DNA. The two groups of insects targeted for DNA analyses within this thesis, bark beetles and budworms, have highly variable morphology and life history behaviours. Bark beetles have hard exoskeletons formed of chitin and spend the majority of their life history beneath the bark of host trees (Henriques et al., 2020), while *Choristoneura* are primarily formed of soft tissue with several chitinous components and spend the majority of their lives on the external tissue types of host trees (Volney and Fleming, 2007). As such, the characteristics of DNA released between these two groups are likely very different. The two primary sources of invertebrate DNA release into the environment are from moulting of exoskeletons at various life stages (Chequer et al., 2019; Deiner and Altermatt, 2014) or the post-mortem incorporation of individuals and/or their remains into depositional environments. The release of DNA into the environment, or shedding, is controlled by physical properties of the target species, such as body-type, and/or their behaviour, such as flying (Andruszkiewicz Allen et al., 2021). As most of the literature concerning mechanisms for DNA shedding to the environment has focussed on fish or amphibians (Brantschen et al., 2021; Kirtane et al., 2021; Ratcliffe et al., 2021; Trimbos et al., 2021; Jo et al., 2019; Hänfling et al., 2016) and there has been very little research into the shedding behaviour of insects (Trimbos et al., 2021), this work represents an important insight into the DNA shedding of insects into sediment.

In general, the fossil record is biased towards harder organisms, or harder parts of organisms, such as skeletal remains, as soft tissues typically decay before they are fossilised (Anderson et al., 2018). This likely has implications on the preservation of different tissue types within palaeoenvironmental samples. In the DNA extractions, whole specimens of *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae*, and *C. occidentalis* consistently yielded higher levels of DNA than head and elytra and leg tissues. Within these extractions, those of whole *Choristoneura* spp. yielded levels of DNA double those obtained from both whole adult *Dendroctonus* species, which highlights how the soft body type of *Choristoneura* could result in greater shedding of DNA into the environment and, therefore, increase their potential for detection. The chitinous exoskeleton of bark beetles likely ‘encases’ the soft tissue more likely to leach DNA within this exoskeleton which reduces the amount of DNA leached into the environment. This highlights how, should insect remains become incorporated into sedimentary deposits, the morphology of the target organism likely plays a key role in the probability of detection via

DNA-based methodologies. This theory is further evidenced by leg tissues having the lowest yields in the body part extraction experiment i.e., small, chitinous structures with very little soft tissue within. Thomsen et al., 2009, highlighted that insect groups other than beetles may yield higher levels of DNA as their chitinous exoskeleton is less thick and resilient. Of the very few examples of bark beetle remains successfully recovered from palaeoenvironmental samples, the most commonly preserved body parts consist of head and elytra tissues (Brunelle et al., 2008). Here, despite their ‘hard’ chitinous nature, these tissue types yielded moderate levels of DNA (46.2 ng/µl *D. ponderosae* and 19.5 ng/µl in *D. pseudotsugae*) during the body part extraction experiment, suggesting that if they are deposited, then they should provide levels of DNA sufficient to be detected by DNA-methodologies.

### 2.2.2. Biomass

Environmental DNA or sedimentary DNA is typically comprised of a complex mixture of DNA from a wide range of organisms (Taberlet et al., 2018), therefore, we must also consider how the total biomass from multiple individuals or populations of the target organisms coupled with the abundance of signals from non-target species may impact on DNA methodologies. With the exception of two notable examples presented by Brunelle et al., 2008, the majority of beetle remains successfully recovered from palaeoenvironmental samples were from large-scale, widespread outbreaks of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, whereby masses of beetles are known to have accumulated (Morris et al., 2015; Eisenhart and Veblen, 2000). This suggests high concentrations of beetles becoming incorporated into depositional environments is rare. Another component of DNA deposition concerns the differences in the life histories of target pests (Barnes and Turner, 2016). Bark beetles spend the majority of their life beneath the bark of host trees, only leaving for a brief flight to a new host. As such, the period of time by which beetles are freely in the environment and can become incorporated into lake sediments is disproportionately limited.

Bark beetles can only survive for several day to a few weeks outside a host tree due to energy depletion and/or predation (Buyers and Löfqvist, 1989; Pope et al., 1980). As such large masses of bark beetles outside of the safety of the host tree is likely a rare occurrence. This may explain why examples of intact adult bark beetle accumulations within lake sediments are rare (Sturtevent, et al 2013; Morris et al., 2015; Schmid and Frye, 1977). In comparison, budworms spend their life history feeding on external plant tissues (needles, cones, and seeds). As such,

they are more exposed to the environment and therefore the chance of them becoming incorporated into lake sediment is likely higher than bark beetles (Girona et al., 2018).

In addition to the biomass of the target species we must consider the biomass of the non-target species which are also contributing the DNA signatures. The forests of the Pacific Northwest are some of the most productive of any temperature ecosystem and palynological reconstructions from this region show constant and persistent dense coniferous forest ecosystems since the Last Glacial Maximum, with overmature, dense stands becoming common as a result of fire suppression throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries (Minckley and Long, 2016; Fettig et al., 2007). Therefore, we must consider the levels of terrestrial and lacustrine vegetation biomass contributing to lake sediment deposits, which ultimately determine the levels of total DNA (Barnes and Turner, 2016). The matK assay (Kim et al., 2018) demonstrated that vegetation DNA could be recovered from all sites. However, as levels of eDNA have been shown to correlate with biomass (Barnes and Turner, 2016; Bohmann et al., 2014) the low levels of target DNA detected here could be due to the dense vegetation found in the immediate vicinity of all sites overwhelming target species DNA. This has been shown to occur in other studies of plant-sourced DNA (Pedersen et al., 2013), whereby a high abundance of dominant taxa overwhelmed the presence of rarer taxa, despite their presence confirmed with macrofossil analysis.

### *2.2.3. Taphonomy and the DNA 'catchment'*

Studies aiming to identify the DNA 'catchment' suggest the source area for DNA input is directly correlated with the hydrological catchment, and sites whereby processes such as overland flow, in wash, and run off occur, produce DNA records more closely affiliated with pollen/macrofossil data (Edwards, 2020; Alsos et al., 2018). Sites with minimal in/out wash of allochthonous material incorporated into the sediments via these taphonomic processes tend to overrepresent species from within lake sources (Parducci et al., 2019). The understanding of the taphonomic processes associated with pollen and macrofossil analyses have become increasingly sophisticated over the last 50 years as the mechanisms of production, dispersal, representation, and preservation have been increasingly considered (Wilmshurst and McGlone, 2005; Bennett and Willis, 2002; Campbell, 1999; Sugita, 1993; Pennington, 1979). Evaluations of how the size, geography, and catchment characteristic of a lake site affect DNA recovery has not been explored experimentally (Parducci et al., 2019). To attempt to quantify the DNA catchment area of plant material, Alsos et al., 2018, used metabarcoding of the upper 2cm of

lake sediments at 11 sites across Norway and compared the results to plant surveys conducted in the vicinity of the lake. Plants found less than 2m from the lake edge were detected 73% of time, which declined to just 12% of plants identified at 50m from the lake edge. While this study concerns plants and not more mobile species such as forest insects, it tends to suggest that DNA signals are more akin to macrofossil remains, producing more localised representations. This poor understanding of DNA taphonomy has attracted great criticism (Birks and Birks, 2016). It is expected that the development of sedaDNA methods will help this field undergo similar studies on the underlying principles of taphonomy, adding to the authenticity and validity of future results. The greater number of potential positive amplifications from Pyramid Lake than at Summit Lake further highlights the role that topographic features within the catchment may play in determining the source area for DNA.

#### 2.2.4. False negatives

One drawback of sedaDNA-based methodologies is the occurrence of both true and false negatives (Burian et al., 2021). The results from the sedaDNA analysis highlight the potential for the occurrence of both of these types of results. A well-designed assay with high primer efficiency and low limits of detection, such as those generated within this thesis, imply that if no DNA from target species is detected, we can have a good degree of confidence that the target is not present, although (as for any sampling methods) the uncertainty of negative results is higher.

The date attributed to the 8mm sample at Pyramid Lake ranges from 1867-1918 AD, suggesting the 4mm and 6mm samples are more recent and could, therefore, coincide with ADS data. However, there were no positive qPCR amplifications for any target species within the 4mm and 6mm samples, despite a great number of *D. ponderosae* outbreaks documented within this time period. ADS data shows that Summit Lake has been completely decimated by *D. ponderosae* outbreaks for the entirety of the survey period. Outbreaks occur in nearly every decade of the record and in close proximity to the lake, however, no *D. ponderosae* was detected using the Dpond protocol. The surface sample at Little Monon Lake dates to 1800-1898 AD and, therefore, predates the beginning of the ADS dataset. In addition, no positives were identified at any depth using the Dpond, Dpsuedo, or Chorist qPCR protocols at Little Monon Lake. As such, our knowledge of historic pest outbreak occurrence beyond the timeframe of the ADS survey remains limited. Fossil pollen records from the nearby Breitenbush Lake (Minckley and Long, 2016) show this area has been continually forested by

suitable host species which could support beetle populations. Fossil charcoal records reveal Little Monon Lake has been subjected to near constant fire throughout its' history. However, as there is no ADS data for this time period, it is difficult to assess whether this negative is true or false.

To date, the greatest levels of DNA recovery has been from frozen or near frozen, anaerobic, pH neutral, and/or dry sediment (Edwards, 2020; Parducci et al., 2019). As a result of high elevation, there are great seasonal temperature fluctuations at the three sites examined in this study, ranging from below freezing during winter months to above 40°C during the summer months. While these conditions are not necessarily experienced on the lakebed, with most literature suggesting that the sediment surface is always exposed to the coldest waters (Parducci et al., 2019; Sobek et al., 2009), it can't be discounted that seasonal fluctuations in temperature of the surface sediments may have been detrimental to DNA preservation (Edwards, 2020). Therefore, our qPCR protocols were intentionally designed to amplify short fragments, of ~85 bp in length, which proved long enough to be species-specific but short enough to allow for DNA degradation with time or from poor preservation conditions (Saito, 2021; Wei et al., 2018).

One further potential reason for a lack of additional positive amplifications within my sites concerns the introduction of several potent PCR inhibitors commonly found within lake sediments (Schrader et al., 2012). Humic acids, salts, and proteins have all been shown to delay PCR and qPCR amplification resulting in erroneously low estimates of DNA abundance and/or false-negative results (Schrader et al., 2012; Lloyd et al., 2010; Yeates et al., 1997; Kreader, 1996). During an assessment of the potential introduction of PCR inhibitors at my sites, Summit Lake was the only site whereby samples containing no eDNA amplified in the same cycles as those containing eDNA. Samples containing eDNA at both Pyramid Lake and Little Monon Lake amplified later. This suggests a certain degree of inhibition at Pyramid Lake and Little Monon Lake, although likely not sufficient levels of inhibition to completely avoid amplification. In fact, while Pyramid Lake contained the 'highest' level of PCR inhibition according to the dilution test, however, two sets of positive amplifications were recovered from this site. No positive amplifications occurred at Little Monon Lake which had moderate levels of PCR inhibition. There was, therefore, no correlation between sites that had positive amplifications within sedaDNA and low levels of PCR inhibitors. A crucial step within designing PCR/qPCR assays from sedaDNA should check for potential PCR inhibition before

increasing the concentration of template eDNA within the PCR/qPCR reaction, as one would think they are increasing the abundance of target species, but they could also be increasing the abundance of PCR inhibitors. (Schrader et al., 2012)

#### 2.2.5. DNA degradation

Perhaps the most important discussion that arises from the results observed in the DNA section of this thesis concerns the effects of cellular degradation on the recovery of DNA derived from environmental samples (including eDNA, sedaDNA, aDNA) as this is still a key component of this field that requires further understanding. Several potential positive amplifications of *D. ponderosae* were obtained from Pyramid Lake. These products incurred a consistent  $T_m$  but one that was  $\sim 1.6\text{-}2^\circ\text{C}$  higher than reference tissue for *D. ponderosae*. In addition, Sanger sequencing failed to produce sequences of sufficient quality to confirm the identify of these positive amplifications. Initially, it was concluded that these positive amplifications must belong to an unsequenced, closely related species of *D. ponderosae*, however, I believe these results can be explained by exploring the characteristics of DNA degradation associated with historic samples. Upon death of an organism, the processes associated with cellular repair no longer occur. With regards to the retrieval of DNA from historic or ancient sample, this degradation manifests itself in three primary ways: sequence fragmentation or shortening, the occurrence of damaged regions which block polymerase replication, and/or nucleotide modifications which lead to the misreading of DNA by the polymerase (Dabney et al., 2013). The greater the period between death and retrieval of DNA or unfavourable depositional conditions both increase the likelihood of such degradation and drastically reduces the chances of recovering DNA of sufficient quality to analyse (Pääbo, 1989). Consequently, these factors become a particular concern within studies concerning historic samples. In the context of the results observed at Pyramid Lake, sequence modification could have led to nucleotide changes within the product, resulting in a slightly different melting temperature to that of modern reference material. In addition, deamination has been shown to produce high levels of baseline noise in various sequencing platforms (Chen et al., 2014; Hofreiter et al., 2001) explaining the inability to generate sufficient sequences to fully confirm that these positive amplifications are associated with the target organism.

These uncertainties highlight one of the major limitations associated with environmental DNA and further research needs to be done in order to fully understand the effects degradation has on the ability to recover and study DNA from historic samples. Despite this, I believe the results

outlined in this thesis demonstrate the rapid advancement of our understanding of such limitations and the final section of the discussion aims to present the potential role of DNA-based methodologies in addressing palaeoecological questions.

### *2.3. The potential role of DNA-based methodologies in palaeoecology*

The earliest studies utilising sedaDNA are less than 25 years old (Coolen and Overmann, 1998), with most of the major developments concerning these methods occurring only in the last 10 years (Crump, 2021; Edwards, 2020; Pedersen et al., 2013). This study has presented just one method of addressing sedaDNA-based questions, a SYBR Green qPCR assay, which is highly suited to assessing the presence of single species or small groups of known targets such as the *Dendroctonus* spp. bark beetle presence across the Pacific Northwest. This technique has been shown to have higher sensitivity in detecting rare taxa than other DNA-based methodologies (Harper et al., 2018) and was chosen as the most appropriate method of addressing the research questions within this study. It must be highlighted that qPCR is just one option within the array of DNA-based methodologies and that other methods may be favoured, dependent on the objectives and targets of each individual research study. Methods involving high-throughput sequencing (HTS) such as DNA metabarcoding can be used in conjunction with sedaDNA to provide information on whole communities (Hatzenbuehler et al., 2020; Singer et al., 2020; Harper et al., 2018; Deiner et al., 2017). Future studies of identifying historic disturbance by biological agents may benefit from the use of these HTS techniques to provide further information on how populations of taxa change through time and how these changes coincide with changes inferred from other proxy datasets.

The final section aims to summarise the lessons learned from within this thesis and the wider literature to outline the key advantages of DNA-based methods, which further emphasise their applicability and potential role within palaeoenvironmental studies, with an emphasis on sedaDNA.

#### *Direct detection of the agent(s)*

This thesis has demonstrated that most existing methods of detecting historic insect pathogen outbreaks rely on the indirect detection of the agent, observing the effects they inflict on the environment, rather than the agent themselves. As such, these signals need to be of a great enough magnitude to significantly alter the forest communities and produce an ‘outbreak’ signature within the chosen proxy. This has led to an overall bias within the literature towards

the detection of highly severe, large-scale outbreaks. The greatest advantage of DNA-methods is that they involve the direct detection of the agent or agents i.e., if DNA from the target species is recovered, we can confirm the presence of that species, in that location, at that point in time. As we are directly detecting the agent, it is possible that they can be detected at lower abundances than those observed indirectly, as we are not reliant on the production of outbreak signatures in other proxy datasets. Methods of direct detection have been developed for a wide range of species and sources (Le Blanc et al., 2020; Harper et al., 2018; Rees et al., 2014; Xavier et al., 2010; Ficetola et al., 2008; Whiteman et al., 2002;) and are becoming a readily used technique within palaeoenvironmental science. This thesis has generated several robust, highly specific qPCR protocols for the direct detection of *Dendroctonus ponderosae*, *Dendroctonus pseudotsugae*, and *Choristoneura* spp. within the Pacific Northwest region, with promising results, which we believe will serve as a highly valuable tool in assessing their current and historic abundance and deepening our understanding of forest pest dynamics.

#### *Flexibility in assay design*

Protocols can be designed to target single species (as per the Dpond and Dpseudo protocols), multiple species, genera (as per the Chorist protocol), or even families, with primer design being the controlling factor on the specificity of amplicons. Primers within multiplex assays are designed to amplify the same region in multiple species whereby there is variation in the amplicon (Wood et al., 2020). High-resolution melting (HRM) can be used, in conjunction with positive controls for target species, and sequencing, to confirm presence within the sample (Minett et al., 2021; Robinson et al., 2019; Robinson et al., 2018). Study sites whereby species presence and abundance are largely unknown, such as *Choristoneura* spp. across Oregon and Washington, may opt for a genus-specific primer assay which can detect all species within those genera.

#### *High sensitivity*

Limits of detection (LOD) refer to the lowest concentration of template that can be detected (Klymus et al., 2020) and are used as a measure of the sensitivity of assays. This is particularly useful when remains are too poorly preserved for taxonomic identification. As well as limits of detection, high sensitivity can also refer to the identification of samples to the lowest taxonomic group, which has proven particularly advantageous when reconstructing floras. Due to morphological limitations, pollen assemblages are often restricted to genus or family level



(Birks and Birks, 2016) with very few taxa routinely identified to species and sub-species level. Much work (Alsos et al., 2018a; Alsos et al., 2018b; Edwards et al., 2018; Willerslev et al., 2014; Bennett and Parducci, 2006 and) has been conducted on increasing the resolution of several key taxa (Poaceae, Cyperaceae, *Pinus*, *Alnus*, *Betula*) to provide more detailed palaeoenvironmental reconstructions through the identification of more taxa to species level, either via increased abundance of reference sequences or more thorough filtering processes. These advancements facilitate more comprehensive assessments as the different species within a genus may require varying conditions which help to build a picture of the environmental conditions.

#### *DNA as an additional 'proxy'*

The methods associated with DNA recovery (i.e., coring, subsampling, sampling strategies) are near identical to existing palaeoecological methods that analyse charcoal, pollen, macrofossils, tephra, etc. Samples obtained for DNA analysis are the same, for example, as bulk sediment samples taken for radiocarbon dating (Bennett and Parducci, 2006), the only difference is that sterile conditions when coring and subsampling must be maintained to limit contamination. The protocols outlined in this thesis obtained material for radiocarbon dating, charcoal, DNA, and tephra, utilising the same methods of coring and subsampling. Additional proxies such as pollen and macrofossils could also have been sampled to provide additional ecological information. When correct sedaDNA sampling methods are followed, samples intended for DNA-based methodologies are of no greater risk of contamination than any other type of analyses (Edwards, 2020). Studies which utilise molecular ecology and palaeoecology techniques have shown clear benefits in reconstructing environmental change (Parducci et al., 2019). DNA, therefore, can be considered as an additional proxy source of information within existing multiproxy approaches (Dzombier et al., 2021; Polling et al., 2021; Parducci et al., 2020; Parducci et al., 2015).

#### *Detection in modern and palaeoenvironmental samples*

This thesis was concerned with the reconstruction of historic insect outbreaks. However, the qPCR assays designed for *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae*, and *Choristoneura* spp. could readily be used in a biomonitoring capacity in modern samples. For example, downstream sampling to detect outbreaks at higher elevations, which has successfully been achieved in riverine environments (Muha et al., 2019; Wacker et al., 2019; Pont et al., 2018; Deiner and

Altermatt, 2014) or the metabarcoding of surface samples across a wide spatial area. This drastically reduces the cost of traditional surveys and facilitates the measurements of species abundances in areas too dangerous to sample by traditional means (Crookes et al., 2020). The designing of primer sets to amplify short fragments accommodates degradation in older samples, allowing the same protocols to be used in both modern and palaeoenvironmental samples (Opel et al., 2006). DNA-based protocols are readily used in modern samples, to provide low effort, non-destructive methods of assessing biodiversity, and in a reconstructive capacity, to assess late-Pleistocene and Holocene environmental change. However, to our knowledge, there are no current examples of a qPCR protocol specifically designed to assess the abundance of a species in both a modern and reconstructive capacity. Studies show that DNA-based methodologies can span the timeframes concerned with most palaeoenvironmental reconstruction, with DNA successfully retrieved from terrestrial sediments aged 400 ka BP (Willerslev et al., 2003; Lydolph et al., 2005) and from frozen environments aged 800 ka BP (Willerslev et al., 2007). These methodologies are seemingly limited by degradation of DNA which varies by source and environmental conditions post deposition.

#### *The ability to detect all life stages of the target organism*

Some species are typically only distinguishable as adults, and even then, species-specific distinction is not always possible as adults, even in modern specimens (Pochon et al., 2013). Therefore, methodologies which can detect and identify specimens at larval or instar stages provide results with higher resolution than those identified taxonomically (Andruszkiewicz Allan et al., 2021; Deiner et al., 2017; Parducci et al., 2017).

#### *The ability to detect samples too poorly preserved for taxonomic ID*

DNA-studies do not rely on levels of preservation required to taxonomically identify morphological characteristics. Instead, if DNA is present, it can, in theory, be detected (Deiner, 2017). Degradation can be attributed to a wide range of factors, including age, environmental conditions, or other biological processes. Morris et al., 2015, highlighted that one possible reason for the lack of Holocene bark beetle remains could be that carcasses are eaten by fish before they become incorporated into sedimentary archives. The use of DNA-based methodologies implies that even if a beetle has been eaten by fish, or a tree containing beetle remains falls into lake, its DNA could still become incorporated into lake sediment, and detected. Several reviews have also highlighted a measurable decline in taxonomic expertise and identification skills across many fields (Oliveira et al., 2011; Boonham et al., 2008;

Hopkins and Freckleton, 2002). While this is a growing concern within paleoenvironmental science, and one that needs addressing, the advantages of DNA-based methodologies is that they do not require any prior knowledge of the target species (Deiner et al., 2017).

#### *Standardisation of protocol*

All aspects of DNA-based methodologies, including extraction protocols, primer sets, PCR conditions, number of replicates, could all in theory be standardised (Loeza-Quintana et al., 2020), whether through metabarcoding, single, or multiplex assays, the creation of named/standardised protocols for species or groups of species. This would also address a major disadvantage of palaeoecological science outlined in the General Introduction, that a lack of standardised protocols and thresholds for disturbance, fail to facilitate the fair comparison of results across studies and/or sites. While a drive for standardisation of DNA methodologies is currently ongoing (Loeza-Quintana et al., 2020; Harper et al., 2018), it seems that the abundance of variables associated with each research study (target species or group of species, sample type, budget) may limit the potential for standardisation. Other paleoenvironmental methods, such as pollen analysis, have become standardised in their preparation methods (see Moore, 1991) and it is hoped that as the field develops, we can work towards some level of standardisation as seen in other areas of the field.

#### *2.4. DNA conclusion*

DNA-based methodologies have revolutionised the field of Quaternary science through the retrieval of target species DNA from a wide range of depositional environments, overcoming the need for sufficient levels of preservation and taxonomic skills required for species identification from macrofossils. The protocols designed within this thesis have both high-specificity and low limits of detection, yet an underwhelming number of positive amplifications were obtained. Only two sets of potential positive amplifications occurred prior to the period covered by the ADS dataset whereby the Dpseudo protocol identified several positive of *D. pseudotsugae* at Pyramid Lake between 543 and 473 yr BP and the Dpond assay identified several positives of an unsequenced species at Pyramid Lake ranging in age between 752 and 896 cal yr BP. Despite an overwhelming consensus in the literature that current outbreaks of *Dendroctonus* bark beetles are unprecedented and that the habitable range suitable to supporting such large insect populations is increasing due to climate change (Morris et al., 2015), it seems highly unlikely, given the abundance of suitable host trees across all of the sites chosen within this thesis, that insect outbreaks have only been impacting these sites for

the last Century and for a brief period between 752 - 896 and 543 - 473 cal yr BP. It is therefore more likely that some aspect of the site selection, sampling methodology, or DNA protocols, led to a failure to detect insect outbreaks throughout the time periods associated with this study, emphasised by the much more closed catchment of Pyramid Lake experiencing higher levels of DNA recovery.

It has been highlighted in the literature (Dickie et al., 2018; Klymus et al., 2020) that the fields of eDNA, aDNA, and sedaDNA research are still in their infancy, therefore, the reporting and discussion of negative results such as these are integral in bettering our understanding of the mechanisms and behaviour of sedaDNA signals. Despite an overall lack of positive amplifications, it must be highlighted that there have been several key lessons learned with regards to the catchment dynamics and source areas of DNA, notably the identification of key factors which influenced the detection of *D. pseudotsugae* within the surface sample at Pyramid Lake while a nearby outbreak of *C. occidentalis* was not detected. In addition, the newly designed qPCR assays for *D. ponderosae*, *D. pseudotsugae* and *C. occidentalis* all show great potential in the detection of their respective targets' DNA with a wide range of environmental samples.

As discussed in the beginning of this chapter, the original aim of this study was to produce a pollen-based calibration of known insect disturbance events obtained from ADS survey data. To limit the potential for human activity influencing the interpretation of this calibration, higher elevation sites were favoured, which seemingly led to much lower sedimentation rates expected and to those found at lower elevation sites. Building upon the deeper understanding of sedaDNA behaviour obtained within this thesis, future studies, at lower elevation sites, with higher sedimentation rates may provide better sampling resolutions and time intervals with which to further develop these methodologies.

### **3. Charcoal**

#### *3.1. BackgroundCHAR and peakCHAR*

Minckley and Long et al., 2016 and Tweiten et al., 2009, have both highlighted that direct comparison of fire episodes between studies is problematic due to the differences in temporal resolution of each record type, namely, the annual resolution of tree-ring data versus sedimentary methods which analyse periods of time dictated by the subsampling strategy. One novel set of analyses performed on the raw charcoal data was a decomposition of the data into

a simulated annual resolution using age-depth models to ascribe CHAR values between known points of data. This facilitated the application of varying sizes of continuous running means to identify levels of *backgroundCHAR* and the calculation of mean fire return intervals comparable with those obtained from annual dendroecological methods. This resulted in a high-resolution analysis strategy which could be widely implemented using the data already typically used for fire reconstructions i.e., raw charcoal counts, CHAR, and age-depth models.

Methods used to calculate *background CHAR* typically implement running means with window sizes of between 500 to 1000 years based on sampling intervals of 1cm (Minckley and Long, 2016; Minckley et al., 2007; Millspaugh et al., 2000; Long et al., 1998; Cleveland, 1979). When windows are too small, *backgroundCHAR* tends to track *peakCHAR* too closely which can lead to a lack of distinct peaks and an erroneous estimate of the number of total fire events. This highlights a balance that must be considered between only detecting high severity events and producing records which class the entire series as a fire event due to the similarity in both *backgroundCHAR* and *peakCHAR* (Long et al., 1998). The above parameters are based on a sampling resolution of 1cm, therefore, due to the high-resolution 2mm sampling methodology used throughout this thesis, a range of 200-yr, 150-yr, and 100-yr running means were tested to provide comparable versions of the parameters outlined above.

Fire events were identified whereby the ratio of *peakCHAR* to *backgroundCHAR* exceeded a certain value, deemed the ‘fire event’ threshold, which is a measure of when the peak component exceeds the background component within the dataset. There is no agreed upon threshold for the identification of fire events within the literature. Millspaugh and Whitlock (1995), developed a calibration of an event threshold based on the parameters that would identify periods of known fire obtained from dendroecological records, however, no tree ring data was not available for this study and could not be used to calibrate the event threshold in my samples. Instead, it was the analysis of Long et al. (1998) which aided the selection of the event threshold parameter for this study. An analysis of Little Lake, Coast Range, Oregon, (210m a.s.l. in the *Tsuga heterophylla* Zone), tested various events thresholds (1, 1.05, 1.12, and 1.2), with *backgroundCHAR* calculated using a 600-yr running window (Long et al., 1998). These various events thresholds were applied to a 9,000-year record of CHAR at Little Lake, and detected 18, 14, 8, and 5 peaks, respectively. Despite identifying the greatest number of events, both the 1 and 1.05 indices were dismissed, as they produced mean fire return intervals of 110 years, or less, which they deemed unlikely considering the typical large, infrequent

stand-replacing fire behaviour of the moist temperate *Tsuga heterophylla* forests of the Coast Range and several published fire reconstructions in a similar vegetation zone (Agee, 1993; Agee, 1990). In contrast, the threshold of 1.2 identified only 5 events which included a 1,700 ‘fire-free’ period, which they also considered unlikely for this vegetation type. Consequently, a threshold of 1.12 was chosen as these parameters reflected the expected fire regimes based on current composition and behaviour of these temperate forest ecosystems. A criticism of this method could be how appropriate it is to base the parameters for reconstruction on the most recent behaviour or current forest composition, but palynological reconstructions of this area (such as Long et al., 1998), show very little change in species composition and abundance which justifies the choice of such parameters.

To assess how these varying event indices affected the number of events identified within my data, the same event thresholds of 1, 1.05, 1.12, and 1.2, used in Long et al., (1998), were applied to the CHAR records for Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake, using the 100-yr running mean as a source of *backgroundCHAR*. There was a great disparity in the results using the range of 1 to 1.2 as events thresholds. There was a 62% reduction in events identified at Little Monon Lake (65 events where index = 1 versus 25 events where index = 1.2), a 32% reduction in events identified at Pyramid Lake (79 events where index = 1 versus 54 events where index = 1.2), and a 55% reduction in events identified at Summit Lake (72 events where index = 1 versus 33 events where index = 1.2). While detecting the ‘highest number’ of events does not necessarily reflect the highest quality reconstruction, an event threshold of 1 was chosen for this study for several reasons. Firstly, the abundance of fire reconstructions from this region show that fire is a common disturbance process within the Cascade Range and fire intervals are common in this area (Walsh et al., 2010; Long et al., 2007; Briles et al., 2005; Weisberg et al., 2003; Long et al., 1998; Teensma, 1988). Second, the vegetation types of the sites chosen within this thesis, such as the nearly pure stand of *P. contorta* at Little Monon Lake, experience both episodic high severity stand replacement fires, as well as frequent, small-scale fires, and too high an event threshold would fail to detect the latter of these fire types, skewing our understanding of total fire events. Thirdly, the mean fire return intervals produced using a threshold of 1 were comparable to both published reconstructions at nearby sites and in reconstructions of similar vegetation types, which was a key component in the decision making of Long et al., 1998. For example, the mean fire return interval for Little Monon Lake, the site dominated by nearly pure *P. contorta* stands, were calculated as 36.6 years, which compares to a range of 22 to 67 years across similar sites in

Montana, USA, Wyoming, USA, and Alberta, Canada (See Table 4.4). And finally, it seemed counterintuitive to produce such a high sampling resolution and fine running mean and then choose a high event threshold which would only detect large events as this would contradict one of the key themes within this thesis, which is to readdress the imbalance within the published literature of a bias towards the detection of large-scale, high severity events. Instead, we chose a methodology that would result in the more accurate detection of fire events at all levels within the fossil charcoal assemblage, including small, less severe, or more localised events.

### 3.2. Fire return intervals

Accurate methods of identifying fire return intervals are integral to understanding fire regimes, stand composition, structure, and population demographics (Ford et al., 2010; Cwynar, 1987). Mixed-aged stands occur as a result of low to medium severity fires as only groups of trees within the stand burn, while single-aged stands occur from stand replacement fires, whereby the entire stand burns (Morrison and Swanson, 1990). As stands age they become more flammable, due to increased density, over maturation, or insect attacks that leave large areas of standing dead trees (Lotan et al., 1988), therefore, longer fire intervals fires tend to result in high severity fires when they do burn. The novel use of the simulated continuous record to produce return fire intervals resulted in fire return intervals comparable to those obtained using traditional dendroecological method with annual resolution (See Table 4.4). *Pinus contorta* (lodgepole pine) is relatively abundant across eastern regions of the Pacific Northwest (Lotan et al., 1985) with its' presence attributed to the repeated interruption of successional patterns by fire, leaving pure stands of fire-dependent *Pinus contorta* (Perry and Lotan, 1979; Brown, 1975). Fire dynamics within *Pinus contorta* forests are described as 'all or nothing', occurring as either smouldering, creeping burns across the forest floor, or rapidly moving, intense, stand replacement crown fires (Lotan et al., 1995). A rapidly growing, fire-tolerant species, *P. contorta*, usually capitalises on these intense fire events to become dominant species. Little Monon Lake, and the surrounding Olallie catchment, is an example of an area characterised by pure *P. contorta* stands. Published fire reconstructions from pure *P. contorta* stands in the Rocky Mountains (Tande, 1979; Arno, 1976; Gabriel, 1976; Loop and Gruell, 1973, Day, 1972) calculated mean fire return intervals from tree ring data which range between 22 and 67 years. The mean return interval for Little Monon Lake, as calculated by the simulated annual resolution method using a running mean of 100-yrs and an event threshold of 1.0, ranged from 22.8 years in the period 1,499 – 1,000 yr BP to 83.2 years in the most recent 500-year period,

with an average for the entire record of 36.6 years (See Table 3.6 in Results and Table 4.4 below), making these results comparable with published reconstructions. The mean fire return interval for Pyramid Lake and Summit Lake were less similar to published reconstructions of similar ecological zones (Minckley and Long, 2016; Long et al., 1998; Morrison and Swanson, 1990). The records for Pyramid Lake and Summit Lake suggest a mean fire return interval of 41.3 and 22.4 years, respectively, compared to a range of 95 to 280 years found in other mixed conifer sites in the Coastal Range and Cascade Range. Pyramid Lake, Summit Lake, Cook-Quentin Study Area, Deer Study Area (Morrison and Swanson, 1990), Breitenbush Lake (Minckley and Long, 2016), and Little Lake are all mixed conifer stands in the Cascade Range and Coastal Range of Oregon (Long et al., 1998). As these are mixed conifer stands, fire behaviour of each area will vary by the abundance of each conifer species and their respective fire tolerance and behaviour, leading to a greater variation in return intervals than in pure stands, whereby fire behaviour of single species can be more predictable. This suggests it may be less straightforward to determine measurements of mean fire return intervals in mixed conifer stands than in stands dominated by single species.

	<b>FRI</b>	<b>Dominant vegetation</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<b>Little Monon Lake, OR</b>	36.6 years	<i>P. contorta</i>	This study
<b>Pyramid Lake, OR</b>	41.3 years	Mixed conifer	This study
<b>Summit Lake, OR</b>	22.4 years	Mixed conifer	This study
<b>Bitterroot Valley, MT</b>	22 years	<i>P. contorta</i>	Arno, 1976
<b>Jasper National Park, AB</b>	27 years	<i>P. contorta</i>	Tande, 1979
<b>Bob Marshall Wilderness, MT</b>	40 years	<i>P. contorta</i>	Gabriel, 1976
<b>Jackson Hole, WY</b>	50 years	<i>P. contorta</i>	Loop and Gruell, 1973
<b>Rocky Mountain Foothills, AB</b>	67 years	<i>P. contorta</i>	Day, 1972
<b>Cook-Quentin Study Area, OR</b>	95 years	Mixed conifer	Morrison and Swanson, 1990
<b>Deer Study Area, OR</b>	149 years	Mixed conifer	“
<b>Breitenbush Lake, OR</b>	280 years	Mixed conifer	Minckley and Long, 2016
<b>Little Lake, OR</b>	230	Mixed conifer	Long et al., 1998
<b>South Santiam, OR</b>	50	Mixed conifer	Stewart et al., 1984

**Table 4.4 Comparative summary of return fire intervals across western North America, by vegetation type, against Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake.**

### 3.3. Fire history across the Pacific Northwest



There is an overall lack of published fire regimes for the Cascade Range, making thorough discussion of the patterns of fire behaviour observed at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake, in relation to other sites across this region difficult. However, within the fire reconstructions which are available, there are some strong correlations with the fire regimes of my sites.

The only existing published fire reconstruction in the central Cascade Range, Oregon, is derived from Breitenbush Lake and consists of a multiproxy reconstruction of vegetation and fire derived from pollen and charcoal data obtained from lake sediments (Minckley and Long, 2016). Breitenbush Lake sits 3.2 km southeast of Little Monon Lake, within the adjacent watershed and is located 1,678m a.s.l. within the *Abies amabilis* Zone, with major canopy species including *Abies amabilis*, *Abies procera*, *Tsuga mertensiana*, with smaller abundances of *Picea engelmannii* and *Pinus contorta*. This vegetation composition differs significantly from Little Monon Lake, which is dominated by nearly pure stands of *Pinus contorta*. The core obtained from Breitenbush Lake spans the last 13,400 years BP therefore we can compare the charcoal record over the last 2,500 years whereby it crosses over with the length of the Little Monon Lake record. During this period, CHAR indices from Breitenbush indicate a period of heightened fire activity around 2,000 yr BP, with CHAR values twice that of the average for the entire series (0.79 particles  $\text{cm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  at 2,000 yr BP compared to an average of 0.39 particles  $\text{cm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$  for the entire series). This pattern is reflected in the Little Monon Lake record, with 5 events during this period and *background*CHAR (Figure 3.24 in Results) values around 27 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , which is particularly high for Little Monon Lake. This compares to 2 events in the 2,000-2,100 yr BP period and 3 events in the 1,999-1,900 yr BP period observed at Little Monon Lake. Worona and Whitlock (1995), found at Little Lake, Oregon, an increase in *Pseudotsuga menziesii* and *Abies* spp. at 1,950 yr BP, which also suggest a drier period in the Coastal Range, which is atypical for this region and, therefore, suggests climate was a principal driver of a change in fire regime at this time as it seems to be simultaneous across much of Oregon.

There is an abrupt and dramatic decline in fire activity ~700 yr BP observable across all three CHAR records in this study (Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake), however, levels of CHAR remain high for Breitenbush between 2,000 yr BP and present. Pollen analysis of Breitenbush Lake indicated that the median canopy:understory pollen ratios remained fairly constant through this time, suggesting that fire episodes resulted in little to no change to forest

structure (Minckley and Long, 2016). Interestingly, the major shifts in pollen assemblages at Breitenbush Lake coincide with periods of very little to no fire activity. *Tsuga* spp., *Abies* spp., and *Picea* spp., which are all found at Breitenbush Lake, are thin barked species mortally susceptible to mid- to -high-severity fires (Agee, 1993). There are also quick to grow and recover from such events, with pollen production returning to full capacity in less than 20 years (Cruz and Alexander, 2010) therefore, pollen records do not always show the changes these types of fires inflict on forest community structure. It is therefore possible that the pollen records at Breitenbush Lake were either overwhelmed by more regional pollen signatures which effectively ‘hid’ the taxa lost to fire, or that the sampling resolution failed to identify declining abundances of burnt species, instead, capturing time periods whereby the pollen production of affected species had recovered.

The only other fire reconstruction within the Cascade Range was produced at Battle Ground Lake, southwestern Washington (Walsh et al., 2008). The site is situated further north within the Cascade Range and much lower elevation than the sites within this study. Although this site is further north than the sites studied within this thesis, the vegetation type is typical of the *Tsuga heterophylla* Zone, dominated by *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, *Thuja*-type, *Tsuga heterophylla*, *Abies*, and *Alnus rubra*. While, the vegetation types are not analogous to my sites, a reconstruction of Holocene fire, vegetation, and climate (Walsh et al., 2008) revealed a period of heightened fire activity between, 1,500 yr BP and 700 yr BP which was the highest observed within the last 4,000 years at Battle Ground Lake. This period of high fire activity between 1,500 and 700-yr BP is observable in both the Summit Lake and Little Monon Lake records. At Little Monon Lake, a large peak in CHAR around 1,450 – 1,500 yr BP is observed in all size classes. At this time, CHAR values in the >500  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250-500  $\mu\text{m}$  size classes are 2x the values found throughout the rest of the series, with values of 1 and 10 particles  $\text{mm}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , respectively, indicative of a highly severe localised fire at Little Monon Lake. There is also a high fire activity towards the end of this period at Pyramid Lake, however, overall fire activity is far less than that observed at Little Monon Lake and Summit Lake. This time-period of heightened fire activity coincides with the Medieval Climate Anomaly (MCA) whereby temperatures were comparable, or even higher than those observed in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (Mann, 2002). Evidence derived from tree ring records (Cook et al. 2004; Graumlich, 1993) and lake sediments (Brunelle and Whitlock, 2003; Mohr et al., 2000) suggest the MCA in North America was characterised by increased aridity and warmer temperatures, which would

effectively extend the fire season and also increase the weather conditions suitable for fire (Walsh et al., 2008).

Following the period of heightened fire activity at Battle Ground Lake there was a rapid decline in fire activity, with only three major fire episodes occurring over the last 700 years, in 1350 AD, 1390 AD, and 1902 AD. This pattern is observable within the CHAR records for Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake, whereby all sites experience a rapid decline in CHAR values ~700 yr BP. During this period, fire return intervals at Little Monon Lake increase from 22.8 years to 83.2 years and at Pyramid Lake FRI increases from 37.0 to 91.8 years. Walsh et al., (2008) attributed the decline in fire activity at Battle Ground Lake to the effects of the Little Ice Age. The LIA would have had the opposite effect of the MCA, with cooler, wetter conditions leading to much shorter annual fire seasons and a suppression of conditions suitable for fire.

The reconstruction to Battle Ground Lake also consisted of a palynological reconstruction of vegetation. Interestingly, during the periods of both heightened fire activity between 1,500 and 700yr BP and drastically reduced fire activity in last 700 years to present, there was very little change in overall vegetation. Abundances of dominant species inferred through pollen analysis, show *Pseudotsuga*, *Thuja plicata*, and Poaceae, are found at the same levels throughout the MCA. This minimal change in vegetation was also observed during significant shifts in fire regime at Breitenbush Lake (Minckley and Long, 2016). Therefore, the short-term changes in climate must have been the predominant influence on fire regime, rather than longer term climate induced changes in vegetation, forest composition, or stand structure (Walsh et al., 2008).

In addition to reconstructions based on fossil charcoal remains, there are also several key fire reconstructions in the Cascade Range which utilise dendroecological methods. Morrison and Swanson, 1990, produced an 800-year (1150 to 1985 AD) reconstruction of fire history at two sites within the Willamette Valley using fire scars in tree ring records and clear-cut stumps as evidence of past fire events. The Cook-Quentin study and The Deer study area are both categorised as old-growth Douglas-fir stands, situated within the central western Cascade Range where the Cook Creek, Quentin Creek, and Blue River intersect, 6km northeast of the H J Andrews Experimental Forest. Reconstructed fire regimes between the two sites exhibit high variability, reflective of high topographic variation. The Cook-Quentin site is steeper and

more dissected, akin to the topography of Pyramid Lake, and experienced low to medium severity fires with an average return interval of 95 years. The Deer Study site, although within the adjacent watershed, has more gentle topography, akin to the topography of Little Monon Lake and Summit Lake, and receives more rainfall than Cook-Quentin and consequently has a slightly longer fire rotation period of 149 years, with the majority of these fires being stand replacement events. The advantage of dendroecological methods is that they provide annual resolution, allowing assessments of the duration of events. In addition, when multiple trees within a stand are analysed, it can provide information on spatial extent of the fire event. Interestingly, these sites both show a decline in fire activity ~800 – 700 yr BP. In the records for both the Cook-Quentin study area and Deer study area, Morrison and Swanson, (1990), identified a high-severity fire event ~800 – 750 yr BP, which lasted for 50 years. Following this period, there was a 250-year gap in fire activity, which is the longest fire free period found within the records at both sites. This distinct change in fire regime coincides with the beginning of the LIA which led to a dramatic change in fire behaviour across the Pacific Northwest, as inferred by the fossil charcoal records outlined above and then data obtained from my sites.

The comparison of fire regimes across the Cascade Range, Coastal Range, and Willamette Valley have revealed that despite high variability in both vegetation zones and catchment dynamics, they broadly show a similar fire behaviour i.e., higher levels of fire pre-700 yr BP, lower levels of fire between 700 yr BP and 200 yr BP, and then a steady increase in fire to the present. These results highlight that climate must be the primary driver of fire dynamics in this region, rather than vegetation.

#### *3.4. Factors affecting charcoal production and deposition*

The two principal factors which ultimately affect the amount of charcoal recovered from lake sediments, are firstly, how much charcoal is initially produced, and, secondly, the taphonomic processes that deliver charcoal to the lake and result in its' deposition (Higuera et al., 2010). An exploration of these factors highlights key results obtained from the fossil charcoal records at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake.

The evidence obtained from Little Monon Lake Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake, suggests the fire regimes of the central Cascades are highly variable. The number of fire events and mean return intervals identified from my data, vary considerably, as do the reconstructed fire regimes of this region discussed above. It seems on regional scales, climate has the greatest effect on

fire and vegetation, while topography and the spatial distribution of fuels and vegetation having the greatest impact on local scale (Merschel et al., 2018; Kellogg et al., 2008). For example, in the Cascade Range, characterised by high topographic variation and river-cut valleys, steep topographic features may either act as a barrier for the spread of fire or accelerants of fire spreading (Merschel et al., 2018; Taylor and Skinner, 2003). This means that widespread locations within more homogenous catchments, such as the Summit Lake catchment, may vary less than sites in proximity within highly variable catchments. For example, the fire return intervals of Deer Study Area and Cook-Quentin Study Area, vary by a factor of 2.4x, despite being 9km apart. An RFI of 96 years at Deer Study area versus 241 years at Cook-Quentin Study Area despite being of similar vegetation. This is likely attributed to the high variation in topography, elevation, climatic niches, and vegetation composition, found across the Cascade Range, which ultimately influence the abundance of fuel, ‘fire weather’, and how easily fires can spread (Rothermel, 1983).

Firstly, the amount of charcoal produced is directly correlated to the type of vegetation burned, the area burned, and the intensity of fire. The General Introduction contained a brief discussion regarding the fire behaviours of the major tree species associated with the forest communities within the Pacific Northwest (Tables 1.2 and 1.4). A coevolution of these species alongside fire has resulted in the development of fire behaviours and fire tolerances, the dynamics of which vary greatly. Species with very low fire tolerance, such as *Tsuga heterophylla* (western hemlock), have thin bark, shallow roots, and highly flammable foliage, therefore, when stands of *T. heterophylla* burn more individuals are likely to succumb to the fire event producing a greater abundance of charcoal. In contrast, highly fire tolerant species, such as *Larix occidentalis* (western larch) survive all but the most severe fires, due to their thick bark, open crown, and high canopy. The dominant vegetation at the sites chosen for this thesis consist of either fire-dependent species (such as near pure stands of *P. contorta* at Little Monon Lake) or species with low fire tolerance (such as *T. heterophylla* which form major components of the mixed conifer stands at Summit Lake and Pyramid Lake). Consequently, these species are both prone to burning, which explains the high levels of fossil charcoal recovered from all sites.

The controlling factor on the area burned, in addition to weather patterns, can be thought of as an extension of how the fire behaviour of individual species scales up to their relative abundance within a stand i.e., what proportion of a stand has high fire tolerance, versus low fire tolerance, are stands composed of single species or multiple species. Fire intensity is

primarily a factor of climate, with cool wet conditions, such as those observed throughout the LIA result in an accumulation of fuels, resulting in high intensity fires when areas do eventually burn. The intensity of a fire greatly influences the dispersal of charcoal particles as this has been shown to directly correlated with the size of the plume and the abundance of material carried aloft (Whitlock and Larsen 2002). The Olallie catchment, within which Little Monon Lake sits, is characterised by densely-packed near pure stands of fire-dependent *P. contorta*, which at the time of sampling, the entire southern side of the catchment was burned, attributed to a high severity fire in 2001. This combination of a densely packed stand comprised of a single fire dependent species which has undergone several centuries of fire suppression illustrates the three controlling factors which result in large amounts of charcoal production outlined above. The distinctive peak in CHAR ~1,500 yr BP found within the Little Monon Lake fossil charcoal record could therefore be attributed to a similar scenario.

The second critical component to charcoal deposition concerns taphonomy. Taphonomy, or the processes involved between charcoal production and deposition, is not a concern within dendroecological-based reconstructions as the occurrence of fire is directly recorded by the fire scars within affected trees (Long et al., 1998; Morrison and Swanson, 1990), however, these considerations are integral to interpreting fossil charcoal records. There have been attempts to understand the dynamics associated with deposition of fossil charcoal by assessing the patterns of deposition from modern fires within lake sediments, in an effort to better understand how to interpret results from palaeoenvironmental reconstructions. In general, charcoal dispersal distance increases with wind speed and injection height and decreases with particle size and density suggesting that peaks in macroscopic charcoal occur when there is fire in the immediate watershed as larger, heavier particles travel shorter distances, and microscopic charcoal represent more regional signals (Gardner and Whitlock, 2001; Clark, 1988; Patterson et al., 1987). (Peters and Higuera, 2007). The catchment schematics which depict major topographic features (Figures 4.1 to 4.7) outlined in the DNA Discussion aimed to identify potential source areas for palaeoenvironmental material at Little Monon Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Summit Lake. These drainage characteristics which provided a strong correlation to the results observed within sedaDNA analyses, are also important factors in the mechanisms for charcoal transport. Little Monon Lake and Summit Lake have the most comparable fire histories of the sites chosen of this study. Firstly, the abundance of charcoal at these sites are considerably higher than the abundance of charcoal found at Pyramid Lake. The catchment dynamics of Little Monon Lake and Summit Lake highlight how the combination of a site dominated by species with low fire

tolerances and a large source areas resulted in the highest abundance of charcoal particles recovered from this site as well as the higher number of events identified, relative to length of the record. Pyramid Lake contained the highest number of positive sedaDNA amplifications yet had the lowest abundance of charcoal with less fluctuation in fire activity than the records for Little Monon Lake and Summit Lake. The variation in results for these differing proxies suggest that ideal site selection may vary by proxy, depending on the nature of the material required for analysis (Edwards, 2020).

### 3.5. *Human influence on fire*

Human influence has always played a key role in fire dynamics (DeWilde and Chapin, 2006), with the effects ranging from fire promotion (e.g., clearing of land for grazing or the construction of settlements), to fire suppression (e.g., active controlling of burned areas) (Haugo et al., 2019; Pyne, 2017). Therefore, whenever charcoal records show abrupt shifts in fire behaviour, such as those observed at Little Monon Lake and Summit Lake ~600 – 700 yr BP, the effects of humans in promoting such changes must be assessed. Recent human influence has undoubtedly affected the role of fire within the Cascade Range, however, relatively little is known prior to European settlement in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century and the role indigenous populations had on fire activity (Haugo et al., 2019; Morrison and Swanson, 1990). Early human settlement sites are believed to have been concentrated at low elevation, along the Columbia River, allowing easy access to resources, including salmon, and to provide water for crops (Martindale, 2015; Hajda, 1994; Pettigrew, 1990; Boyd and Hajda, 1987). Indigenous populations are also known to have seasonally used middle to higher elevation sites across the Cascade Range (Teensma, 1987; Boyd, 1986; Minor and Pecor, 1977). There is also evidence of high elevation occupation as early as ~4,500 yr BP, although this is believed to be focussed in the Washington Cascade Range (Mierendorf, 1999). Some indigenous fire-related practises are well documented, including the annual burning of grassland within the Willamette Valley (Burke, 1979) or the use of fire to promote the growth of food within the Columbia River Basin (Boyd, 1990). However, the relatively low population sizes of these indigenous populations suggest that the scale and extent of these fires are likely considered too small to register within fossil charcoal records or to have significantly altered fire regimes (Walsh et al., 2008). The results observed in this thesis can be explained by shifts in climate, as fire behaviour closely reflecting either warm and dry or cool and wet conditions across sites of dissimilar vegetation, such as between Battle Ground Lake in Washington and Little Monon Lake and Summit Lake in Oregon, are concurrent. Full Holocene reconstructions of fire (Minckley and Long, 2016;

Walsh et al., 2008; Long et al., 2007; Long et al., 1998) show the greatest period of fire activity occurred during the early Holocene, at periods of least human influence. Therefore, while we cannot discount the effect indigenous populations had on fire regimes, it appears that they were not the primary driver of altered fire regimes reconstructed in this study.

### *3.6. Charcoal conclusion*

The evidence discussed above suggests the fire regimes of the central Cascades are highly variable. The number of fire events and mean return intervals identified from my data, vary considerably, as do the reconstructed fire regimes of this region discussed above. It seems on regional scales, climate has the greatest effect on fire and vegetation, while topography and the spatial distribution of fuels and vegetation having the greatest impact on local scale (Merschel et al., 2018; Kellogg et al., 2008). For example, in the Cascade Range, characterised by high topographic variation and river-cut valleys, steep topographic features may either act as a barrier for the spread of fire or accelerants of fire spreading (Merschel et al., 2018; Taylor and Skinner, 2003). This means that widespread locations within more homogenous catchments, such as the Summit Lake catchment, may vary less than sites in proximity within highly variable catchments.

Much of the published reconstructions of historic fire occurrence in the Pacific Northwest are based in the Coastal Range and the Willamette Valley, Oregon. The majority of these reconstructions are obtained from only microscopic charcoal particles, which provide information of more regional fire signals, macroscopic charcoal particles sampled at wide time intervals, or tree ring data, which limits our understanding of historic fire occurrence beyond the lifespan of the host tree (Weinman and Mathewes, 1987, Cwynar, 1987, Dunwiddie, 1986; Tsukada et al., 1981). The fire reconstructions produced within this thesis are focussed within the understudied crest area of the Cascade Range, Oregon, and consist of continual sampling over three key size classes,  $>500 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $250$  to  $500 \mu\text{m}$ , and  $125 - 250 \mu\text{m}$ , which, in combination with both traditional and novel methods of analyses have resulted in highly detailed robust records of historic fire occurrence over local and regional scales with sampling resolutions that detect a greater range of events magnitudes than previous reconstructions in this region. These reconstructions have address important data gaps within this region and will provide highly useful information for future studies of fire history in the Pacific Northwest.

Recent observations suggest fire activity has significantly increased since the 1930's, attributed to long period of fire suppression which allows fuel build up, increasingly warm and dry



conditions, and considerable human alteration of the ecosystem (Reilly et al., 2017; Hulse et al., 2016; Westerling and Bryant, 2006; Gedalof et al., 2005; Morris et al., 1934). The present-day fire regime of the Cascade Range is now categorised by medium to high severity fires (Agee, 1993).

#### **4. Conclusion**

Earlier literature (Rudinsky, 1979; Wickman et al., 1973; Childs and Shea, 1967) stated that although insect outbreaks are observed within the Cascade Range, they are more of a threat to individual trees than entire stands. These statements, made just fifty years ago, emphasise the rate at which insect outbreaks have superseded fire to become the most destructive disturbance agent in the Pacific Northwest.

The overwhelming evidence is that the frequency, severity, and scale of all types of forest disturbances are increasing (Kulakowski et al., 2016). Fire and insect outbreaks are both greatly influenced by climate and projected future warming of 1 to 3.5°C and a reduction in precipitation patterns by 2050 are likely to increase the occurrence and severity of extreme weather events, and therefore, create ideal conditions for more intense and widespread disturbance events (Fettig et al., 2013; Hicke et al., 2012; Bentz et al., 2010). Our understanding of how forest ecosystem processes will develop, either through changes in composition or a continued resilience, as climate and fire regimes continue to change is unclear (Minckley and Long, 2016; Thomsen and Willerslev, 2015; MacDonald et al., 2008). This thesis has highlighted that fire and insect outbreaks have been the two primary disturbance agents in the Pacific Northwest and both have shaped the forest landscapes across this region for thousands of years. How specific vegetation types behave during and recover from single agent events is relatively well understood, however, much less is known about the interactions between multiple disturbance agents (Turner et al., 2010). The dramatic increase in beetle-induced tree mortality over the past few decades has raised questions on how vast areas of standing dead trees and altered fuels loads will impact fire dynamics (Raffa et al., 2008; Meddens et al., 2012, Hicke et al., 2012; Harvey et al., 2014). It is thought that bark beetle outbreaks and fire severity may inextricably linked with fire severity greatly affected by pre-fire outbreaks (Harvey et al., 2014; Bond et al., 2009; Jenkins et al., 2008; Berg and Anderson, 2006). Mountain pine beetle outbreaks have been shown to affect the seed release of serotinous species such as lodgepole pine (Teste et al., 2011). Gradual tree death associated with insect outbreak(s) fail to provide the high temperature 'fire' cues associated with serotinous cone opening and resulting seed

release (Hellum and Wang, 1985) which ultimately impacts post-disturbance regeneration patterns (Harvey et al., 2014).

Several review papers (Gugerli et al., 2005; Parducci, 2004) have described the retrieval of DNA from modern and palaeoenvironmental samples as 'no longer a dream'. As such, the methods associated with DNA-based analyses of such samples are likely to only become more developed, improved, and routinely used across much of Quaternary science. A new wave of research has looked at calibrating environmental changes i.e., contemporary vegetation or pollen assemblages, with DNA signals, however, the calibration of insect outbreaks with the within these records is still an important data gap. This thesis has produced a high-specificity qPCR protocol capable of the direct detection of several notable forest pathogens with high sensitivity, high primer efficiencies, and low limits of detection, which expands on the field of palaeoenvironmental science and will prove a key asset in the monitoring and reconstruction of outbreak occurrence for these key forest pests. The results outlined in this thesis have furthered the discussion of the dynamics associated with sedaDNA and will contribute to the wider understanding of the processes associated with sedaDNA research, notable catchment dynamics and source areas for DNA.

The collaboration of molecular ecologists and palaeoecologists has demonstrated clear benefits when reconstructing past environments (Parducci et al., 2019). As highlighted in Edwards (2020), much of the recent literature concerning sedimentary DNA has suffered from a lack of communication between palaeoecologists and molecular biologists. This thesis demonstrates how inextricably linked these fields are and highlights how successful collaboration of these disciplines will drastically improve the potential for the successful integration of molecular biology into palaeoecological research in the future. I hope that accurate detection methods, including those utilising DNA-based methodologies, will play a key role with ecology and palaeoecology in the years to come.

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

Sample	Lab #	$\delta^{13}C$	Age	Age error
Summit Lake 4mm	1668	-25.6	-80	66
Summit Lake 8mm	1665	-25.5	0	60
Summit Lake 32mm	1669	-25.4	930	79
Summit Lake 40mm	1670	-25.5	230	34
Summit Lake 54mm	1666	-25.6	300	66
Summit Lake 60mm	1667	-25.8	300	60
Summit Middle	1603	-25.0	2110	36
Summit Basal	1602	-25.6	3290	49
Little Monon Lake 2mm	1641	-21.1	120	30
Little Monon Lake 8mm	1642	-21.1	70	30
Little Monon Lake 14mm	1640	-20.9	150	31
Little Monon Lake 20mm	1636	-21.4	360	40
Little Monon Lake 26mm	1638	-21.7	670	38
Little Monon Lake 32mm	1643	-22.0	900	45
Little Monon Lake 38mm	1647	-21.4	910	33
Little Monon Lake 44mm	1639	-21.2	1030	33
Little Monon Lake 50mm	1644	-21.6	1170	34
Little Monon Lake 58mm	1637	-22.1	1220	48
Little Monon Lake Middle	1633	-23.5	1610	46
Little Monon Lake Basal	1634	-21.7	2350	42
Pyramid Lake 2mm	1601	-23.9	-500	31
Pyramid Lake 8mm	1600	-24.5	40	31
Pyramid Lake 16mm	1599	-24.3	90	32
Pyramid Lake 24mm	1598	-24.7	460	34
Pyramid Lake 36mm	1606	-25.0	590	36
Pyramid Lake 40mm	1607	-24.7	590	42
Pyramid Lake Middle	1610	-25.3	2160	35
Pyramid Lake Basal	1593	-26.5	5330	55
Little Shadow Camp Lake Middle	1649	-26.4	3800	39
Little Shadow Camp Lake Basal	1632	-26.5	2990	34
Scorpion Lake Middle	1609	-27.0	8000	94
Scorpion Lake Middle	1660	-26.3	3980	67
Tephra Layers				
Above B1	1714	-26.3	1080	81

<b>Below B1</b>	1604	-24.9	660	39
<b>Above B2</b>	1631	-26.8	2510	53
<b>Below B3</b>	1663	-24.9	4830	61

**Table S1. Raw Radiocarbon dates obtained from iThemba LABS, Gauteng, South Africa**

<b>Depth (mm)</b>	<b>&gt;500µm</b>	<b>500-250µm</b>	<b>250-125µm</b>	<b>Total</b>
2				
4	0	2	21	23
6	0	1	16	17
8	0	6	72	78
10	0	0	23	23
12	0	3	27	30
14	0	13	89	102
16	0	1	56	57
18	0	4	38	42
20	1	6	36	43
22	0	8	72	80
24	0	4	51	55
26	0	1	19	20
28	0	0	10	10
30	0	0	9	9
32	0	0	36	36
34				
36				
38				
40				
42				
44				
46				
48				
50	0	3	27	30
52	0	1	68	69
54	0	1	17	18
56	0	0	18	18
58	0	4	32	36
60	0	2	41	43
62	0	2	21	23
64	1	10	88	99
66	0	12	102	114
68				
70	0	17	72	89
72	0	0	19	19
74	0	5	52	57
76	0	4	35	39
78	0	9	42	51
80	0	6	46	52
82	0	3	25	28
84	0	4	42	46
86	0	2	42	44

88	0	1	19	20
90	0	0	32	32
92	0	3	54	57
94	0	3	74	77
96	0	1	55	56
98	1	2	40	43
100	0	6	51	57
102	0	4	49	53
104	0	3	28	31
106	0	7	63	70
108	0	2	23	25
110	0	0	17	17
112	0	5	52	57
114	0	3	39	42
116	1	2	34	37
118	0	3	46	49
120	0	2	35	37
122	0	0	21	21
124	0	0	25	25
126	0	1	34	35
128	0	0	29	29
130	0	11	89	100
132	1	6	34	41
134	0	0	21	21
136	0	3	56	59
138	0	5	54	59
140	0	2	32	34
142	0	6	39	45
144	0	3	57	60
146	0	5	36	41
148	0	3	47	50
150	1	6	75	82
152	0	3	32	35
154	0	9	97	106
156	0	2	12	14
158	0	0	14	14
160	0	5	32	37
162	0	4	43	47
164	0	2	12	14
166	0	7	77	84
168	0	2	16	18
170	0	13	133	146
172	0	9	114	123
174	1	10	102	113
176	0	2	45	47
178	0	1	18	19
180	0	5	55	60
182	0	2	34	36
184	0	3	44	47
186	0	1	17	18
188	0	2	35	37
190	0	3	87	90
192	1	7	90	98
194	0	8	95	103

196	0	2	28	30
198	0	3	44	47
200	0	1	19	20
202	0	7	90	97
204	0	2	36	38
206	0	12	102	114
208	0	8	111	119
210	1	6	75	82
212	0	8	76	84
214	0	4	55	59
216	0	3	20	23
218	0	2	28	30
220	0	7	64	71
222	0	2	13	15
224	0	5	27	32
226	0	8	58	66
228	0	4	34	38
230	0	2	32	34
232	0	5	35	40
234	1	2	16	19
236	2	8	25	35
238	1	11	87	99
240	1	11	107	119
242	0	7	45	52
244	0	2	23	25
246	0	1	16	17
248	0	7	87	94
250	0	2	32	34
252	0	4	31	35
254	0	9	92	101
256	0	4	29	33
258	0	1	22	23
260	0	0	18	18
262	0	2	30	32
264	0	4	32	36
266	0	2	35	37
268	0	1	12	13
270	0	3	56	59
272	0	5	76	81
274	0	8	68	76
276	0	3	56	59
278	0	1	38	39
280	0	3	34	37
282	0	2	23	25
284	0	10	74	84
286	0	9	87	96
288	0	1	19	20
290	0	1	22	23
292	0	7	48	55
294	1	2	43	46
296	0	2	50	52
298	0	6	51	57
300	0	4	65	69
302	0	0	13	13

304	0	7	55	62
306	0	0	21	21
308	0	3	45	48
310	0	4	42	46
312	2	1	12	15
314	1	2	34	37
316	1	4	55	60
318	0	8	76	84
320	0	2	54	56
322	0	2	18	20
324	0	1	19	20
326	0	4	29	33
328	0	7	59	66
330	0	8	61	69
332	0	5	62	67
334	0	2	23	25
336	0	1	19	20

Table S2. Raw charcoal counts for Pyramid Lake

Depth (mm)	>500 $\mu$ m	500-250 $\mu$ m	250-125 $\mu$ m	Total
2	0	4	52	56
4	0	1	5	6
6	0	0	12	12
8	0	5	22	27
10	0	0	5	5
12	1	9	39	49
14	0	0	6	6
16	0	0	18	18
18	0	0	10	10
20	0	0	16	16
22	2	8	41	51
24	0	6	37	43
26	0	1	21	22
28	0	2	6	8
30	0	2	13	15
32	0	4	42	46
34	0	4	63	67
36	0	16	82	98
38	0	8	91	99
40	1	7	108	116
42	0	13	92	105
44	0	6	65	71
46	0	4	54	58
48	0	8	84	92
50	1	13	76	90
52	0	5	46	51
54	0	11	74	85
56	1	17	92	110
58	0	6	77	83
60	0	2	97	99
62	0	10	108	118
64	0	12	96	108
66	0	8	68	76



68	0	8	113	121
70	0	7	56	63
72				0
74				0
76				0
78				0
80	0	10	63	73
82	0	5	45	50
84	1	11	89	101
86	2	4	82	88
88	0	7	78	85
90	0	2	42	44
92				0
94	0	5	84	89
96	0	4	59	63
98	0	13	68	81
100				0
102				0
104				0
106				0
108				0
110	1	35	117	153
112	0	33	101	134
114	5	26	181	212
116	0	14	79	93
118	1	8	72	81
120	0	10	55	65
122	0	12	68	80
124	0	6	55	61
126	0	5	35	40
128	0	12	58	70
130	0	14	70	84
132	1	4	45	50
134	0	9	94	103
136	1	3	56	60
138	1	13	74	88
140	0	14	78	92
142	0	14	158	172
144	0	17	126	143
146	0	11	165	176
148	0	15	105	120
150	0	9	123	132
152	0	6	98	104
154	1	6	64	71
156	0	14	89	103
158	0	22	149	171
160	0	8	63	71
162	0	3	65	68
164	0	4	58	62
166	0	5	65	70
168	0	3	69	72
170	0	12	45	57
172	0	10	87	97
174	0	20	112	132

176	0	14	113	127
178	0	17	104	121
180	1	14	90	105
182	0	8	101	109
184	0	13	104	117
186	0	12	69	81
188	0	5	113	118
190	0	6	73	79
192	0	8	84	92
194	1	9	97	107
196	2	7	92	101
198	1	12	122	135
200	0	8	89	97
202	1	10	152	163
204	1	14	121	136
206	1	15	109	125
208	0	12	81	93
210	1	5	57	63
212	0	7	98	105
214	0	11	86	97
216	1	14	82	97
218	0	2	43	45
220	0	6	57	63
222	0	22	91	113
224	1	3	106	110
226	0	9	70	79
228	1	12	115	128
230	1	11	118	130

Table S3. Raw charcoal counts for Little Monon Lake

Depth (mm)	>500µm	500-250µm	250-125µm	Total
2				0
4	0	2	18	20
6	0	4	14	18
8	0	3	25	28
10	1	2	12	15
12	0	4	24	28
14	0	4	32	36
16	0	1	26	27
18	0	1	16	17
20	0	3	24	27
22	0	4	15	19
24	0	8	18	26
26	0	6	22	28
28	0	3	35	38
30	0	2	25	27
32	0	5	24	29
34	0	3	22	25
36	0	5	26	31
38	0	2	24	26
40	0	3	38	41
42	0	3	29	32
44	2	4	25	31

46	0	5	26	31
48	0	4	32	36
50	0	4	29	33
52	1	8	39	48
54	0	5	36	41
56	0	0	18	18
58	0	3	29	32
60	1	1	38	40
62				0
64				0
66				0
68				0
70				0
72	0	0	21	21
74	0	4	17	21
76	0	3	18	21
78	0	2	13	15
80	0	9	21	30
82				0
84	0	5	104	109
86	0	6	92	98
88	0	3	97	100
90	0	2	65	67
92	0	7	73	80
94	0	8	96	104
96	1	4	104	109
98	0	6	112	118
100	1	6	99	106
102	0	2	83	85
104	0	7	118	125
106	0	11	114	125
108	0	6	76	82
110	0	7	83	90
112	0	9	96	105
114	0	4	67	71
116	0	2	98	100
118	0	13	156	169
120	0	3	94	97
122	0	13	169	182
124	0	8	88	96
126	0	6	84	90
128	0	5	91	96
130	0	7	134	141
132	0	7	55	62
134	0	5	119	124
136	0	6	107	113
138	0	4	104	108
140	1	12	92	105
142	0	8	94	102
144	1	2	98	101
146	0	6	142	148
148	0	17	165	182
150	1	12	182	195
152	0	11	109	120

154	0	20	167	187
156	0	11	128	139
158	0	14	165	179
160	0	9	116	125
162	0	7	89	96
164	0	3	84	87
166	0	3	81	84
168	0	8	111	119
170	0	13	117	130
172	0	8	131	139
174	0	11	101	112
176	0	10	129	139
178	0	5	156	161
180	0	15	138	153
182	0	11	95	106
184	0	8	92	100
186	0	2	91	93
188	0	5	78	83
190	1	2	102	105
192	0	11	126	137
194	0	11	116	127
196	0	12	149	161
198	0	7	80	87
200	1	2	67	70
202	0	16	142	158
204	2	22	148	172
206	0	9	118	127
208	1	19	155	175
210	0	17	161	178
212	1	7	124	132
214	0	21	153	174
216	0	10	134	144
218	0	12	102	114
220	0	7	98	105
222	1	12	129	142
224	0	8	131	139
226	0	21	158	179
228	0	15	117	132
230	0	4	109	113
232	1	8	101	110
234	0	4	135	139
236	0	3	109	112
238	0	9	128	137
240	0	8	94	102
242	0	13	108	121
244	1	6	91	98
246	1	7	109	117
248	0	14	115	129
250	0	11	152	163
252	0	11	141	152
254	1	12	83	96
256	0	5	88	93
258	0	3	64	67
260	1	10	74	85

262	0	7	110	117
264	1	12	124	137
266	0	11	98	109
268	0	7	92	99
270	0	17	122	139
272	1	8	68	77
274	0	6	105	111
276	0	15	131	146
278	0	9	105	114
280	1	7	77	85
282	0	12	74	86
284	0	7	92	99
286	0	6	36	42
288	1	11	76	88
290	1	4	102	107
292	0	3	39	42
294	0	13	77	90
296	0	4	71	75
298	1	10	63	74
300	2	7	88	97

**Table S4. Raw charcoal counts for Summit Lake**

#Charcoal Acc. rates using the "pretreatment" function in "paleofire"

```
install.packages("paleofire")
library("paleofire")
```

```
#Little Monon Lake - all particle sizes
charlmlall <- read.csv("charlmlall.csv")
LCall_=charlmlall[,6]
LPall_=charlmlall[,1:5]
View(LCall_)
View(LPall_)
charlmlall=pretreatment(params=LPall_,serie=LCall_,Int=TRUE)
View(charlmlall)
plot(charlmlall, xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylab = "CHAR (particles mm-1 yr-1)", ylim = c(0,75))
charlmlall[["acc"]]
```

```
#125-250um ("small" particle range)
charlmlsmall <- read.csv("charlmlsmall.csv")
LCsmall_=charlmlsmall[,6]
LPsmall_=charlmlsmall[,1:5]
View(LCsmall_)
View(LPsmall_)
charlmlsmall=pretreatment(params=LPsmall_,serie=LCsmall_,Int=TRUE)
View(charlmlsmall)
plot(charlmlsmall, main = "Little Monon Lake 125 - 250µm", xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylab = "CHAR (particles mm-1 yr-1)",ylim = c(0,70))
charlmlsmall[["acc"]]
```

```
#The following uses 0.25cc as vol. for the top 30mm to reflect sampling
#125-250um ("small" particle range)
charlmlsmall05 <- read.csv("charlmlsmall05.csv")
LCsmall05_=charlmlsmall05[,6]
LPsmall05_=charlmlsmall05[,1:5]
View(LCsmall05_)
View(LPsmall05_)
```

```

charlmlsmall05=pretreatment(params=LPsmall05_,serie=LCsmall05_,Int=TRUE)
View(charlmlsmall05)
plot(charlmlsmall05, xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylab = "CHAR (particles mm-1 yr-1)",ylim = c(0,70))
charlmlsmall05[["acc"]]

#250um-500um ("medium" particle range)
charlmlmed <- read.csv("charlmlmed.csv")
LCmed_=charlmlmed[,6]
LPmed_=charlmlmed[,1:5]
View(LCmed_)
View(LPmed_)
charlmlmed=pretreatment(params=LPmed_,serie=LCmed_,Int=TRUE)
View(charlmlmed)
plot(charlmlmed, main = "Little Monon Lake 250 - 500 µm", xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylim = c(0,10), ylab =
"CHAR (particles mm-1 yr-1)")
charlmlmed[["acc"]]

#>500um ("large" particle range)
charlmllarge <- read.csv("charlmllarge.csv")
LClarge_=charlmllarge[,6]
LPlarge_=charlmllarge[,1:5]
View(LClarge_)
View(LPlarge_)
charlmllarge=pretreatment(params=LPlarge_,serie=LClarge_,Int=TRUE)
View(charlmllarge)
plot(charlmllarge, main = "Little Monon Lake >500µm", xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylim = c(0,1), ylab = "CHAR
(particles mm-1 yr-1)")
charlmllarge[["acc"]]

#Standardised values - samples 2-30mm use 0.25cm3 - values doubled

#125-250um ("small" particle range - "standardised" values for the top 30mm doubled - as 0.25cm3 was used
instead of 0.5cm3)
charlmlsmallstand <- read.csv("charlmlsmallstand.csv")
Csmallstand_=charlmlsmallstand[,6]
Psmallstand_=charlmlsmallstand[,1:5]
View(Csmallstand_)
View(Psmallstand_)
charlmlsmallstand=pretreatment(params=Psmallstand_,serie=Csmallstand_,Int=TRUE)
View(charlmlsmallstand)
plot(charlmlsmallstand, xlab = "Age BP", ylab = "CHAR", main = "Little Monon Lake 125 - 250 µm
Standardised")
charlmlsmallstand[["acc"]]

#250 - 500um ("med" particle range - "standardised" values for the top 30mm doubled - as 0.25cm3 was used
instead of 0.5cm3)
charlmlmedstand <- read.csv("charlmlmedstand.csv")
Cmedstand_=charlmlmedstand[,6]
Pmedstand_=charlmlmedstand[,1:5]
View(Cmedstand_)
View(Pmedstand_)
charlmlmedstand=pretreatment(params=Pmedstand_,serie=Cmedstand_,Int=TRUE)
View(charlmlmedstand)
plot(charlmlmedstand, xlab = "Age BP", ylab = "CHAR", main = "Little Monon Lake 250 to 500 µm
Standardised")
charlmlmedstand[["acc"]]

#>500um ("large" particle range - "standardised" values for the top 30mm doubled - as 0.25cm3 was used instead
of 0.5cm3)

```

```

charlmlargestand <- read.csv("charlmlargestand.csv")
Clargestand_=charlmlargestand[,6]
Plargestand_=charlmlargestand[,1:5]
View(Clargestand_)
View(Plargestand_)
charlmlargestand=pretreatment(params=Plargestand_,serie=Clargestand_,Int=TRUE)
View(charlmlargestand)
plot(charlmlargestand, xlab = "Age BP", ylab = "CHAR", main = "Little Monon Lake >500 µm Standardised")
charlmlargestand[["acc"]]

#Pyramid Lake - all particle sizes

charpyrall <- read.csv("charpyrall.csv")
PCall_=charpyrall[,6]
PPall_=charpyrall[,1:5]
View(PCall_)
View(PPall_)
charpyrall=pretreatment(params=PPall_,serie=PCall_,Int=TRUE)
View(charpyrall)
plot(charpyrall, xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylab = "CHAR (particles mm-1 yr-1)", ylim = c(0,75))
charpyrall[["acc"]]

#125-250um ("small" particle range)
charpyrsmall <- read.csv("charpyrsmall.csv")
PCsmall_=charpyrsmall[,6]
PPsmall_=charpyrsmall[,1:5]
View(PCsmall_)
View(PPsmall_)
charpyrsmall=pretreatment(params=PPsmall_,serie=PCsmall_,Int=TRUE)
View(charpyrsmall)
plot(charpyrsmall, main = "Pyramid Lake 125 - 250µm", xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylab = "CHAR (particles
mm-1 yr-1)", ylim = c(0,70))
charpyrsmall[["acc"]]

#250um-500um ("medium" particle range)
charpyrmed <- read.csv("charpyrmed.csv")
PCmed_=charpyrmed[,6]
PPmed_=charpyrmed[,1:5]
View(PCmed_)
View(PPmed_)
charpyrmed=pretreatment(params=PPmed_,serie=PCmed_,Int=TRUE)
View(charpyrmed)
plot(charpyrmed, main = "Pyramid Lake 250 - 500µm", xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylim = c(0,8), ylab = "CHAR
(particles mm-1 yr-1)")
charpyrmed[["acc"]]

#>500um ("large" particle range)
charpyrlarge <- read.csv("charpyrlarge.csv")
PClarge_=charpyrlarge[,6]
PPlarge_=charpyrlarge[,1:5]
View(PClarge_)
View(PPlarge_)
charpyrlarge=pretreatment(params=PPlarge_,serie=PClarge_,Int=TRUE)
View(charpyrlarge)
plot(charpyrlarge, main = "Pyramid Lake >500µm", xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylim = c(0,1), ylab = "CHAR
(particles mm-1 yr-1)")
charpyrlarge[["acc"]]

```

```

#Summit Lake - all particle sizes
charsumall <- read.csv("charsumall.csv")
SCall_=charsumall[,6]
SPall_=charsumall[,1:5]
View(SCall_)
View(SPall_)
charsumall=pretreatment(params=SPall_,serie=SCall_,Int=TRUE)
View(charsumall)
plot(charsumall, xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylim = c(0,75), ylab = "CHAR (particles mm-1 yr-1)")
charsumall[["acc"]]

#125-250um ("small" particle range)
charsumsmall <- read.csv("charsumsmall.csv")
SCsmall_=charsumsmall[,6]
SPsmall_=charsumsmall[,1:5]
View(SCsmall_)
View(SPsmall_)
charsumsmall=pretreatment(params=SPsmall_,serie=SCsmall_,Int=TRUE)
View(charsumsmall)
plot(charsumsmall, main = "Summit Lake 125 - 250µm", xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylim = c(0,70), ylab =
"CHAR (particles mm-1 yr-1)")
charsumsmall[["acc"]]

#250um-500um ("medium" particle range)
charsummed <- read.csv("charsummed.csv")
SCmed_=charsummed[,6]
SPmed_=charsummed[,1:5]
View(SCmed_)
View(SPmed_)
charsummed=pretreatment(params=SPmed_,serie=SCmed_,Int=TRUE)
View(charsummed)
plot(charsummed, main = "Summit Lake 250 - 500µm", xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylab = "CHAR (particles mm-
1 yr-1)", ylim = c(0,8))
charsummed[["acc"]]

#>500um ("large" particle range)
charsumlarge <- read.csv("charsumlarge.csv")
SCLarge_=charsumlarge[,6]
SPLarge_=charsumlarge[,1:5]
View(SCLarge_)
View(SPLarge_)
charsumlarge=pretreatment(params=SPLarge_,serie=SCLarge_,Int=TRUE)
View(charsumlarge)
plot(charsumlarge, main = "Summit Lake >500µm", xlab = "Age (cal. yr. BP)", ylim = c(0,1), ylab = "CHAR
(particles mm-1 yr-1)")
charsumlarge[["acc"]]

#Exporting acc data as a csv.

#Little Monon Lake
charlmllargeacc <- as.data.frame(charlmllarge$acc)
View(charlmllargeacc)
write.csv(charlmllargeacc, "charlmllargeacc.csv")

charlmlmedacc <- as.data.frame(charlmlmed$acc)
View(charlmlmedacc)
write.csv(charlmlmedacc, "charlmlmedacc.csv")

charlmlsmallacc <- as.data.frame(charlmlsmall$acc)
View(charlmlsmallacc)

```



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write.csv(charlmlsmallacc, "charlmlsmallacc.csv")

#Pyramid Lake
charpyrlargeacc <- as.data.frame(charpyrlarge$acc)
View(charpyrlargeacc)
write.csv(charclmllargef, "charpyrlargeacc.csv")

charpyrmedacc <- as.data.frame(charpyrmed$acc)
View(charpyrmedacc)
write.csv(charpyrmedacc, "charpyrmedacc.csv")

charpyrsmallacc <- as.data.frame(charpyrsmall$acc)
View(charpyrsmallacc)
write.csv(charpyrsmallacc, "charpyrsmallacc.csv")

#Summit Lake
charsumlargeacc <- as.data.frame(charsumlarge$acc)
View(charsumlargeacc)
write.csv(charsumlargeacc, "charsumlargeacc.csv")

charpyrmedacc <- as.data.frame(charpyrmed$acc)
View(charpyrmedacc)
write.csv(charpyrmedacc, "charpyrmedacc.csv")

charsumsmallacc <- as.data.frame(charsumsmall$acc)
View(charsumsmallacc)
write.csv(charsumsmallacc, "charsumsmallacc.csv")

#Student's t-test
t.test(charpyrsmallacc, charsumsmallacc)
t.test(charpyrsmallacc, charlmlsmallacc)
t.test(charsumsmallacc, charlmlsmallacc)

#Various plots of acc. data

boxplot(charlmlsmallacc, main = "Little Monon Lake CHAR")

#vioplot
install.packages("vioplot")
library(vioplot)

#Std y axis

#All particles - distribution
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
vioplot(LCsmall_, main = "Little Monon Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,200))
vioplot(LCmed_, main = "Little Monon Lake 250 - 500 µm", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,40))
vioplot(LClarge_, main = "Little Monon Lake > 500 µm", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,5))

par(mfrow=c(1,3))
vioplot(PCsmall_, main = "Pyramid Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,150))
vioplot(PCmed_, main = "Pyramid Lake 250 - 500 µm", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,20))
vioplot(PClarge_, main = "Pyramid Lake > 500 µm", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,3))

par(mfrow=c(1,3))
vioplot(SCsmall_, main = "Summit Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,200))
vioplot(SCmed_, main = "Summit Lake 250 - 500 µm", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,25))
vioplot(SClarge_, main = "Summit Lake > 500 µm", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,3))

vioplot(LCall_, main = "Little Monon Lake", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,220))

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vioplot(PCall_, main = "Pyramid Lake", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,220))
vioplot(SCall_, main = "Summit Lake", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,220))

par(mfrow=c(1,3))
vioplot(LCsmall_, main = "Little Monon Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,200))
vioplot(PCsmall_, main = "Pyramid Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,200))
vioplot(SCsmall_, main = "Summit Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,200))

plot(LCsmall_, main = "Little Monon Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,200))
plot(PCsmall_, main = "Pyramid Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,200))
plot(SCsmall_, main = "Summit Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,200))

vioplot(LCmed_, main = "Little Monon Lake 250 - 500 µm", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,40))
vioplot(PCmed_, main = "Pyramid Lake 250 - 500 µm", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,40))
vioplot(SCmed_, main = "Summit Lake 250 - 500 µm", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,40))

vioplot(LClarge_, main = "Little Monon Lake >500 µm", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,5))
vioplot(PClarge_, main = "Pyramid Lake >500 µm", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,5))
vioplot(SClarge_, main = "Summit Lake >500 µm", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,5))

#CHAR - distribution
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
vioplot(charlmlallacc, main = "Little Monon Lake", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,220))
vioplot(charpyrallacc, main = "Pyramid Lake", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,220))
vioplot(charsumallacc, main = "Summit Lake", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,220))

par(mfrow=c(1,3))
vioplot(LCsmall_, main = "Little Monon Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,200))
vioplot(PCsmall_, main = "Pyramid Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,200))
vioplot(SCsmall_, main = "Summit Lake 125 - 250 µm", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,200))

vioplot(LCmed_, main = "Little Monon Lake 250 - 500 µm", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,40))
vioplot(PCmed_, main = "Pyramid Lake 250 - 500 µm", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,40))
vioplot(SCmed_, main = "Summit Lake 250 - 500 µm", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,40))

vioplot(LClarge_, main = "Little Monon Lake >500 µm", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,5))
vioplot(PClarge_, main = "Pyramid Lake >500 µm", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,5))
vioplot(SClarge_, main = "Summit Lake >500 µm", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,5))

#Scaled to 70 on y axis
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
vioplot(charlmlall, main = "Little Monon Lake All", col = "snow2", ylim = c(0,70))
vioplot(charpyrall, main = "Pyramid Lake All", col = "snow3", ylim = c(0,70))
vioplot(charsumall, main = "Summit Lake All", col = "snow4", ylim = c(0,70))

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**Figure S1. R Script for the package ‘Paleofire’ used to generate CHAR and corresponding figures**

```

#Age depth models using rBacon

setwd("~/Desktop/agedepthmodels")
install.packages('rbacon')
#Do these separately as you need to type Yes after installation
library(rbacon)

#Summit Lake, Oregon, USA
sum <- read.csv("Bacon_runs/sum/sum.csv")
View(sum)
Bacon("sum", thick = 1, postbomb = 2, prob = 0.95, d.min = 0, d.max = 600, acc.mean = 50)

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#Post-run analyses
#Viewing individual dates for any given depth - e.g. 300mm (mid core)
Bacon.hist(300)

#Viewing all possible dates assigned to a particular depth - e.g. 300mm (mid core)
ages.d300 = Bacon.Age.d(300)
View(ages.d300)

#Pyramid Lake, Oregon, USA
pyr <- read.csv("Bacon_runs/pyr/pyr.csv")
View(pyr)
Bacon("pyr", thick = 5, postbomb = 2, prob = 0.95, d.min = 0, d.max = 670, acc.mean = 50)

#Little Monon Lake, Oregon, USA
lml <- read.csv("Bacon_runs/lml/Bacon_runs/lml.csv")
View(lml)
Bacon("lml", thick = 1, postbomb = 2, prob = 0.95, d.min = 0, d.max = 230, acc.mean = 50)

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**Figure S2. R Script for the package ‘rBacob’ used to generate age depth models**

**Running av. 100yr                      Ratio**

121	9.5446	2.075519142
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130	9.5446	2.075519142

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133	9.6247	2.058245971
134	9.6514	2.052551961
135	9.7124	2.03966064
136	9.7734	2.026930239
137	9.8344	2.014357765
138	9.8954	2.001940295
139	9.9564	1.989674983
140	10.0174	1.977559047
141	10.0784	1.965589776
142	10.3185	0.184135291
143	10.3795	0.183053134
144	10.4405	0.181983621
145	10.5015	0.180926534
146	10.5625	0.179881657
147	10.6235	0.178848779
148	10.6845	0.177827694
149	10.7455	0.176818203
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154	10.5132	0.180725184
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2157	20.606	0.833737746
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2174	22.6222	0.873478265
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2184	22.2911	1.023726958
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2204	23.668	0.914737198
2205	23.8538	0.907612204
2206	24.0396	0.900597348
2207	24.2254	0.893690094
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2211	24.7913	1.158067548
2212	24.8962	1.153188037
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2218	25.5256	1.124753189
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2222	25.9452	1.106563064
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2225	26.2599	1.093301955
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2256	26.5506	1.346862218
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2399	17.9649	0.746455588
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2402	17.8518	0.751184754
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2404	17.7764	0.754370964
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2406	17.701	0.757584317
2407	17.6633	0.759201282
2408	17.6256	0.760825163
2409	17.5879	0.762456007
2410	17.5502	0.764093856

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2412	17.4748	0.767390757
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2418	17.4983	1.22354743
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2420	17.6237	1.214841378
2421	17.6864	1.210534648
2422	17.7491	1.206258345
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2425	17.9372	1.193608813
2426	17.9999	1.189451053
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2429	18.188	1.177149769
2430	18.3424	1.167240928
2431	18.4753	1.275216099
2432	18.6297	1.26464731
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2435	18.8373	1.250710027
2436	18.9917	1.240541921
2437	19.1461	1.230537812
2438	19.3005	1.220693764
2439	19.4549	1.211005968
2440	19.6093	1.201470731
2441	19.7637	1.192084478
2442	19.9181	1.182843745
2443	20.0725	1.173745174
2444	20.2269	1.164785508
2445	20.3813	1.155961592
2446	20.5357	1.147270363
2447	20.6572	1.140522433
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2449	20.9711	0.785366528
2450	21.0926	0.78084257
2451	21.2141	0.776370433
2452	21.3356	0.77194923
2453	21.3662	0.770843669
2454	21.3968	0.76974127
2455	21.4274	0.768642019
2456	21.458	0.767545904
2457	21.4886	0.76645291
2458	21.5192	0.765363025
2459	21.5498	0.764276235
2460	21.5804	0.763192527
2461	21.611	0.762111887
2462	21.6416	0.761034304
2463	21.6722	0.759959764
2464	21.6228	0.761695988
2465	21.5734	0.763440162
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2467	21.3837	1.195302964

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2469	21.2849	1.200851308
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2471	21.257	1.202427436
2472	21.2785	1.201212491
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2474	21.3215	1.198789954
2475	21.343	1.197582345
2476	21.3645	1.196377168
2477	21.386	1.195174413
2478	21.4075	1.193974075
2479	21.429	1.192776144
2480	21.4505	1.191580616
2481	21.472	1.190387481
2482	21.472	1.190387481
2483	21.472	1.190387481
2484	21.7276	0

**Table S.5. Calculation of event indices from CHAR data at Little Monon Lake using the 100-yr running mean**

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19	2.36	1.110255803
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21	2.49	1.05212951
22	2.56	1.025290499
23	2.63	0.999786712
24	2.69	0.975520928
25	2.75	0.954781546
26	2.81	0.934905637
27	2.87	0.915840375
28	2.92	0.897537158
29	2.98	0.879951192
30	3.04	0.863041127
31	3.10	0.846768731
32	3.16	0.831098602
33	3.22	0.815997911
34	3.28	0.801436174

35	3.33	0.787385042
36	3.39	0.773818122
37	3.46	0.560796858
38	3.52	0.551474248
39	3.57	0.542456525
40	3.63	0.533728974
41	3.69	0.525277809
42	3.75	0.517090108
43	3.81	0.509153739
44	3.87	0.501457304
45	3.93	0.493990085
46	3.98	0.486741992
47	4.04	0.479703519
48	4.10	0.472865703
49	4.16	0.466220083
50	4.22	0.459758668
51	4.28	0.453473905
52	4.33	0.447358646
53	4.39	0.441406126
54	4.39	0.441402106
55	4.39	0.441398087
56	4.39	0.441394068
57	4.39	0.441390049
58	4.39	0.44138603
59	4.39	0.441382011
60	4.39	0.441377992
61	4.39	0.441373973
62	4.39	0.441369954
63	4.39	0.441365935
64	4.39	0.441361917
65	4.39	0.441357898
66	4.39	0.44135388
67	4.39	0.441349861
68	4.39	0.441345843
69	4.39	0.441341825
70	4.33	1.956956205
71	4.33	1.95693812
72	4.33	1.956920034
73	4.33	1.956901949
74	4.33	1.956883865
75	4.33	1.95686578
76	4.33	1.956847696
77	4.33	1.956829613
78	4.33	1.956811529
79	4.33	1.956793446
80	4.33	1.956775364
81	4.33	1.956757281
82	4.33	1.956739199
83	4.33	1.956721118
84	4.33	1.956703036
85	4.33	1.956684955
86	4.33	1.956666875
87	4.33	1.956648794
88	4.34	1.95353493
89	4.35	1.948766088
90	4.36	1.944020473
91	4.37	1.939297915

92	4.38	1.934598245
93	4.39	1.929921299
94	4.40	1.925266912
95	4.41	1.920634921
96	4.42	1.916025164
97	4.43	1.911437482
98	4.44	1.906871717
99	4.45	1.902327712
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101	4.47	1.893304364
102	4.48	1.888824714
103	4.49	1.884366212
104	4.56	0.57604242
105	4.57	0.574706362
106	4.59	0.573376487
107	4.60	0.572052753
108	4.61	0.570735117
109	4.62	0.569423537
110	4.63	0.568117971
111	4.64	0.566818379
112	4.65	0.565524718
113	4.66	0.564236949
114	4.67	0.562955032
115	4.68	0.561678926
116	4.69	0.560408593
117	4.70	0.559143993
118	4.71	0.557885087
119	4.72	0.556631837
120	4.73	0.555384206
121	4.68	0.561876998
122	4.62	0.568523396
123	4.57	0.575328916
124	4.51	0.58229934
125	4.53	0.580476216
126	4.54	0.578664471
127	4.56	0.576864001
128	4.57	0.575074701
129	4.59	0.573296466
130	4.60	0.571529194
131	4.61	0.569772784
132	4.63	0.568027137
133	4.64	0.566292154
134	4.66	0.564567737
135	4.67	0.562853791
136	4.69	0.561150219
137	4.70	0.559456929
138	4.71	0.557773827
139	4.72	0.635075203
140	4.74	0.633174547
141	4.75	0.631285234
142	4.77	0.629407161
143	4.78	0.627540231
144	4.79	0.625684342
145	4.81	0.623839399
146	4.82	0.622005304
147	4.84	0.620181961
148	4.85	0.618369278

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151	4.89	0.612994252
152	4.91	0.611223282
153	4.92	0.609462515
154	4.94	0.607711864
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156	5.08	0.590350137
157	5.15	0.58203604
158	5.23	0.573952871
159	5.30	0.566091141
160	5.37	0.558441873
161	5.42	0.553934783
162	5.46	0.549499864
163	5.50	0.545135393
164	5.55	0.540839708
165	5.59	0.536611193
166	5.63	0.532448286
167	5.68	0.528349471
168	5.72	0.524313281
169	5.77	0.520338289
170	5.81	0.516423116
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173	5.94	0.505023298
174	5.98	0.501334385
175	5.96	1.6593778
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179	6.13	1.612077539
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183	6.31	1.567399113
184	6.35	1.556613798
185	6.40	1.545975897
186	6.44	1.535482408
187	6.48	1.52513041
188	6.53	1.514917061
189	6.57	1.504839593
190	6.61	1.495734253
191	6.65	1.486738437
192	6.69	1.477850182
193	6.71	1.473300891
194	6.73	1.468779523
195	6.75	1.46428582
196	6.77	1.45981953
197	6.79	1.455380404
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199	6.84	1.446582653
200	6.86	1.442223545
201	6.88	1.437890628
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207	7.00	1.412430186
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210	7.06	1.400035114
211	7.11	0.984221523
212	7.13	0.981370779
213	7.15	0.978536501
214	7.17	0.975718547
215	7.19	0.972916777
216	7.22	0.970131051
217	7.24	0.967361232
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3064	9.29	0.430437066
3065	9.30	0.430025683
3066	9.31	0.429615086
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3069	9.34	0.428387987
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3073	9.37	0.426762717
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3075	9.30	0.430230119
3076	9.26	0.456069549
3077	9.22	0.457937934
3078	9.18	0.459821691
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3080	9.12	0.463005103
3081	9.09	0.464296358
3082	9.07	0.465594835
3083	9.04	0.466900596
3084	9.02	0.468213702
3085	8.99	0.469534214
3086	8.97	0.470862195
3087	8.94	0.47219771
3088	8.92	0.473540822
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3157	13.10	0.996506273
3158	13.16	0.991459562
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3160	13.30	0.981517954
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3163	13.43	0.97177374
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**Table S.6. Calculation of event indices from CHAR data at Pyramid Lake using the 100-yr running mean**

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177	8.13	0.688524596
178	8.21	0.682261214
179	8.26	0.678075562
180	8.31	0.673940954
181	8.36	0.669856463
182	8.41	0.665821183
183	8.46	0.66183423
184	8.51	0.65789474
185	8.56	0.654001871
186	8.57	1.166951926
187	8.57	1.16640747
188	8.58	1.165863521
189	8.58	1.165320079
190	8.55	1.17022937
191	8.51	1.175180199
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205	8.60	0.620443581
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210	8.65	1.110425667
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231	8.50	1.223913389
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235	8.63	1.205750507
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244	8.80	0.726942301
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247	8.97	0.713436386
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249	9.18	0.697539236
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272	9.54	0.75475214
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1833	24.33	1.054991601
1834	24.49	1.048254362
1835	24.48	1.054507651

**Table S.7. Calculation of event indices from CHAR data at Summit Lake using the 100-yr running mean**

**Events per 100-yr period**

200-yr window

	Little Monon Lake	Pyramid Lake	Summit Lake
0-99	0	1	0
100-199	2	1	1
200-299	1	1	5
300-399	0	2	3
400-499	0	1	5
500-599	1	0	1
600-699	1	2	6
700-799	1	3	4
800-899	3	4	3
900-999	2	1	3
1000-1999	2	5	3
1100-1199	6	2	5
1200-1299	2	2	4
1300-1399	5	2	5
1400-1499	3	2	4
1500-1599	2	3	4
1600-1699	2	1	4
1700-1799	3	3	5
1800-1899	2	2	2
1900-1999	1	2	
2000-2099	6	4	
2100-2199	1	1	
2200-2299	4	1	
2300-2399	0	3	
2400-2499	3	1	
2500-2599		1	
2600-2699		3	
2700-2799		2	
2800-2899		4	
2900-2999		1	
3000-3999		3	
3100-3199		3	
	53	67	67

Table S.8. Events per 100-yr period BP based on the 200-yr running mean

**Events per 100-yr period**

150-yr window

	Little Monon Lake	Pyramid Lake	Summit Lake
0-99	0	1	0
100-199	2	1	1
200-299	1	1	5
300-399	0	2	3
400-499	1	1	5
500-599	1	0	2
600-699	0	2	6
700-799	1	2	4
800-899	3	4	3
900-999	2	2	3
1000-1999	3	5	2
1100-1199	7	2	5
1200-1299	3	3	5
1300-1399	5	2	3
1400-1499	3	2	5
1500-1599	1	2	4
1600-1699	2	2	4
1700-1799	3	3	6
1800-1899	2	2	2
1900-1999	1	2	
2000-2099	4	4	
2100-2199	2	1	
2200-2299	4	1	
2300-2399	3	3	
2400-2499	3	1	
2500-2599		1	
2600-2699		3	
2700-2799		2	
2800-2899		4	
2900-2999		2	
3000-3999		3	
3100-3199		3	
	57	69	68

Table S.9. Events per 100-yr period BP based on the 200-yr running mean

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