



MPB Decision Support Tool (DST) Prototype Development

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DST Objective

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“ project stand conditions under a range of mortality, secondary structure and regeneration scenarios ”

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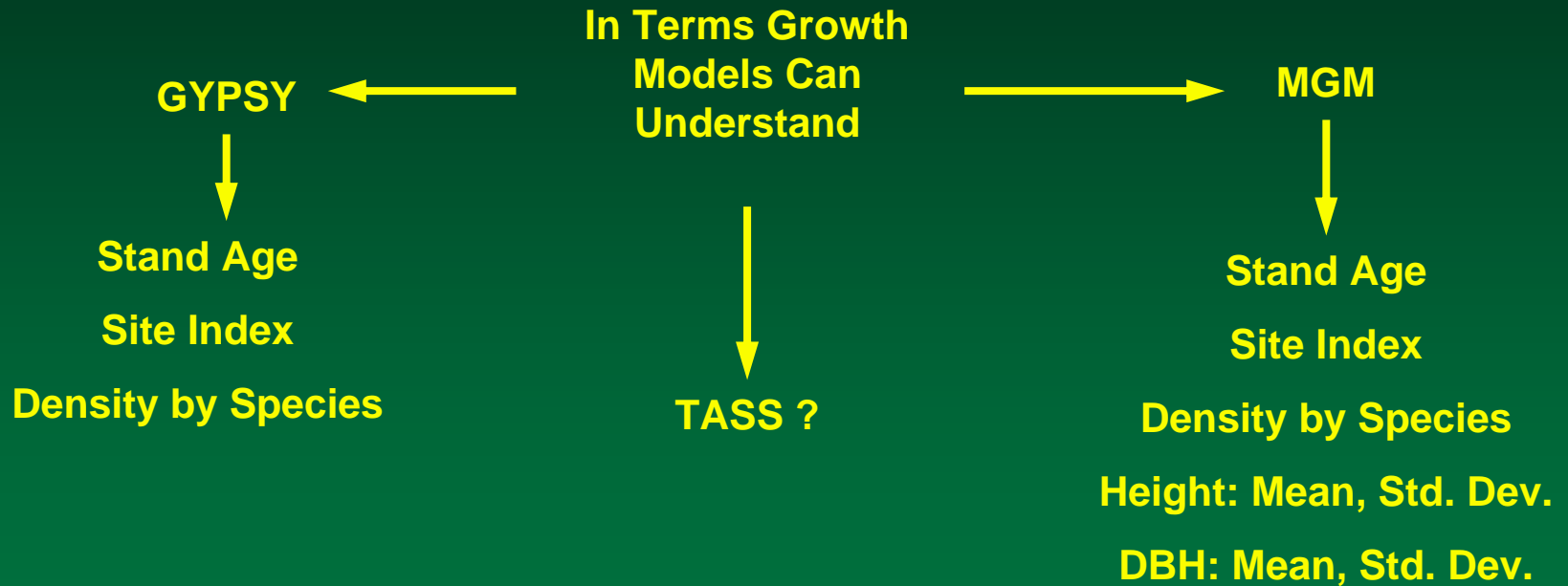
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| | Stratum Number | Ecosite | Natural Region | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---|
| Drier | 1 | b, c | Any | Poorer |
|  | 2 | d (c) | UF |  |
| | 3 | d (c) | LF | |
| Mesic Moisture Regime | 4 | e (d) | SA/UF | |
|  | 5 | e (d) | LF | |
| | 6 | f (e) | UF | Rich Nutrient Regime |
| | 7 | f (e) | LF |  |
| Wetter | 8 | h (f) | Any | Poorer |

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**149 MPB Monitoring
PSP's in:**

8 Strata

**Spatially widespread - SRD + 7
FMA's**

All Ages



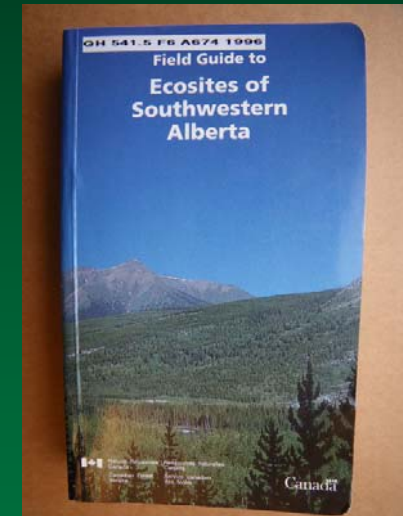
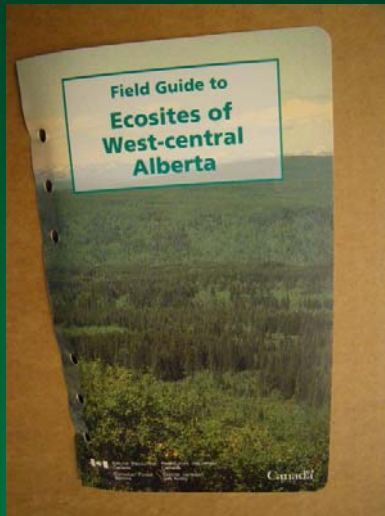
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What does the elephant REALLY look like ?



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AHA !!



Let someone else do the sampling !

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Attributes

1 layer vs 2 layer

Species composition by layer

Plot data and Ecosite Guides used for densities, heights, Site Index

2. Define Levels of MPB Attack



0 %

25 %

50 %

100 %



3. Define Salvage Treatments

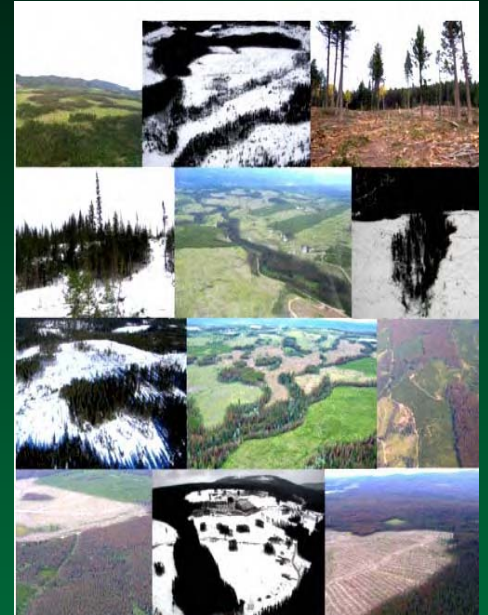
No:

No removal of trees, no matter the degree of attack



Yes:

Removal of all attacked trees, no matter the degree of attack



4. Define Regeneration Assumptions



**Where
undisturbed
by salvage,
understory
continues to
grow**

4. Define Regeneration Assumptions



Areas disturbed by salvage recruit natural *Pine* regeneration at rates observed in FGYA RLP study

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Option:

**Supplemental planting
of 2000 *Pine* trees/ha
in salvage - disturbed
areas**

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Option:

Scarification / site preparation to promote natural regeneration

Only after salvage in 100% MPB attack

5. Post Attack Stand Projections

Existing Condition

Stratum,
Stand
Type,
Age

Beetle Kill

0 %,
25 %,
50 %,
100 %

Evil Wizard of
Growth and Yield



?? Black Magic ??

Natural,
Planting,
Site Prep

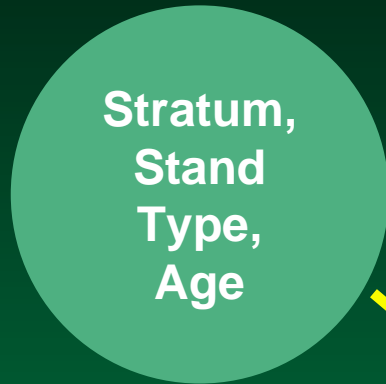
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Regeneration Assumptions

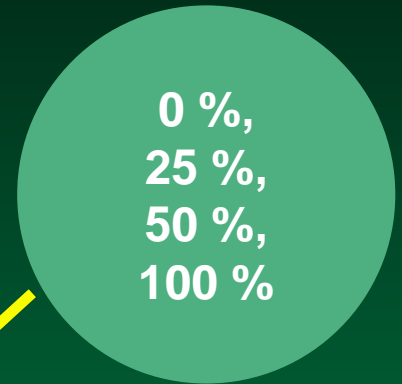
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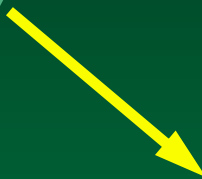
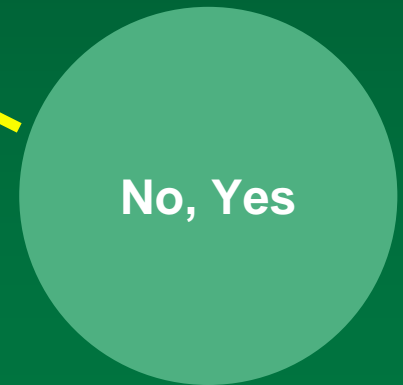
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Growth
Projections



Alberta's Growth
Models:
GYPSY
MGM



Regeneration Assumptions

Salvage Treatments

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