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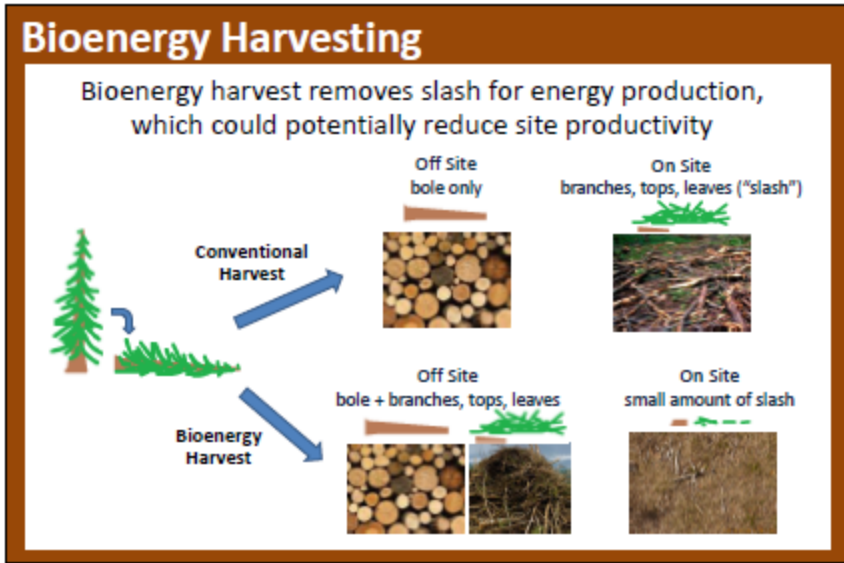
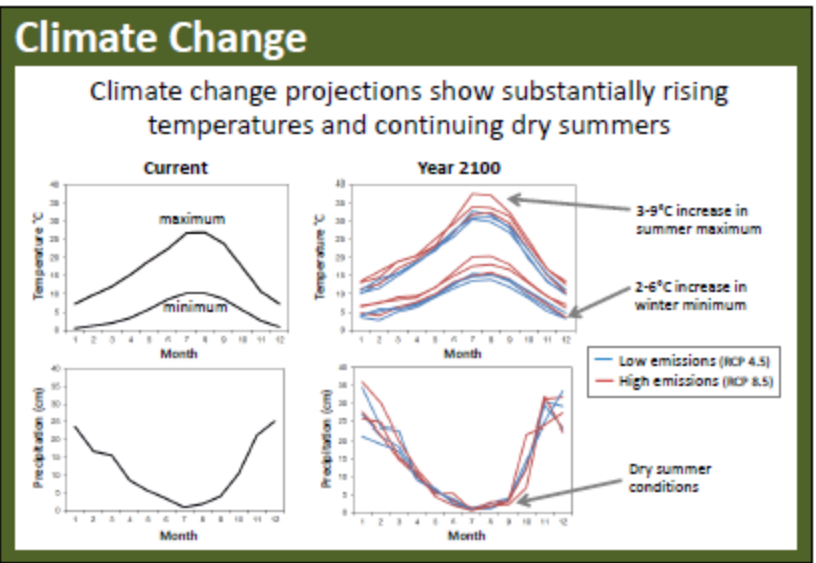
The Oregon Coast Range

The Oregon Coast Range contains highly productive forests across a diverse range of land ownerships and management regimes

Land Ownership

- Bureau of Land Management
- Forest Service
- BLM
- Other
- Private Industrial
- Private Nonindustrial
- Private Nonindustrial (reserve)

Results are presented for the Panther Creek watershed, in the northern Coast Range



LANDIS-II Forest Simulation Model

We used a simulation model to explore the impacts of varying scenarios of climate change and forest management on ecosystem carbon

Climate Scenarios

Current Climate
Climate Change
Emissions scenarios

- Low (RCP 4.5)
- High (RCP 8.5)

Global Circulation Models

- CCSM4 ← warm
- CanESM ← hot, wet
- HadGEM ← hot, dry

Management Scenarios

No Harvest ← Maximize carbon storage

Harvest Rotation

- Current ← Continue current harvest practices
- Accelerated ← Increase harvest but maintain low harvest rates on federal & some private land
- Industrial ← Harvest all lands as private industrial forests (clear-cut forestry across all lands)

Harvest Intensity

- Conventional ← Remove bole only, leave slash on site
- Bioenergy ← Remove bole and slash

Carbon and nitrogen cycling

- Soil texture
- Soil C and N pools
- N inputs

Soil dynamics

- Modified CENTURY model

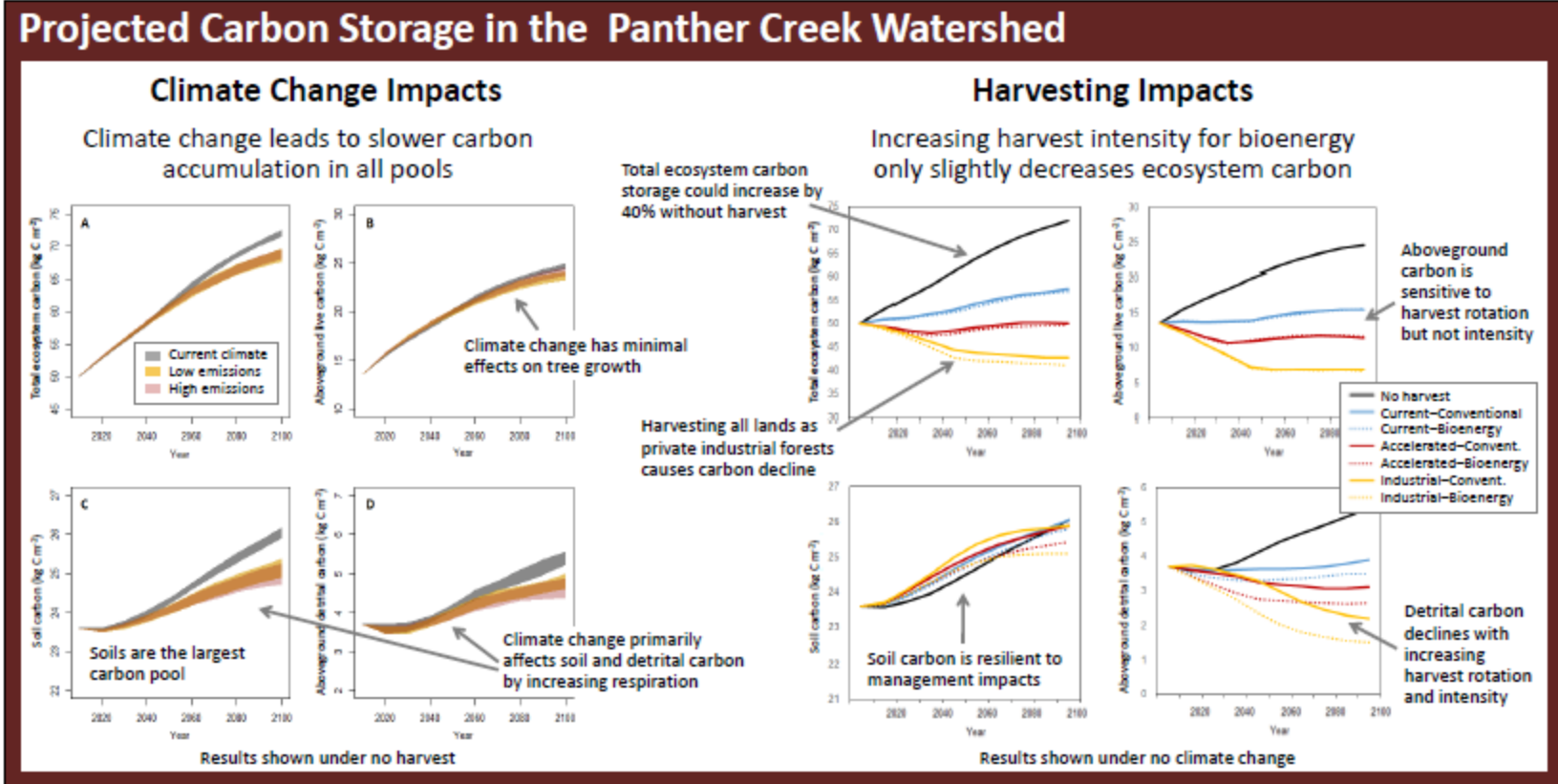
Species-age cohorts
Soil dynamics

Simulates growth and competition among tree species-age cohorts

- Tree species life history traits
- Functional traits
- Tissue nutrient content

Spatially interactive landscape

- Input initial vegetation maps
- Model spatial processes
- Model management heterogeneity



Continuing Work

- Simulate entire Coast Range, including BLM, Forest Service, state, tribal and private lands
- Include climate change impacts on wildfire
- Simulate a wider range of management scenarios: current management, climate change adaptation, ecological forestry, economic growth, and watershed protection

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