2014 WHITEBARK PINE RESTORATION PROJECT PROGRESS/FINAL REPORT Due November 14, 2014

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Project Title: Whitebark Pine (WBP) Regeneration Strategies: Direct seeding versus Planting Seedlings Evaluations: 2014 Evaluation and Monitoring.

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<i>a.</i>				Installation Dat	-	Measurement Year
Study Area	Location	2009 ¹	2010 ¹	2012	2013 ²	2014
		Direct Seed				
Ulm Peak	Lolo NF. ID	2-year seedling				5-Year
		Direct Seed #1				5-Year 2009
Thompson Peak	Lolo NF, MT	2-year seedling			Direct Seeding #2	1-Year 2013
		Direct Seed#1				5-Year 2009
Gold Pass	Lolo NF, MT	2-year seedling			Direct Seeding#2	1-Year 2013
		Direct Seed#1				
Fairy Lake	Bozeman, MT	2-year seedling				5-Year
			Direct Seed#1			
Toboggan Ridge	Island Park, ID.		2-year seedling			5-Year
			Direct Seed#1			
Yellowstone Club	Big Sky, MT		2-year seedling			5-Year
				Direct Seed#1		
Sawtell Peak	Island Park, ID			2-year seedling		2-Year
	Jackson Hole,			Direct Seed#1		
Teton Ski Area	WY			2-year seedling		2-Year

Table 1 Location of direct seeding Trials.

¹Direct seeding #1 was evaluating different direct seeding methods (refer to table 2). ²Direct seeding #2 was evaluating different sowing times and sowing depths (refer to table 2).

Table 2. Design for 2009, 2012 and 2013 direct seeding installations, each regeneration technique is replicated 5 times on each site. Two replicates of surface temperature in shade and full sun are also on each site.

Installation Year	Direct Seed Evaluation		Seedling Evaluation
2009 & 2012	Caged	No Cage	2 year old seedlings
2003 & 2012	Stratified seed	Stratified seed	z year old seedings
	Scarified seed	Scarified seed	
	Stratified & scarified seed	Stratified & scarified	
2013	Stratified seed planted 0.75" & 1.5" depth	Not-stratified seed planted 0.75" & 1.5" depth	2-year old seedlings
	Late July sowing	Late July sowing	
	Late August sowing	Late August sowing	
	Late September sowing	Late September sowing	

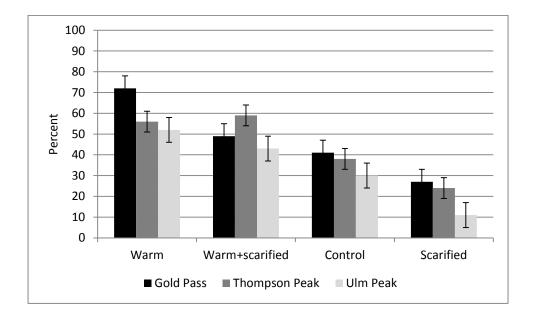
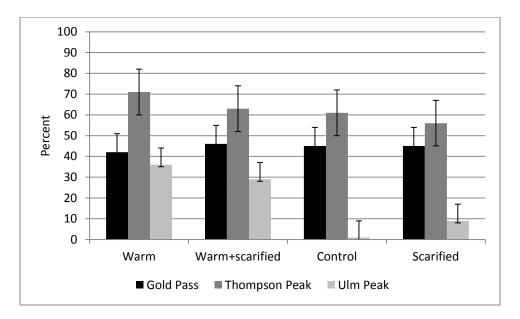


Table 3. For seed germination, statistical comparison among sites and treatments using least-squares means. Site and treatment were statistically significantly different, but there was not a statistically significant interaction between site and treatment. Caged versus not caged did not affect the germination results.

Site	Significance	Treatment	Significance
Gold Pass	А	Warm stratified	А
Thompson Peak	А	Warm stratified & scarified	А
Ulm Peak	В	Control	В
		Scarified	С

 Survival after germination was statistically significant among the sites but not among the treatments. Order of significance among sites: Thompson Peak (A) had 63% germinates survival after 5 years, Gold Pass (B) had 44% germinate survival, and Ulm Peak (C) had 18% survival.



2) Seeds established in 2013, did not germinate well the first year, but this is not unusual given the 2009 germinates continued to germinate 2-years post planting. It is critical we revisit sites in 2015.



Gold Pass germinates 5 years after planting.