

Moving between *green* and *black*:

Natal dispersal and survival of juvenile Black-Backed Woodpeckers (*Picoides arcticus*)

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Questions to Consider:

What is a Black-Backed Woodpecker?

How are they impacted by breeding in **green** vs **burned** forests?

- Apparent Nest Success
- Juvenile Body Condition
- Juvenile Survival

How do their used nest-sites in **green** forests compare to those in **burned** forests?

How do juveniles disperse and choose breeding habitat on the landscape?



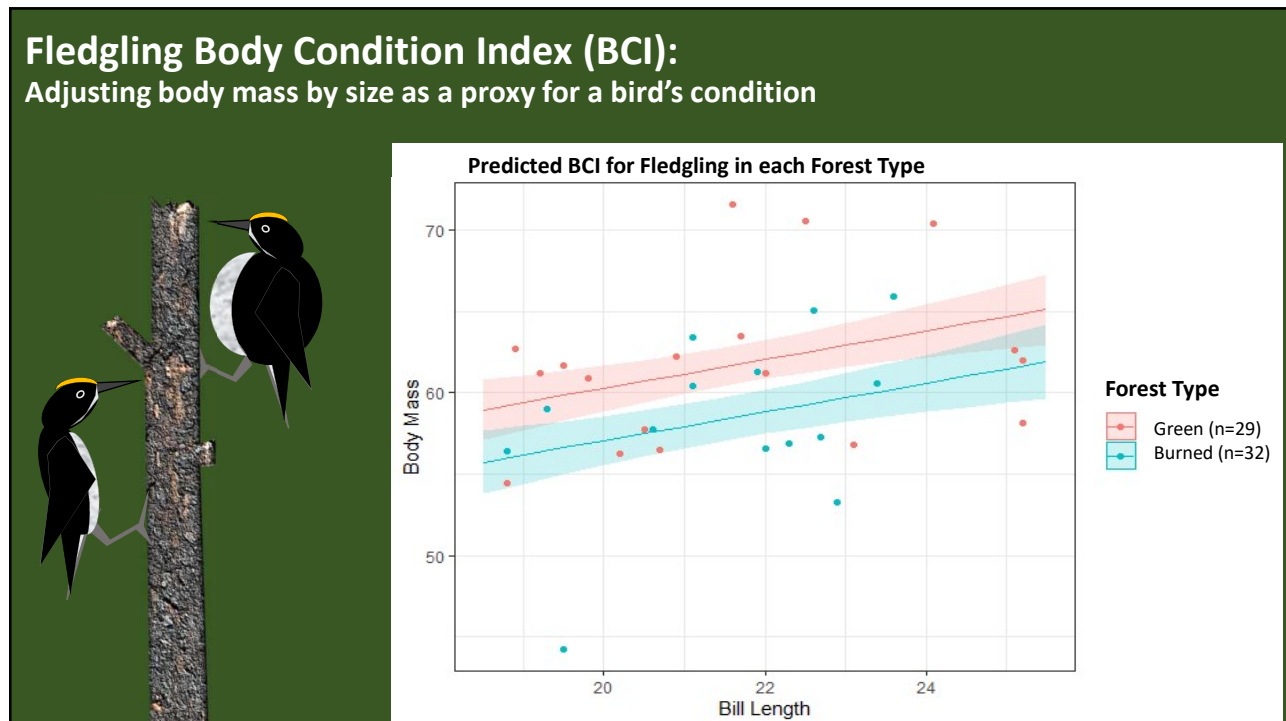
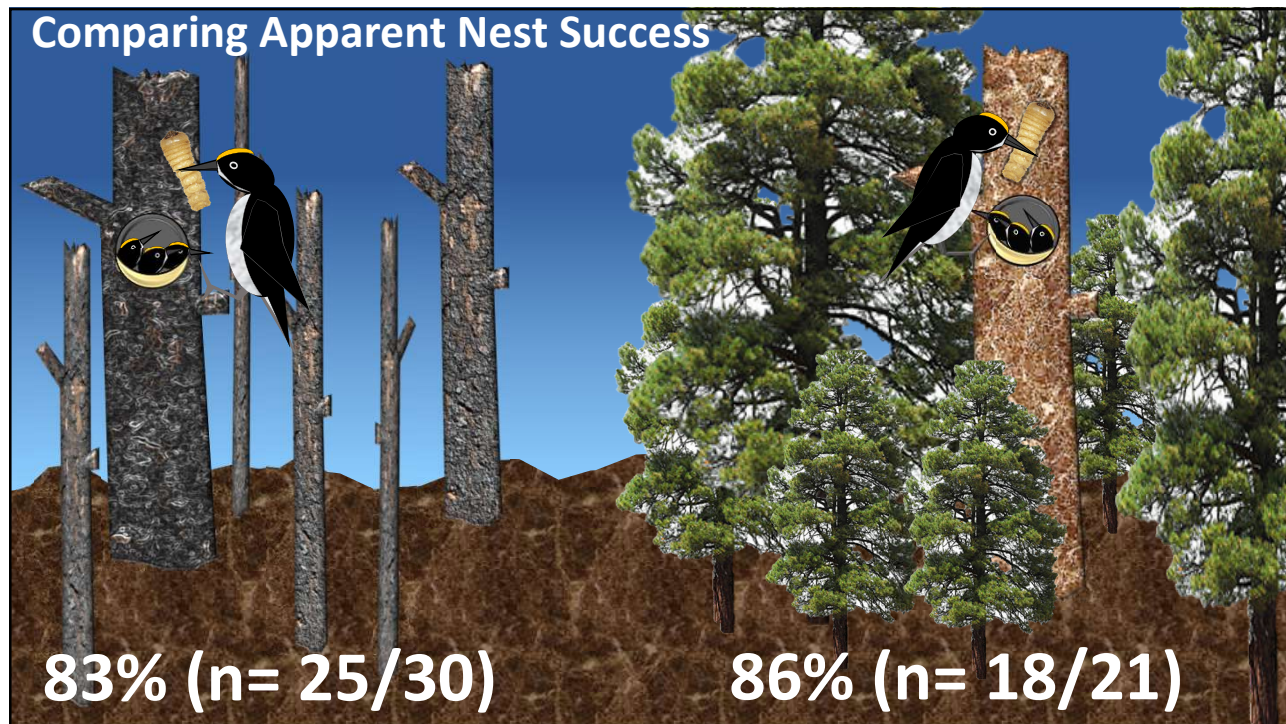


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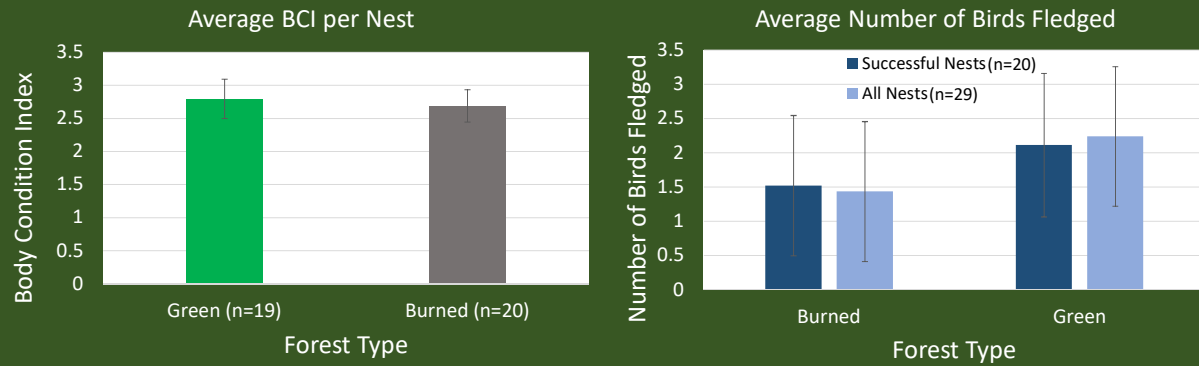
- Locate and monitor nests to quantify nest success.
- Record video of adult provisioning behaviors at nests.
- Measure and radio-tag nestlings to quantify survival.
- Measure vegetation at nest sites to assess habitat use and selection.

How do fledgling Black-Backed Woodpeckers differ between **green** and **burned** forests?

*Fledgling: young bird that has left the nest and is capable of flight

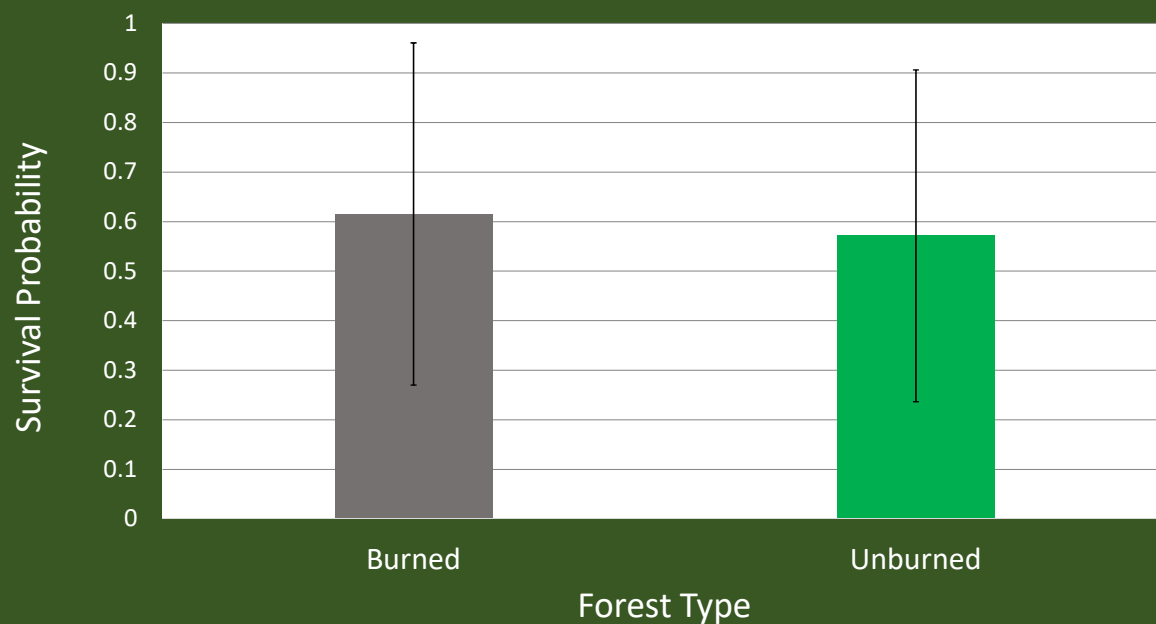


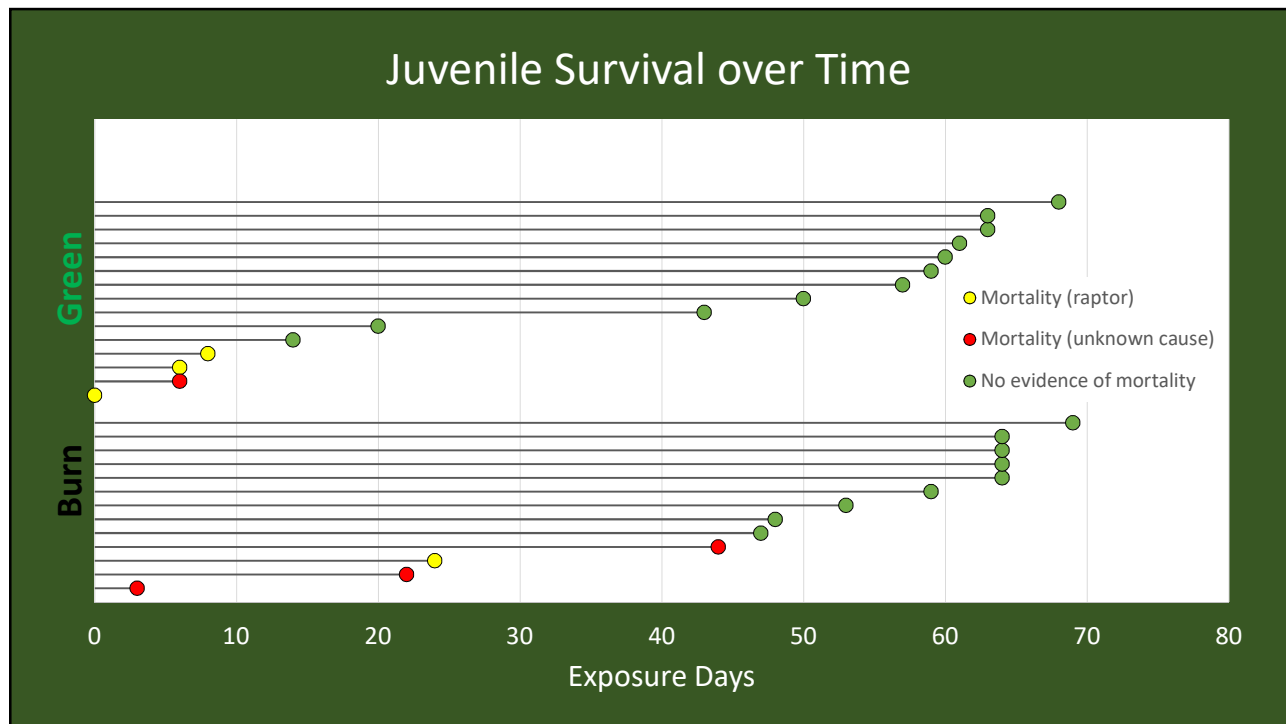
Factors that may influence BCI



Average Max Clutch Size	
Burn	3.78 +/- 0.66 (n=9)
Green	3.43 +/- 0.62 (n=14)

Black-Backed Woodpecker Apparent Juvenile Survival

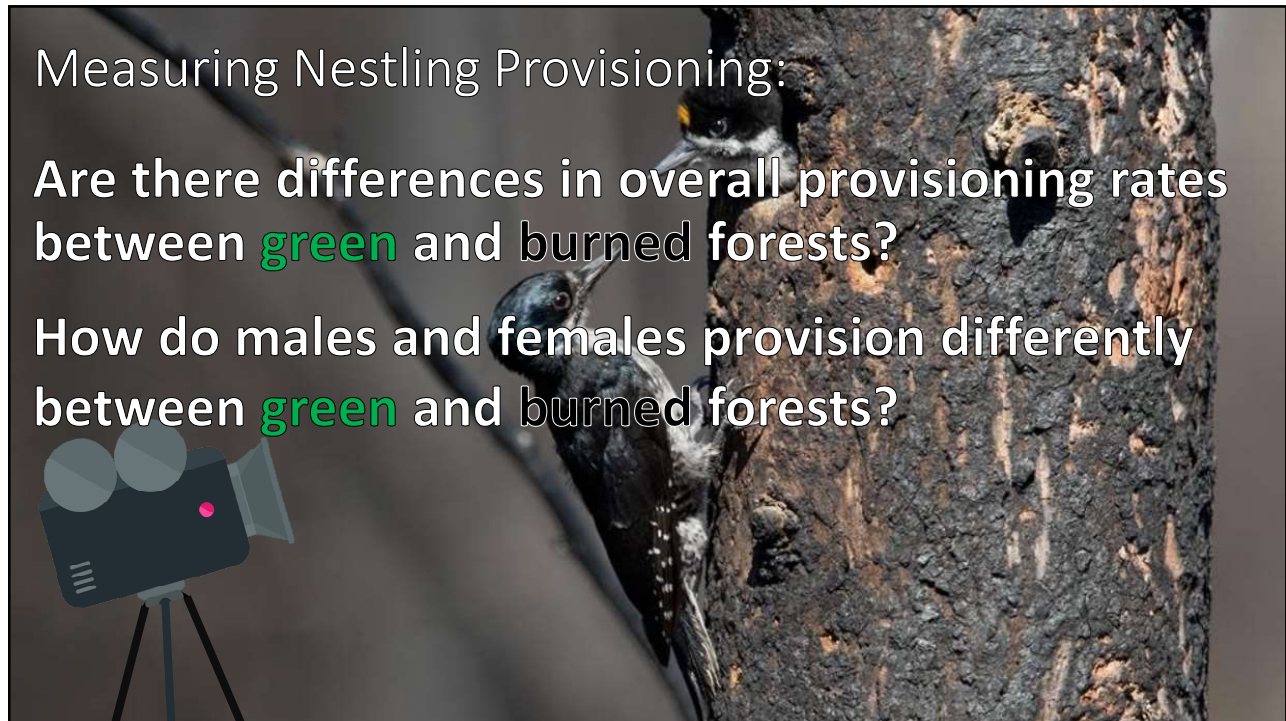




Measuring Nestling Provisioning:

Are there differences in overall provisioning rates between **green** and burned forests?

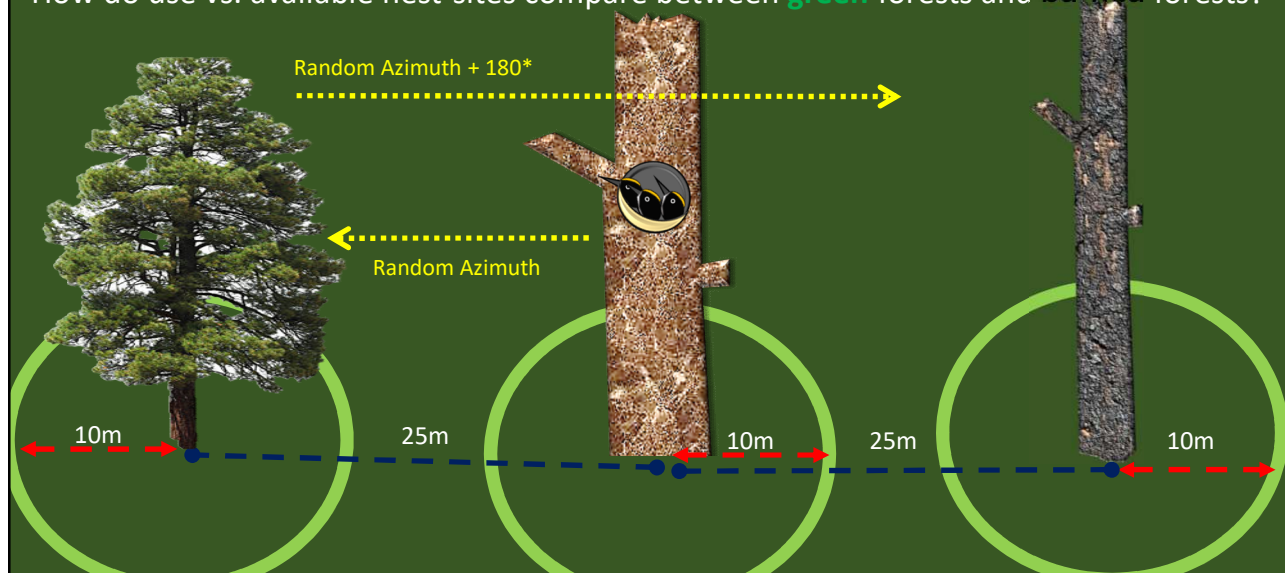
How do males and females provision differently between **green** and burned forests?

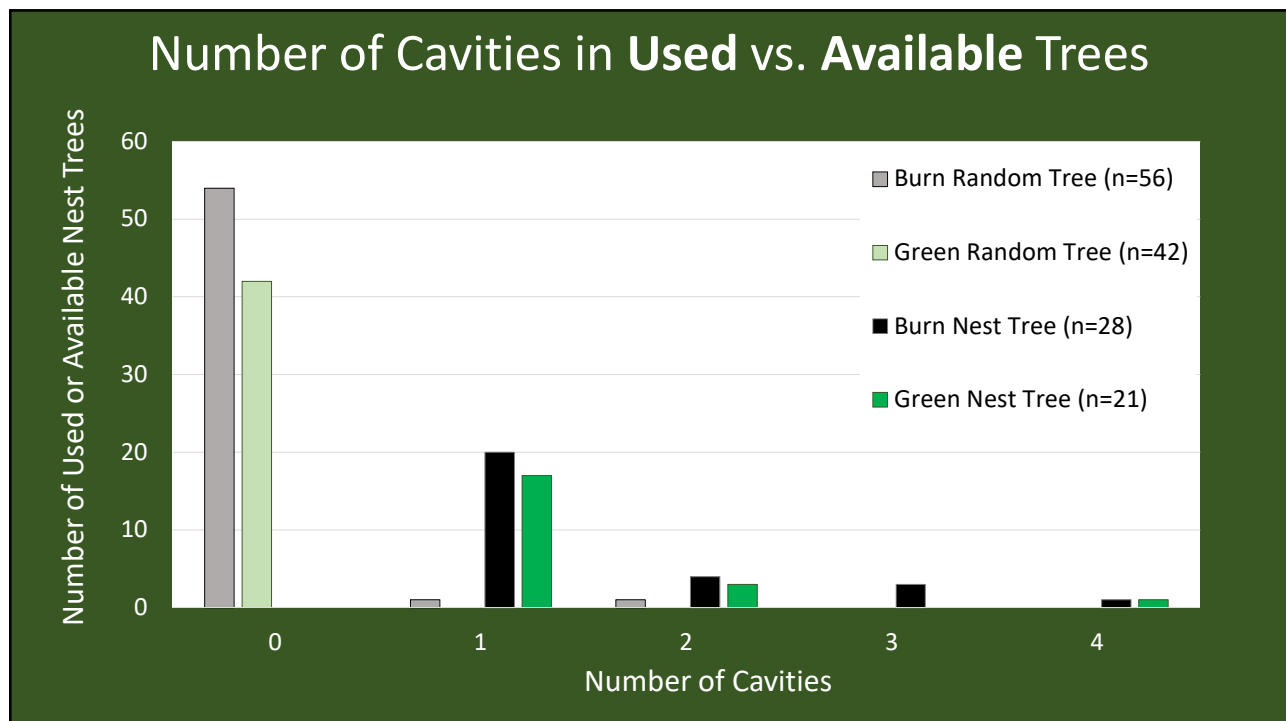
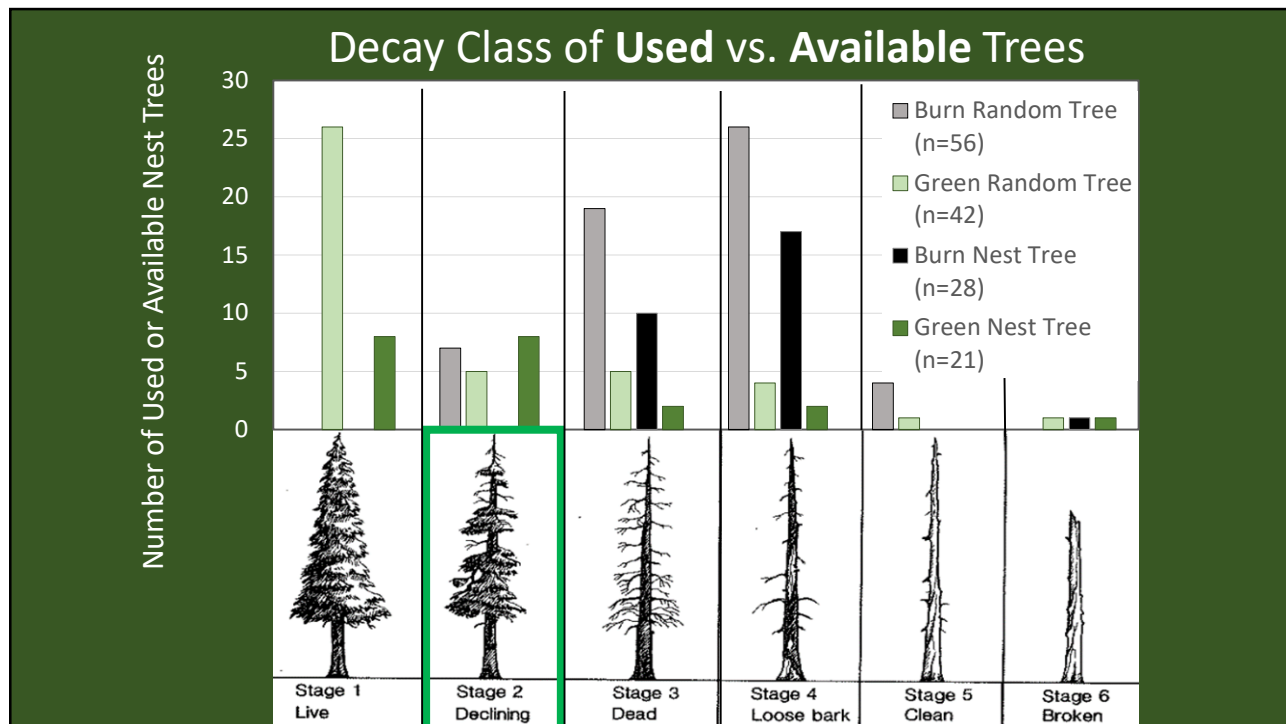


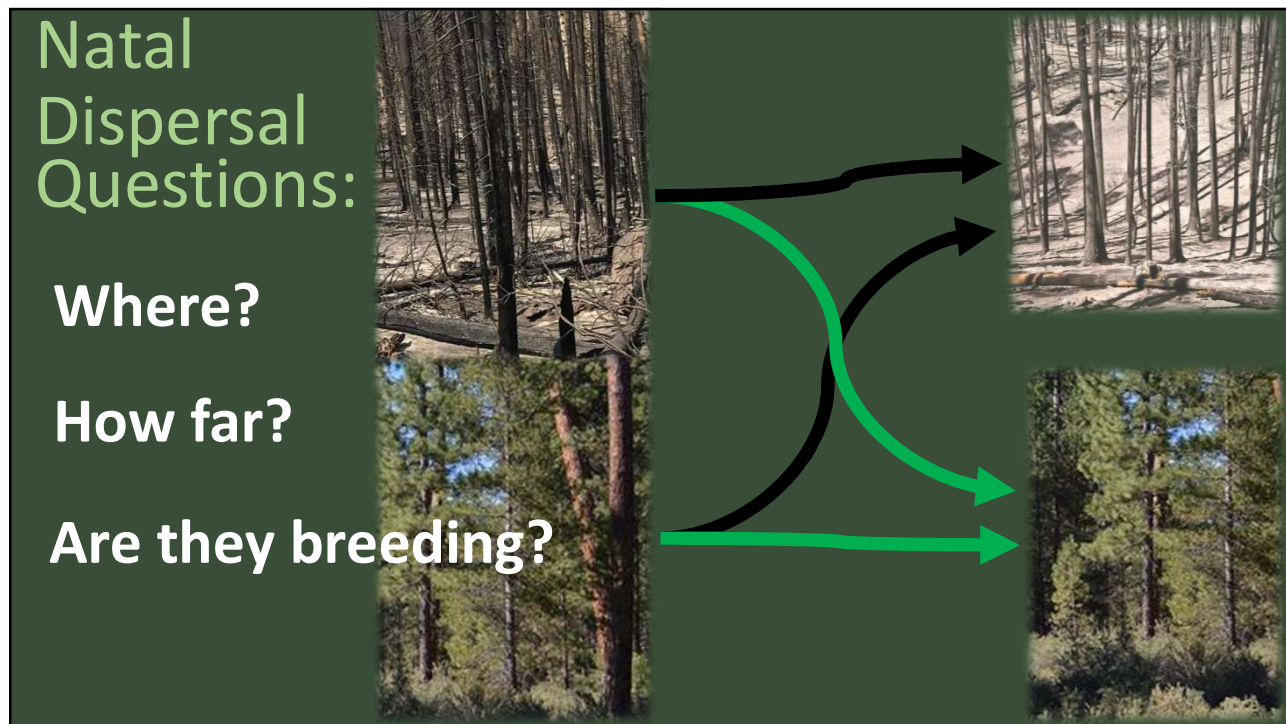
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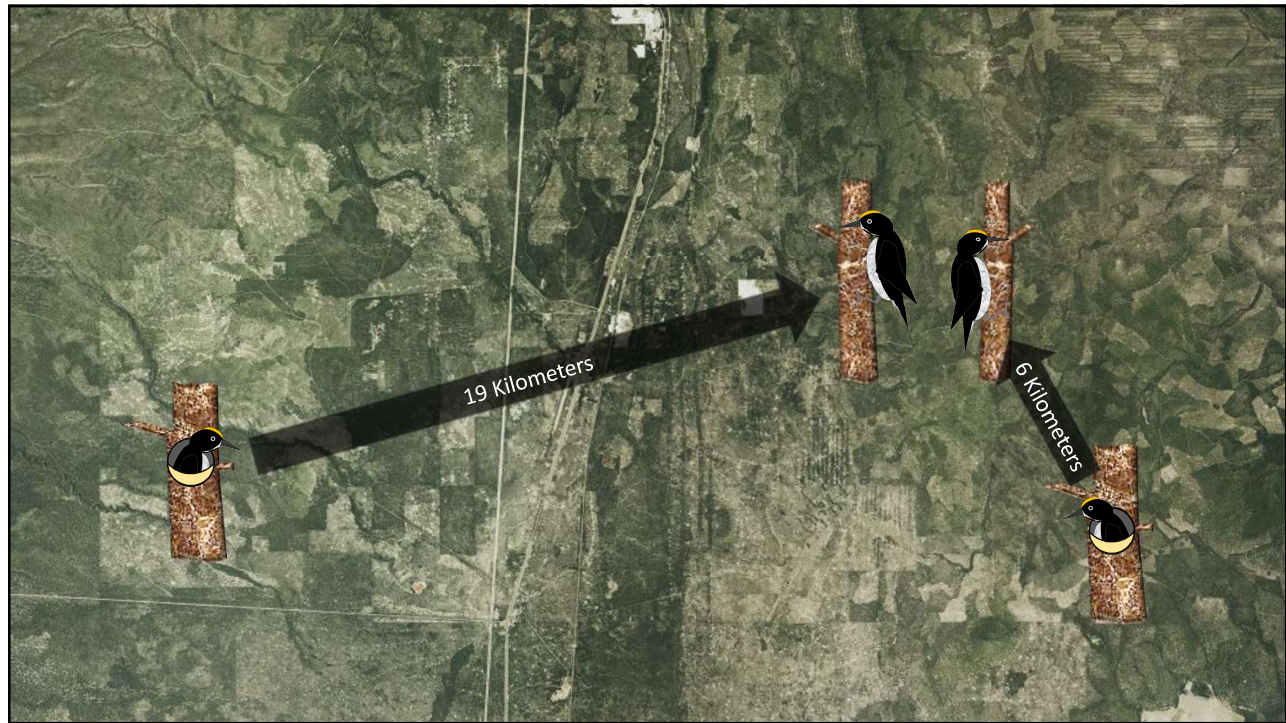
Quantifying Nest-Site Selection

How do use vs. available nest-sites compare between **green** forests and **burned** forests?

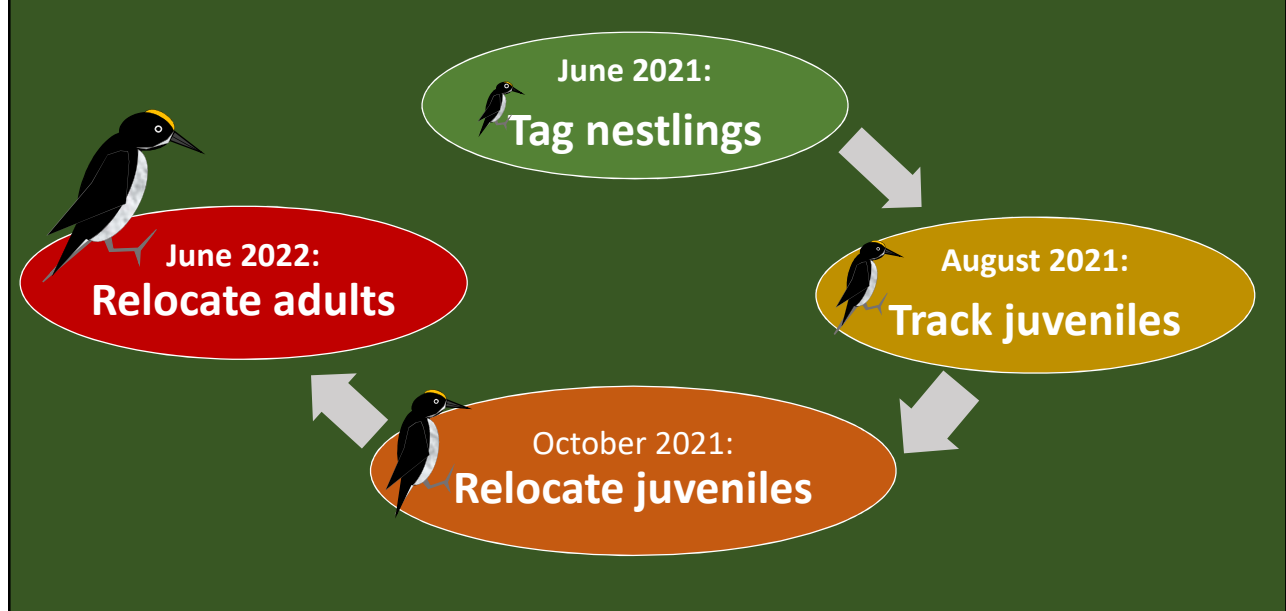








Tracking Movement and Habitat Selection:



Preliminary Conclusions:

How are they impacted by breeding in **green** vs **burned** forests?

- Apparent Nest Success → **Similar**
- Juvenile Body Condition → **Potentially improved in green forest**
- Juvenile Survival → **Similar**
- Parental provisioning of nestlings → **TBD**

How does their use of **green** forests compare to **burned** forests?

→ **Use different cues to select optimal nest-sites for a given forest**

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→ **TBD**

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