

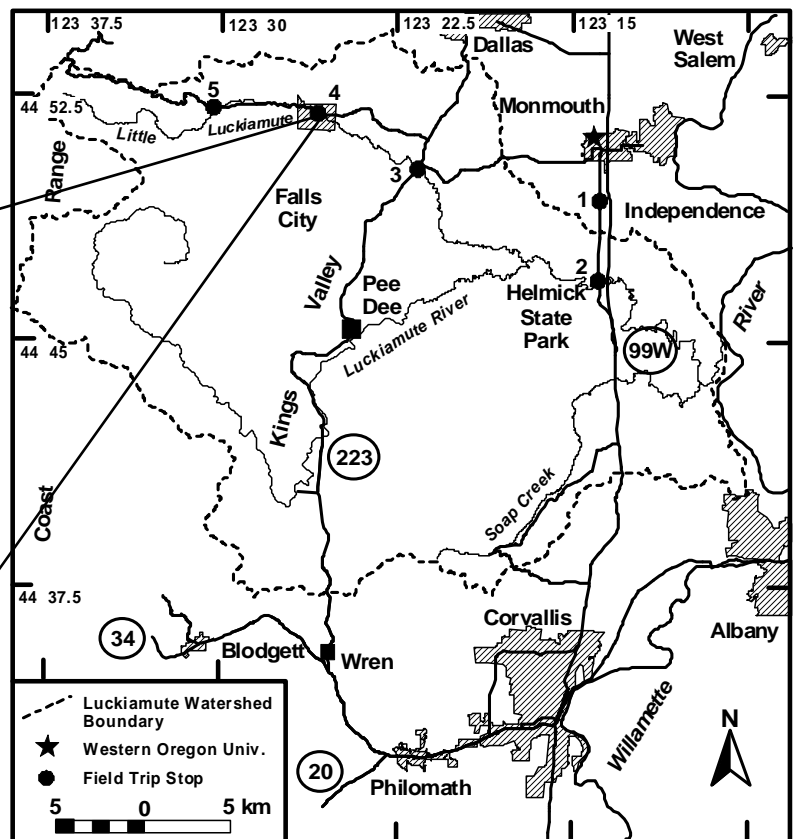
Geomorphology and Environmental Geology the Luckiamute Watershed, Central Coast Range, Oregon

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Field Guide

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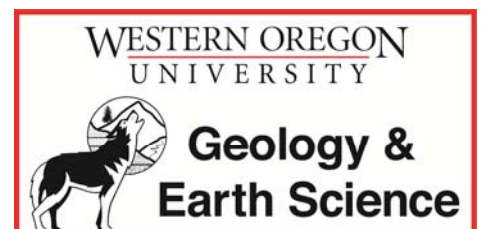


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Field Trip Introduction

- People
 - Introductions
- Organizations
 - Western Oregon University (Earth Science)
 - Luckiamute Watershed Council
 - Greenbelt Land Trust
- Background
 - Luckiamute Watershed – Focus of 2001 WOU Environmental Science Institute Course
 - Undergraduate Science Majors
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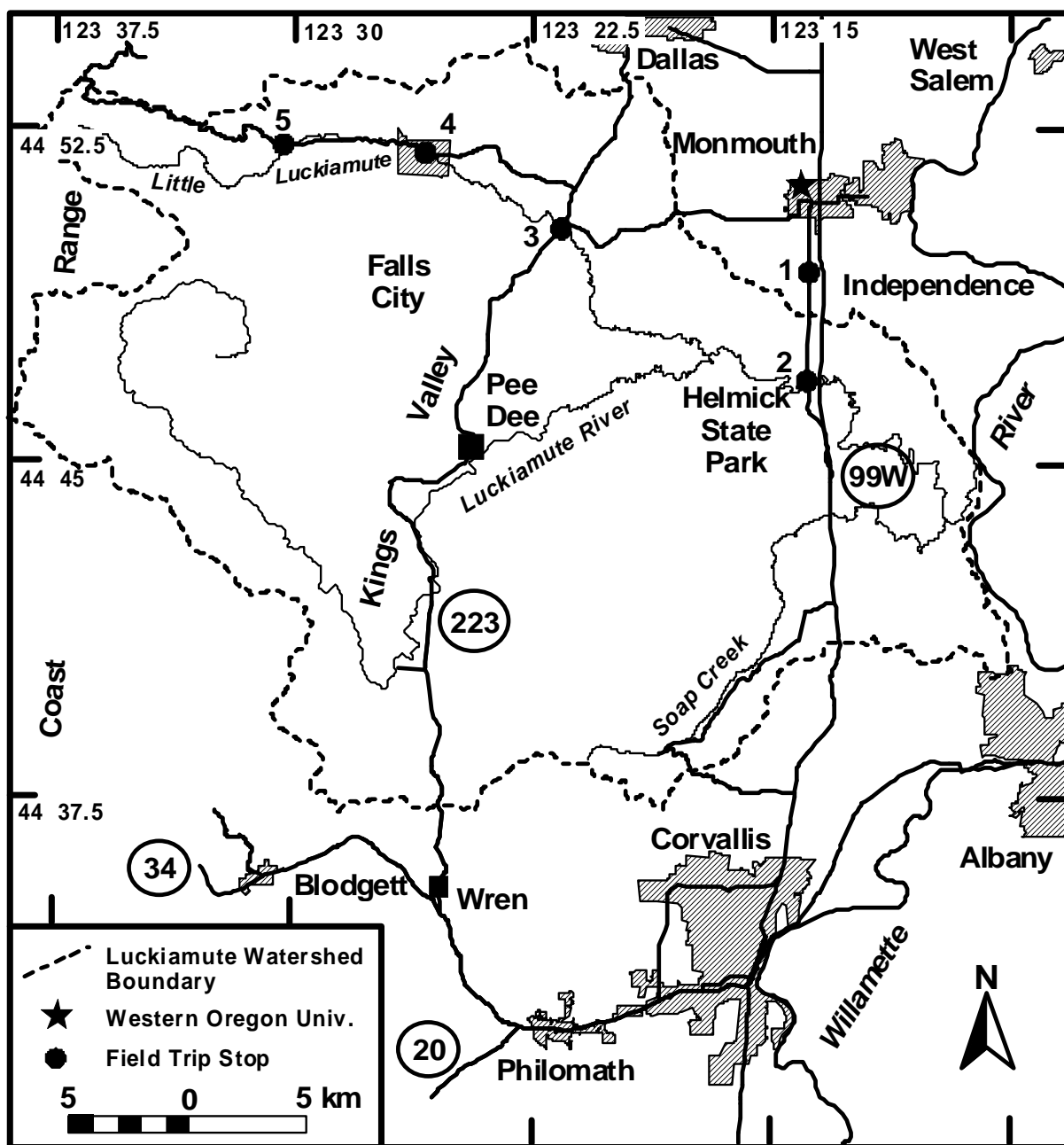


Figure 1. Location map of the Luckiamute watershed.

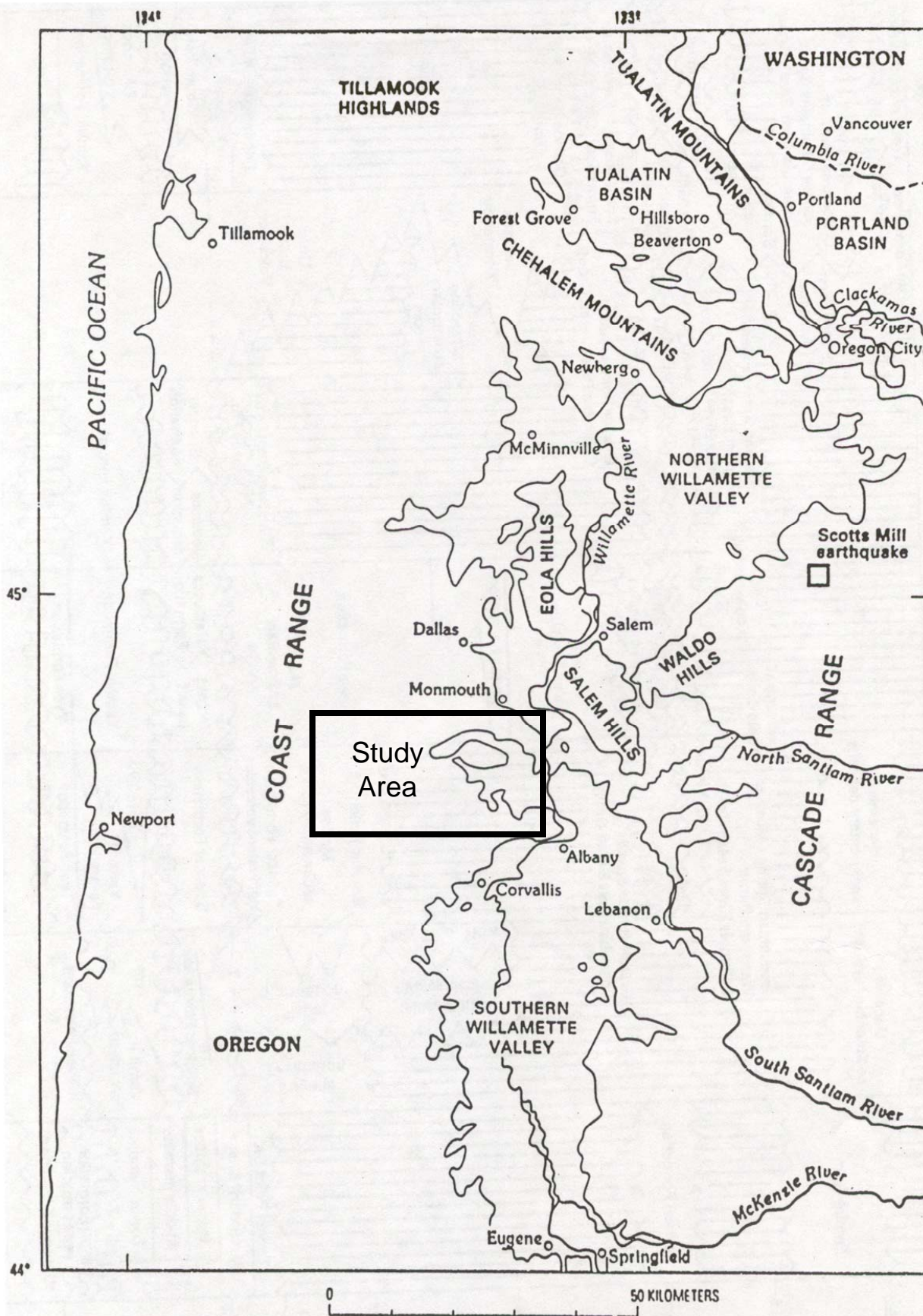
History of Luckiamute Research and Service Learning at Western Oregon University

1999-Present	WOU Geology and Biology Class Field Trips
2001	Environmental Science Institute Course Geomorphology, Env. Chemistry, Botany, Climatology
2002	Proposal Development (Watershed Learning Model)
2003-2004	Watershed Assessment / Luckiamute Watershed Council
2003-2010	Support of Luckiamute Watershed Council
2008-2009	LWC / Rapid Bio-Assessment GIS Support Services
2004-Present	Research: Hydrogeomorphic Analysis
2004-Present	Research: Invasive Plant Distribution



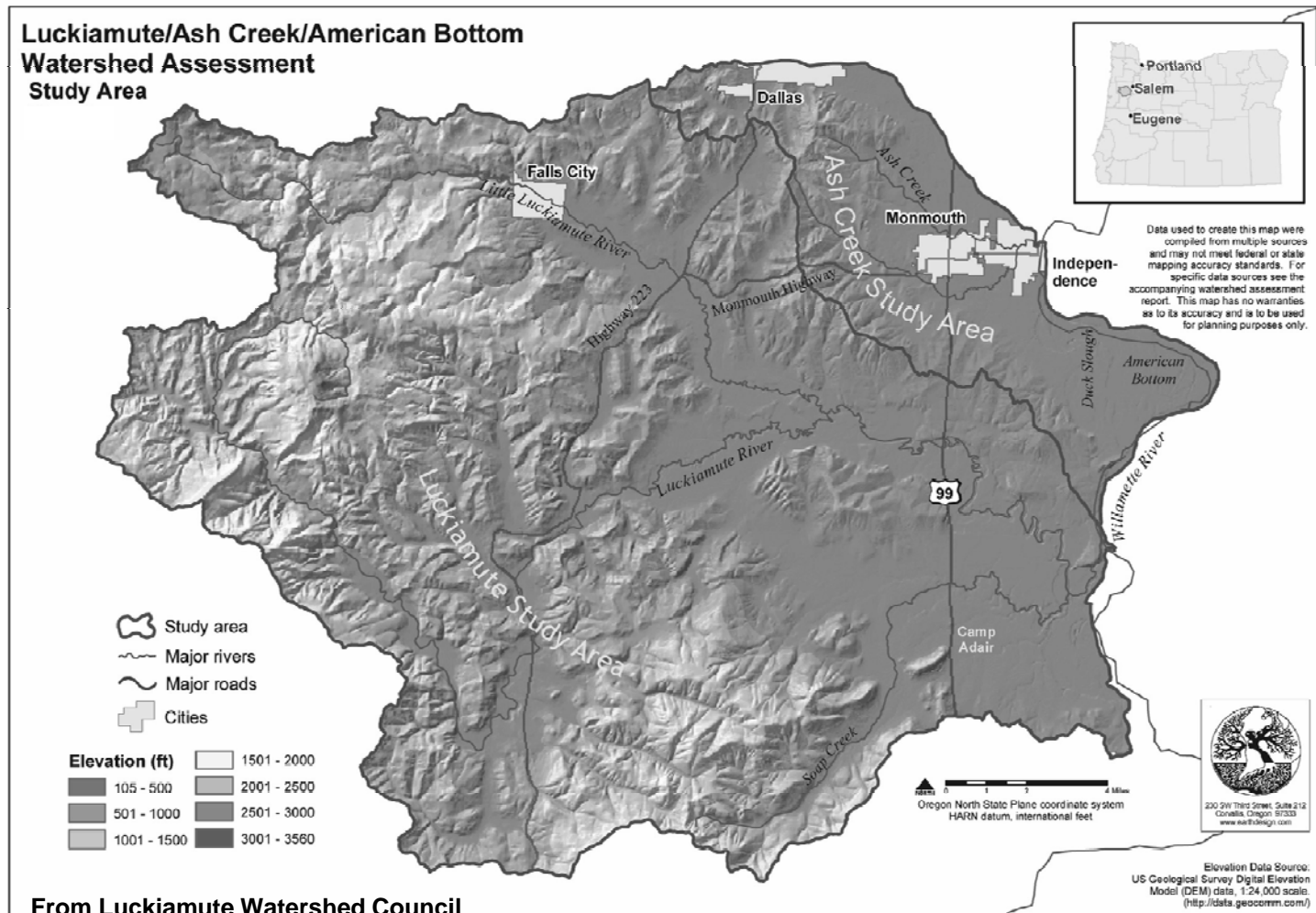
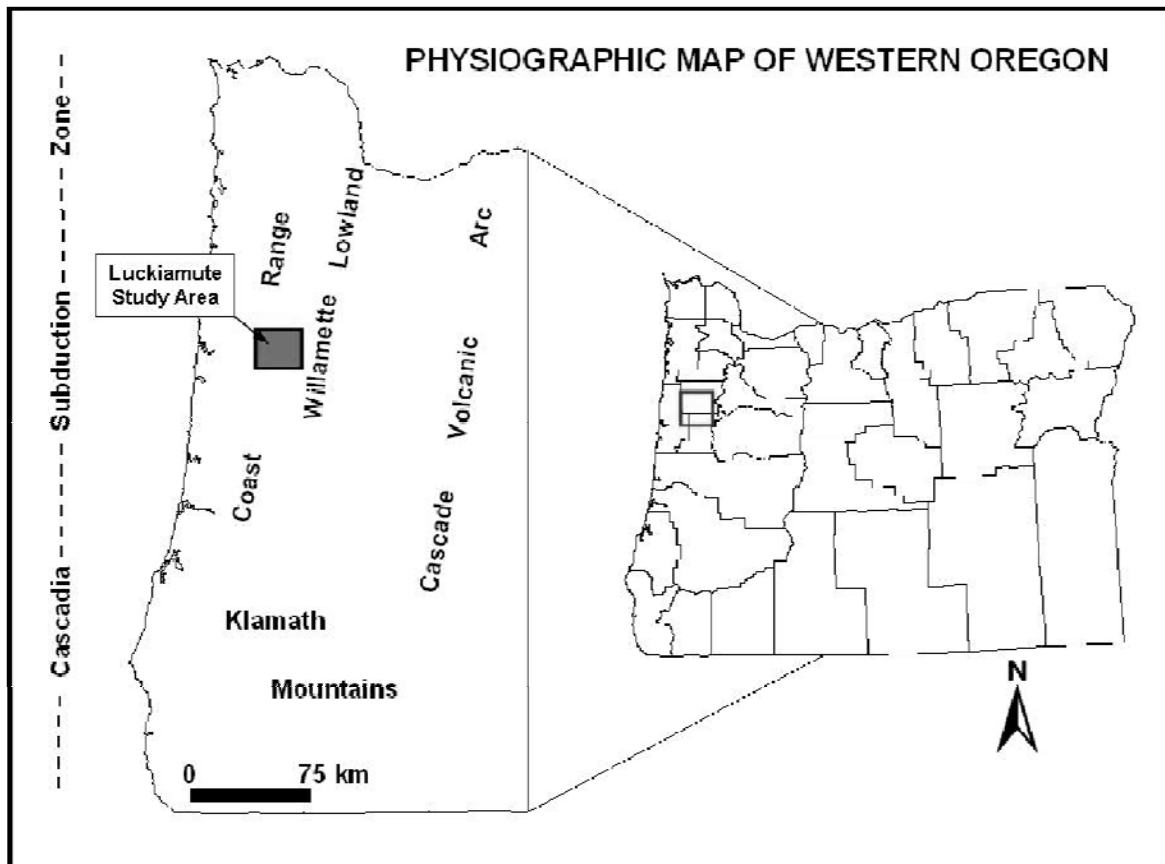
Physiographic Setting of the Luckiamute Watershed

- Boundaries
 - Crest of Coast Range to West (headlands)
 - Willamette River to East
- Drainage Area = 815 km²
 - Largest Fifth-Field Watershed in central and northern Coast Range
 - Primary Tributaries
 - Little Luckiamute – northern watershed
 - Luckiamute – southern watershed
 - Secondary Tributaries
 - Soap Creek, Maxfield Creek, Woods Creek, Teal Ck
- Elevation Range:
 - Min: 46 m (150 ft) at Willamette
 - Max: 1016 m (3333 ft) at Fanno Peak
 - Avg. Basin Elevation: 277 m (910 ft)
- Basin Morphometry
 - Average Stream Gradient: 3 m /km
 - Total Stream Length: 90.7 km



EXPLANATION

- Lowlands of Willamette Valley
- Uplands



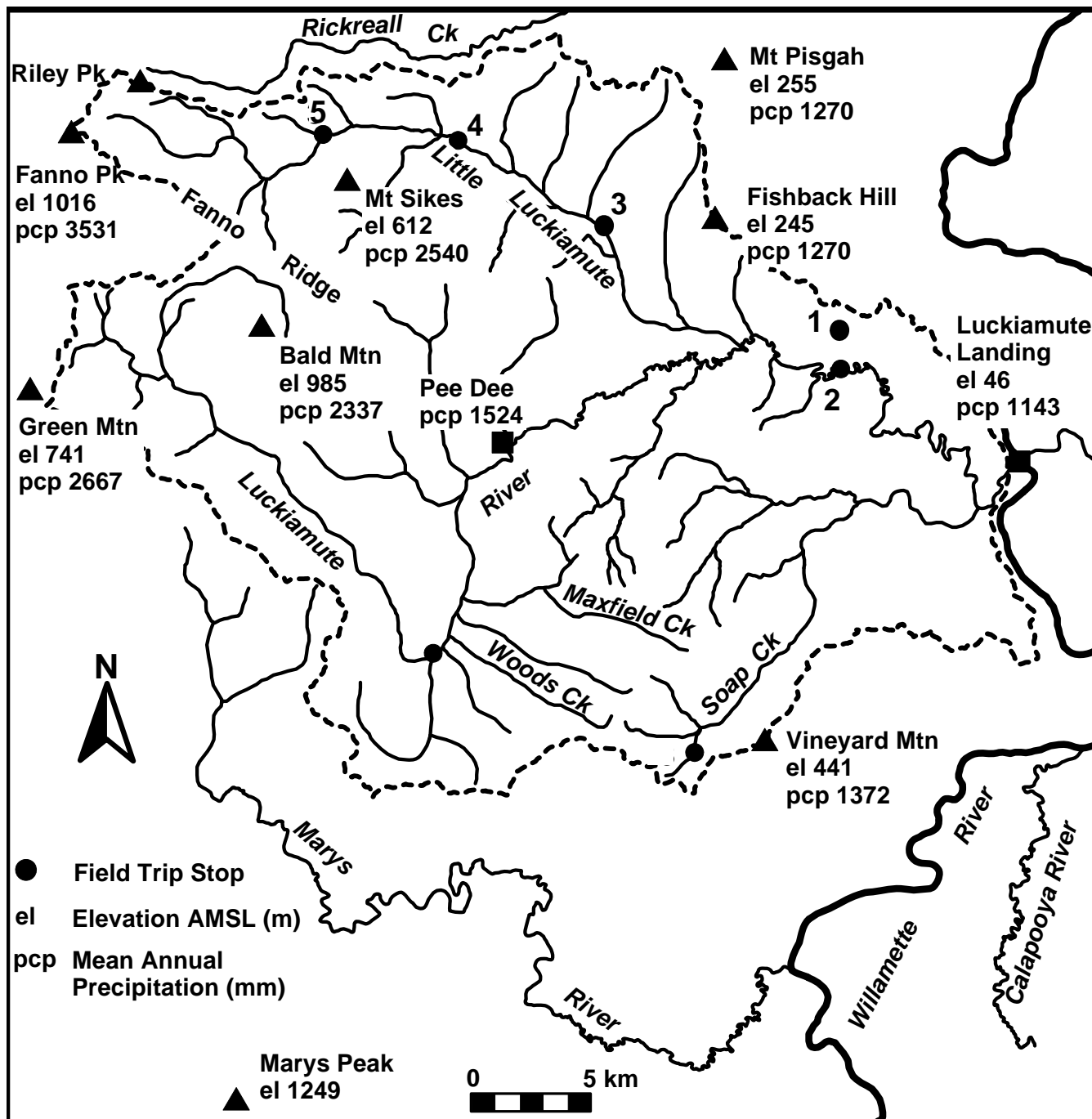
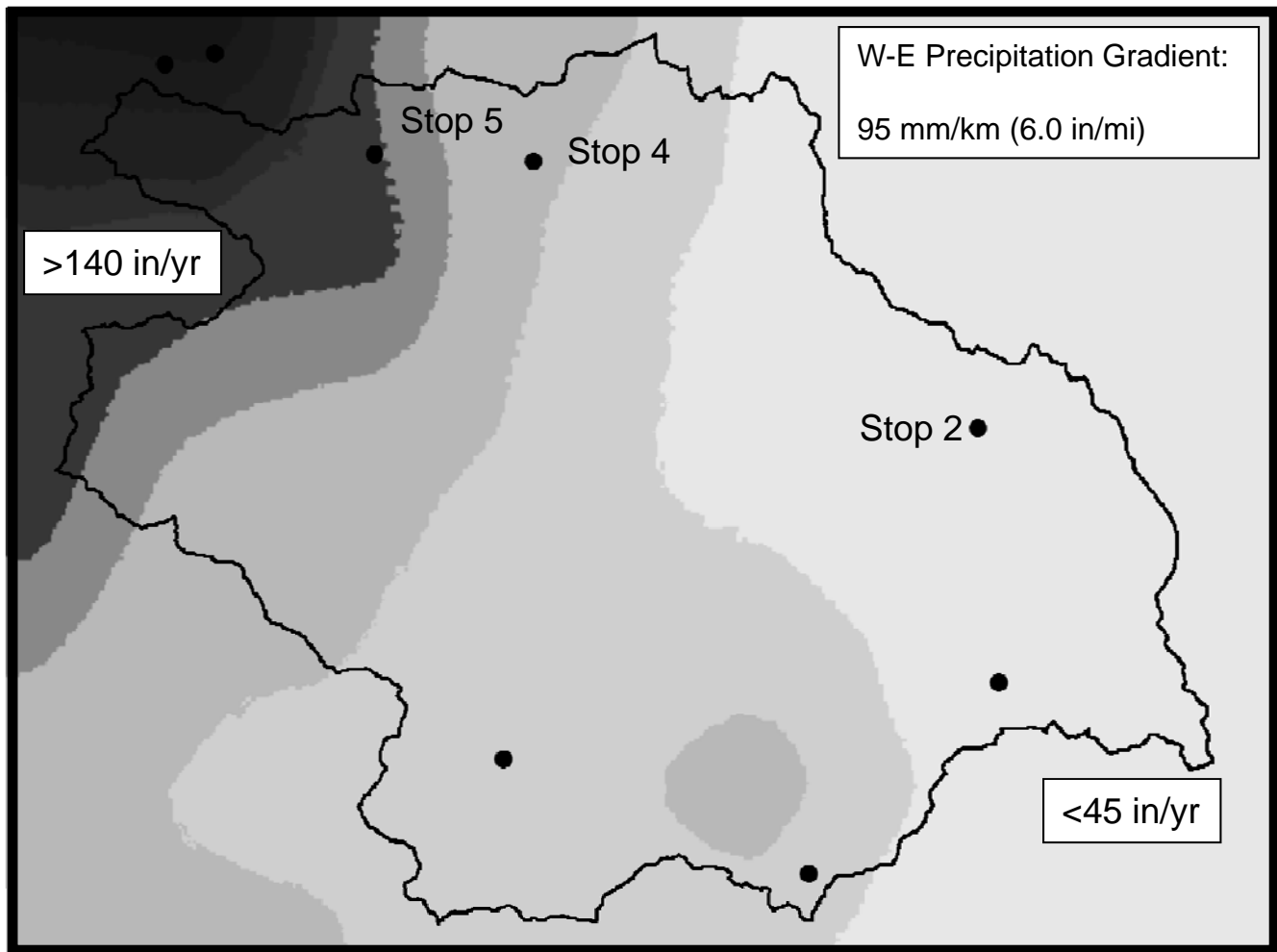
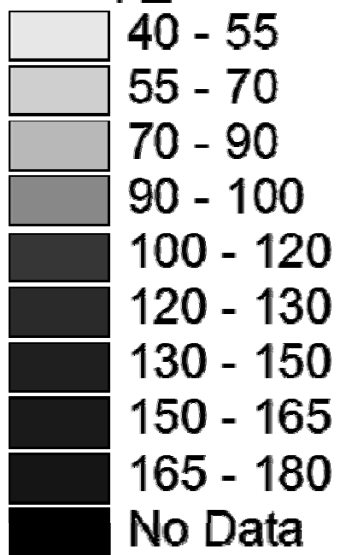


Figure 2. Physiographic map and spot annual precipitation for the Luckiamute Watershed.



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 - Luckbound.shp
- Precip_90 (inches)



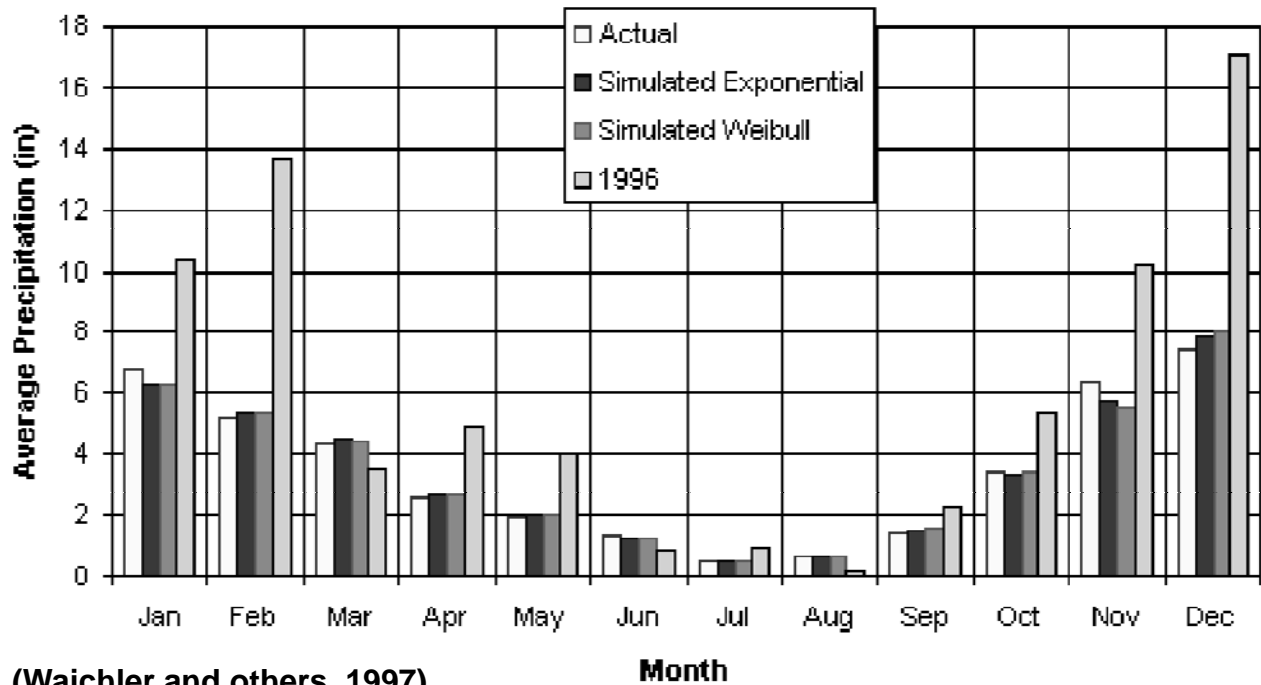
1990 Average Annual Precipitation for the Luckiamute Watershed (inches) (from the Oregon Climate Service)

Annual Precipitation

Basin Maximum: 3600 mm (>140 in) – Divide
 Basin Minimum: 1140 mm (~45 in) – Willamette Valley
 Basin-wide Precipitation Average = 1894 mm (~75 in)
 Seasonal Precipitation Cycle (October – March)

Average Runoff = 61% of Annual Precipitation

Simulated and Observed Average Monthly Precipitation Totals for Corvallis (1947-1996)



Water Balance of Luckiamute Watershed

Period (1961-1990)	Mean Precipitation (mm)	Precip. (Input) (m ³)	Observed Mean Discharge (cfs)	Observed Total Discharge (m ³)	INFILTRATION + EVAPOTRANSPIRATION	
					Difference (Precip- Discharge) (m ³)	Difference as % of Precip. ("%LOSS")
Annual	1894	1.23E+09		7.55E+08	4.77E+08	39%
Jan	335	2.18E+08	2232.146	1.69E+08	4.86E+07	22%
Feb	258	1.68E+08	1853.276	1.27E+08	4.09E+07	24%
Mar	216	1.41E+08	1472.097	1.12E+08	2.89E+07	21%
Apr	101	6.57E+07	795.9956	5.84E+07	7.27E+06	11%
May	51.9	3.38E+07	396.072	3.00E+07	3.72E+06	11%
Jun	41.7	2.71E+07	188.61	1.38E+07	1.33E+07	49%
Jul	11.3	7.35E+06	71.32473	5.41E+06	1.94E+06	26%
Aug	23.8	1.55E+07	37.25441	2.83E+06	1.27E+07	82%
Sep	50.3	3.27E+07	49.19311	3.61E+06	2.91E+07	89%
Oct	143	9.30E+07	124.4226	9.44E+06	8.36E+07	90%
Nov	284	1.85E+08	904.1411	6.64E+07	1.18E+08	64%
Dec	378	2.46E+08	2069.228	1.57E+08	8.89E+07	36%

Water budget for Luckiamute Watershed (Waichler and others, 1997)

Tectonic Setting of the Luckiamute Watershed

- Convergent Tectonic Margin
 - Subduction of Juan de Fuca Plate Beneath North America
 - Convergent Rates: 3.5-4.0 cm/yr
 - Style of Tectonism
 - Oblique Convergence
 - Tectonic accretion
 - Clockwise Rotation
- Coast Range Orogenesis
 - Accreted Marine Volcanic and Sedimentary Rocks
 - Active Uplift Between 15-10 Ma to Present
 - Neotectonics
 - General Uplift and Eastward Tilting
- Tectonic Influence on Luckiamute
 - Luckiamute drains the eastward tilted flanks of the Coast Range (Rhea, 1993)
 - Luckiamute Watershed located at segment boundary of Juan de Fuca Subduction zone

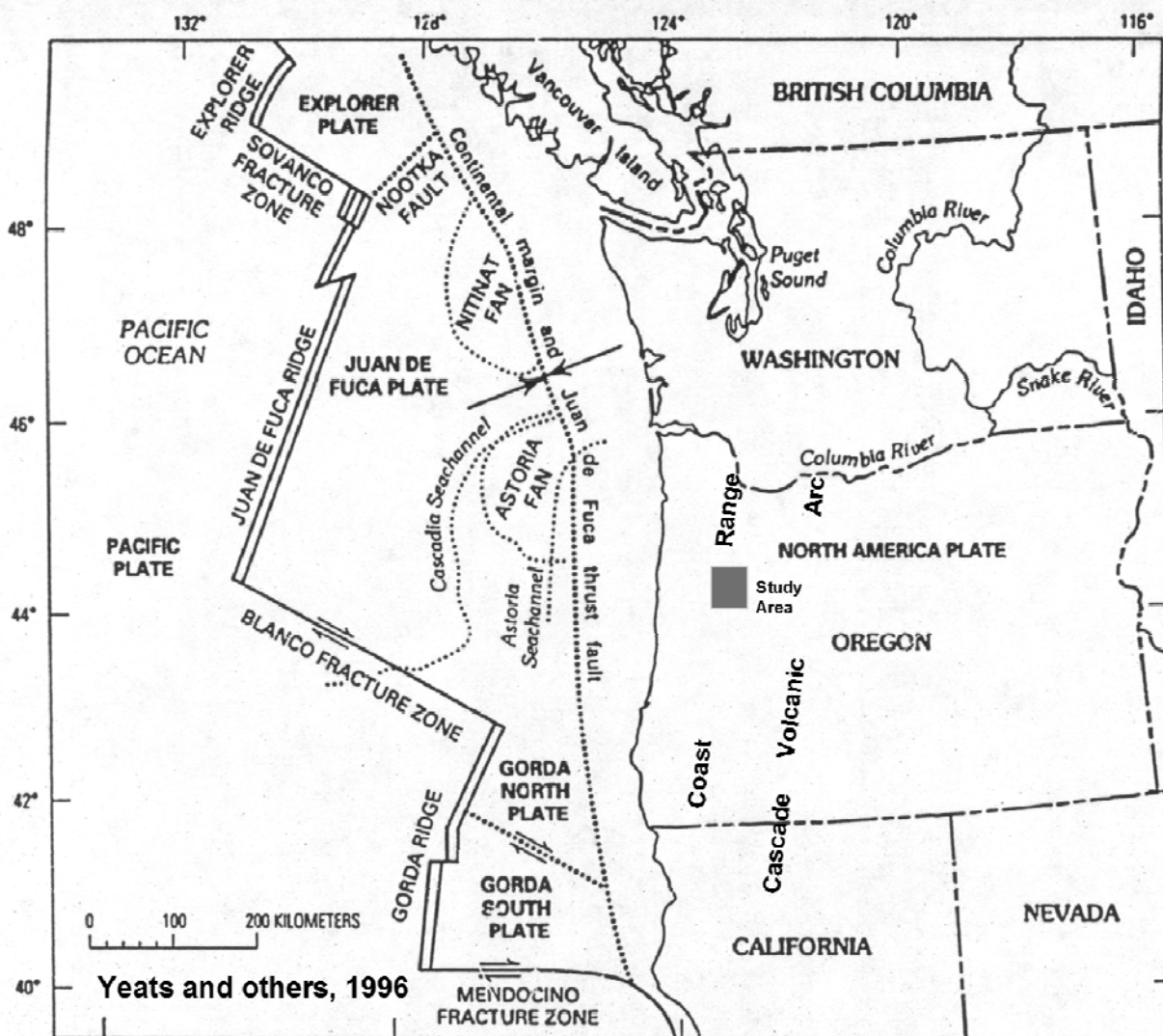
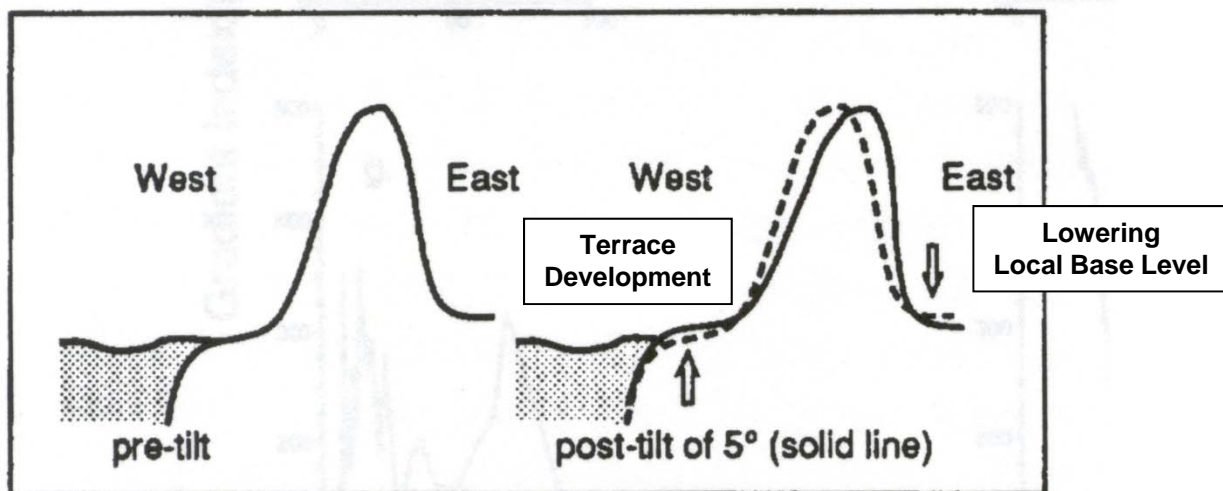
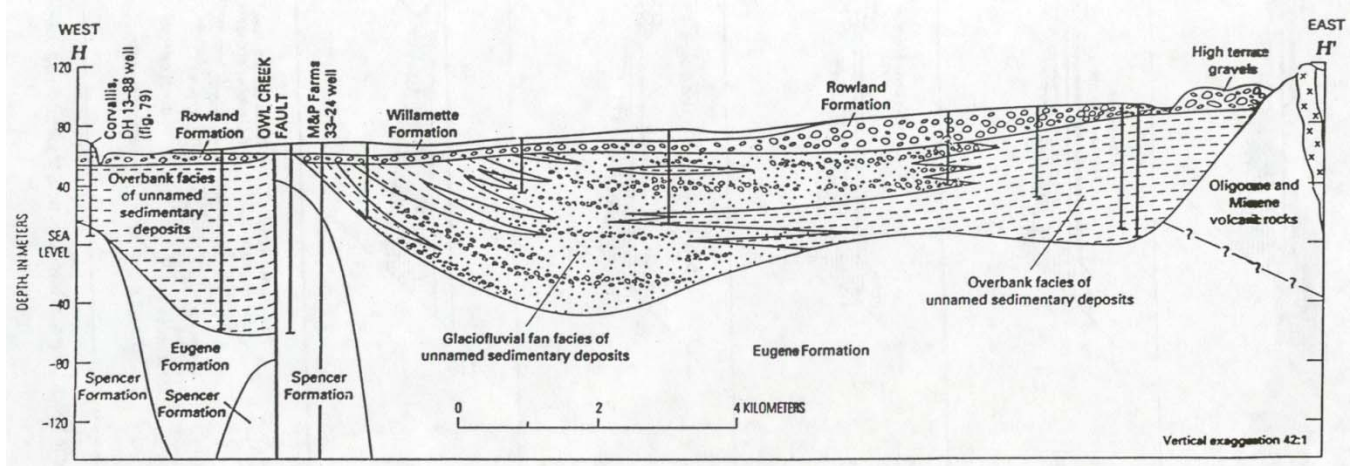
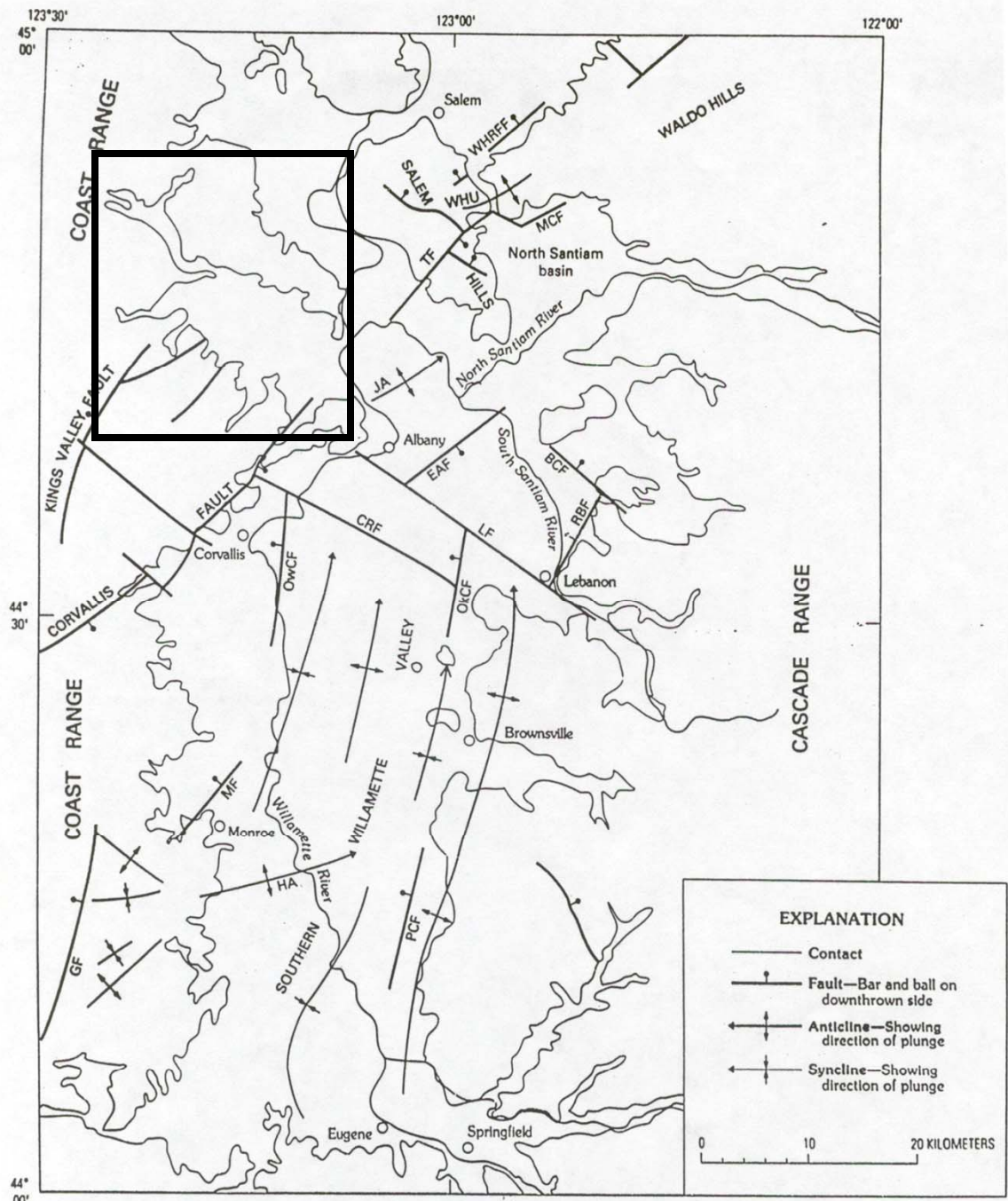


Plate tectonic configuration of the Pacific Northwest.



Cartoon showing effects of Coast Range tilting on watershed gradient (from Rhea, 1993)



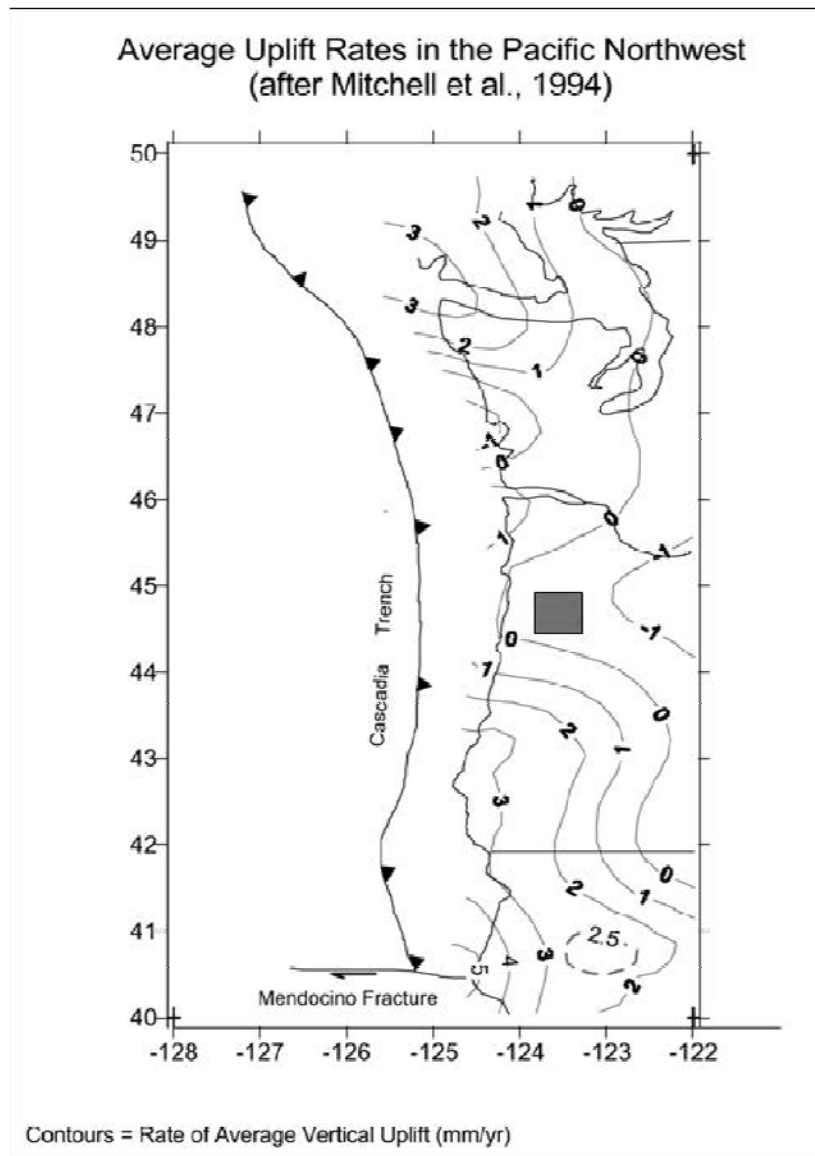
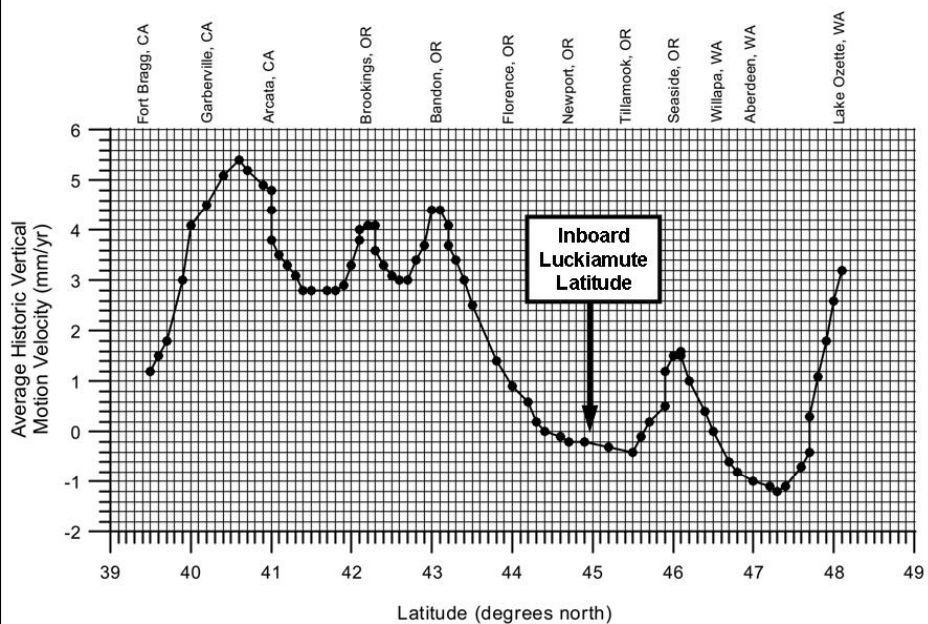


Figure 7. Plot of South-to-North Average Uplift Rate Profiles Along the Coast of the Pacific Northwest



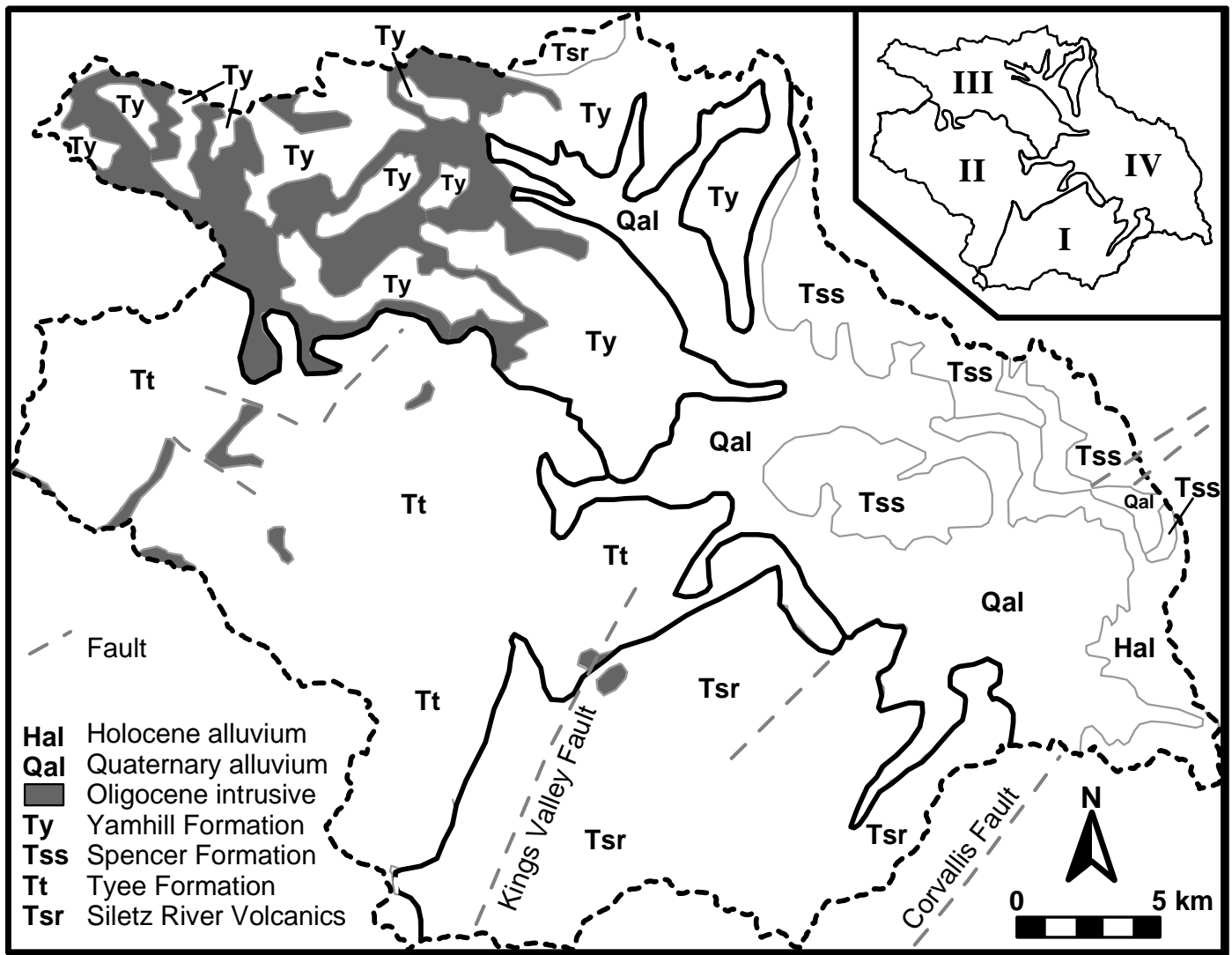
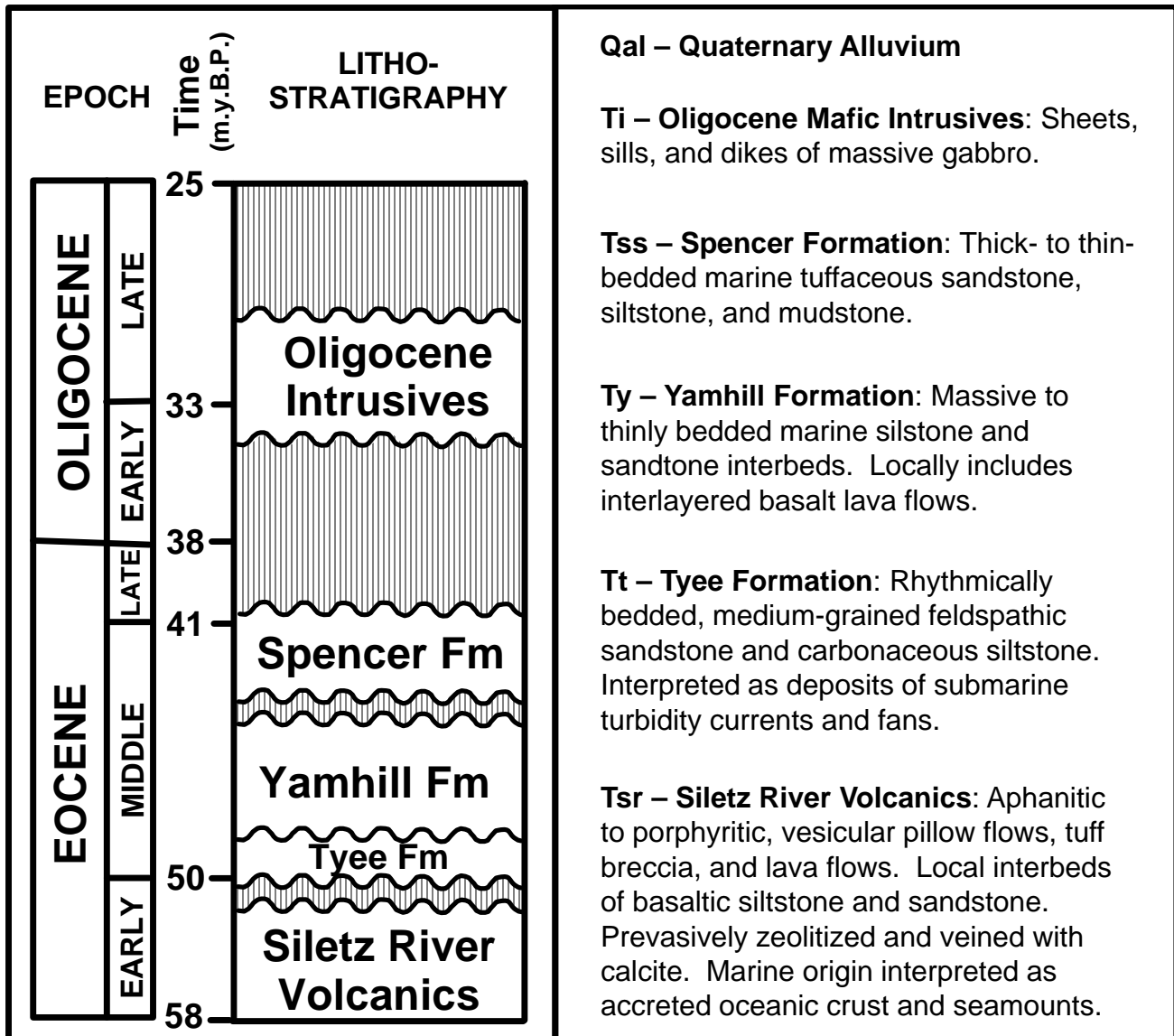
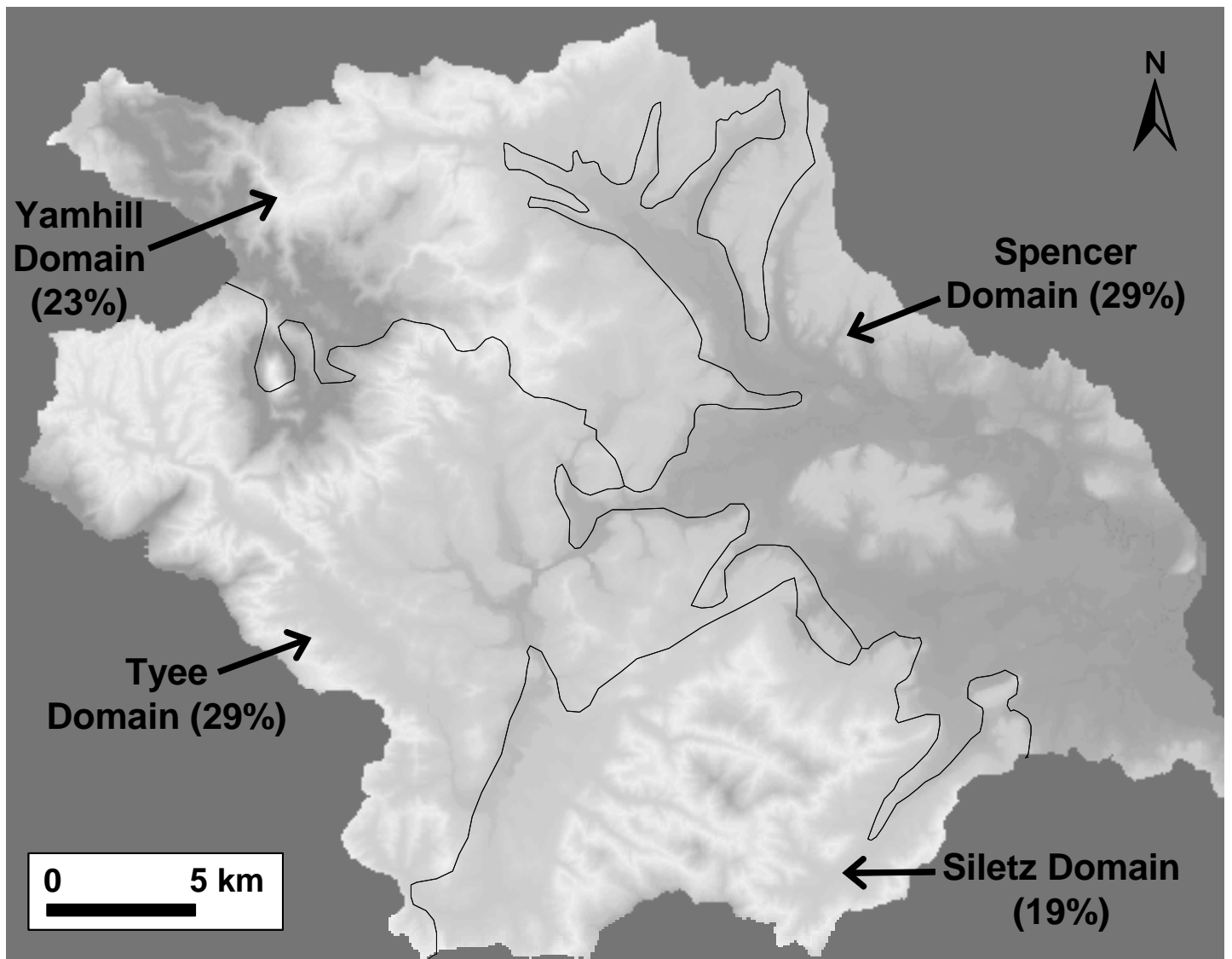


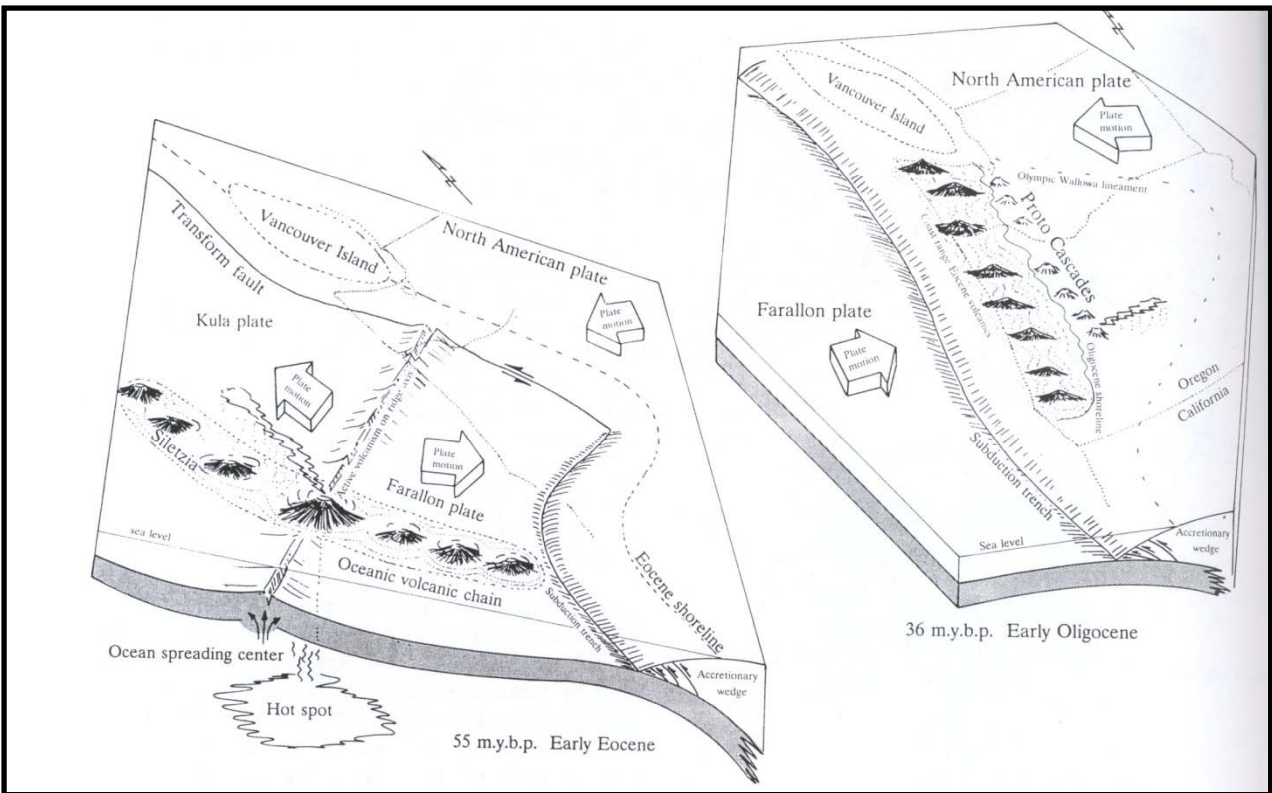
Figure 3. Bedrock geology of the Luckiamute Watershed (after Walker and MacLeod, 1991). Inset map shows grouping of recognized lithospatial domains: I = Siletz River Domain, II = Tyee Domain, III = Yamhill-Tertiary Intrusive Domain, IV = Spencer-Valley Fill Domain.

Bedrock Geology of the Luckiamute Watershed

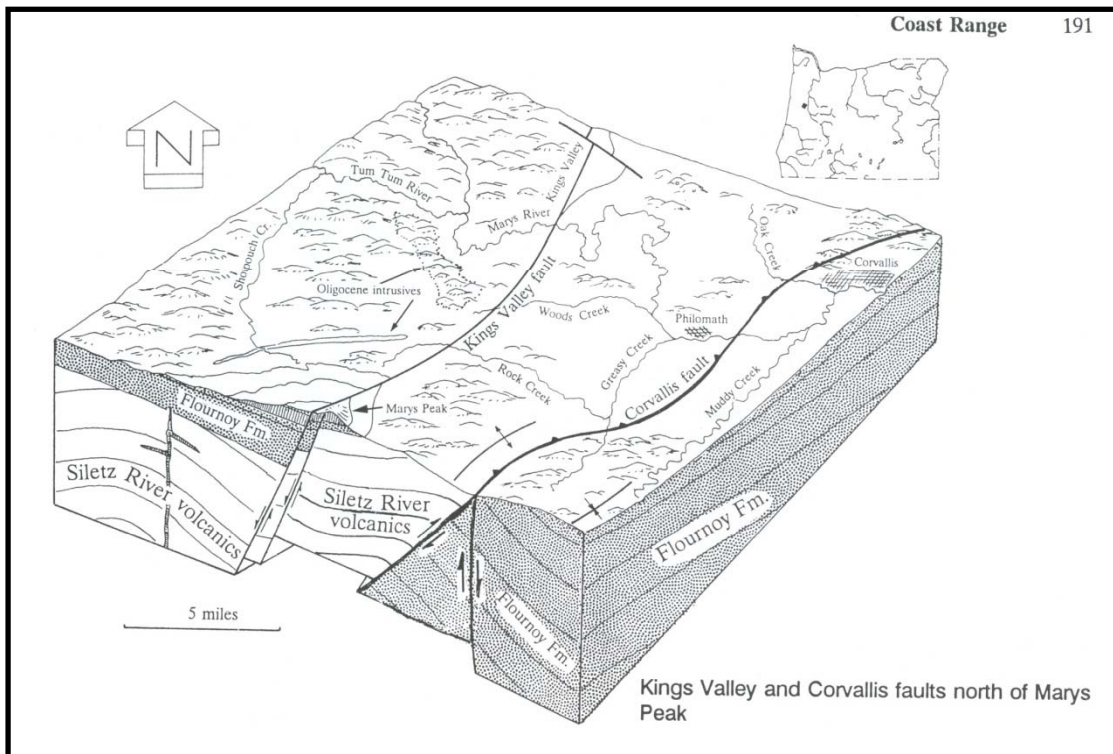




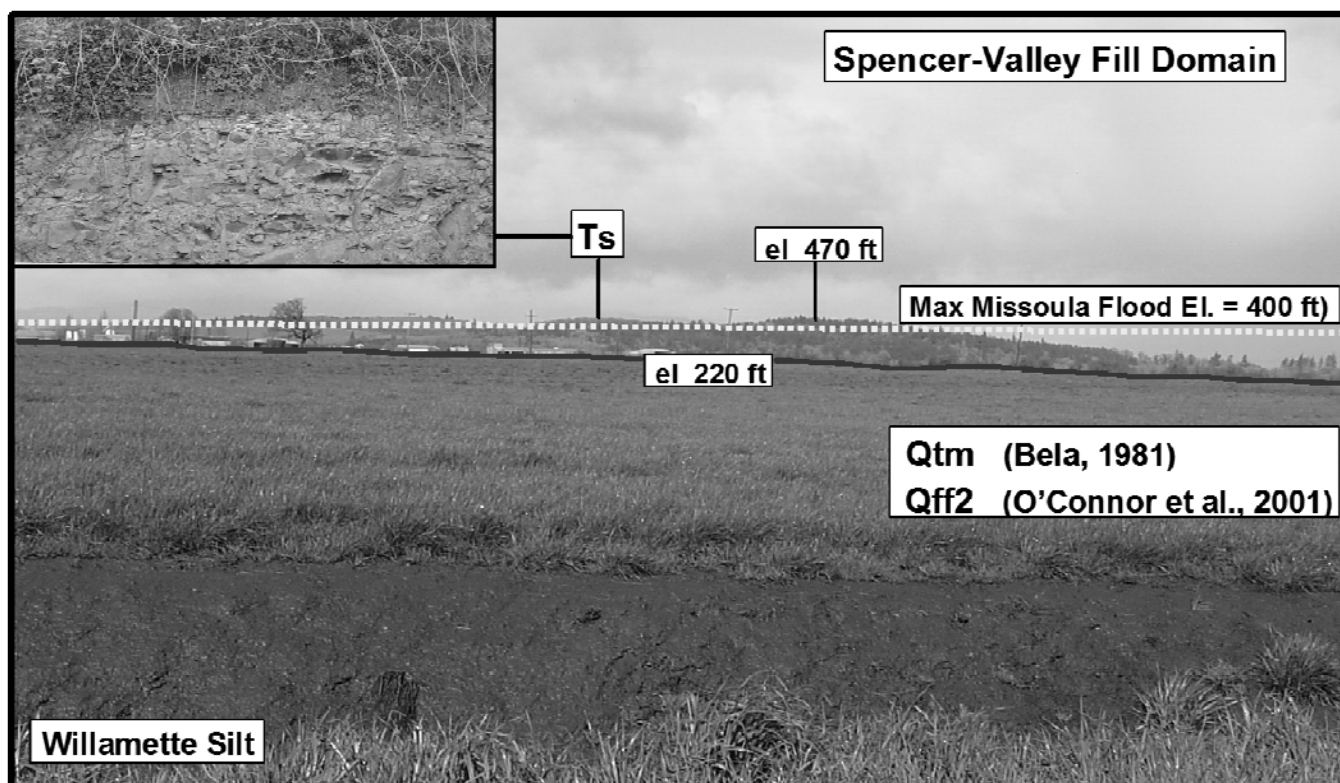
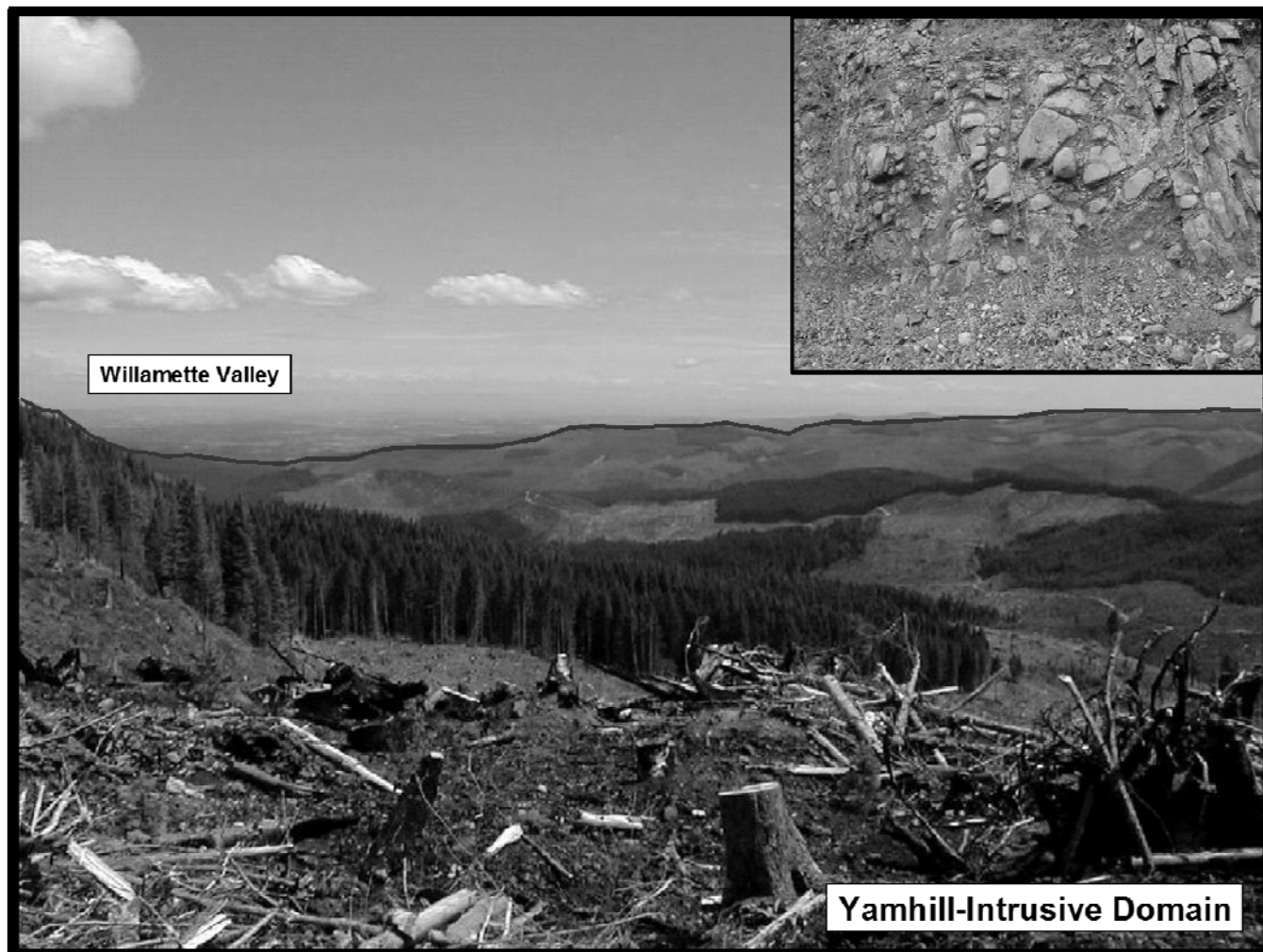




Accretionary tectonic model for Siletz River Volcanics (from Orr and Orr, 1999)



Schematic of Corvallis and Kings Valley Faults (from Orr and Orr 1999)



Tyee Domain Landscape



Geomorphology of the Luckiamute Watershed

Valley Floor-Fluvial Regime

- Landforms
 - Channel
 - Floodplain
 - Terrace
 - Small-scale Fans
 - Strath-pediment surfaces
 - Low-relief colluvial hillslopes (Spencer Fm)
- Deposits
 - Alluvial Fill (sorted sand and gravel)
 - Debris Flow Deposits (diamicton)
 - Slackwater Silts and Clay
- Processes
 - Channel Transport
 - Overbank Sedimentation

•Hillslope-Colluvial Regime

- Landforms
 - Ridge tops
 - Hillslopes-Sideslopes
 - Hollows
 - Pediment Surfaces
- Deposits
 - Colluvium (gravel diamicton)
 - Residuum (gravel diamicton)
- Processes
 - Colluvial Creep
 - Debris Slide / Flow
 - Tree-throw / Bioturbation

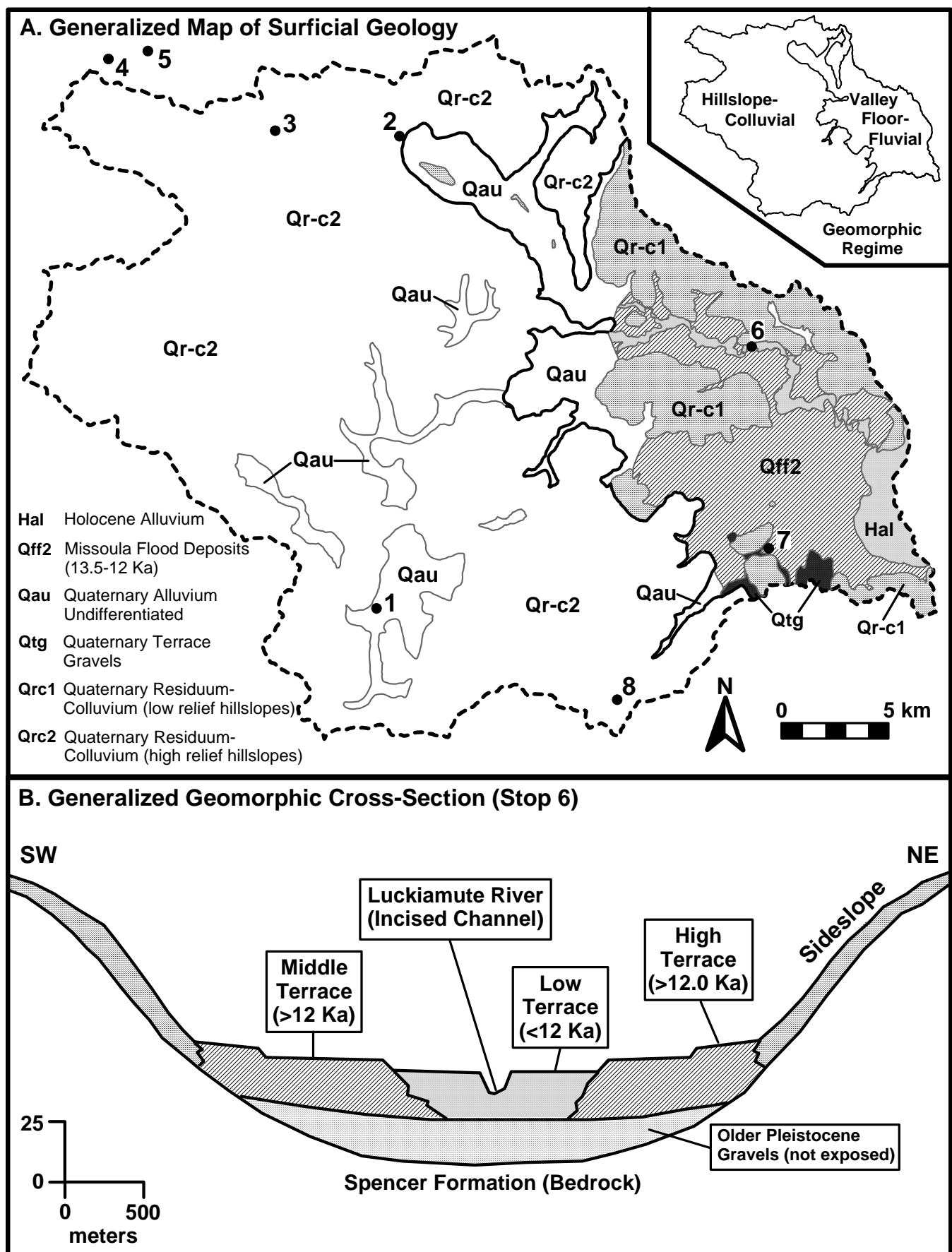
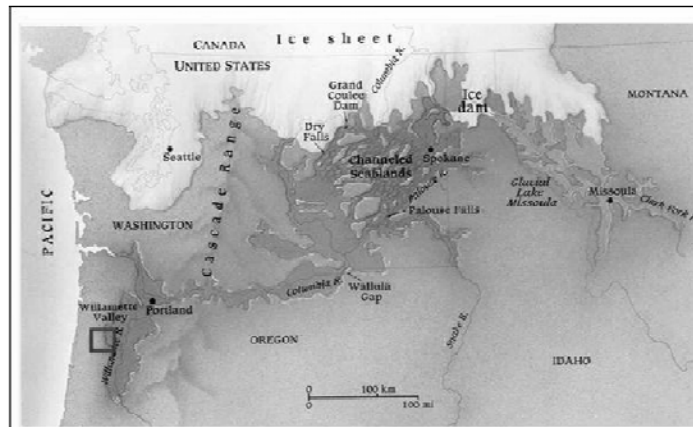


Figure 4. Surficial geology and geomorphology of the Luckiamute River Basin. Surficial map units are modified from O'Connor and others (2001), after Taylor and others (1996). Cross section shown in frame B represents generalized landform elements at Helmick State Park (Stop 6).



The Missoula Floods

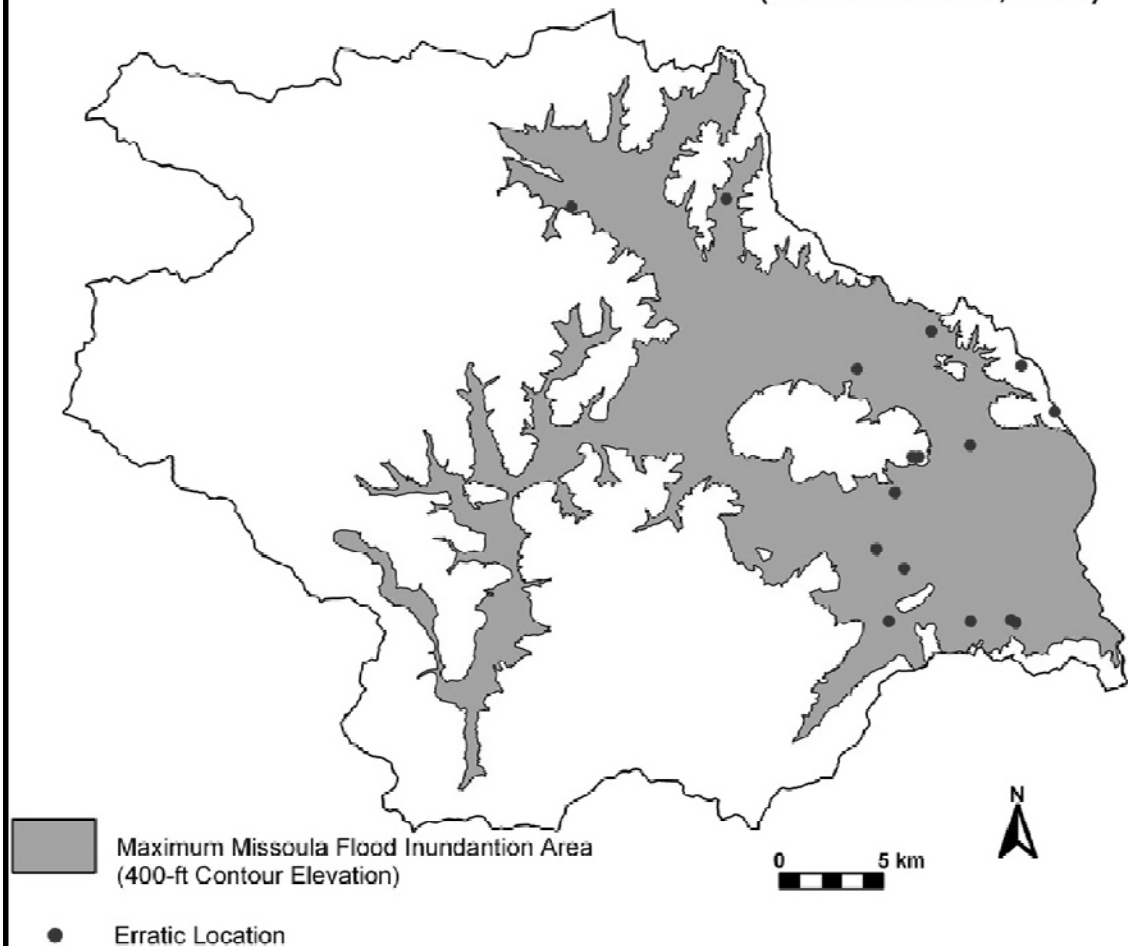
- 15-12ka
- perhaps 100 floods
- 500 mi³ of water, 40 hrs.
- 50 million cfs

Roy Haggerty Slide - OSU

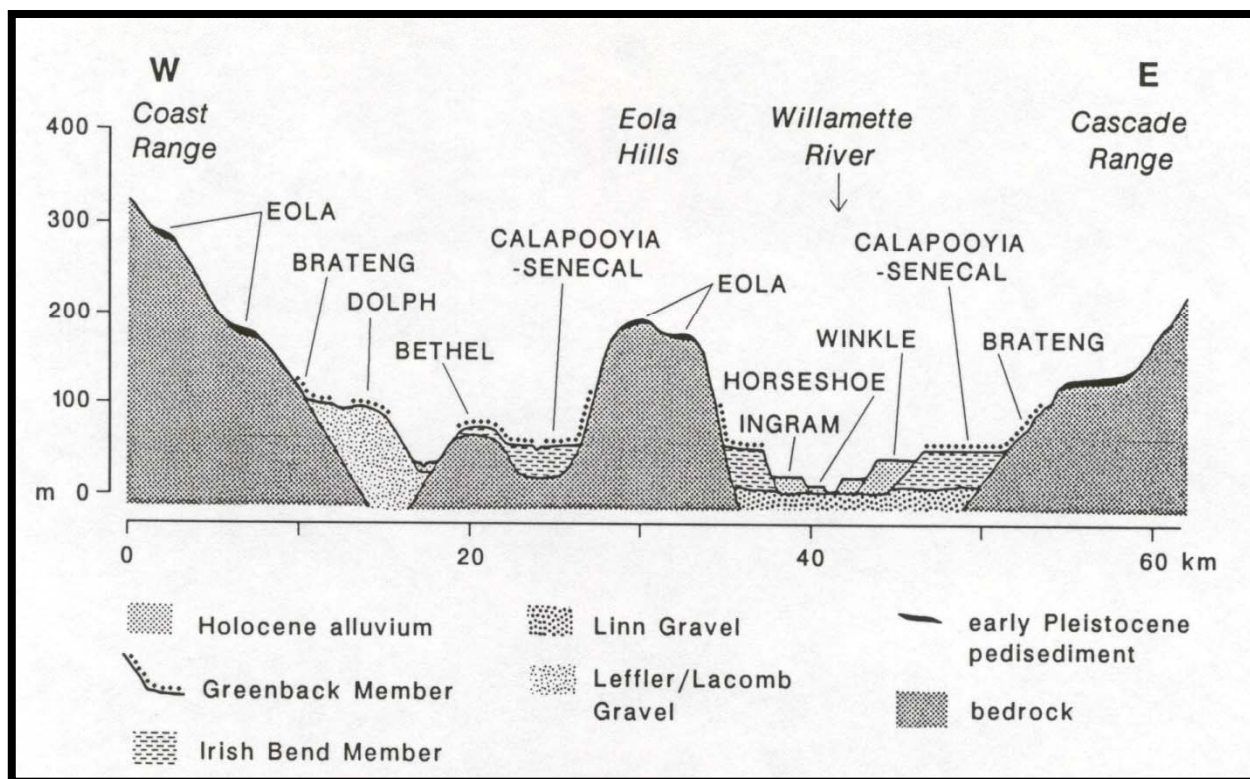
Jim O'Connor, 2003

Missoula Floods - Maximum Inundation Zone Luckiamute Watershed

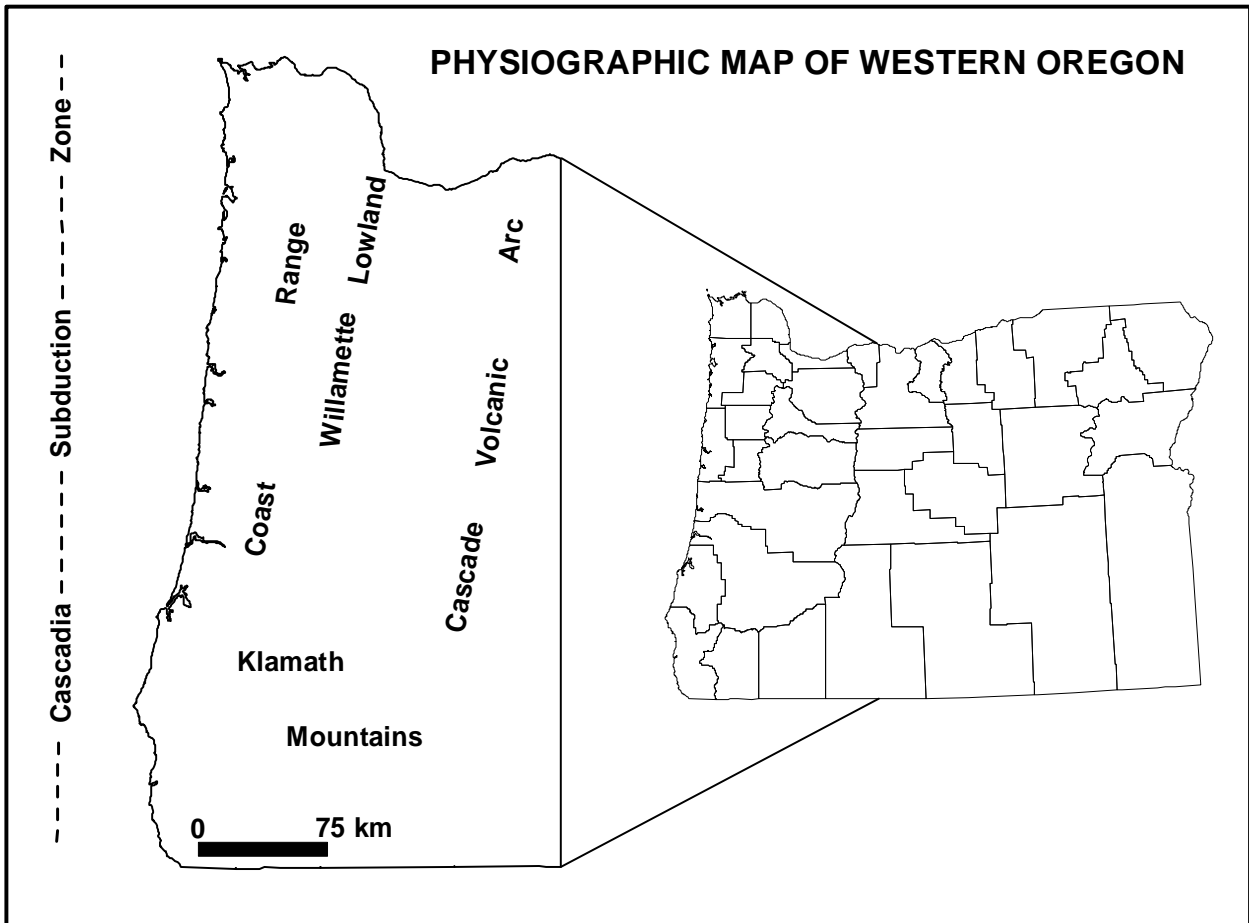
(Minervini et al., 2003)



	Portland Basin (Trimble, 1963)	Tualatin Valley (Schlicker and Deacon, 1967)	Southern Willamette Valley (Allison, 1953)	Southern Willamette Valley (Balster and Parsons, 1969)	Willamette Valley (Roberts, 1984)
Holocene	Recent alluvium	Young alluvium	Recent alluvium		Recent alluvium
	Recent (?) terrace deposits	Terrace gravels			
	Upper Pleistocene sand and silt	Lacustrine deposits			
Pleistocene	Lacustrine deposits (gravelly, sandy and silty phases)	Willamette Silt	Willamette silts	Willamette Formation Greenback Member Malpass Member Irish Bend Member Wyatt Member	Willamette Formation Greenback Member Irish Bend Member River Bend Member
	Estacada Formation		Linn gravels	Rowland Formation Diamond Hill Member Linn Member	Linn Formation Diamond Hill Member Linn Gravel
	Gresham Formation	Boring	Leffler gravels		
	Loess	Lava	Lacomb gravels		
	Springwater Formation				
	Walters Hill Formation				
	Boring Lava	Boring Lava			
	Troutdale Formation	Troutdale Fm.			
	Sandy River Mudstone	Helvetia Fm.			



Quaternary stratigraphy and geomorphic surfaces of the Willamette Basin (from McDowell, 1991).



Oregon Coast Range

Unglaciated, forested landscape

Paleogene-Neogene marine volcanic and sedimentary rocks (Walker and MacLeod, 1991)

Long history of oblique convergence and tectonic accretion (Wells et al., 1984)

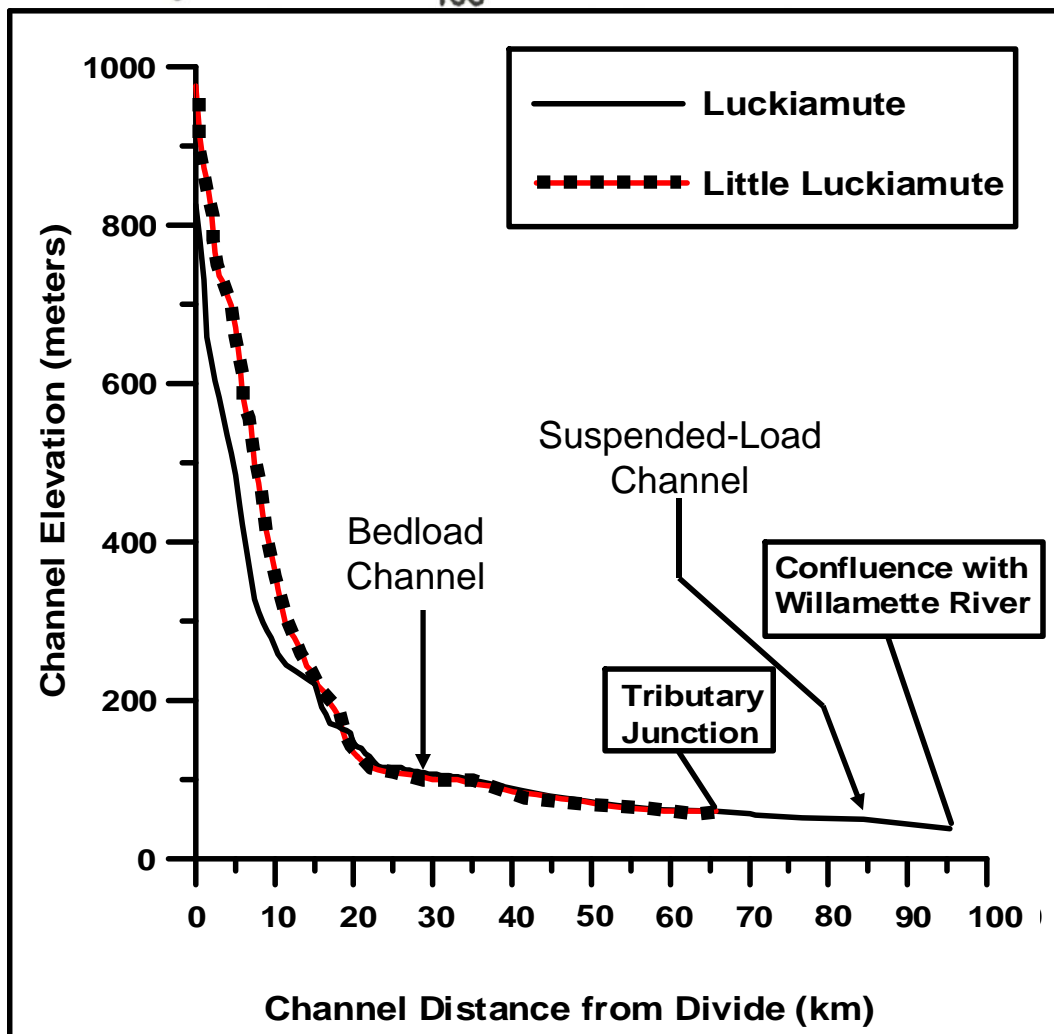
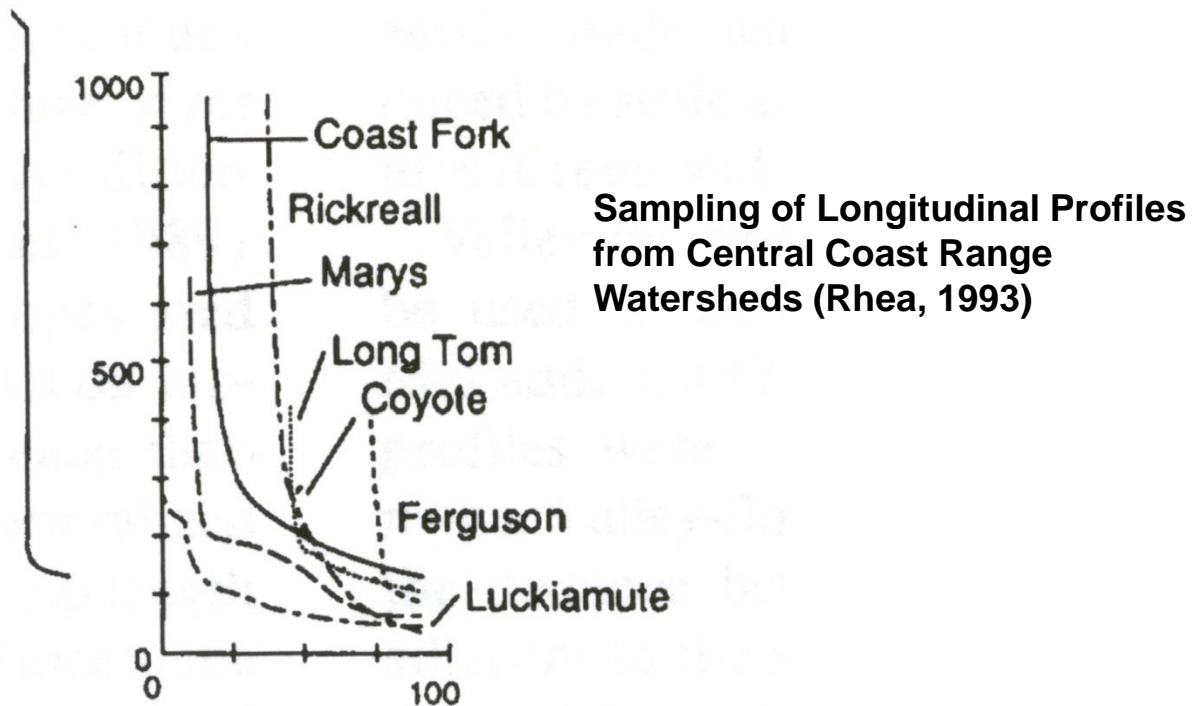
Active mountain building during the past 10-15 Ma (Snively et al., 1993)

Pleistocene uplift rates = 0.1-0.3 mm/yr (Kelsey et al., 1996)

Historic uplift rates = 1-3 mm/yr (Mitchell et al., 1994)

Eastward tilting = 1×10^{-8} rad/yr (Adams, 1984)

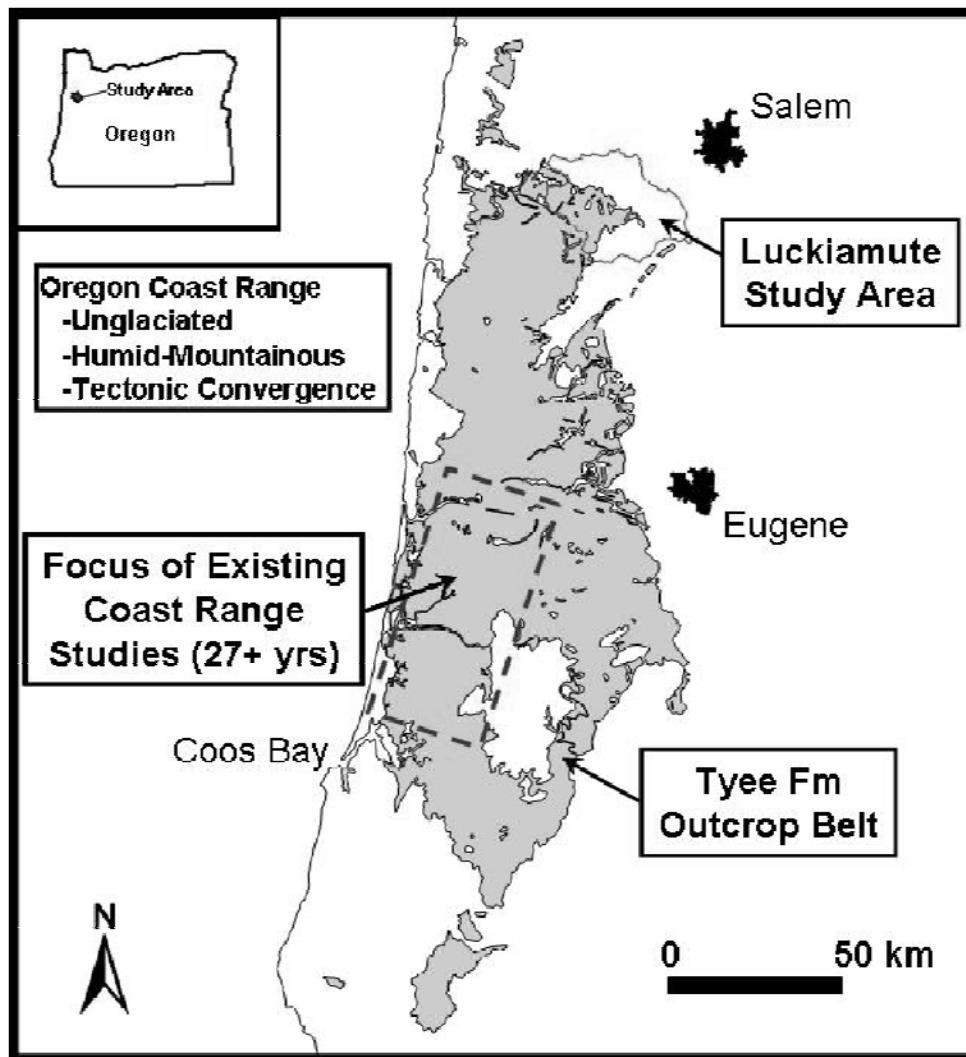
Holocene erosion rates = 0.05-0.33 mm/yr (Roering et al., 2005)



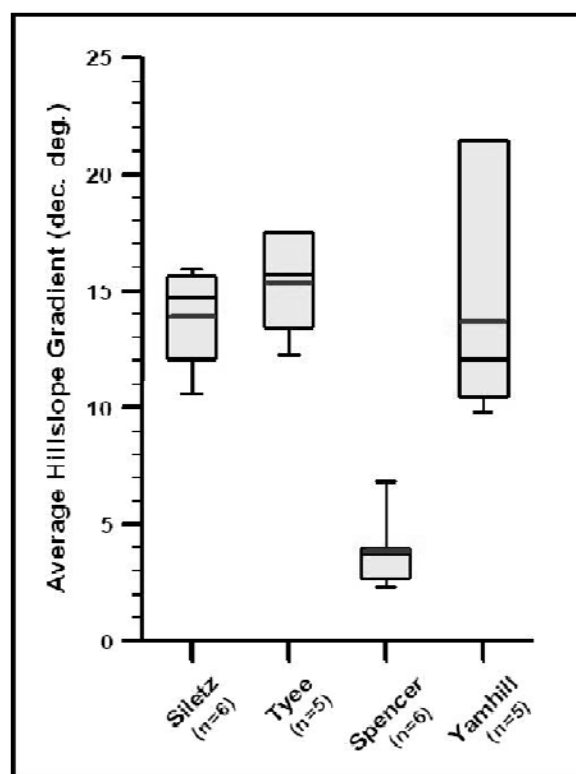
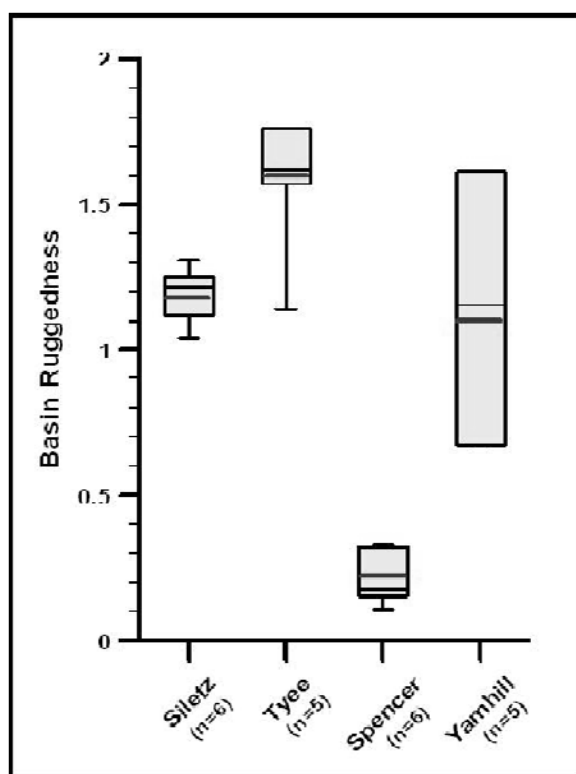
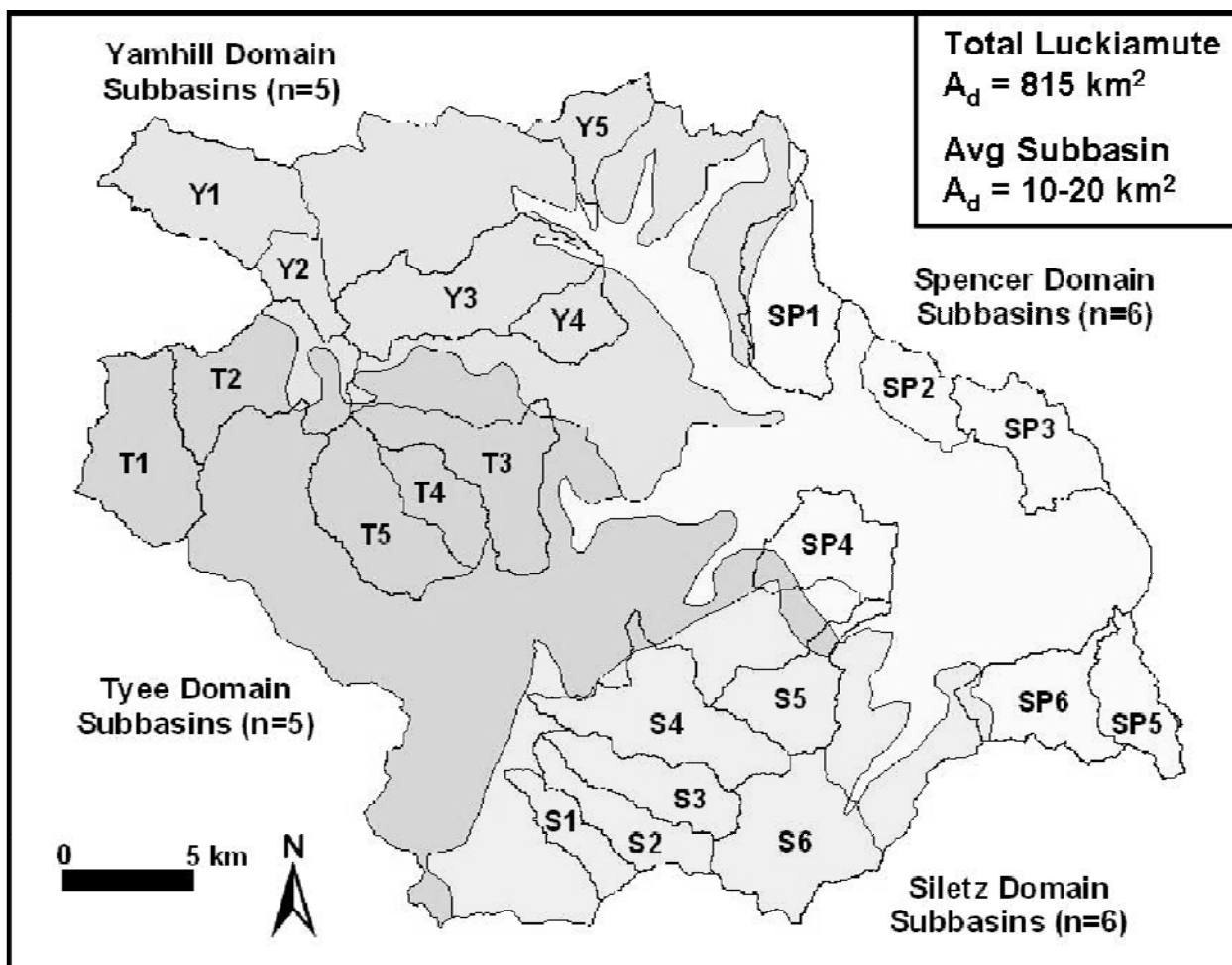
Longitudinal profile along the Luckiamute River (after Rhea, 1993).

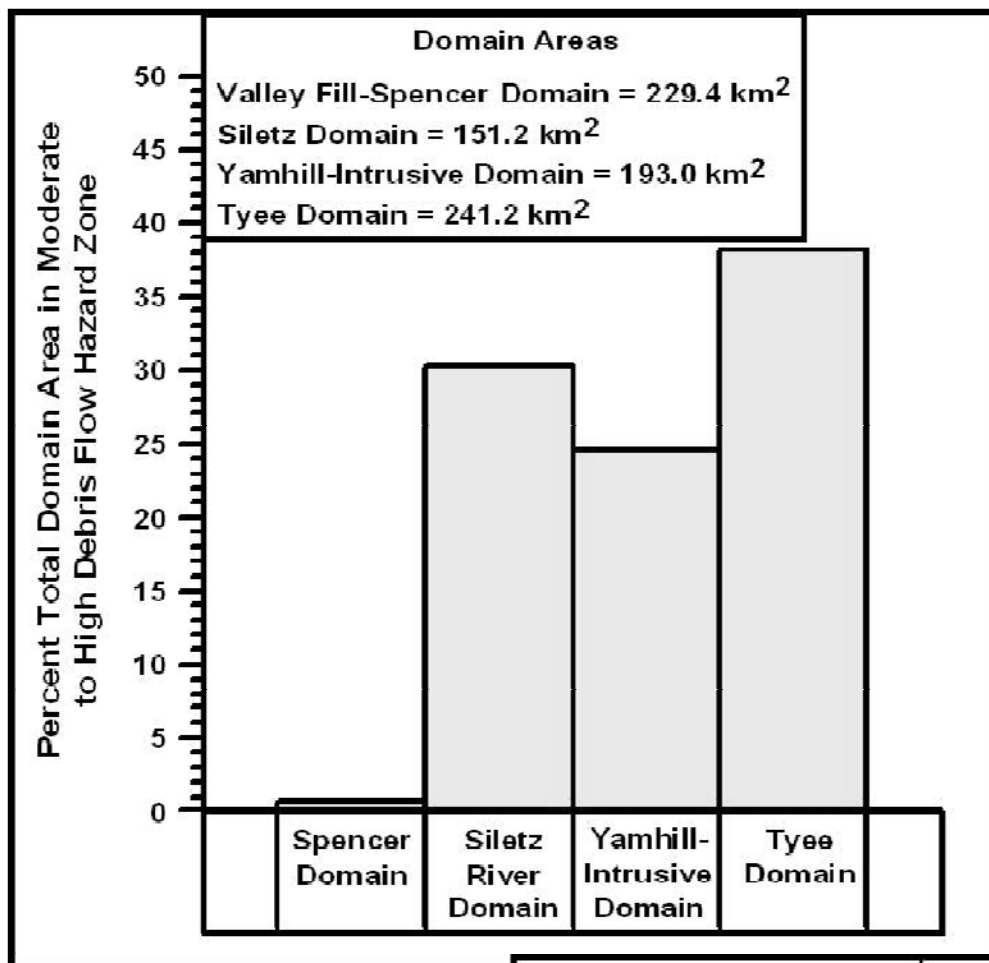
SAMPLING OF PREVIOUS WORK IN TYEE LANDSCAPES OF “THE OCR”
University of Washington – UC Berkeley Geomorphic Offspring and Related Cousins

Pierson (1977)	Debris flow processes
Dietrich and Dunne (1978)	Sediment budgets
Jackson and Beschta (1982)	Bedload transport
Burroughs (1985)	Landslide modeling
Dietrich and others (1986)	Hillslope processes
Montgomery and Dietrich (1988)	Landscape evolution
Benda (1990)	Debris flow processes
Benda and Cundy (1990)	Debris flow processes
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Benda and Dunne (1997)	Debris flow processes
Montgomery and others (1997)	Hillslope process experiments
Roering and others (1999)	Hillslope process experiments
Montgomery and others (2000)	Landslide modeling
Heimsath and others (2001)	Weathering processes
Schmidt and others (2001)	Slope stability
Anderson and others (2002)	Weathering processes
May (2002)	Debris flow processes
Casebeer (2003)	Sediment budgets
Lancaster and Hayes (2003)	Debris flow processes
May and Gresswell (2003)	Sediment production
Roering and others (2003)	Slope stability
Schmidt and others (2003)	Slope Stability
Kobor and Roering (2004)	Bedrock-channel processes
Roering and others (2005)	Slope processes / Landscape Evolution

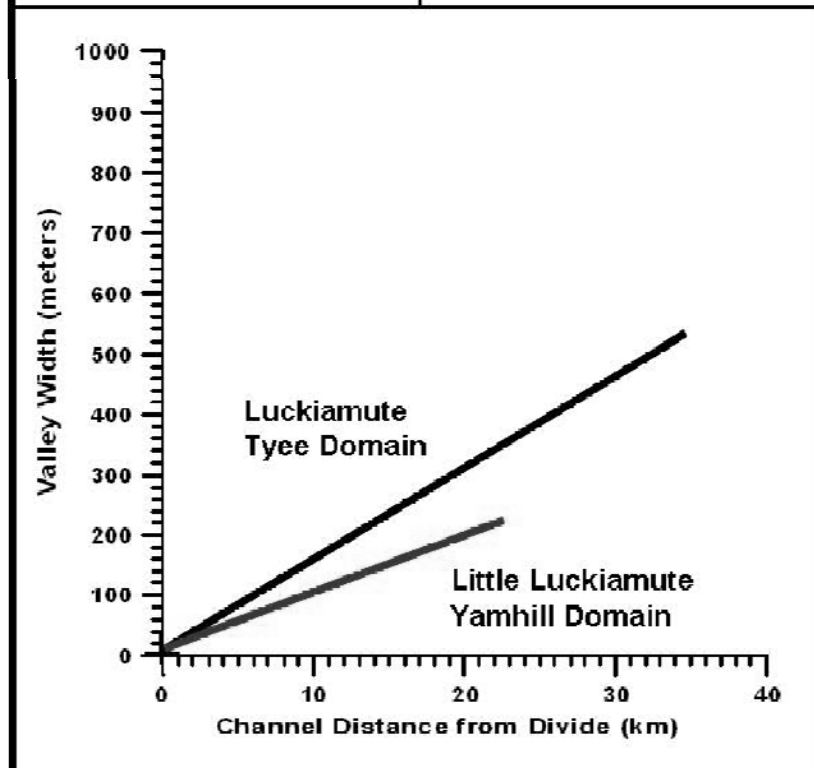


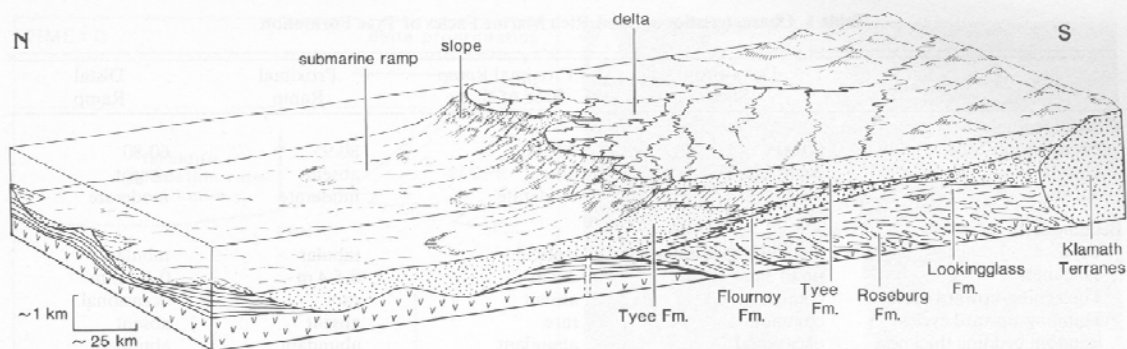
GEOMORPHIC ANALYSIS -LUCKIAMUATE STUDY AREA





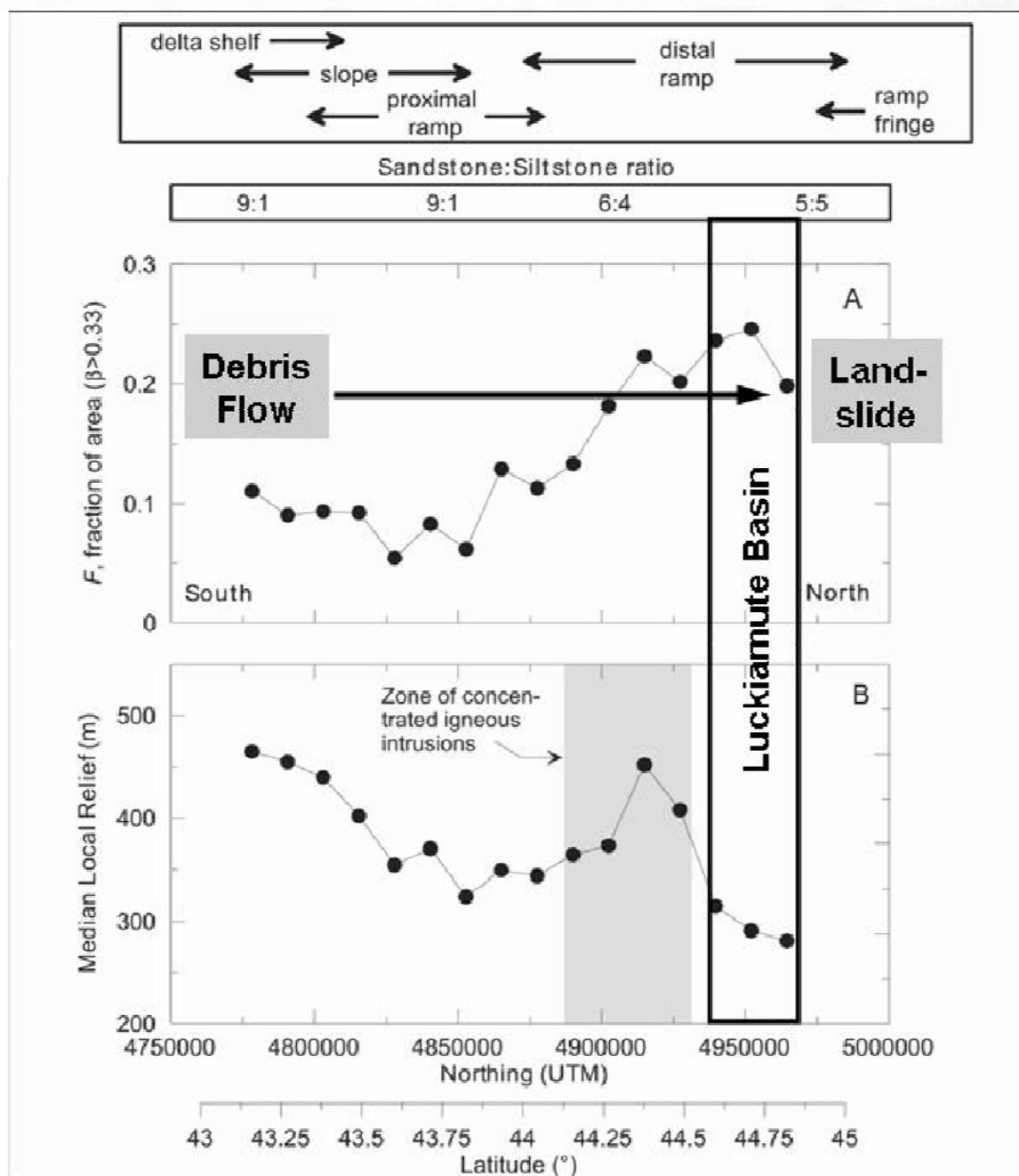
■ Luckiamute River (Tyee Domain) Max Valley Width = 938 m Avg Valley Width = 274.1 m Stdev Valley Width = 231.5 m No. = 67	■ Little Luckiamute River (Yamhill-Intrusive Domain) Max Valley Width = 334 m Avg Valley Width = 109.0 m Stdev Valley Width = 73.2 m No. = 43
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Heller and Dickinson, 1985

Figure 8—Paleogeographic reconstruction of southern part of Oregon Coast Range during Eocene deposition of Tyee Formation (cf. Chan and Dott, 1983). See Figure 9 for actual (measured) facies relations within Tyee Formation.



Roering et al., 2005

Geomorphic Implications in the Luckiamute Basin

Tyee Domain in the Luckiamute Basin:

Steeper, rugged hillslopes

More finely dissected by low-order channels

Tendency to spawn debris flow

Lower stream-power index compared to Yamhill Domain

Higher average valley widths, increased sediment accommodation space

Working Hypotheses for Tyee Domain:

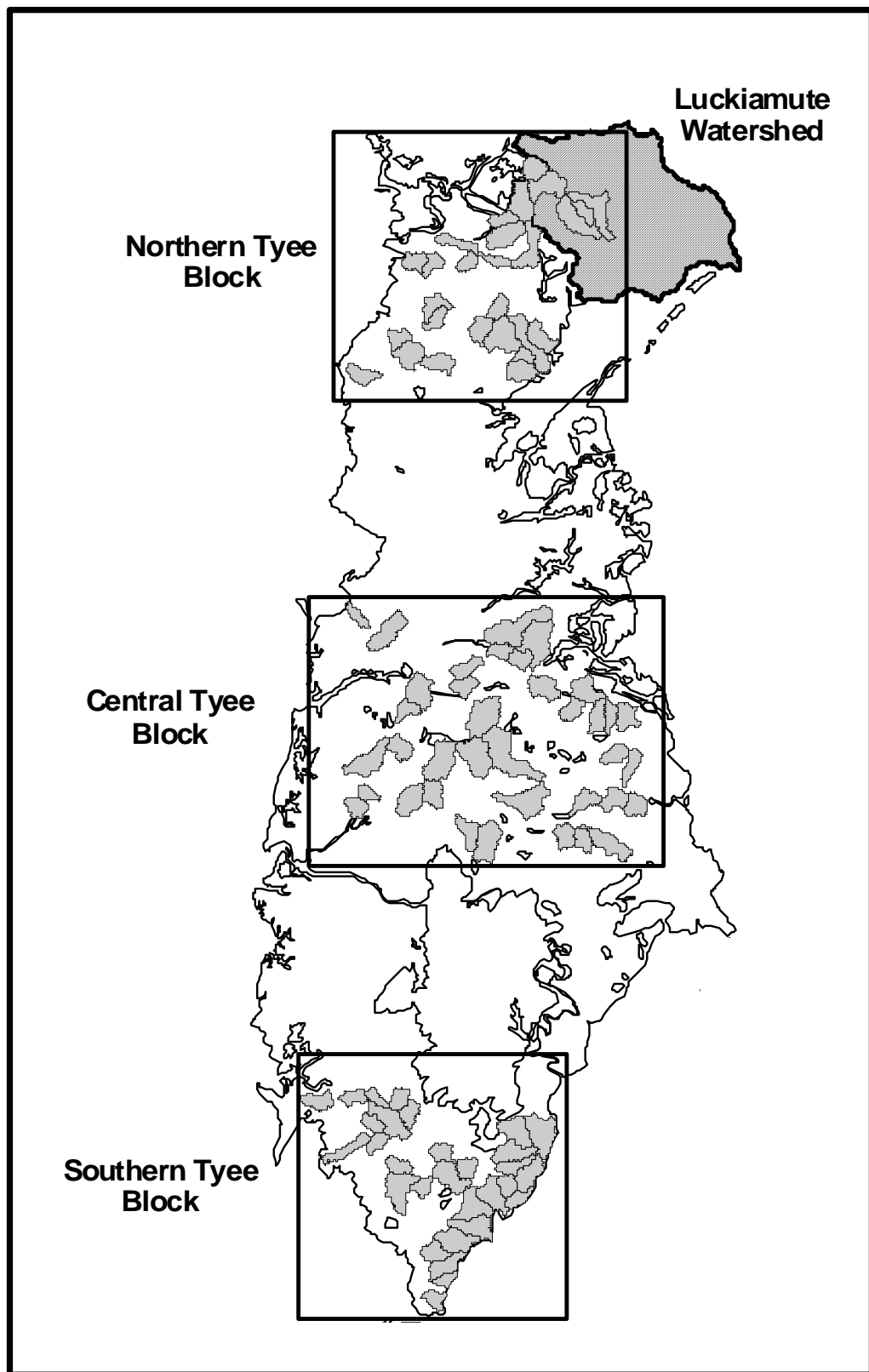
Hillslope transport rates are greater than the ability of the channel system to export sediment

Steep hillslopes and increased valley widths result in comparative decrease of net sediment-transport efficiency

The study implies that spatial variation of bedrock lithology is a primary factor controlling slope gradients, hillslope delivery rates, and resulting sediment-transport efficiency of the channel system.

The Luckiamute Watershed is uniquely positioned at the northern terminus of the Tyee outcrop belt, thus providing an opportunity for comparative geomorphic analysis.

The rich body of work from other Tyee landscapes in the OCR will serve as the platform from which to extend future research into other bedrock domains.



Ongoing Research: Extension of comparative watershed analysis southward in the Tyee Outcrop belt and northward into other bedrock domains. The Luckiamute lies at an interesting and critical geologic transition zone in the Oregon Coast Range.

Vegetation and Invasive Plant Distribution Luckiamute Watershed

What is an Invasive Plant?

Invasive plants are species that are not native to a region or country. They have the ability to compete with and replace native species in natural habitats

Predicting “Invasiveness”

The Importance of understanding life history

- Rapid initial growth and root system expansion
- Ability to outcompete neighboring plants
- High seed output (in both optimal and less-than-optimal conditions)
- Morphological/physiological similarity to native species
- Varied breeding systems (e.g., possibilities for both self-pollination and outcrossing)

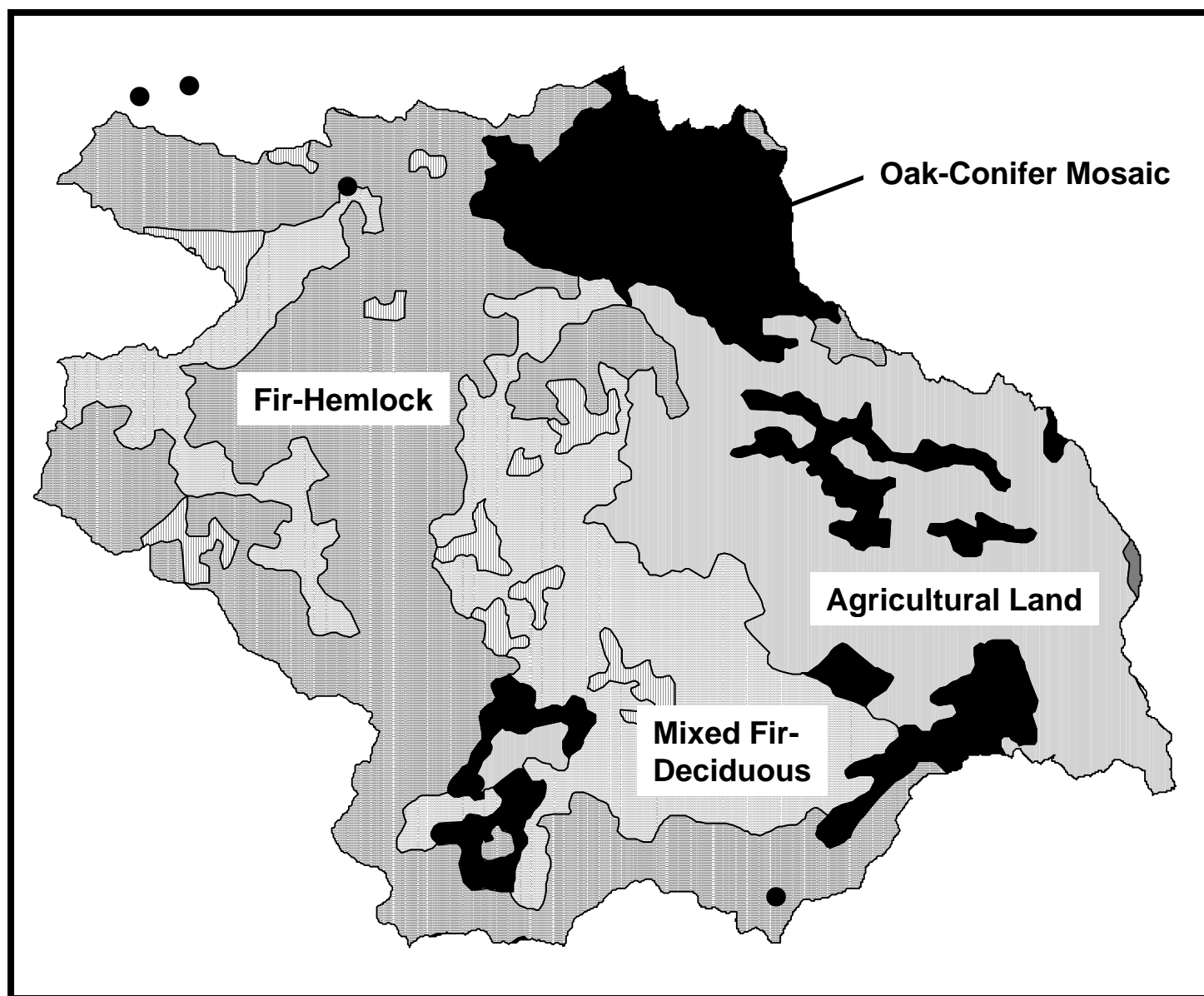
Why Invasive Plants are a Problem

- Invasive plants are a pervasive problem
 - In western Oregon
 - disruption of native habitats and annual economic losses
 - In the United States
 - annual losses of over \$130 billion
- Vegetative disturbance of natural ecosystems
 - soil substrate conditions, nutrient availability, canopy shading (solar influx), and riparian hydrology
- Most abundant concentrations of invasive species
 - typically associated with human-caused disturbance
 - disturbed zones on the landscape act as primary conduits
 - understanding the controls on spatial distribution of invasive plants in the context of disturbance regime is critical for designing effective watershed conservation and restoration plans

Most Problematic Invaders in the Mid-Willamette Region:

- Himalayan Blackberry
- Knotweed
- Reed Canary Grass

Vegetation Distribution in the Luckiamute Watershed (from Oregon State Vegetation Map)



Common Invasive Plant Species

NAME	ORIGIN
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i> (false brome)	Africa, Eurasia
<i>Cirsium arvense</i> (Canada thistle)	Eurasia
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i> (bull thistle)	Eurasia
<i>Daucus carota</i> (wild carrot)	Europe
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> (common teasel)	Europe
<i>Hedera helix</i> (English ivy)	Eurasia, Africa
<i>Humulus lupulus</i> (common hops)	Europe
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> (common St. Johnswort)	Europe
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> (reed canarygrass)	Agric.
<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> (Japanese knotweed)	Japan
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i> (Himalayan blackberry)	Armenia
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i> (bittersweet nightshade)	Europe
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i> (common tansy)	Europe

Himalayan Blackberry

(*Rubus armeniacus*):

Location:

- Throughout the watershed in sunny and disturbed areas
- Occurs in dense clumps and is capable of invading open spaces with their trailing stems.
- Dispersed throughout the watershed by seed and stem fragments.

Description: Highly Invasive

- Can grow meters in diameter and height in just a few years.
- Stems are thick with strong upward thorns.
- Leaves occur in groups of three or five, are round to oblong and toothed, and have a white coating underneath.
- In June, small white to pink flowers will bloom
- Berries ripening from July to August.



Knotweeds (*Polygonum* spp.):

Location:

- Found in the upper-most reaches of the watershed.
- Have been spread throughout the watershed
- Threatening the entire riparian zone.
- Found in extremely dense colonies; can spread through flooding events.

Description: Highly Invasive

- Creeping perennials stand 10 to 15 feet tall
- Light green ovate leaves.
- Blooming of numerous greenish-white flowers occurs from July to August.
- Dies back each year with the first frost, then begins new growth from the same shoot system the following year.

While some species of Knotweed do not appear to produce fertile seeds, other species and their hybrids in the watershed may have no difficulty in doing so.



Reed Canarygrass

(*Phalaris arundinacea*):

Location:

- Found primarily in riparian zone throughout the watershed
- Can withstand flood seasons due to its thick shoots and extensive rhizomes
- Has become widely dispersed throughout the watershed
 - Erosion along the banks and water transport

Description: Perennial

- Stout, largely colonial grass
- Densely clustered flowers are located on short separate branches
- Stands .5-1.5 m tall.
- Leaf blades are about 20 mm wide
- Flowering occurs May to June and seeds mature by July

Seeds do not
germinate
when in
dense shade.
Keep those
native
trees growing!



Luckiamute Riparian Zone Botanical Surveys

Plant Survey Site Selection

- Ideally, One hundred meters of wooded riparian zone, fairly undisturbed and perpendicular to the Luckiamute, Little Luckiamute River or Soap Creek
- Identified riparian zone by utilizing 100 year floodplain map and contacted landowners within that area
- Systematic plant surveys conducted across 20 sites to delineate:
 - invasive species occurrence
 - distribution and
 - population density

Logistical Difficulties:

Overdeveloped land

- 100 m of vegetated land perpendicular to the river is hard to find
- Approval for survey access by landowners
- Adequate distribution of survey locations

Survey Procedures

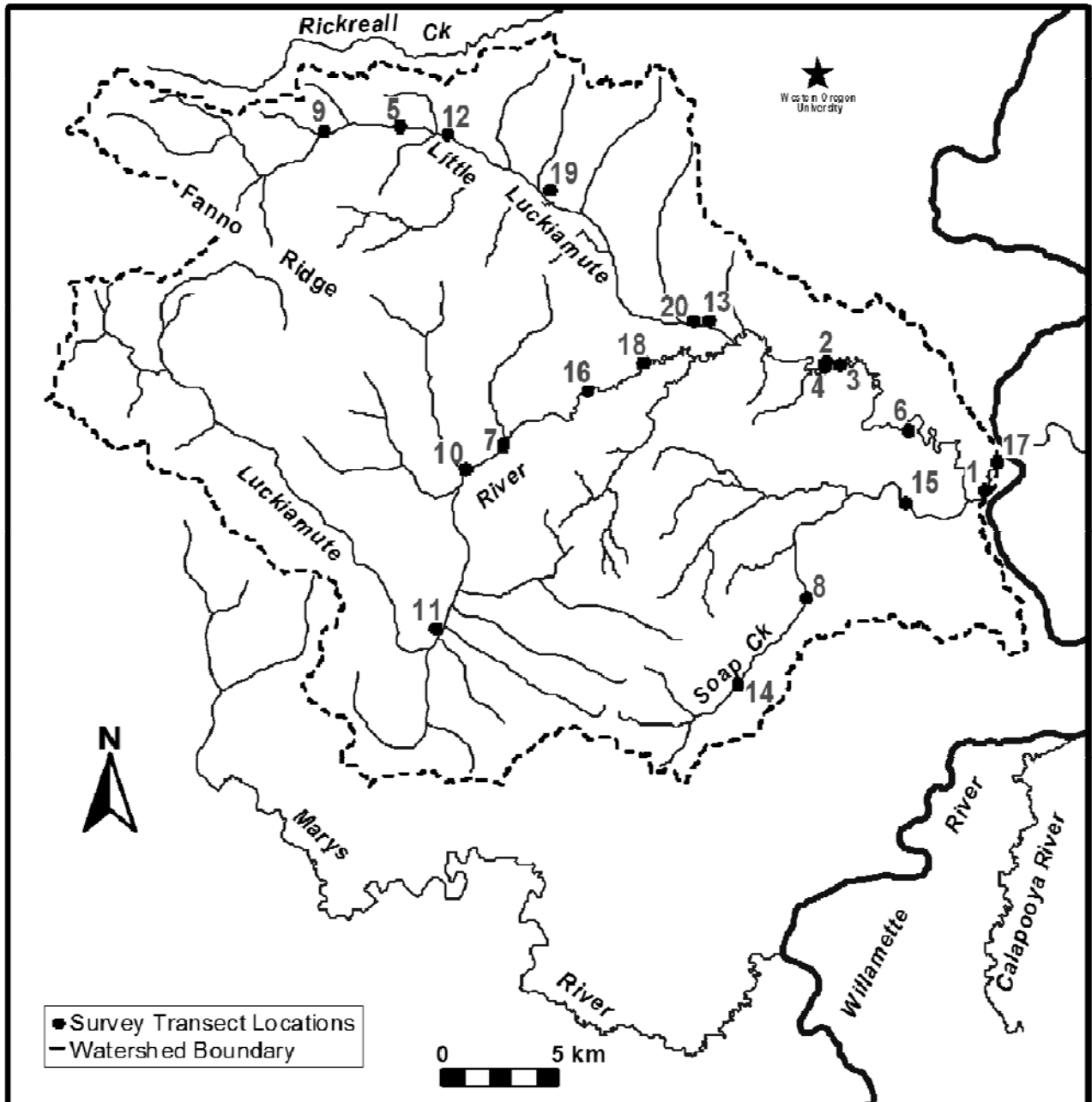
Materials Used

- Tape measure
- One square meter frame

Methods

- Surveys conducted along 100 meter transects located perpendicular to the river
 - 100 m, not always available
- All plants are identified in each square meter along the transect
- Plants identified by scientific names and recorded by percent cover within each square meter
- Other data taken involves the amount of visible electromagnetic radiation along the transect
 - Usually in the 400 to 700 nm range
- GPS data was also collected along each transect
- Data then entered into the computer, compiled, graphed and analyzed

Luckiamute Watershed Invasive Plant Survey Locations



Summary of Plant Species Encountered in Riparian Understory – Luckiamute Watershed

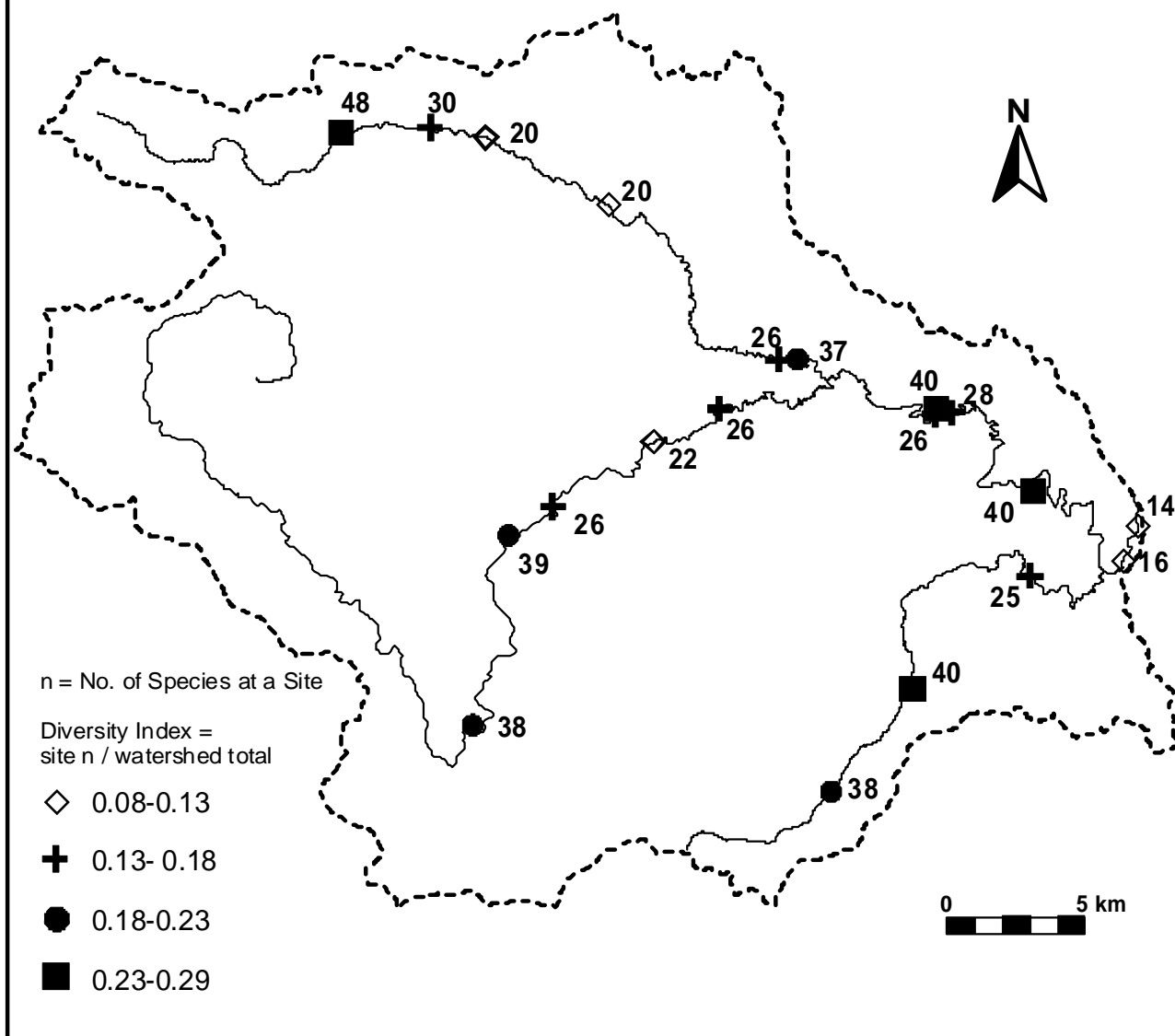
Total No. of Species Encountered	170
Total No. of Invasive Species	55
Total No. of Native Species	75
Total No. with No Origin Data	40
Percent Invasives	32.4%
Percent Natives	44.1%
Percent Unknown Origin	23.5%
Native/Invasive Ratio	1.4

Most Common Species Encountered in Greater than 70% of Transects (total n = 20)

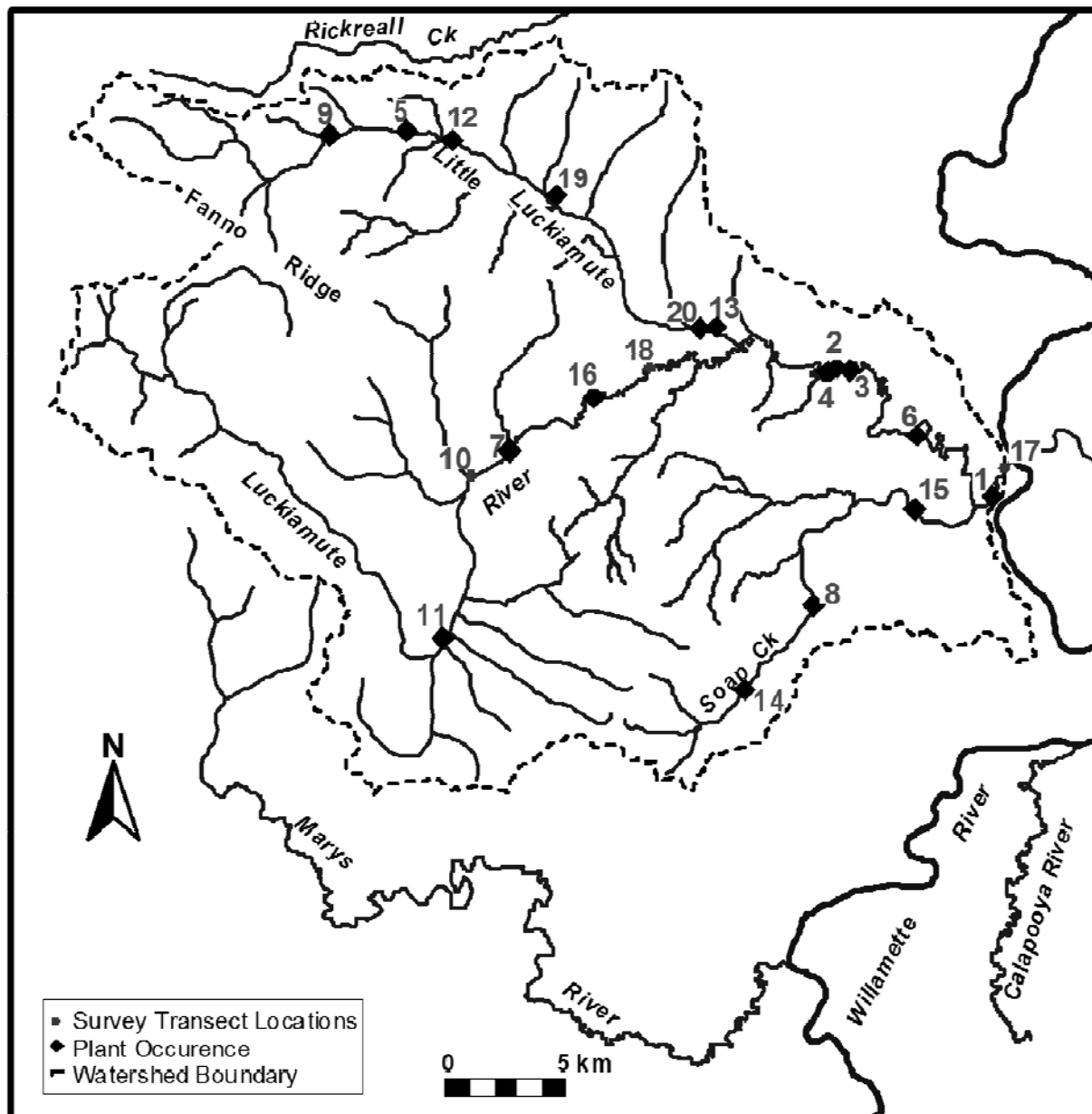
Rubus leucodermis	Blackcap	90% native
Rubus armeniacus	Himalaya blackberry	85% introduced
Symphoricarpos albus	Snowberry	85% native
Urtica dioica (gracilis)	Stinging nettle	80% native
Corylus cornuta (californica)	Western hazel	75% native
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed canarygrass	75% introduced
Polystichum munitum	Sword fern	70% native

<i>Abies grandis</i> Grand fir	<i>Goodyera oblongifolia</i> Rattlesnake plantain	<i>Ranunculus</i> sp. Buttercup
<i>Acer circinatum</i> Vine maple	<i>Hedera helix</i> English ivy	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i> Cascara
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i> Big-leaf maple	<i>Helianthus</i> sp. Sunflower	<i>Ribes</i> sp. Gooseberry
<i>Achlys triphylla</i> Vanilla leaf	<i>Heracleum lanatum</i> Cow parsnip	<i>Rosa eglanteria</i> Sweetbriar
<i>Actaea rubra</i> Baneberry	<i>Heuchera micrantha</i> Small-flowered alum-root	<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i> Wood rose
<i>Adenocaulon bicolor</i> Pathfinder	<i>Heuchera</i> sp. Alum-root	<i>Rosa nutkana</i> Common wild rose
<i>Alnus rubra</i> Red alder	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i> Orange hawkweed	<i>Rosa</i> sp. Rose
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> Service berry	<i>Hieracium</i> sp. Hawkweed	<i>Rubiaceae</i> Madder family
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> Scarlet Pimpernel	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i> Ocean spray	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i> Himalaya blackberry
<i>Anemone deltoidea</i> White windflower	<i>Humulus lupulus</i> Common hop	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i> Evergreen blackberry
<i>Anthemis cotula</i> Dogfennel	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> St. John's wort	<i>Rubus leucodermis</i> Blackcap
<i>Apiaceae</i> Umbel family	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> False dandelion	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i> Thimbleberry
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i> Columbine	<i>Ilex opaca</i> American holly	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i> Salmonberry
<i>Arctium minus</i> Common burdock	<i>Impatiens</i> sp. Touch-me-not	<i>Rubus ursinus</i> Wild blackberry
<i>Asarum caudatum</i> Wild ginger	<i>Juncaceae</i> sp. Rush family	<i>Rumex acetosella</i> Red sorrel
<i>Asteraceae</i> Aster family	<i>Kickxia elatine</i> Sharpshoot Fluellin	<i>Rumex crispus</i> Curly dock
<i>Athyrium felix-femin</i> Lady fern	<i>Lactuca muralis</i> Wall lettuce	<i>Rumex</i> sp. Dock
<i>Berberis aquifolium</i> Tall Oregon-grape	<i>Lactuca serriola</i> Prickly lettuce	<i>Salix</i> sp. Willow
<i>Berberis nervosa</i> Mountain Oregon-grape	<i>Lamiaceae</i> sp. Mint family	<i>Sambucus racemosa</i> Red Elderberry
<i>Bidens</i> sp. Beggar's ticks	<i>Lapsana communis</i> Nipplewort	<i>Sambucus</i> sp. Elderberry
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i> False brome	<i>Lathyrus</i> sp. Pea	<i>Sanicula</i> sp. Snake-root
<i>Brassicaceae</i> Mustard family	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> Oxeye daisy	<i>Saxifragaceae</i> Saxifrage family
<i>Carex</i> sp. Sedge	<i>Liliaceae</i> sp. Lily family	<i>Scirpus</i> sp. Bulrush
<i>Centaurea xpratensis</i> Meadow knapweed	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i> Bird's-foot trefoil	<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i> Common skullcap
<i>Chenopodium album</i> Lamb's quarters	<i>Lotus</i> sp. Trefoil	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i> Tansy ragwort
<i>Cicuta douglasii</i> Western water hemlock	<i>Lysichiton americanum</i> Yellow skunk cabbage	<i>Senecio</i> sp. Groundsel
<i>Cirsium arvense</i> Canada thistle	<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i> Wild lily-of-the-valley	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i> Common groundsel
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i> Bull thistle	<i>Maianthemum racemosus</i> Large false Solomon's seal	<i>Sherardia arvensis</i> Field madder
<i>Claytonia sibirica</i> Candy flower	<i>Maianthemum</i> sp. False Solomon's seal	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i> Bittersweet nightshade
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i> Wild Clematis	<i>Malus</i> sp. Apple	<i>Solanum nigrum</i> European black nightshade
<i>Convovulus arvensis</i> Bindweed	<i>Marah oreganus</i> Old man-in-the-ground	<i>Solanum</i> sp. Nightshade
<i>Cornus sericea</i> Creek dogwood	<i>Melilotus</i> sp. Sweet-clover	<i>Soliva sessilis</i> Field burrweed
<i>Corylus cornuta (californica)</i> Western hazel	<i>Melissa officinalis</i> Lemon balm	<i>Sonchus oleracea</i> Common sow thistle
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i> Western hawthorn	<i>Mentha xpipeperita</i> Peppermint	<i>Sonchus</i> sp. Sow thistle
<i>Crataegus</i> sp. Hawthorn	<i>Mitella</i> sp. Miterwort	<i>Spiraea douglasii</i> Douglas' Spiraea
<i>Daucus carota</i> Wild carrot	<i>Oemleria cerasiformi</i> Indian peach	<i>Stachys cooleyae</i> Giant hedge-nettle
<i>Delphinium troliifolium</i> Wood larkspur	<i>Osmorhiza berteroi</i> Common sweet cicely	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> Snowberry
<i>Dicentra formosa</i> Bleeding-heart	<i>Oxalis oregana</i> Oregon wood-sorrel	<i>Syntheris reniformis</i> Spring queen
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i> Foxglove	<i>Penstemon</i> sp. Penstemon	<i>Tellima grandiflora</i> Fringe-cups
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> Wild teasel	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> Reed canarygrass	<i>Thalictrum</i> sp. Meadow-rue
<i>Epilobium angustifolium</i> Fireweed	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i> Ninebark	<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i> Poison oak
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i> Willow-herb	<i>Plantago aristata</i> Long-bracted plantain	<i>Trientalis latifolia</i> Western starflower
<i>Epilobium</i> sp. Willow-herb	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> English plantain	<i>Trifolium repens</i> White clover
<i>Equisetum arvense</i> Common horsetail	<i>Plantago major</i> Common plantain	<i>Trifolium</i> sp. Clover
<i>Equisetum</i> sp. Horsetail	<i>Plantago</i> sp. Plantain	<i>Trifolium vesiculosum</i> Arrowleaf clover
<i>Ericaceae</i> Heath family	<i>Poaceae</i> sp. Grass family	<i>Trillium</i> sp. Trillium
<i>Euphorbia</i> sp. Spurge	<i>Polygonaceae</i> Knotweed family	<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> Western hemlock
<i>Fabaceae</i> sp. Legume family	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> Japanese knotweed	<i>Urtica dioica (gracilis)</i> Stinging nettle
<i>Fragaria vesca</i> Wood strawberry	<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i> Dock-leaved smartweed	<i>Vaccinium</i> sp. Huckleberry
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i> Oregon ash	<i>Polypodium glycyrrhiza</i> Licorice fern	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i> Common mullein
<i>Galium aparine</i> Bedstraw	<i>Polystichum munitum</i> Sword fern	<i>Veronica</i> sp. Speedwell
<i>Galium</i> sp. Bedstraw	<i>Prosartes</i> sp. Fairy bells	<i>Viola glabella</i> Wood violet
<i>Galium triflorum</i> Fragrant bedstraw	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i> Self-heal	<i>Viola</i> sp. Violet
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i> Salal	<i>Prunus</i> sp. Cherry	
<i>Geranium pusillum</i> Small-flowered Geranium	<i>Prunus virginiana</i> Western chokecherry	
<i>Geranium robertianum</i> Herb Robert	<i>Pseudostuga menziesii</i> Douglas-fir	
<i>Geranium</i> sp. Geranium	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> Western bracken fern	
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i> Ground ivy	<i>Quercus garryana</i> Oregon white oak	
<i>Gnaphalium</i> sp. Cudweed		

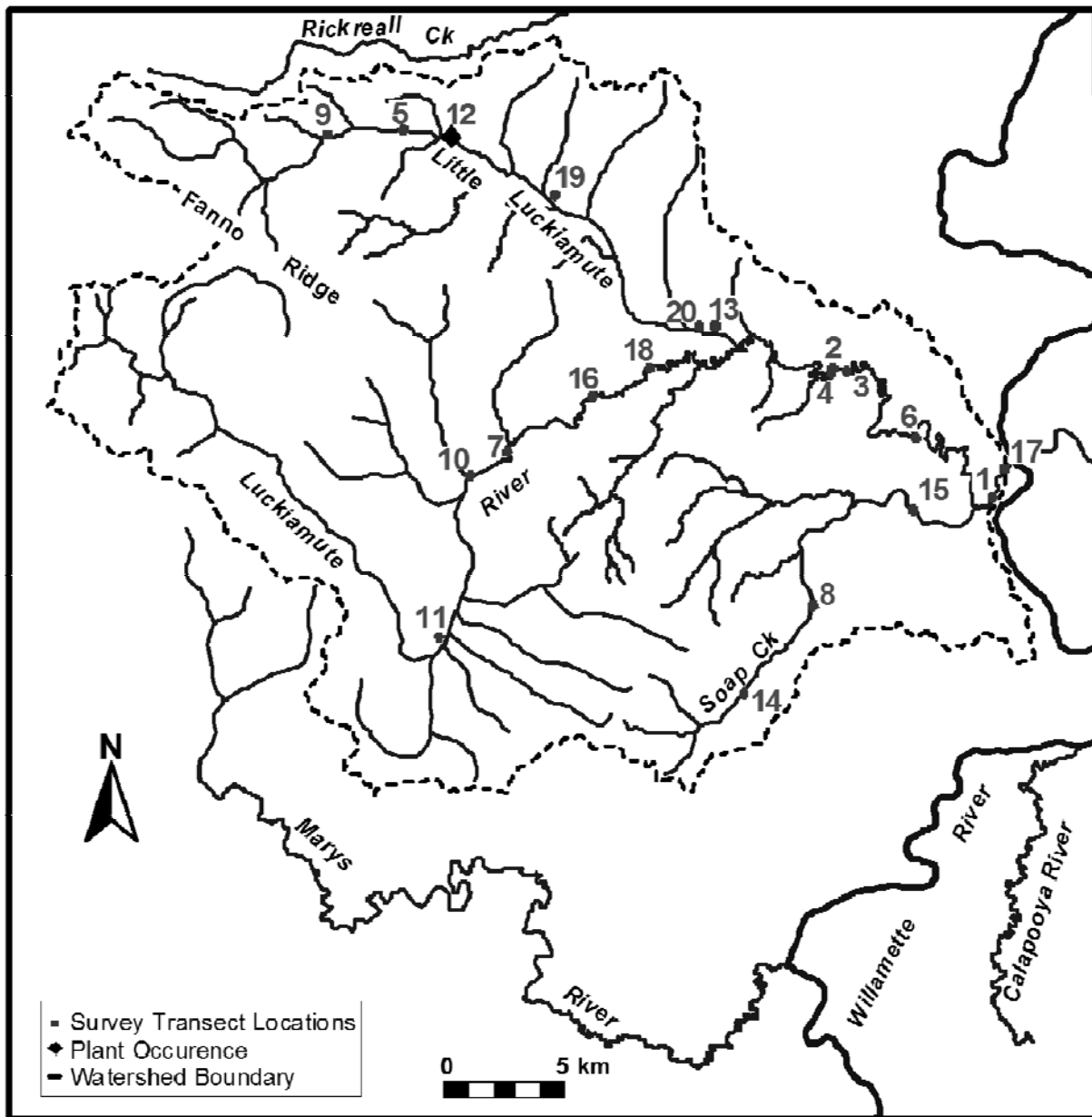
Plant Species Diversity Map - Luckiamute Watershed



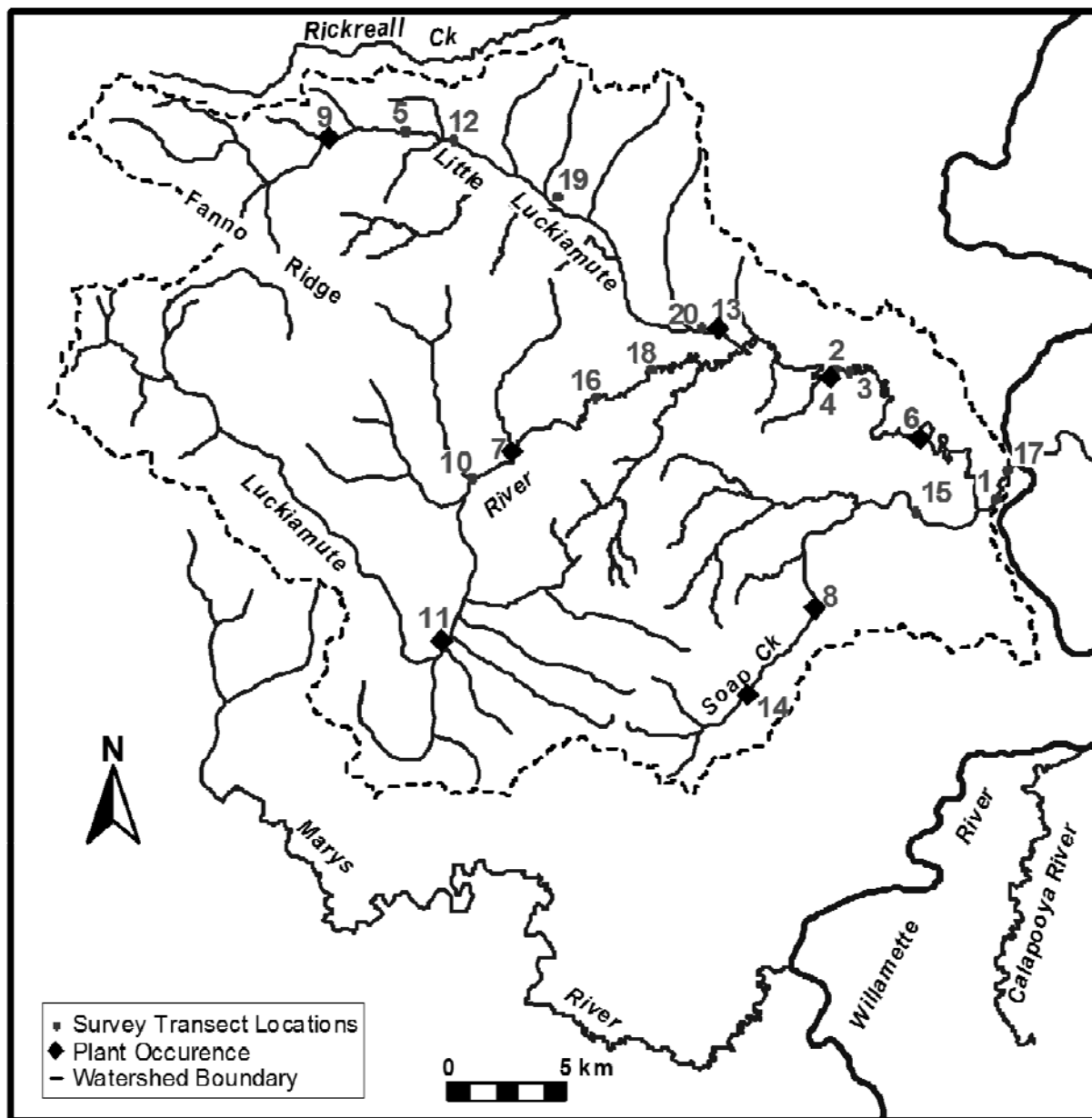
Occurrence of Himalaya blackberry- *Rubus armeniacus*



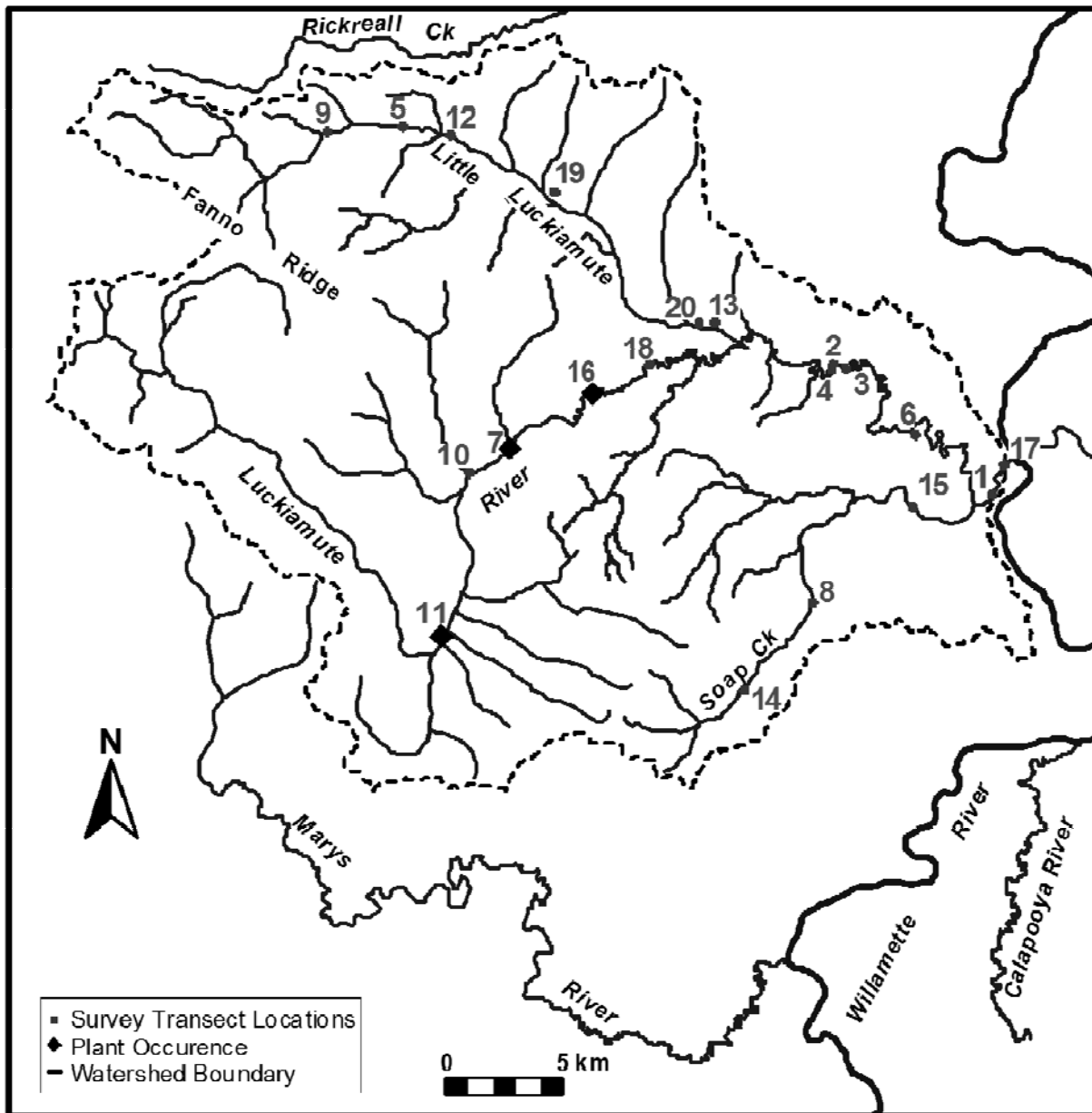
Occurrence of English ivy - *Hedera helix*



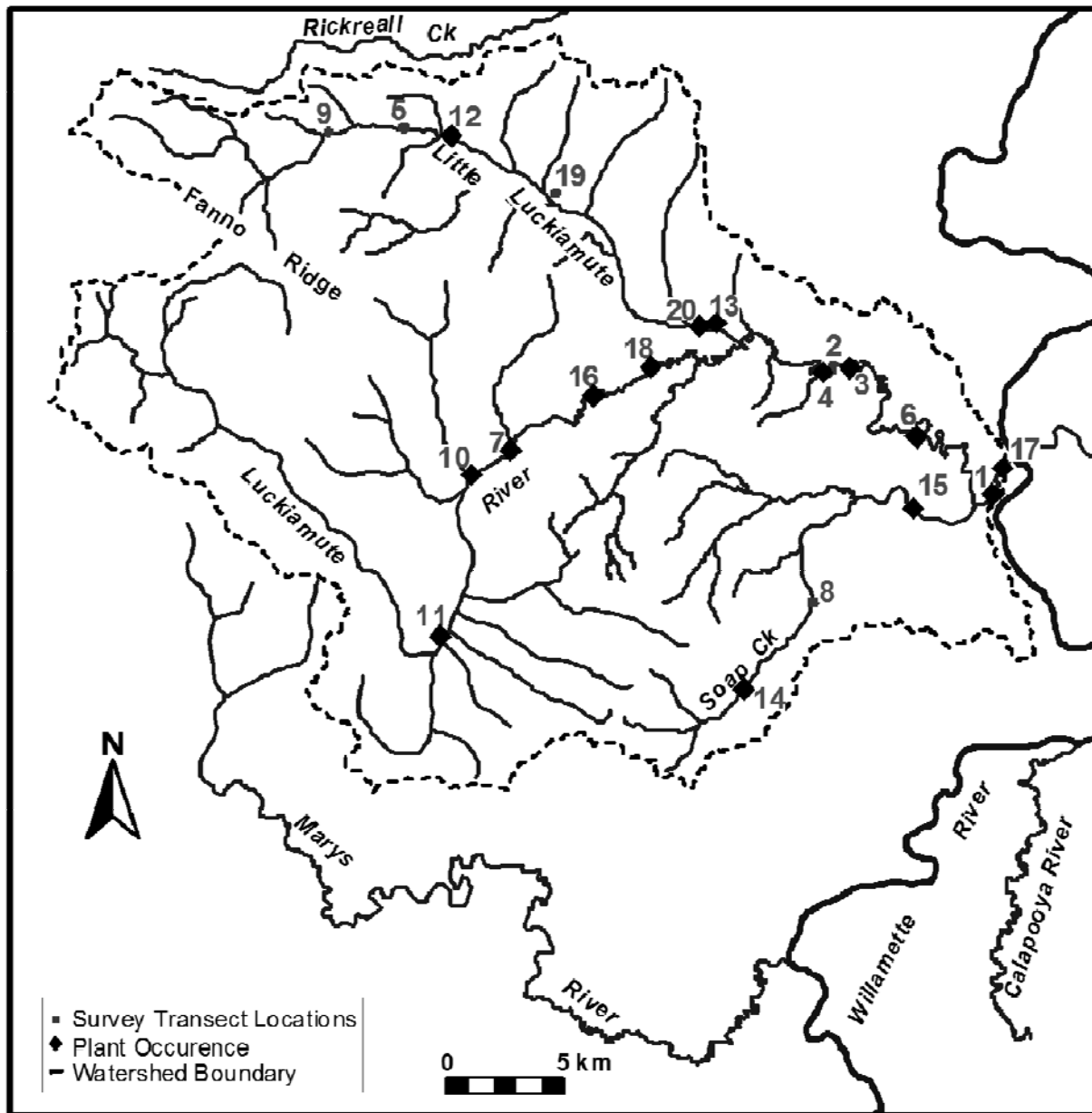
Occurrence of Canada thistle - *Cirsium arvense*



Occurrence of Knotweed - Polygonaceae



Occurrence of Reed canarygrass - *Phalaris arundinacea*



Preliminary Conclusions, Current Status and Future Research

- Individual species “behave” as expected
 - E.g., Himalayan blackberry
 - Correlation with light intensity important source of data
 - Anecdotal explanations are being quantified
 - Are there differences between different sources of disturbance?
 - Preliminary data suggest yes
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- Completed literature survey yielding nearly 200 relevant technical references and created a literature reference database
 - Created several Geographic Information System (GIS) thematic layers
 - Generated a contact list of riparian property owners along the Luckiamute
 - Completed 20 field reconnaissance transects along more than 100 miles of the Luckiamute River and its tributaries
 - Sponsored 7 undergraduate research assistants with stipends and transportation costs
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- Continued data analysis
- Additional baseline data collection
- Long-term monitoring
- Results that are pertinent for remediation and restoration strategies
- Serve as a regional resource for addressing invasive species questions within our community

Field Trip Stop Summaries and Diagrams

En Route to Stop 2

- Drive through Spencer Fm-Valley Fill Domain
- Note agricultural land use

Stop 2. Helmick State Park

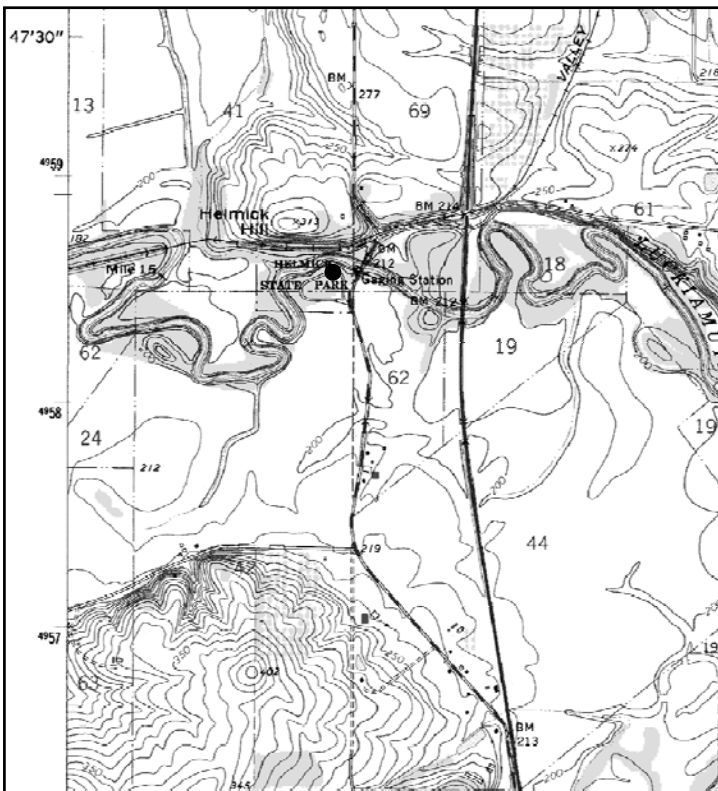
- Physiographic Location
 - Lower Luckiamute River, 18 km upstream from watershed outlet into the Willamette River
- Bedrock and Surficial Geology
 - Stop is located in the Spencer Fm-Valley Fill lithospacial domain
 - Note incised channel characteristics and low terraces
- Content Piece – Geomorphology, Hydrology, and Field Botany
 - Field Botany and Invasive Plant Surveys
 - Geomorphic Surfaces
 - Flood Hydrology
 - USGS Suver Gaging Station
 - Recurrence intervals and seasonal discharge patterns

The Helmick Family and Cultural History

Helmick Hill is just west of the point where the Pacific Highway West crosses Luckiamute River. It was named for Henry Helmick, a pioneer of 1845, who with his wife Sarah took up a donation land claim on the Luckiamute in 1846. Their home was at the base of the hill. Helmick died in 1877. In 1924 Mrs. Helmick presented to the state land adjacent to the highway for a park which was dedicated with appropriate honors, and named Sarah Helmick State Park. She celebrated her 100th birthday on July 4, 1923.

McArthur, Lewis L., Oregon Geographic Names, 6th edition. Oregon Historical Society Press, Portland, Oregon, 1992, p.405.

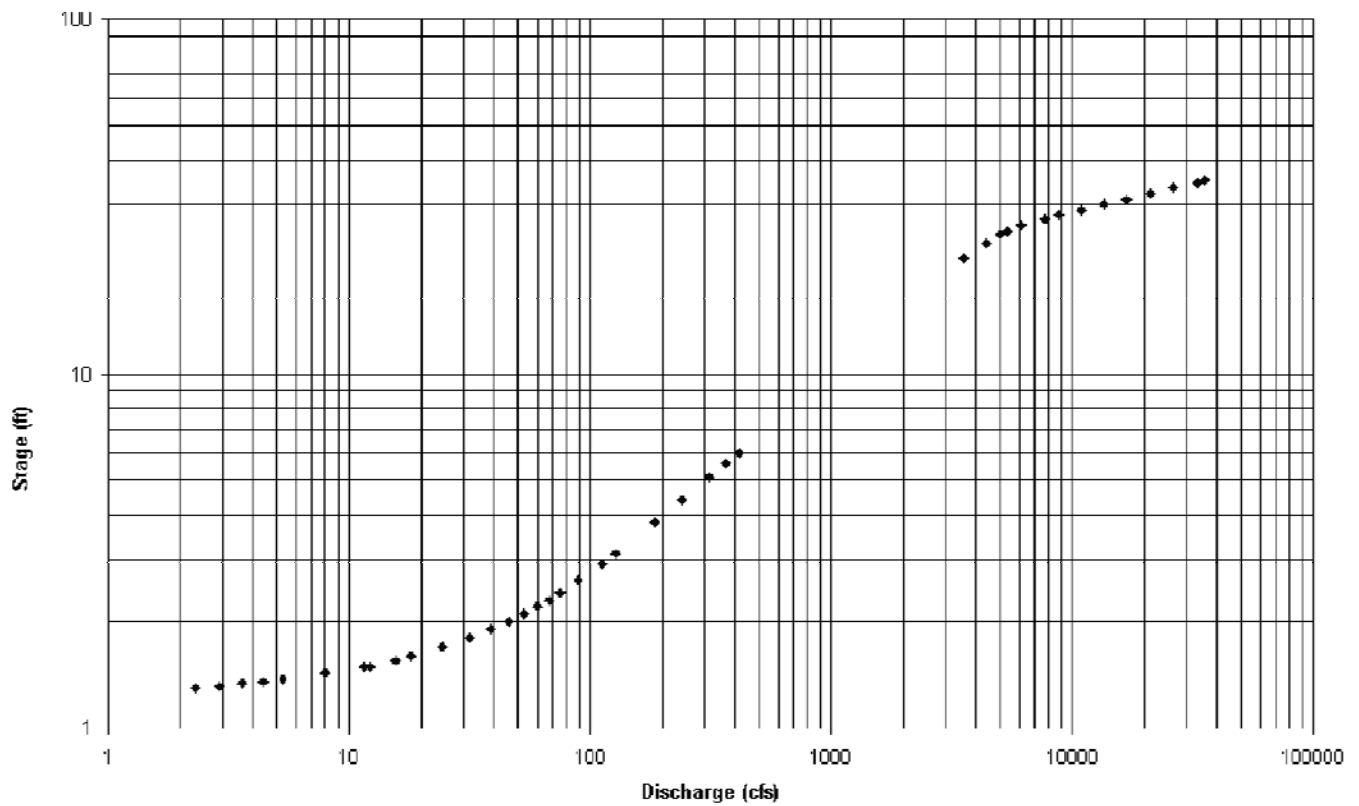
Stop 2: Luckiamute River, Helmick State Park



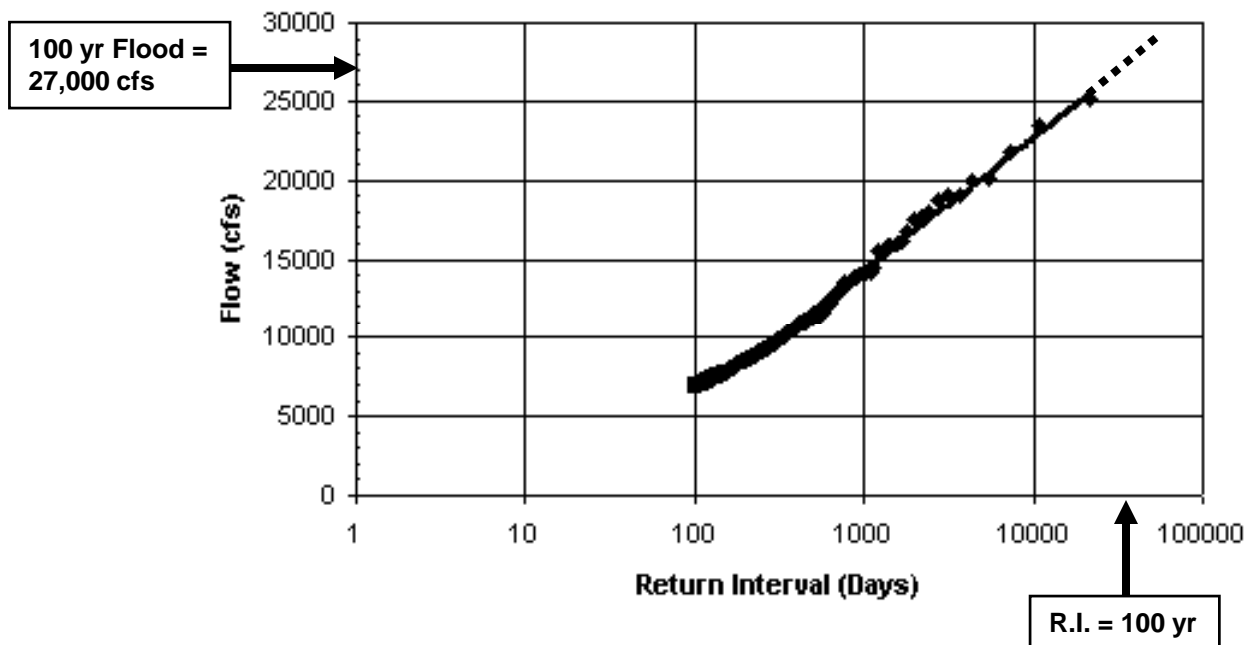
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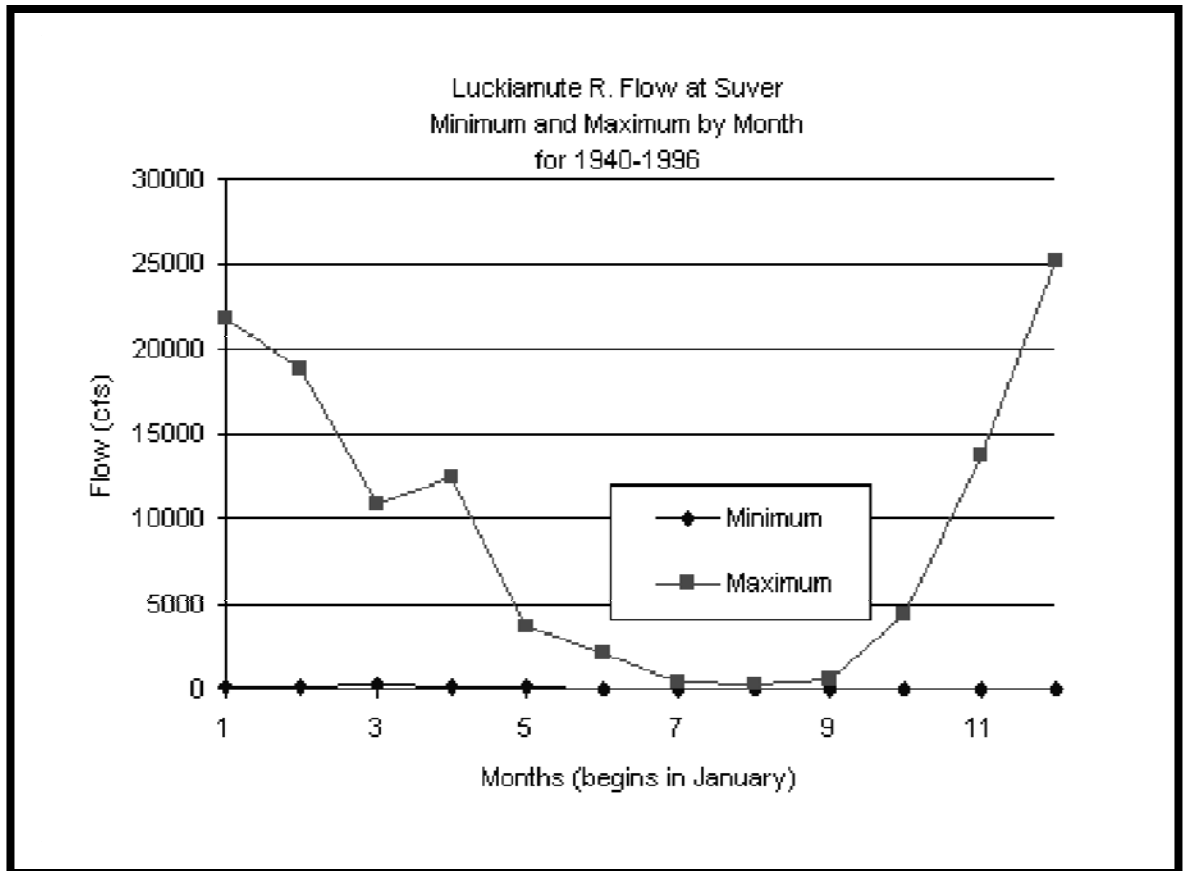


Stage-Discharge Rating Curve
Luckiamute R. at Suver



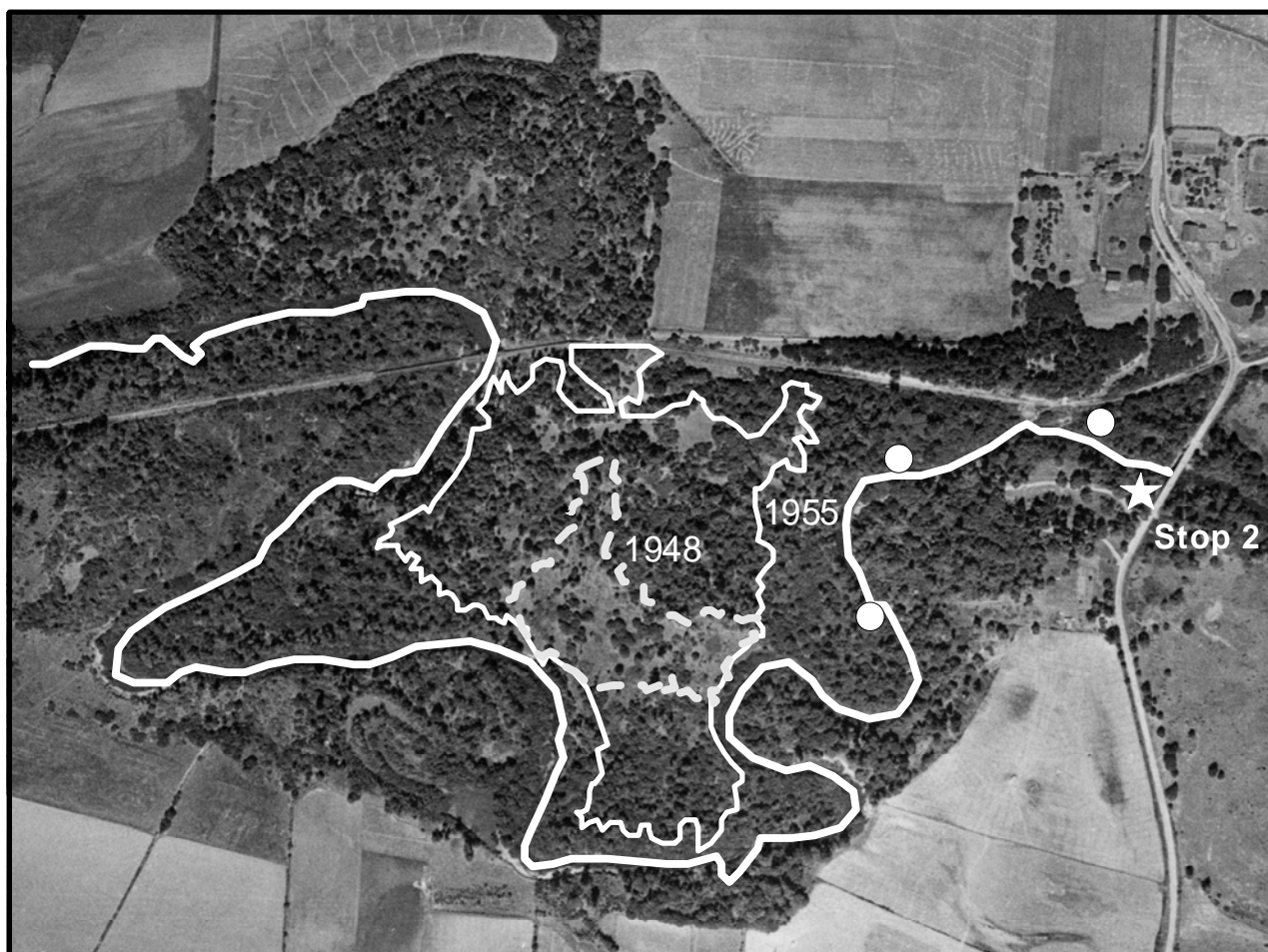
Streamflow Return Intervals
Luckiamute R. at Suver





Discharge characteristics for Luckiamute River, Helmick State Park (from Waichler and others, 1997).

Helmick State Park
Example of Riparian Cover Change



- - 1948 Deforestation
- 1955 Deforestation
- Luckiamute River
- Plant Survey Locations



Results of Plant Survey Transect 3 – Field Stop 2 - Helmick Park

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