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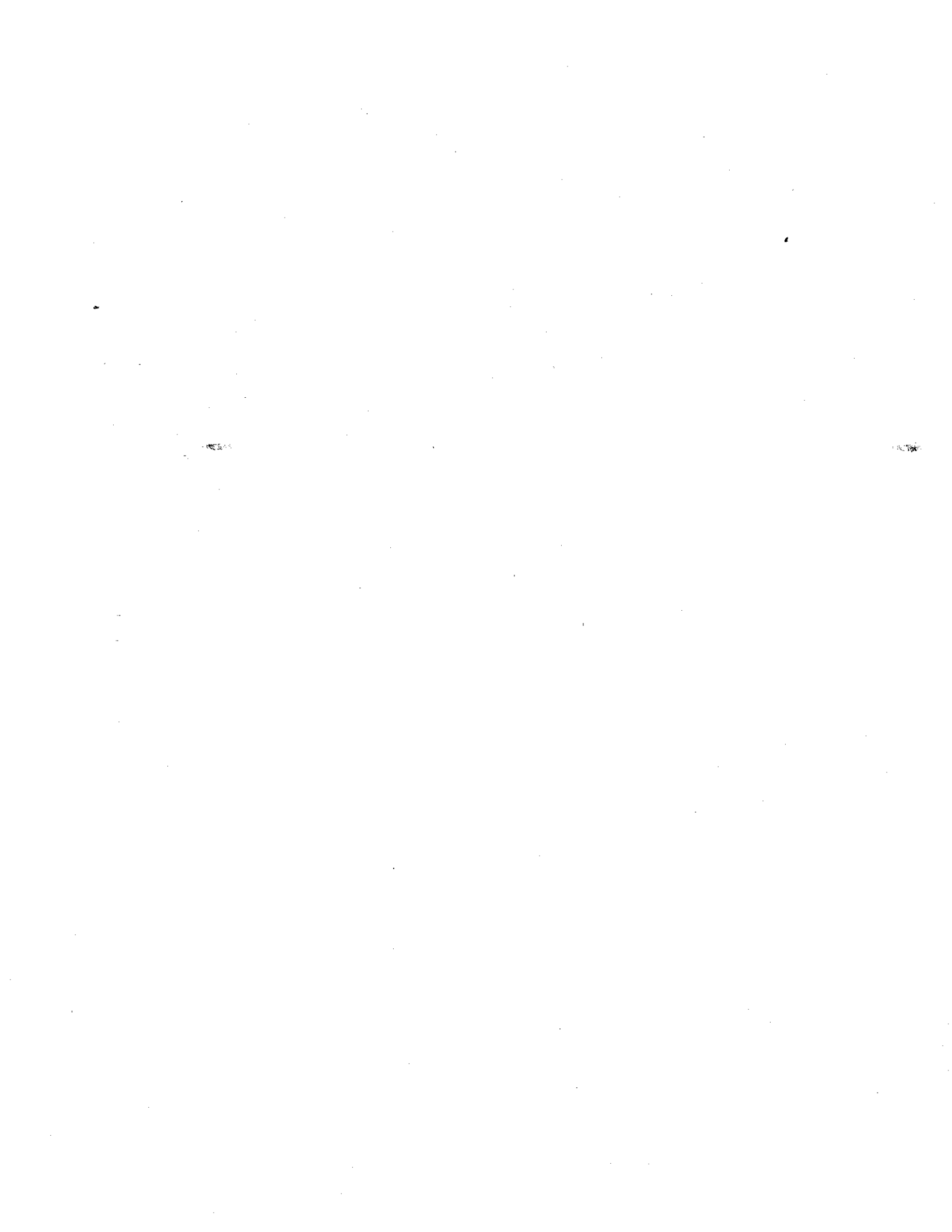
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report includes a compilation of first year results, summarized previously by Imper and Sawyer (1998), and 2nd year results for all tasks included in the Western Lily (*Lilium occidentale*) Vegetation Strategy Project, implemented in June 1998. Current funding (through Section 6 Endangered Species Act) for this project has been extended through March 2002. Since many elements of the study involve long term processes (e.g., western lily recruitment, gradual modification of habitat), extended monitoring will be necessary in order to achieve meaningful results. As a result, the study was designed to continue well beyond the current schedule, perhaps for a decade or more.

Tasks completed over the past 2 years include data collection from previously established sample plots and transects, as well as a new sample protocol intended to further our understanding of the ecology of the western lily, and assess the efficacy of manual treatment and cattle grazing for maintaining its habitat at the Table Bluff Ecological Reserve (TBER) and Crescent City Marsh Wildlife Area (CCMWA). Data files generated as part of this report are included as Attachment 7.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND STUDY OBJECTIVES

2.1 TABLE BLUFF ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

Formal monitoring of the western lily population at the TBER began in 1987 (Map 1). Annual monitoring at this and other sites on Table Bluff documented often severe browsing by deer or small mammals, resulting in loss of 50% or more of the reproductive effort in some years. Although no quantitative data are available, natural browsing may be a factor affecting mortality of the lily. With the exception of limited monitoring at the Christensen and Barry sites in the early 1990's, and monitoring conducted by The Nature Conservancy at their Bastendorf Reserve near Coos Bay, Oregon, there has been no intensive effort to determine the actual annual loss to deer and small mammals, or to investigate methods for discouraging mammal depredation. The ability of this plant to remain dormant for one or more years complicates investigation of browsing impacts. As a result, investigation intended to model the population demographics and various external factors affecting survival must necessarily track the life history of a large number of seedlings throughout the growing season, and over multiple years.

The monitoring at TBER since 1987 also documented an increasing threat to the lily as a result of plant growth following removal of cattle. At the same time, removal of approximately 50% of the spruce forest encouraged plant growth on the forest floor, exacerbating the need for vegetation management. Although the removal of spruce allowed many juvenile lily plants to mature, the release caused by tree canopy removal also appeared to eliminate many preexisting lily seedlings.

We also do not know whether current recruitment at the TBER is adequate to replace the existing stand of mature lilies. Seed plots established in fall 1993 as part of the Experimental Habitat Manipulation Project exhibited virtually no survival of seedlings in the *Coastal prairie*, and

relatively low survival in the *Spruce forest*. In contrast, abundant seedlings have been documented growing in pedestrian and cattle trails at the reserve (Imper and Sawyer, 1996), and in old cattle trails at another site on Table Bluff. We do not know if these seedlings eventually will mature. There is evidence, however, that exclusion of cattle from the lily habitat between 1987 and 1996 negatively impacted both lily recruitment and the longevity of mature plants. Passive cattle grazing has been introduced into the entire lily habitat at TBER for the past 3 years. Other than vegetation transect data collected prior to reintroduction of grazing, and data collected in this study, there has been no quantitative study of the impacts of cattle grazing on vegetation, soils compaction or lily recruitment.

The investigation at TBER is generally aimed at quantifying both the beneficial and negative impacts of cattle grazing applied at varying intensities and duration, as a method for maintenance of vegetation in western lily habitat. That information is critical to development of a formal grazing plan for the TBER, and should be applicable to many other western lily sites throughout the range. The principle study objectives at the TBER are 1) assess the impacts of cattle grazing applied at different intensities and durations upon vegetation composition and structure, soil compaction, and recruitment by the lily, and 2) determine quantitative impacts of natural browsing on the western lily, and the effect of deer and small mammal fencing and chemical inhibitors in reducing natural browsing. Secondary objectives include further definition of the life history of the lily, and determination of whether cattle ingestion of the lily seed, under controlled conditions, is a successful mode of recruitment.

2.2 CRESCENT CITY MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

Formal monitoring of the western lily population in the north part of the CCMWA ("North" and "South" marshes, Map 2; Imper and Sawyer, 1992, 1997) was implemented in 1997. The CCMWA population is unquestionably the largest population known, containing more than 5,000 plants, yet is one of the least studied. There has been no detailed study of the life history, recruitment or population demographics of western lily at this site.

Past monitoring at sites on Table Bluff and in southern Oregon indicates the principal threat to the western lily is encroachment by trees and shrubs (Guerrant et al. 1997). The majority of tree and shrub encroachment into lily habitat at the CCMWA appears to date to the early 1980's, apparently coinciding with removal of cattle from the area. Although the current growth rate for alder, crabapple, spruce, willow, and other potentially aggressive species in this habitat seems slow compared to other sites (perhaps due to the high water table), no quantitative growth estimates have been made. Our experience elsewhere indicates encroachment by these plants will eventually negatively impact the lily. Even a slow growth rate may be cause for alarm, due to the exponential relationship between lateral growth and aerial cover, particularly in light of the literally 1000's of expanding "islands" (seedlings and saplings) of shrubs and trees now scattered throughout the marsh.

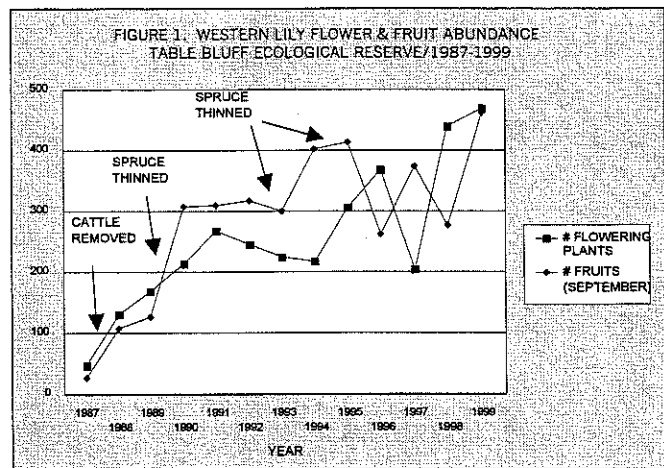
The limited available data indicate the main CCMWA population is not subject to severe natural browsing pressure; however, the critical importance of this population to this species (50% or more of all known flowering plants) warrants a greater understanding of natural browsing impacts, as well as the general life history of this population.

The principal objectives of the investigation at CCMWA are to 1) characterize the current state of the western lily population and its habitat, 2) monitor the rate of vegetation encroachment and its impact on the lily, 3) determine the efficacy of manual vegetation for maintaining the habitat in a suitable condition for the lily, 4) assess the historical impact of cattle grazing in western lily habitat on the reserve, and 5) determine the relative impacts of natural browsing and the effect of deer and small mammal fencing in reducing natural browsing. A secondary objective is to increase our knowledge of the life history of the largest known population of western lily, and develop a quantitative estimate of current recruitment.

3.0 TABLE BLUFF ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

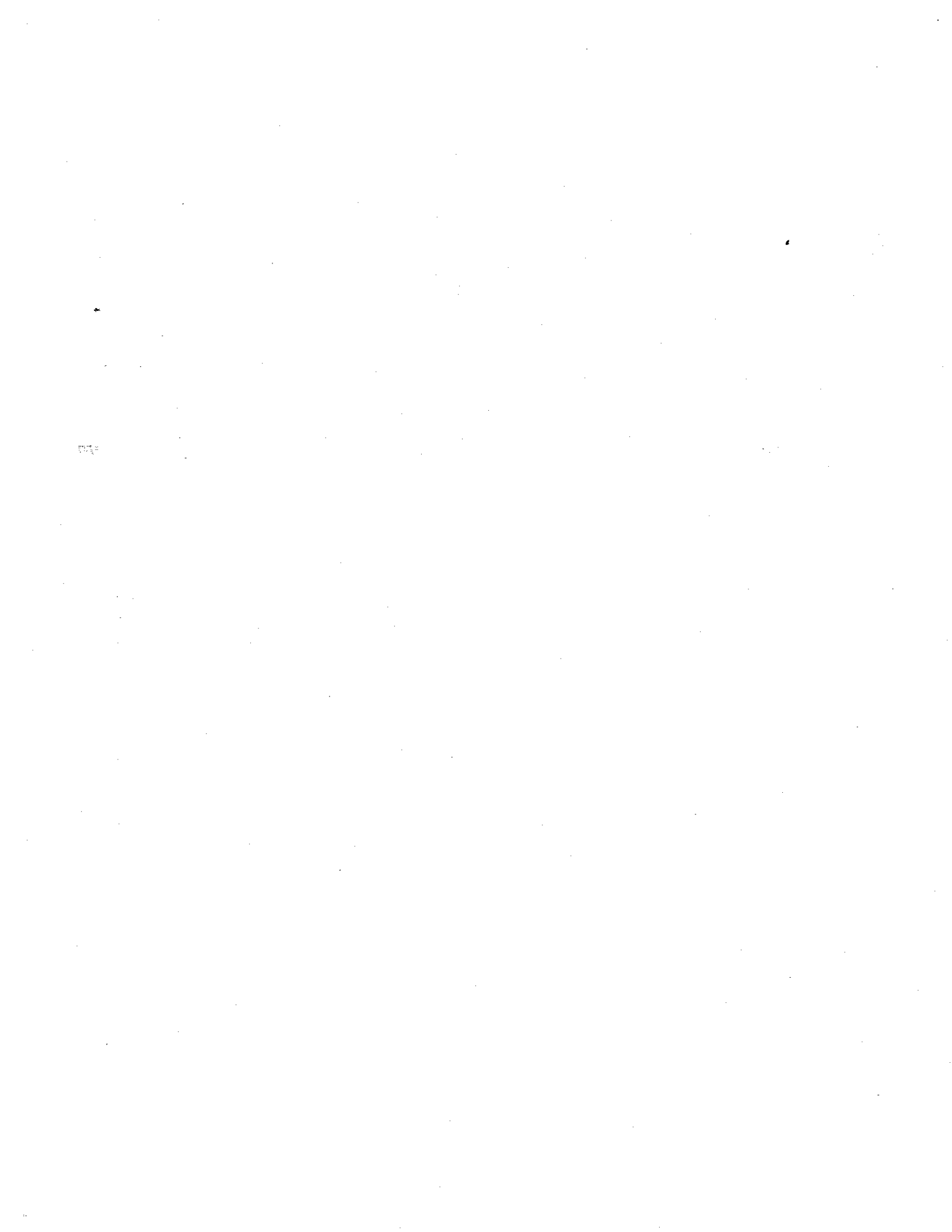
3.1 Western Lily Population Status

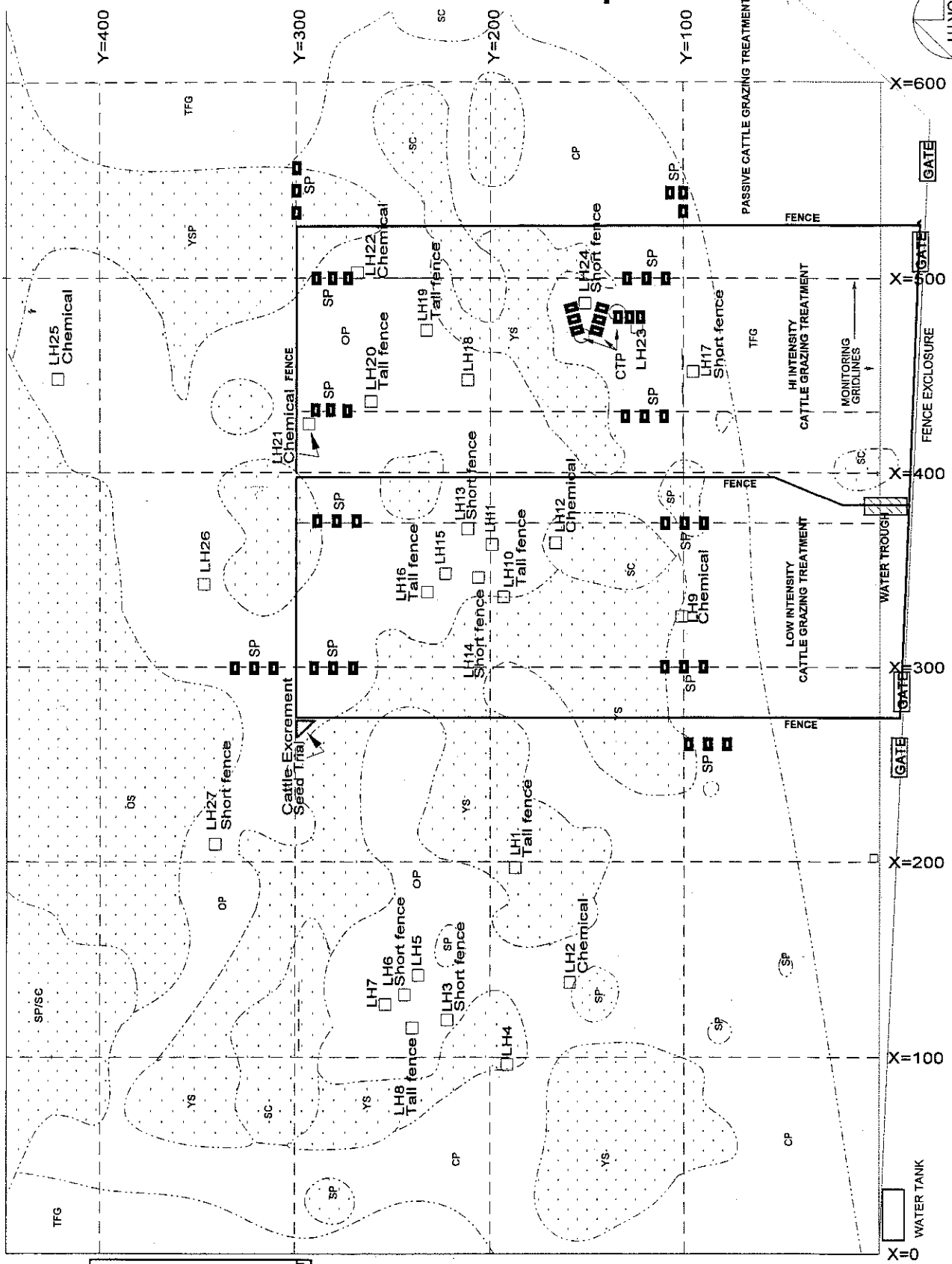
A census of the population was conducted at the TBER between 1987 and 1992, after which the annual census has generally been limited to flowering plants (Imper and Sawyer, 1999). The number of flowering plants at the reserve has increased from about 50 in 1987 to 470 in 1999 (Figure 1). The principal factors responsible are removal of cattle during the growing season, and removal of approximately 50% of the spruce stand, which had shaded much of the population. While the total population has not been censused recently, nearly 1,000 plants were mapped and recorded in this study occupying only 970 square feet (sf) of the 5 acres of habitat. Although the sample plots were subjectively located in high density areas for the plant, we can assume the total population easily exceeds 5,000. However, nearly half of the plants recorded in the sample plots were single leaf seedlings, which evidence to date indicates suffer high mortality. At least 160 additional plants have been established at 4 colonies located elsewhere on the reserve, using bulbs propagated in the greenhouse (Imper and Sawyer, 1999).



3.2 Experimental Restrictions on Natural Browsing and Seasonal Cattle Grazing

Fencing and Browsing Inhibitor Treatments: In June, 1998, twenty seven 6ft² plots, referred to as "Life History (LH) Plots", were permanently marked, allocated equally among the 3 seasonal cattle grazing treatment areas described below (Table 1, Map 1). The southwest and northeast corner of each plot was staked with rebar; plot identification, grazing treatment and grid coordinates of the southwest corner are indicated in Table 1. In order to coincide with the overall grid coordinate system for the reserve, the X/Y coordinates recorded on the data sheets for each plot (Attachment 1) utilized the northwest corner as the origin. Within each grazing treatment, the plots were located so as to maximize the number of mature (i.e., multi-leaved) lilies and seedlings (single leaf), and still provide representation throughout the treatment areas. In March 1999, prior to emergence of the lily, the 27 plots were treated as follows:





SCALE: 1" = 80'

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SP	SPRUCE
YS	YOUNG SPRUCE
OS	OLD SPRUCE
SC	SCRUB
OP	OPENING
CP	COAS. PRAIRIE
TFG	TALL FESCUE GRSLD
CTP	CATTLE TRAIL PLOT
SP	SEED PLOT 1998
LH	LIFE HISTORY PLOT
---	VEGETATION TRANSECT

TABLE BLUFF ROAD/FENCELINE

MAP 1. CURRENT VEGETATION, LIFE HISTORY PLOTS (LH1-27), CATTLE TRAIL PLOTS, SEED PLOTS, SEASONAL GRAZING TREATMENTS, LH PLOT TREATMENTS, AND VEGETATION TRANSECTS, TBER 1999.

TABLE 1. LOCATIONAL COORDINATES OF LIFE HISTORY PLOTS (LH), CATTLE TRAIL PLOTS, SEED PLOTS AND VEGETATION TRANSECT (MAP 1) AND PHOTOPPOINTS, TBER.

Location	Plot ID	Cattle grazing treatment	LH Plot treatment	X/Y Coordinates		
Life	1	passive	Tall fence	200/184		
History	2	passive	Chemical	141/156		
Plots	3	passive	Short fence	122/219		
(SW corner)	4	passive	Tall fence	99/188		
	5	passive		145/234		
	6	passive	Short fence	135/241		
	7	passive		130/251		
	8	passive	Tall fence	118/237		
	9	no. enclosure	Chemical	329/98		
	10	no. enclosure	Tall fence	339/190		
	11	no. enclosure		366/196		
	12	no. enclosure	Chemical	367/163.5		
	13	no. enclosure	Short fence	374/208.5		
	14	no. enclosure	Short fence	349/203		
	15	no. enclosure		351/220		
	16	no. enclosure	Tall fence	341.5/229.5		
	17	so. enclosure	Short fence	455/92		
	18	so. enclosure		450.5/208.5		
	19	so. enclosure	Tall fence	476/230		
	20	so. enclosure	Tall fence	439.5/258.5		
	21	so. enclosure	Chemical	428/290		
	22	so. enclosure	Chemical	505.5/265.5		
	23	so. enclosure		477.5/121		
	24	so. enclosure	Short fence	490/148		
	25	passive	Chemical	451/418.5		
	26	passive		345.5/344		
	27	passive	Short fence	212/338		
Location	Plot ID	Cattle Grazing Treatment		X/Y Coordinates		
Seed Plots						
(NW corner)		so. enclosure		430/110	430/120	430/130
		so. enclosure		430/280	430/285	430/290
		so. enclosure		500/110	500/120	500/130
		so. enclosure		500/274	500/280	500/288
		no. enclosure		300/90	300/100	300/110
		no. enclosure		300/270	300/279	300/290
		no. enclosure		375/90	375/100	375/110
		no. enclosure		375/270	375/282	375/290
		passive		260/80	260/90	260/100
		passive		300/310	300/320	300/330
		passive		535/300	540/300	550/300
		passive		535/100	540/100	540/105
Cattle Trail	#1	so. enclosure		479/130		
Plots	#2	so. enclosure		477/142		
(SW corner)	#3	so. enclosure		478/155		

Notes: Coordinates for Life History Plots = SW corner (rebar @ diag. corners); for Cattle Trail Plots = SW corner (rebar @ diag. corners) of center 3' x 3' plot; lateral 3' x 3' plots are oriented relative to center plot as follows: #1-90d, #2-20d, #3-356d. Coordinates for Seed Plots = NW corner (rebar stake) of 12" x 12" plot, 50 seed planted ea. plot 10/6/98.

TABLE 1. CONTINUED

Vegetation Transects	Cattle Grazing Treatment	-----X/Y Coordinates-----	
(General habitat and grazing trtmt characterization)	passive	Y=100; X=0-270, 530-600	
	passive	Y=200; X=0-270, 530-600	
	passive	Y=300; X=0-270, 530-600	
	passive	Y=400; X=0-600	
	passive	X=100; Y=0-450	
	passive	X=200; Y=0-450	
	passive	X=300; Y=300-450	
	passive	X=400; Y=300-450	
	passive	X=500; Y=300-450	
	no. enclosure	Y=100; X=270-400	
	no. enclosure	Y=200; X=270-400	
	no. enclosure	X=300; Y=0-300	
	no. enclosure	X=375; Y=0-300	
	so. enclosure	Y=100; X=400-530	
so. enclosure	Y=200; X=400-530		
so. enclosure	X=400; Y=0-300		
so. enclosure	X=430; Y=0-300		
Photopoints	Cattle Grazing Treatment	Orientation	-----X/Y Coordinates-----
General habitat (historical photopoints)		S	00/00
		S	00/50
		E,S	200/100
		S,W	400/100
		E,N	470/100
		E	125/200 (north glade)
		E,S,N	200/200
		E,S	200/300
		S,W	400/200
		S,W	400/300
		S,W	200/400
		S,W,N	400/400
		E,W	350/200 (south glade)
	E	170/35 994 mow trtmt)	
	E	235/30 994 grzg trtmt)	
	E	305/40 burn trtmt-unburned)	
Grazing treatments (added 10/8/98)	no. enclosure	S	270/100
	no. enclosure	S	270/200
	no. enclosure	W	300/300
	no. enclosure	W	360/300
	no./so. enclos.	N,S	400/200
	no./so. enclos.	N,S	400/100
	no. enclosure	E	330/0
	so. enclosure	E	460/0
	so. enclosure	N	530/100
so. enclosure	N	530/200	
so. enclosure	W	470/300	

<u>#Plots</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Treatment</u>
7	Deer exclosure	60 inch chickenwire, corner staked
7	Small mammal exclosure	18 inch x 0.5 inch mesh fence, corner staked
6	Deer chemical inhibitor	Coyote urine vial placed at one corner, recharged 30 day intervals
7	Control	No treatment

The fencing and chemical vials were removed in September, 1999, and will continue to be installed in March, and removed each fall to avoid interfering with the cattle grazing treatments.

The LH plots were initially monitored in June, 1998, and were monitored on 4 dates between March 2 and June 16, 1999. All mature lilies were inventoried and mapped. For single-leaf seedlings, subunits of each plot were successively inventoried until not less than 20 single-leaf were recorded; for the purpose of seedling inventories, the sample plot is considered to be the portion of the original 6ft² plot sampled to achieve 20 or more seedlings (or the total present in the 6 foot square plot, whichever is less), as indicated in the population maps for each plot (Appendix B). All mature lilies were characterized as to height, extent of browsing or disease, and flowering status. Cover and height of all associated species were also described.

Seasonal Cattle Grazing Applications: All the occupied western lily habitat (~5 acres) at the reserve was opened to passive winter grazing by cattle in 1997. Cattle were able to freely enter the ~35 acre rare plant exclosure generally between November and early March. Actual grazing impact, however, has been minimal due to the intermittent, or limited periods during which cattle have been available on the reserve for introduction into the rare plant exclosure.

As part of this study, 2 active grazing treatments were implemented in winter 1998-99. In coordination with California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) personnel, and based on advice from the Humboldt County Agricultural Extension Office, a tentative experimental grazing program was developed. The 2 cattle enclosures were constructed (referred to as the northern, or "low intensity-long duration" treatment cell, and southern, or "high intensity-low duration" treatment cell), each measuring 130 feet by 300 feet (~1 acre), in the west portion of the habitat (Map 1). A 1,000 gallon water tank, and a float-controlled water trough serving the 2 enclosures were installed by CDFG personnel in November 1998. Based on a facilities and habitat monitoring schedule developed by CDFG, the enclosures, water supply, and habitat are to be inspected on a 2-3 day basis throughout the period in which cattle are enclosed. The grazing periods to date have been flexible, and based on the following subjective measures: maximum reduction of shrub cover and establishment of cattle trails within shrub canopies; reduction of the majority of *Calamagrostis nutkaensis* culms to between 6 and 12 inches height; minimal disruption of soil more than one inch deep, particularly in areas known to support the lily.

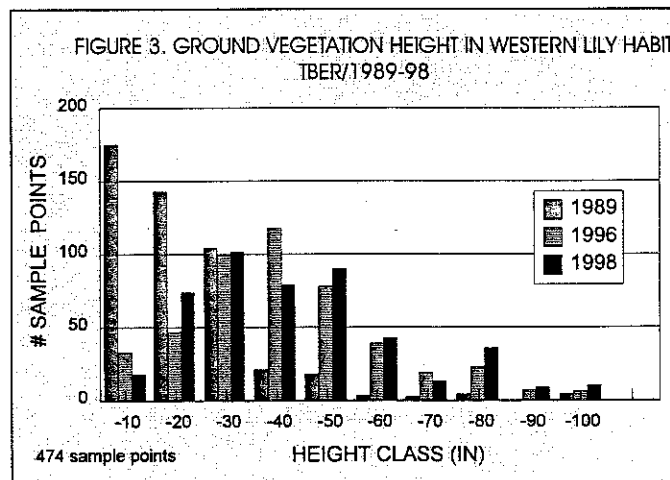
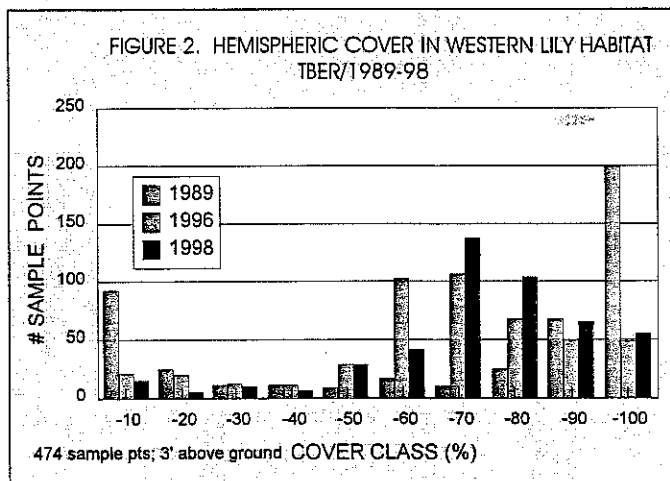
1998: Although opened to cattle on December 1, the passive-grazed habitat was only utilized by cattle between about January 21 and March 7, 1999 due to scheduling problems with the former grazing lessee. Overall, the intensity of use was less than desired, but was substantial in some areas, particularly along the fences where the cattle created mud trails. Two cows were confined in the north enclosure for 20 days, beginning January 4, and 11 cows were confined in the south enclosure for 5 days, beginning January 21, 1999. Additional grazing would have been beneficial, but the cattle were removed at the request of the lessee.

1999: This winter, the new grazing lessee (Clint Victorine) confined his entire herd of 68 cows within the passive-treated habitat for 3 days, beginning on February 12, 2000. The herd was then allowed to enter the habitat passively. The gates are scheduled to be closed on about March 1. Two cows were enclosed in the low intensity treatment cell for 28 days (total 56 animal days), and 12 adults and 13 calves were held in the high intensity treatment area for 6 days (total 72 adult days; 78 calf days), both treatments beginning January 18, 2000.

3.3 Vegetation Characterization and Results of Seasonal Grazing

Overall Habitat: General habitat monitoring was conducted across the entire monitoring grid (4650' transect) in October, 1998, following the standard protocol (Imper *et al.*, 1987), in order to compare pre-experimental grazing conditions with data collected in 1989, 1993 and 1996. The average cover values for dominant vegetation types, species or groups of species (based on transect intervals), and comparisons among the sampled years are included in Table 2A (1998 field data sheets submitted with 1998 status report; Imper and Sawyer, 1998). Cover by typical *Coastal prairie* increased significantly after removal of cattle in 1987, but has since stabilized. The *Sweet vernal grassland*, dominated by *Holcus lanatus* and various other "pasture" species decreased soon after removal of grazing (i.e., converted to *Coastal prairie* or blackberry) but increased since 1993 in response to thinning of the spruce stand. The *Young spruce forest* (i.e., the dense spruce vegetation type, as opposed to individual trees) declined from 32% cover to 7% in 1998 as a result of thinning (largely converted to *Sweet vernal grassland*).

In some cases, changes in individual species cover (i.e., transect intercepts) have been dramatic. Combined cover of *Rubus ursinus* and *R. spectabilis* increased from 13% to 31% by 1998, one of the principal reasons for implementing this study. *Calamagrostis nutkaensis* cover rose from 4% to 18%, while *Erechtites minima* cover peaked at 11% in 1996 and within 2 years fell to 2%. The amount of barren forest floor declined from 26% to 4% by 1998. All of these changes resulted from cattle removal in 1988, and repeated thinning of spruce. Average hemispheric cover (estimated at 3 feet above ground, 10 foot intervals along the transects) has remained virtually the same throughout, but the distribution among cover classes has changed dramatically (Figure 2). Canopy cover was initially weighted heavily in the 0-10%, and 90-100% classes, due to the contrasting habitats - open grazed pasture versus dense spruce. By 1998, the frequency distribution formed an approximate bell shape centered at 60-80% cover.



**TABLE 2A. SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR GENERAL HABITAT MONITORING
TABLE BLUFF ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
SAMPLED BY DAVID IMPER, JOHN MCRAE, OCT 89, AUG 93, AUG 96, OCT 98**

	1989	1993	1996	1998
% OF GRID WITH SPRUCE DIRECTLY OVERHEAD				
(Based on 4650 ft line intercept data; veg types)	63	51	52	50
% HEMISPHERIC COVER AT 3 ft A.G. (474 pts; 10 ft intervals):	65	69	64	70
Standard deviation	37	25	22	20
GROUND VEGETATION HEIGHT:				
Avg. wtd. hght. [in] (per/ft basis; 4650 ft transect)	16	37	43	37
Standard deviation		19	17	21
GENERAL HABITAT TYPE (% sample grid based on 4650 ft line transect)				
<i>Tall fescue grassland</i>	7	8	8	8
<i>Coastal prairie</i>	0	26	27	27
<i>Sweet vernal grassland</i>	33	24	37	36
<i>Willow scrub</i>	8	9	8	8
<i>Spruce/maianthemum forest</i>				
<i>Young spruce</i>	32	19	7	7
<i>Old spruce</i>	16	12	11	11
<i>Spruce/salmonberry woodland</i>	1	2	2	2
DETAILED VEGETATION COVER (% sample grid based on 4650 ft line transect):				
<i>Tall fescue grassland (typical)</i>	6.4	5.5	3.2	4.3
<i>Sweet vernal grassland (typical)</i>	31.0	29.2	19.3	16.5
<i>Coastal prairie (typical)</i>	0.0	8.0	6.7	7.3
<i>Willow scrub (typical)</i>	7.0	2.6	1.3	2.6
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	13.0	15.0	21.9	17.3
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	0.0	0.0	1.9	13.9
<i>Rubus discolor (himalaya)</i>	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.2
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.9
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	0.9	2.2	3.6	3.7
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	1.4	3.4	6.1	4.0
<i>Calamagrostis nutkaensis</i>	4.1	11.5	12.7	18.2
<i>Maianthemum dilatatum (incl. Carex obnupta/Iris Douglasiana)</i>	1.2	4.3	7.3	4.3
<i>Sambucus callicarpa</i>	1.5	3.6	2.9	0.4
<i>Erechtites minima</i>	0.0	5.8	11.2	1.8
Barren understory	25.7	6.1	2	3.9

NOTE: Includes all vegetation transects indicated in Table 1, except X=375 and X=430; overall sample grid not sampled 1999..

**TABLE 2B. SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR VEGETATION CHARACTERIZATION OF THE 3 GRAZING TREATMENT AREAS
TABLE BLUFF ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
SAMPLED BY DAVID IMPER, JOHN MCRAE, OCT 98 AND SEP 99**

	GRAZING TREATMENT: PASSIVE			NORTH (LO INTENSITY)		SOUTH (HI INTENSITY)	
	1998	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
% OF GRID WITH SPRUCE DIRECTLY OVERHEAD (Based on 3230', 860' and 860' of line intercept respectively)	50	53		37			
% HEMISPHERIC COVER AT 3' above ground: (based on 337, 90 and 90 pts, respectively; 10' intervals):	72	64	63	69	62		
Standard deviation	18	24	24	28	29		
GROUND VEGETATION HEIGHT: Avg. wtd. hght. ["] (per/ft basis; 3230', 860' and 860' transect respectively)	34	36	34	46	36		
Standard deviation	21	16	18	22	17		
GENERAL HABITAT TYPE: (% sample grid based on 3230 ft, 860' ft and 860 ft line transect respectively)							
<i>Tall fescue grassland</i>	6	16	15	13	13		
<i>Coastal prairie</i>	26	23	25	34	35		
<i>Sweet vernal grassland</i>	35	44	45	30	30		
<i>Willow scrub</i>	6	10	9	16	15		
<i>Spruce/maianthemum forest</i>							
<i>Young spruce</i>	7	6	6	7	8		
<i>Old spruce</i>	16	0	0	0	0		
<i>Spruce/salmonberry woodland</i>	3	0	0	0	0		
DETAILED VEGETATION COVER: (% sample grid based on 3230', 860' and 860' line transect respectively)							
<i>Tall fescue grassland (typical)</i>	3.5	1.9	4.1	5.6	4.7		
<i>Sweet vernal grassland (typical)</i>	19.1	13.4	18.7	10.5	13.8		
<i>Coastal prairie (typical)</i>	6.7	10.1	8.8	14.3	19.7		
<i>Willow scrub (typical)</i>	2.4	3.5	4.0	1.0	1.0		
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	15.9	23.1	31.4	26.6	25.7		
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	14.2	13.0	4.7	8.3	8.0		
<i>Rubus discolor (himalaya)</i>	0.3	1.2	0.6	3.0	2.4		
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	5.0	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.0		
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	4.9	0.9	2.3	2.8	2.1		
<i>Calamagrostis nutkaensis</i>	13.4	27.8	13.3	22.3	9.9		
<i>Maianthemum dilatatum (incl. Carex obnupta/Iris Douglasiana)</i>	5.3	2.4	9.8	1.7	3.8		
<i>Sambucus callicarpa</i>	0.6	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0		
<i>Erechtites minima</i>	2.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Barren understory	4.7	0.6	0.7	3.8	8.5		

NOTE: See Table 1 for transect segments included in each grazing treatment characterization.

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Average height of the herbaceous and shrub layers increased from 16 to 43 inches by 1996, and then dropped to 37 inches 2 years later, after grazing was reintroduced (Table 2A). Again the frequency distribution for vegetation height was initially weighted in the lower size classes, but now forms an approximate bell shaped distribution centered at 30-40 inches (Figure 3).

Effects of Seasonal Grazing on Vegetation: Both of the confined grazing treatment areas were well impacted by the cattle. Informal observation over the past 2 years has indicated that impacts produced by a large number of cattle confined for a short period (high intensity-short duration treatment) are more evenly distributed, and result in fewer trails created and less severe soil disruption than in the low intensity area. The two cows in the low intensity treatment have tended to use the same pathways repeatedly, and concentrate grazing impacts in smaller areas, resulting in rather extensive soils disruption within the "south glade" lily habitat in the north enclosure (Map 1). An attempt to quantify the relative intensity-related impacts on soil disturbance was made on February 19, 2000, by estimating the total length of trail segments exhibiting bare soil within the 2 enclosures. Within the low intensity treatment, not less than 420 feet of trail was impacted to the degree that bare soil was exposed, compared to about 170 lineal feet (less than half) in the high intensity treatment. The degree of soil disturbance in the low intensity treatment was much higher, often reaching 3-4 inches in depth or more, compared to only minor surface exposure in a majority of the high intensity area. This rather informal survey suggests that, assuming vegetation objectives are met, the high intensity grazing probably attains the goals for western lily habitat maintenance with less impact on the western lily.

In order to provide better sample coverage of the north and south cattle enclosures, two additional vegetation transects were added to the existing network in October 1998 (i.e., X=375/Y=0-300 - north enclosure; X=430/Y=0-300 - south enclosure), and the resulting data for all transects were segregated according to grazing treatment (transect segments allocated to each treatment indicated in Table 1). These transects were resampled in 1999 (field data - Attachment 2).

The species or species group cover values, and cover and height characteristics for the 3 grazing treatment areas are indicated in Table 2B. The south enclosure has the lowest spruce cover (37% cover compared to 50-53% for the passive and north enclosure), and initially exhibited the tallest average vegetation height (46 inches) and canopy cover (69%). Following the high intensity grazing treatment in 1998, those indicators are now equivalent or lower (36 inches height; 62% cover) than the other treatments, suggesting the more intensive-lower duration grazing, combined with manual removal of salmonberry in winter 1998-99, was effective at restoring a more desirable structure. Notable changes within the 2 active grazing treatments included an increase in *Sweet vernal grassland* and/or typical *Coastal prairie*, which was balanced by a decline in *Calamagrostis* cover. *Rubus spectabilis* declined in the north enclosure, but was offset by an increase in *R. ursinus*. Overall, both the active treatments appeared to stimulate an increase in pasture grasses, commonly associated with reintroduction of cattle. The decline in *Calamagrostis* did not necessarily indicate a reduction in density, but rather reduced crown cover due to the removal of old foliage.

Effects of Seasonal Grazing on Western Lily: The number of seedlings and mature plants increased in all cattle grazing treatments from 1998-99 (Table 3), even subtracting lilies that had been browsed or died back by the time of the 1999 final census. The increase in mature lilies and flowering was greatest in the low intensity grazed plots (~80% increase in mature lilies; 60% increase in flowering). However, mean height of mature lilies declined in 1999, with the

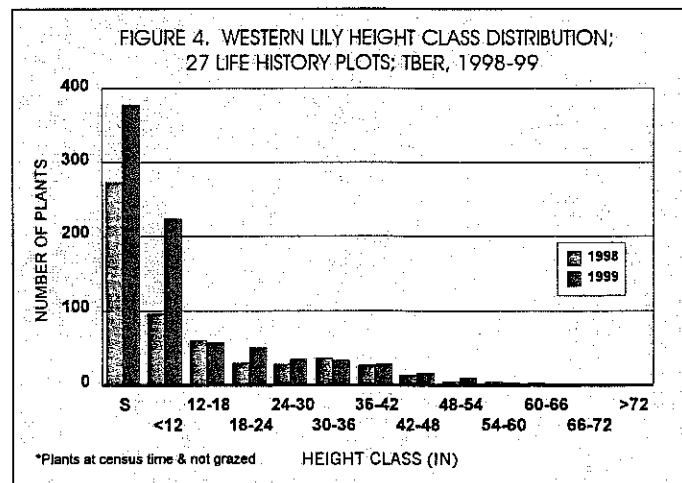
exception of the high intensity grazed plots (16 to 21 inches). However, it is undoubtedly too early to detect meaningful difference in the response of the lily to the grazing intensity treatments.

Photomonitoring: Photomonitoring has been conducted during the annual flowering plant census at 25 permanent photopoints since 1987; an additional 3 photopoints were established in 1994, focused on the 3 vegetation treatment areas included in the Experimental Habitat Restoration Study (one slide set submitted with Imper and Sawyer, 1999). In 1998, 13 additional photopoints were established to monitor the impact of cattle grazing in the north and south cattle enclosures (locational coordinates and declinations indicated in Table 1). Photographs were taken in October, 1998, prior to introduction of cattle, and in July 1999 (Attachment 5). Photodocumentation of the cattle enclosures will continue to be conducted annually, during the annual plant census.

3.4 Western Lily Life History/Browsing Inhibitor Plot Results

Plant density and growth: Various growth characteristics of the sample populations are compared for the 2 years in Table 3; maps of all plants emerging in 1999 are included as Appendix B. The 1999 field data sheets are included as Attachment 1.

Some 274 seedlings and 314 mature lilies were recorded in 1998, compared to 467 seedlings and 496 mature plants, respectively, this year, (58-74% increase). Of those plants, 106 flowered in 1998, and 131 flowered this year. As expected, seedlings comprised the largest size class during both years (Figure 4). There was a significant increase in the abundance of seedlings and plants <12 inches in 1999, in part explained by the multiple sample dates as opposed to the single census made in 1998. However, based on the rate of disappearance of plants in 1999 prior to the final June census (19% seedlings, 2% mature plants), the affects of early season browsing probably did not explain the entire increase in sampled population, indicating a high rate of full-year dormancy in 1998. No incidence of disease was observed.



Emergence: The majority of plants in 1999 emerged between April 2 and May 7, although 24% of the mature plants emerged after May 7 (Table 3, Figure 8). Overall, the seedlings tended to emerge prior to mature plants. Based on monitoring of flowering plant phenology over the past 13 years, 1999 was a late year due to relatively cool spring temperatures. Emergence may have been delayed several weeks behind normal.

Natural Browsing Impacts and Results of LH Plot Treatments: Based on the LH plot data, wildlife grazing impacts in 1999 appeared relatively minor compared to previous years. The large loss in lily seedlings prior to the final June census date reported for the short fence and tall fence treated plots (Table 3) was largely due to 2 plots in which many seedlings were buried

**TABLE 3. SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR WESTERN LILY IN 27 LIFE HISTORY PLOTS
TABLE BLUFF ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
SAMPLED BY DAVID IMPER, JOHN MCRAE, JUNE 16-18, 1998, and JUNE 12-15, 1999**

OVERALL LIFE HISTORY (LH) PLOTS (27-6' sq.; 972 sf)		1998	1999
Total LIOC seedlings sampled (single leaf)		274	467
#LIOC seedlings sampled per sf*		0.3	0.5
Total non-seedling plants sampled		314	496
Mean ht non-seedling (non-grazed) plants (in)		21	17
% incidence mammal grazing (plts still visible at census)		3	4
% incidence insect/slug grazing (plts still visible at census)		4	0
% incidence disease (plts still visible at census)		0	0
Total %plants missing at census time			11
#Seedlings missing at census			91
%Seedlings missing at census			19
#Mature plants missing at census			12
%Mature plants missing at census			2
1999 Emergence %Seedlings emerge 3/20-4/2			0
%Seedlings emerge 4/2-4/16			52
%Seedlings emerge 4/16-5/7			39
%Seedlings emerge 5/7-6/18			9
%mature plts emerge 3/20-4/2			1
%mature plts emerge 4/2-4/16			35
%mature plts emerge 4/16-5/7			41
%mature plts emerge 5/7-6/18			24

FLOWERING PLANTS ALL LH PLOTS

Total LIOC flowering	106	131
Mean #flowers	2.3	4.0
Maximum #flwrs	13	12
Maximum ht (in)	66	61

	DATE	6/18/98	7/8/99
Phenology (from complete population census data)	Bud	93	53
	Flower	6	41
	Fruit	0	6
	#plants		

COMPARISON AMONG FENCING/INHIBITOR TREATMENTS (LH PLOTS)

Treatment	Tall fence	Short fence	Chemical	Control
1998 (pre-treatment)				
#seedling (present at census)	65	71	64	67
#mature plants (present at census)	77	102	42	91
#mature plants mammal grazed	1	10	4	3
1999				
#seedling (present at census)	57	87	87	145
#seedling (total emerging)	105	127	90	145
#mature plants (present at census)	110	149	48	177
#mature plants (total emerging)	113	150	50	183
#mature plants mammal grazed	3	16	8	18
#mature plants missing at census time or grazed	6	17	10	24

COMPARISON AMONG GRAZING TREATMENTS (~1 acre cells)

Treatment	Passive grazing	Lo Intensity	Hi Intensity
1998 (treatments not yet implemented)			
#seedling (present at census)	100	65	109
#mature plants (present at census)	116	122	89
#flowering plants	41	25	40
Mean ht mature plants (not grazed)	22.8	17.5	16.2
1999			
#seedling (present at census)	162	88	126
#seedling (total emerging)	167	89	211
#mature plants (present at census)	160	207	117
#mature plants (total emerging)	163	212	121
#flowering plants	47	40	44
Mean ht mature plants (not grazed)	20.1	14.6	21.3

under a gopher mound, or otherwise eliminated. Only 12 mature plants out of 496 were missing by the final June census, with half of those missing from the control plots. The best indication of the relative protection afforded by the treatments (perhaps indicating the browsing agent) was comparison of the total missing, and total visibly browsed (but still visible in June). Based on that measure, 24 plants were impacted in the control plots, followed by 17 in the short fence, 10 in the chemically treated (coyote urine), and 6 in the tall fence plots. Based on these rather inconclusive results, the principal browsing agent in 1999 appears to have been deer, and the tall fence, followed by chemical treatment were most effective at discouraging browsing. Based on the small number of plants browsed, statistical comparisons among treatments did not appear warranted.

3.5 Western Lily Recruitment Studies

3.5.1 Western Lily 1993 Seed Plots

One hundred western lily seed were planted in each of 48 - 3ft² plots split between the *Spruce forest* and *Coastal prairie* on the reserve in fall 1993, as part of the Experimental Habitat Manipulation Project implemented that year (Imper and Sawyer, 1994a). Vegetation cover, and survival and growth of the resulting lilies were monitored in 1993, 1996, and on June 12, 1999 (data summary - Table 4; field data - Appendix A). The results indicate substantially greater survival rates in the *Spruce forest* after 6 growing seasons (overall 92 seedlings and 109 mature plants this year, of which 13 flowered), compared to the *Coastal prairie* (27 seedlings, 3 mature plants). The resulting recruitment rate after 6 years was 8.4% for the *Spruce forest*, and 1.2% for the *Coastal prairie*. Average and maximum height of the *Spruce forest* plants were 7 and 44 inches, respectively, while the tallest new lily in the *Coastal prairie* was 8 inches. Available moisture and pH were measured in the upper 6 inches of soil at several *Spruce forest* seed plots in June 1999, with a hand-held meter (Appendix A). Available moisture ranged 40-100%, and pH ranged from 5.7-6.8. There was no obvious relationship between soil moisture, or pH and recruitment. Among the variables sampled (species cover, ground cover, spruce cover, etc.), the total number of lily plants present in the plots was best correlated with *Rubus spectabilis* cover (correlation coefficient $r = 0.6$). The linear regression equation predicting number of lilies based on *Rubus spectabilis* cover was statistically significant ($R^2 = 0.36$; $F = 11.9$; $P = 0.002$). The explanation for that correlation is not clear, but there may be a co-preference for some aspect of the habitat, such as abundant fog drip.

Over the 6 year period, average hemispheric canopy cover increased from 27 to 49% in the *Coastal prairie* plots, due to increasing height and density of vegetation (Table 2A). The changes in species abundance in this habitat reflects primarily the impact of cattle exclusion between 1988 and 1997, although cattle were reintroduced back into the "grazing" treatment cell (1/4th of the seed plots) in fall 1993. *Baccharis pilularis*, *Heracleum lanatum*, *Maianthemum dilatatum*, *Pteridium aquilinum*, and *Rubus spectabilis* showed the greatest increase over the 6 years, while *Carex obnupta*, *Rubus ursinus*, and *Holcus lanatus* declined in cover and frequency. The sum of the individual cover values for exotic species peaked in 1996 compared to 1993 and 1999, but overall never constituted more than 10% of the summed cover values for both exotic and native species (Table 2).

In the *Spruce forest*, average hemispheric cover declined from 82 to 62%, while average ground cover increased from 47 to 94%; both changes were the result of spruce thinning in

1989, 1992 and 1994. Species that increased in abundance over the 6 years included *Juncus* spp., *Heracleum lanatum*, *Rubus discolor*, and especially *Rubus spectabilis*, *Rubus ursinus*, *Maianthemum dilatatum*, and *Anthoxanthum dilatatum*. Species that declined included *Carex obnupta*, *Cirsium* spp., and particularly *Erectites minima*. The summed cover values for exotic species in this habitat also peaked in 1996, rising from 68 to 85% of the summed cover values for all species, but then dropped to 58% of the total by 1999.

3.52 Western Lily 1998 Seed Plots

As part of the current study, 12 - 1ft² seed plots were established in each of the 3 grazing treatment areas (Map 1). A short rebar stake was placed at the northwest corner of each plot. Locational coordinates and grazing treatment for each seed plot are indicated in Table 1. On October 6, 1998, 50 visibly healthy lily seed were planted in each test plot prior to introduction of cattle.

Numerous seedlings were observed growing in several of the plots in July, 1999. No attempt was made to count the very small seedlings this year. The seed plots will be monitored annually hereafter for number and growth of seedlings.

3.53 Western Lily Seed (Cow) Ingestion Study

On January 18, 1999, 500 healthy western lily seed were fed to a cow (Holstein-Guernsey cross) provided by Fred Fearrian (grazing lessee), confined in a pen at his ranch near Loleta. The cow was initially deprived of food for 24 hours in order to encourage consumption of the grain. The seed was then added to several pounds of grain, and fed to the cow (confined by a stanchion). The excrement was collected every 12 hours thereafter for 36 hours, and transported to TBER, where it was placed in a fenced area near grid coordinates 270/300 (Map 1).

Approximately a third of the excrement was disturbed by deer (through the surrounding barbed wire), which may compromise the results. No seedlings emerged in 1999. The lack of germination in seed planted in January or later is not surprising. Of 1,000 seed planted at Freshwater Farms nursery on February 22, 1999, only 7 seedlings emerged this year. In addition, results for western lily seed planted in the greenhouse on January 18 and January 27, 1993 showed as high as 42% 1st-year germination during the first year for the seed planted on January 18, but <1% germination for seed planted only 9 days later (Imper, 1999).

The excrement will be monitored annually hereafter for seedling germination, growth and survival.

3.54 Western Lily Recruitment in Cattle Trails

Three 3ft² plots (CTP #1-3; Map 1) were permanently marked in existing cattle trails located in the south enclosure in June 1998, in order to monitor lily seedling density and fate, and soil compaction in trails created during the past 2 years of passive winter cattle grazing (and likely impacted by human traffic). Location coordinates are indicated in Table 1. For each plot, a rebar stake was placed at the southwest and northwest corners. In June 1998, and July 1999, all western lilies were recorded and mapped within the plot (centered on the cattle

TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF VEGETATION AND WESTERN LILY SURVIVAL AND GROWTH IN 48 SEED PLOTS PLANTED IN FALL 1993, TBER (SEE APPENDIX A).

COASTAL PRAIRIE PLOTS

WESTERN LILY ESTABLISHMENT
 BULB REMAIN (NW/4)**
 #LIOC SDLING (FROM SEED)
 #LIOC PLTS MULT. LVES
 LIOC MAX HT
 LIOC MEAN HT

TREATMENT	1996					1999				
	OVERALL	MOW	GRAZE	BURN	CONTROL	OVERALL	MOW	GRAZE	BURN	CONTROL
	avg#	tot#	avg#	tot#	avg#	tot#	avg#	tot#	avg#	tot#
	0	4	0	0	0	1	4	2	1	6
	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	3	0	6
	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	2	2

TREATMENT

TREATMENT	1993 AVERAGE COVER%/FREQUENCY					1996 AVERAGE COVER%/FREQUENCY					1999 AVERAGE COVER%/FREQUENCY				
	OVERALL	MOW	GRAZE	BURN	CONTROL	OVERALL	MOW	GRAZE	BURN	CONTROL	OVERALL	MOW	GRAZE	BURN	CONTROL
Canopy cover (hemispheric)	27	16	31	30	20	24	17	31	17	17	49	43	48	53	52
Spruce cover	13	0	15	22	0	9	0	18	NOT YET BURNED	0	10	0	18	22	1
Total ground cover	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
NATIVE SPECIES (%/in)															
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	33	0	17	4	21	0	0
<i>Calamagrostis nutkaensis</i>	17	67	6	50	6	33	29	100	28	83	22	67	8	67	18
<i>Carex obovata</i>	26	96	36	100	44	100	8	83	14	100	15	61	9	50	14
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	3	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	100	6	67	2
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	0	4	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	0	0	0
<i>Heracleum lanatum</i>	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	0	0	0
<i>Iris douglasiana</i>	10	71	13	83	2	33	5	67	20	100	3	22	3	17	3
<i>Malanthemum dilatatum</i>	1	21	0	0	3	17	2	67	0	0	32	100	16	100	0
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	7	25	4	17	3	17	20	67	0	0	10	44	0	12	67
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	10	83	8	83	15	100	4	67	12	83	33	94	3	17	2
<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	100	34	83	0
<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	4	25	0	0	12	50	3	33	1	17	6	28	13	50	0
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	1	4	5	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	33	6	33	0
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	56	96	68	100	52	83	31	100	72	100	80	100	48	83	3
<i>Solidago spatulata</i>	9	17	0	0	0	17	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Stachys rigida</i>	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	17	0	0	0
Subtotal - native cover	136	148	139	112	152	193	176	192	210	210	113	131	91	111	117
EXOTIC SPECIES															
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	1	33	2	50	0	0	3	67	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Aster chilensis</i>	1	25	0	0	0	17	1	17	2	67	1	17	0	0	0
<i>Cirsium vulgare + C. arvense</i>	1	13	2	17	0	17	0	17	0	0	2	33	0	17	0
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	11	83	8	100	2	33	26	100	6	100	21	83	29	100	28
Subtotal - exotic cover	12	10	2	2	31	6	6	6	6	6	7	50	16	100	4
Total sum cover(%)	148	158	141	140	142	158	214	205	220	217	164	152	102	115	123
Wtd mean height vegetation(")	37	(H)	35	38	37	40	40	(HT)	37	40	44	44	44	44	44

SPRUCE FOREST PLOTS

WESTERN LILY ESTABLISHMENT
 #LIOC SDLING (FROM SEED)
 #LIOC PLTS MULT. LVES
 #PLTS FLOWERING
 LIOC MEAN HT
 LIOC MAX HT

TREATMENT	1996					1999				
	OVERALL	MOW	GRAZE	BURN	CONTROL	OVERALL	MOW	GRAZE	BURN	CONTROL
	avg#	tot#	avg#	tot#	avg#	tot#	avg#	tot#	avg#	tot#
	7	119	6	33	4	21	11	65	4	92
	6	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	3	2	2	4	4	7	44	2	20

TREATMENT

TREATMENT	1993 AVERAGE COVER%/FREQUENCY					1996 AVERAGE COVER%/FREQUENCY					1999 AVERAGE COVER%/FREQUENCY				
	OVERALL	MOW	GRAZE	BURN	CONTROL	OVERALL	MOW	GRAZE	BURN	CONTROL	OVERALL	MOW	GRAZE	BURN	CONTROL
Canopy cover (hemispheric)	82	64	87	79	81	58	55	60	57	57	62	59	56	73	55
Spruce cover	65	47	75	65	59	37	30	28	44	44	44	42	47	56	36
Total ground cover	47	68	15	85	40	84	100	78	90	90	94	98	98	88	92
NATIVE SPECIES (%/in)															
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	0	8	1	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Calamagrostis nutkaensis</i>	1	21	2	33	0	0	2	50	0	0	1	50	0	0	0
<i>Carex obovata</i>	6	31	7	75	14	33	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	17	5
<i>Festuca subuliflora</i>	1	13	3	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	4	67	1
<i>Juncus spp.</i>	1	4	3	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Malanthemum dilatatum</i>	0	13	0	0	0	2	50	0	0	0	1	33	0	0	0
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	2	33	1	33	2	50	7	33	0	17	2	33	3	50	2
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	1	13	1	17	0	0	5	33	0	0	0	11	0	17	1
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	1	50	3	67	0	0	1	50	1	83	2	56	1	50	2
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	1	67	3	100	1	50	1	67	1	50	8	100	7	100	5
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	0	13	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Saxifraga</i>	0	13	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Heracleum lanatum</i>	0	13	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	6	83	3	83	10	100	10	50	2	100	3	39	1	33	5
Subtotal - native cover	21	88	26	26	30	4	18	17	20	67	18	55	42	52	66
EXOTIC SPECIES															
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	0	8	0	17	0	0	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	1	21	2	50	0	0	1	17	0	17	25	87	26	100	21
<i>Cirsium vulgare + C. arvense</i>	2	50	8	100	0	17	0	33	1	50	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Erechtites minima</i>	7	71	14	100	0	17	9	67	5	100	32	100	26	100	37
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	31	88	28	100	2	50	65	100	30	100	58	94	79	100	39
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	1	46	1	33	0	33	1	50	1	67	1	11	0	0	0
<i>Rubus discolor (himalaya)</i>	0	8	0	17	0	17	0	0	0	0	1	33	0	0	0
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	0	6	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	22	3	50	0
<i>Stachys rigida</i>	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	17	1	22	3	50	0
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	17	0	17	1	33	0
Subtotal - exotic cover	44	54	2	2	79	41	102	122	81	103	61	115	78	64	31
Total sum cover(%)	65	80	28	108	46	46	120	140	100	121	115	120	117	99	71
Wtd mean height vegetation(")	17	(H)	20	11	23	13	33	(HT)	37	36	26	26	26	26	26

*Plots = 6' X 6', N = 6 ea. treatment and vegetation type (coa. pr./spruce); AC = average cover; %FRE = % frequency within group specified.
 **Note: 100 seed planted SE quarter all plots, and 3-12 bulbs planted NW quarter of indicated plots, fall 1993.
 ***Sampled 10/93, 7/96 and 6/99 (See Appendix A).

trail) and in two 3ft² plots adjoining the central plot on both sides of the trail. Soil core samples were collected between 4 and 10 inches below the ground surface from each center plot and one of the adjacent plots. Samples were retrieved by driving a 1.37 inch diameter x 4 inch thinwall brass tubes, sharpened on the leading edge. Each sample was immediately labeled and sealed with duct tape until weighed to the nearest gram. Samples were then extruded and dried to oven dry weight at 105 degrees C., then reweighed to calculate bulk density and % moisture. Number of lily seedlings and mature plants, and bulk density and moisture results for each plot are reported in Table 5.

Soil Compaction: In 1998, average soil bulk density for the 6 samples (3 trail, 3 adjacent) was 58 pounds per cubic foot (pcf), ranging 52-74 pcf in the trail plots, and 49-58 pcf in the adjacent plots (Table 5). In 1999, the overall average was 56 pcf, ranging 50-61 in the trail and 54-59 in the adjacent plots. Although the sample sizes are too small to enable meaningful statistical comparison, it appears there is no significant difference in soil bulk density associated with proximity to the trails, or between years.

Seedling Fate: In 1998, the trail and adjacent habitat sample plots contained 17-49, and 1-13 seedlings, respectively; totals for 1999 were similar; 6-55 seedlings in the trail plots and 1-17 seedlings in the offset plots. Number of seedlings recorded, and the probabilities that each seedling or mature plant either did not emerge, or returned as a seedling or mature plant in 1999 are shown in Table 5. Overall an estimated 45% of the 1998 seedlings did not emerge, 3% progressed to a mature stage, and the remainder returned as seedlings again in 1999. These data are subject to error due to the difficulty in determining the unique identity of seedlings from year to year (since height often does not change).

Since the cattle have continued to use the sampled trail segments, young lily bulbs located near the surface and undoubtedly some mature plants are eliminated or are setback due to physical disruption. The preponderance of germination within the trails, in contrast to the threat of elimination or chronic disruption from hoof traffic, suggests the majority of adult plants may have developed in trails receiving only modest use, or which were soon abandoned. As a result, we can assume that lily recruitment should be optimized by introducing cattle on a seasonal basis for the minimum period necessary to maintain surrounding vegetation (e.g., 2-4 years), followed by a rest period during which the lily has sufficient time to develop, and withdraw its bulb to a safe depth out of reach of hoof damage (e.g., 3-5 years).

3.6 Soil Compaction Characterization

In October 1998, and September 1999, between 5 and 7 soil cores were sampled at random locations within each of the 3 grazing treatments, in addition to the cattle trail samples described above. Sample methodology and preparation were described above.

In 1998, dry bulk density ranged from 49 to 74 pcf; mean bulk density for all samples, including the 6 samples collected from the cattle trail plots, was 60 pcf, while moisture content was 36% (a light rainfall had occurred the previous week). These results correlated well with the mean density for samples collected in the *Coastal prairie* in 1992 (59 pcf; n = 4) and 1994 (63 pcf; n = 6). For comparison, the mean bulk density measured in nearby *Tall fescue grassland* soils (unsuitable lily habitat) was 70 pcf (n = 4) in 1992 (Imper and Sawyer, 1994).

TABLE 5. SOIL BULK DENSITY AND MOISTURE RESULTS, SEP 99 AND OCT 98, AND LIOC CENSUS RESULTS IN CATTLE TRAIL PLOTS, TBER, JUN 98 AND JUN 99.

Location	Sample ID	1998			1999			
		Moisture (%)	Bulk Dens. (#/cf)	Group B.D. Means	Moisture (%)	Bulk Dens. (#/cf)	Group B.D. Means	
So. Grazing	1	35	54		26	64		
	Trtmnt	45	49		28	61		
	Cell	3	37	61		30	69	
		4	36	55		28	61	
		5	34	63	56	28	64	
		23				39	51	
24				30	64	62		
						1998-99 P>0.1		
No. Grazing	6	36	65		25	66		
	Trtmnt	46	63		25	63		
	Cell	8	26	64		33	60	
		9	42	67		51	50	
		10	33	58	63	26	52	
		22				54	60	
27				33	63	59		
						1998-99 P>0.1		
Passive Grazing	11	31	65		36	50		
	Trtmnt	30	58		22	64		
	Cell	13	25	63		30	69	
		14		64		24	74	
		15	21	74	65	24	63	
		26				27	64	64
						1998-99 P>0.1		
Cattle Trail Plots	1ctr	46	60		28	61		
	Seed	45	49		32	59		
	1west	2ctr	21	74		35	55	
		2north	39	58		29	57	
		2south						
		3ctr	46	52		33	50	
		3north	44	52		30	54	
		3south			58			56
Overall Mean	36	60		31	60	1998-99 P>0.1		

Notes:

Soil bulk density values are dry weight; samples = 1.37" dia. x 4" brass tubes driven into soil between 4 and 10" below surface, oven-dried @ 105d C. to constant weight
 Cattle trail plots = 3' x 3', centered on cattle trails in optimum LIOC habitat.

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Cattle Trail Plots	1998		1999		Total number plants						
	#LIOC sdlings*	#LIOC mature	#LIOC sdlings	#LIOC mature	no sdlg 1999	sdlg to mat 99	sdlg stay sdlg 99	new sdlg 1999	mat not show 99	mat to mat 99	new mat 99
1ctr	18	0	6	5	10	3	5	1	0	0	1
1east	2	3	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	2	1
1west	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
2ctr	49	10	55	15	17	0	32	23	3	7	8
2north	10	6	4	8	10	0	0	3	1	5	3
2south	13	10	17	10	5	0	8	14	2	8	1
3ctr	17	3	14	4	5	0	10	3	0	3	1
3north	2	2	4	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	1
3south	1	1	5	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	1
Totals	114	35	109	48	51	3	60	50	8	27	17
					Probabilities:						
1ctr					0.56	0.17	0.28		0.00	0.00	
1east					0.50	0.00	0.50		0.00	0.67	
1west					0.50	0.00	0.50		0.00	0.00	
2ctr					0.35	0.00	0.65		0.30	0.70	
2north					1.00	0.00	0.00		0.17	0.83	
2south					0.38	0.00	0.62		0.10	0.80	
3ctr					0.29	0.00	0.59		0.00	1.00	
3north					1.00	0.00	1.00		0.00	1.00	
3south					0.00	0.00	1.00		0.00	0.00	
Total					0.45	0.03	0.53		0.23	0.77	

* Seedlings = single leaf; mature = multi-leaved.

1999 results were very similar to 1998; bulk densities ranged 50-74 pcf, also with a mean of 60 pcf. Statistical comparison between the overall means, and the group means for each grazing treatment for the 2 years showed no significant difference (t test; unpaired; $P > 0.1$).

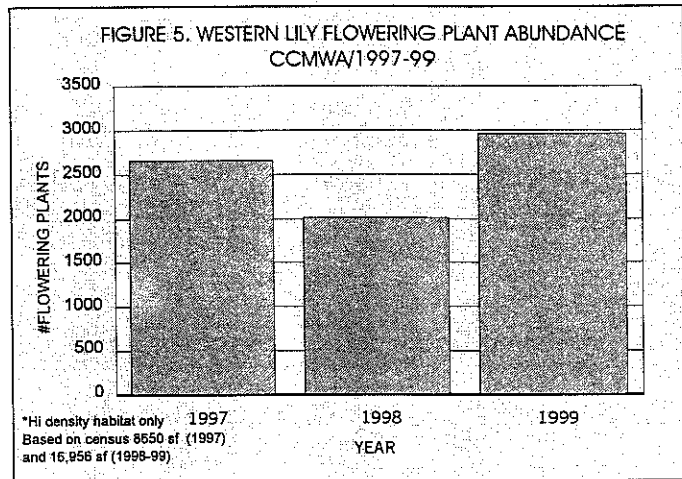
3.7 Year 2000 Vegetation Strategy Task Schedule

- 1) In mid-March, 2000 and 2001, the fencing and chemical treatments will be replaced, and in September 2000 and 2001, the fencing and chemical treatments will be removed.
- 2) The 27 LH plots will be monitored on or about the following dates: March 15, April 1, April 15, and June 15, 2000 and 2001. On each monitoring date, all mature lilies within the entire plot, and all single leaf seedlings within the seedling plots will be mapped and characterized for height, extent of browsing or disease, and flowering condition.
- 3) The cattle trail plots (lily recruitment and soil compaction) located in the south cattle enclosure will be resampled in June (recruitment) and September (soil compaction), 2000 and 2001.
- 4) The 48 - 3ft² seed plots installed in 1994 as part of the Experimental Habitat Manipulation Project (Imper and Sawyer, 1996) will be monitored for lily survival and growth in June 2001.
- 5) The 3rd year project status report will be submitted by March 31, 2001, summarizing the results of the past 3 years. A comprehensive report will be submitted by March 31, 2002, and include: a) discussion of lily population life history, demographics, phenology, annual dormancy rates, recruitment and seedling fate observed over the 4 years, b) assessment of the positive and negative aspects of cattle grazing in maintaining or expanding the western lily population and its habitat, and c) assessment of the impacts of natural browsing and the efficacy of the various means investigated for its control. Recommendations will be made for further monitoring.

4.0 CRESCENT CITY MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

4.1 Western Lily Population Status

Due to the very large and widely distributed western lily population at the CCMWA, no complete census has been conducted to date. The population monitoring protocol implemented in 1997 (Imper and Sawyer, 1997) incorporated a series of 12 foot x 20 foot belt transects in the North Marsh, and 12 foot diameter circular plots in the South Marsh, systematically located and permanently marked for reference each year. All flowering plants and a portion of the vegetative plants were recorded within an area of 8,650 sf. Based on the number of flowering plants counted in the North and South marshes (80 and 130, or 2.2 and 3.0 plants/100 sf, respectively), and the estimated square footage of equivalent high density occupied habitat in each marsh (26,400 and 69,400 sf, respectively), the entire flowering population in 1997 was estimated to be about 2,660 (not counting some 580 flowering and non-flowering plants estimated to occupy "low density" habitat that year).



The revised protocol implemented in 1998 for this study included a flowering census based on 24 - 30 ft diameter circular plots, for a total sample area of 16,956 sf. All flowering lilies within each plot were recorded and mapped in July 1998, and July 1999 (Appendix C). Maps for 1998 were submitted previously (Imper and Sawyer, 1998). Assuming the 8,478 sf sampled in each marsh qualifies as "high density" habitat defined in 1997, the estimated total plants flowering in 1998 and 1999 were 2,016 and 2,996, respectively. This estimate does not include a small number of plants located on private property west of the 2 marshes, and the habitat considered to contain plants at low density. The estimates suggest 1998 was a low year, and 1997 and 1999 were peak years. Alternating peak years, as a result of both non-emergence and browsing during the early part of the season has been shown to occur at 2 sites on Table Bluff (Christensen and Barry sites).

Based on the proportion of flowering plants observed in the LH Plots (88 out of 512 plants), and the total number of plants emerging this year (as opposed to the number observed in July only), the total population probably exceeded the flowering population by a factor of 5-6, resulting in a total estimated 1999 population occupying high density habitat in excess of 17,000.

The western lily in the North Marsh is unevenly distributed, with habitat in the south portion supporting far more plants than the north portion. The difference is exemplified by census counts for vegetation plots #9, 10 and 12, located at the north edge of the marsh (averaged 6 flowering plants in 1999), and plots #1, 3 and 8, located at the south edge of the marsh (averaged 47 flowering plants in 1999). The factors responsible for the uneven distribution are not clear, but may be related to water table depth or degree of exposure.



STATE STREET

WALDO

KERRY

BARKER

TEMPLE

OLIVE

NORTH MARSH

T1 T2 T3

0/0

T200

T300

T400

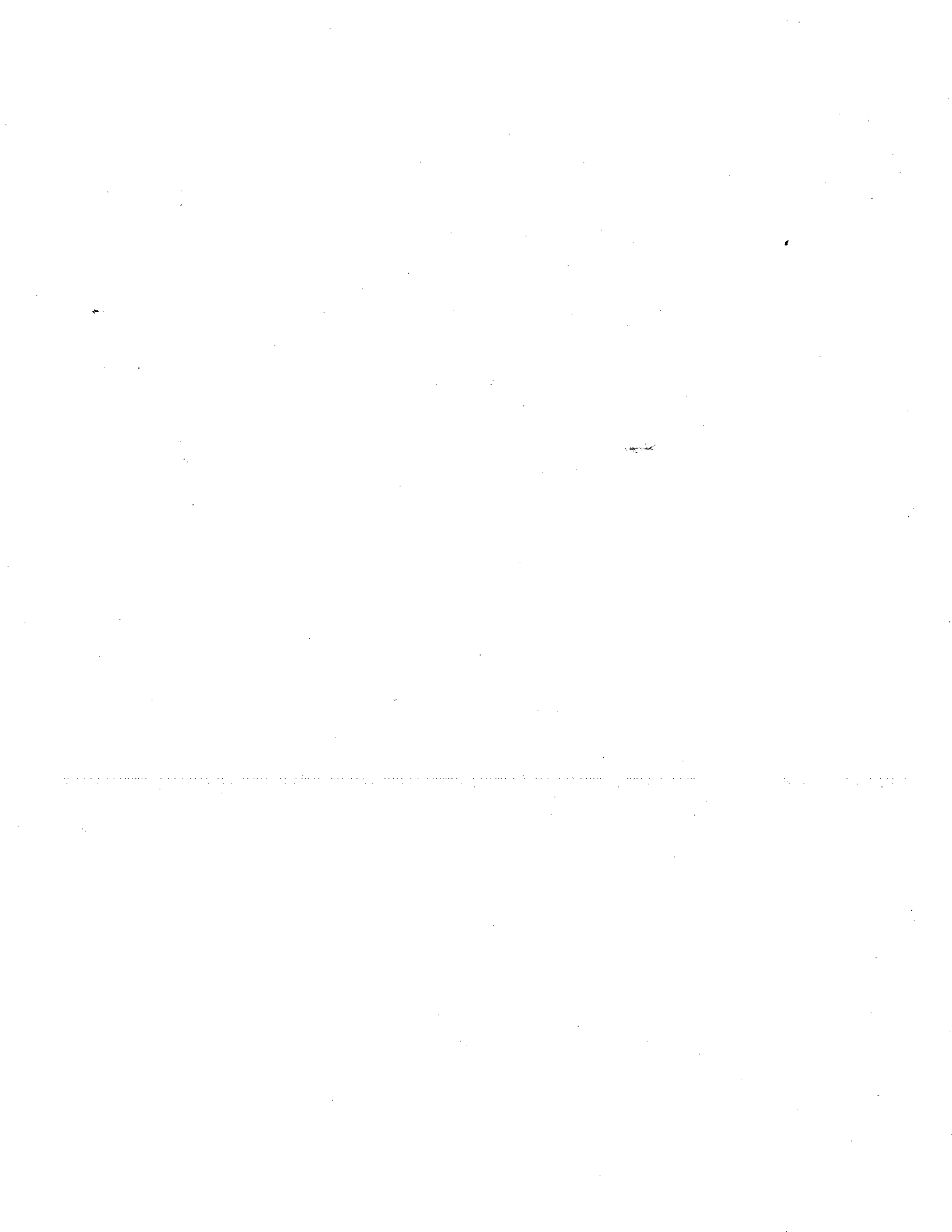
SOUTH MARSH

T500

T600



MAP 2. 1996 AERIAL PHOTO OF THE STUDY AREA, SHOWING NORTH AND SOUTH MARSHES AND BASELINE GRIDS; SCALE: 1" = 200'



4.2 Depth to Water Table

Formal monitoring of the water table depth in the North and South marshes was begun in 1997. A portion of the PVC pipe used to mark sample plots that year were modified to serve as informal piezometers, enabling measurement of depth to the water table across the occupied lily habitat. Piezometers were installed at 40 foot intervals along T1 and T3 in the North Marsh, and at 40 foot intervals along transects T200 and T400 in the South Marsh (Maps 3 and 4). The piezometers consisted of 6 foot sections of 3/4 inch PVC pipe, sawcut in the lower half, capped at the bottom, and pushed at least 3 feet into the peat substrate. Measurements made on July 28, 1997 ranged between 9 and 36 inches below the surface in the South Marsh, and from 10 to greater than 35 inches in the North Marsh. The correlation between vegetation type and height, and depth to water was evident in the South Marsh, with an average depth of 12 inches recorded in the *Low Labrador tea marsh* (N = 4), and 29 inches in the *Tall Labrador tea marsh* (N = 4). In particular, measurements in that marsh taken along transect T400 exhibited a sharp drop in water table moving north, corresponding to a sharp increase in height of the *Labrador tea marsh*. Average depth to water is less in both the *Buckbean marsh* and *Carex marsh*, located south of the transect baseline, which often contains standing water. Water table measurements taken in the North Marsh were more varied. Average depth to water measured there in the *Calamagrostis marsh* was 20 inches (N = 5), while the average measurement along the edge or outside of that habitat exceeded 28 inches (N = 3).

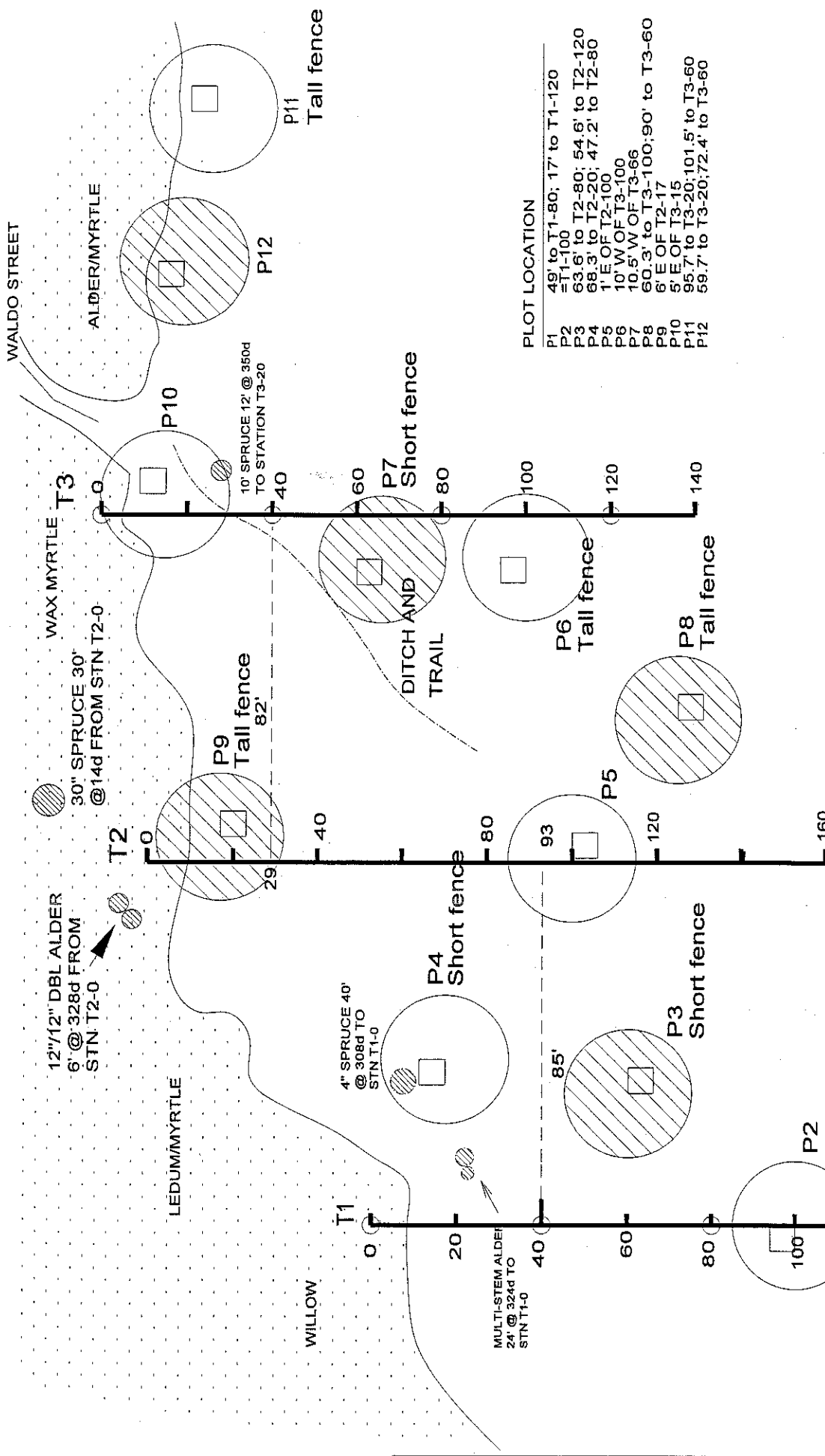
Measurements were made again on July 21, 1999 at the following stations (followed by 1999, then 1997 depth to water): North Marsh: T1-80' (8, 27 inches) and T1-120' (11, 10 inches); South Marsh: T200-40' (6, 9 inches); T400-120' (8, 36 inches); T400-160 (8, 31 inches). The relative measurements indicate on nearly the same date this year, the water table was much higher than in 1997, not surprising given the greater rainfall this past year (City of Eureka rainfall: 12.5 vs. 7.9 inches total from March-June during the respective years).

4.3 Manual Vegetation Removal and Fencing Treatments

Twelve 30 foot diameter vegetation plots, each enclosing a 6ft² LH plot, were permanently marked in both the North and South marshes in July 1998 (Maps 2-4). Since a comprehensive grid coordinate system has not been developed for the CCMWA population, the vegetation and LH plots were mapped relative to the existing monitoring framework for the 2 marshes (Maps 3 and 4). The plots were marked as follows: a 4 foot rebar stake was placed at one corner of the square plot, corresponding to the center point for the surrounding 30 ft diameter vegetation plot. A 4 foot PVC pipe marker was placed at the diagonal corner of the LH plot. The plots were subjectively located so as to provide a comparison between manual treatment and no treatment in similar vegetation, as well as contain at least some mature lilies and maximize the number of seedlings in the LH plots, and provide space between adjoining vegetation plots. The manually treated plots are indicated in Maps 3 and 4.

The LH plots were monitored in July 1998, and on 4 dates between March 26 and July, 21, 1999, using the same methodology described above for the LH plots sampled at TBER. Vegetation plots were monitored in July 1998 and 1999.

In both the North and South marshes, one half of the vegetation plots were cleared of all tree cover, and selected shrub cover between October 28 and 30, 1998. Trees and shrubs were removed at the base with pruners or a gas powered brush machine. Target species included



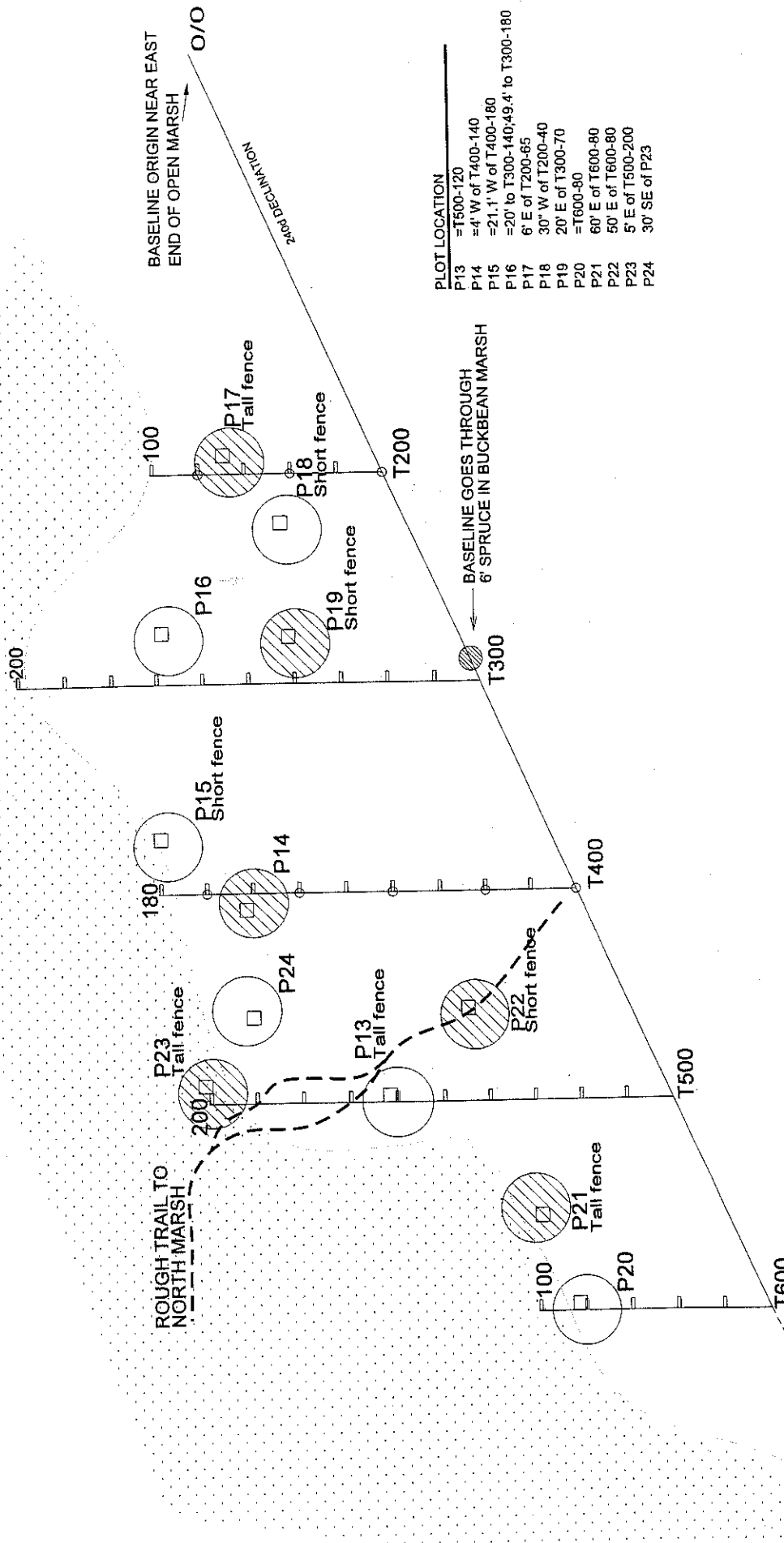
PLOT LOCATION

P1	49' to T1-80; 17' to T1-120 = T1-100
P2	63.6' to T2-80; 54.6' to T2-120
P3	68.3' to T2-20; 47.2' to T2-80
P4	1'E OF T2-100
P5	10' W OF T3-100
P6	10.5' W OF T3-66
P7	60.3' to T3-100; 90' to T3-60
P8	6' E OF T2-17
P9	5' E OF T3-15
P10	95.7' to T3-20; 101.5' to T3-60
P11	59.7' to T3-20; 72.4' to T3-60
P12	

MAP 3. CCMWA NORTH MARSH
 MAP TO TRANSECTS T1, T2, T3 AND LIFE HISTORY VEGETATION PLOTS

○ = PIEZOMETER
 □ = LIFE HISTORY PLOT
 ◐ = VEGETATION PLOT (HATCHED=MANUAL TRTMT)

SCALE: 1" = ~35'

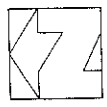


BASELINE ORIGIN NEAR EAST
END OF OPEN MARSH
O/O

PLOT LOCATION

P13	= T500-120
P14	= 4' W of T400-140
P15	= 21.1' W of T400-180
P16	= 20' to T300-140; 49.4' to T300-180
P17	6' E of T200-65
P18	30' W of T200-40
P19	20' E of T300-70
P20	= T600-80
P21	60' E of T600-80
P22	50' E of T600-80
P23	5' E of T500-200
P24	30' SE of P23

MAP 4. CCMWA
SOUTH MARSH
MAP TO TRANSECTS T200-T600
AND LIFE HISTORY/VEGETATION PLOTS



- = PIEZOMETER
 - = LIFE HISTORY PLOT
 - ◐ = VEGETATION PLOT (STIPPLED=MANUAL TRTMT)
- SCALE: 1" = -70'

700' STN -10' SOUTH
OF DENSE WALL ALDERWILLOW

Alnus rubra, *A. viridus*, *Lonicera involucrata*, *Myrica californica*, *Picea sitchensis*, *Rhamnus purshiana*, *Salix hookeriana*, *S. lasiolepis*, *Spiraea densiflorus*, and in some cases, *Ledum glandulosum* and *Rubus ursinus*. *Ledum glandulosum* and *Rubus ursinus* were only removed from a portion of the plots, indicated on the vegetation plot data sheets. Past observation has indicated in most cases the lily is able to tolerate high cover of these species, while the lily rarely occurs in dense stands of *Spiraea*.

An average of 2 people worked for 2 - 10 hour days to treat the plots, for a total labor expenditure of 40 hours to treat 8,500 sf (~200 sf/hour; 200 hrs/acre). Occupied habitat in the 2 marshes is estimated at 260,000 sf, or ~6 acres, not including surrounding private property (Imper and Sawyer, 1997). Approximately 40% of this area is not currently threatened by shrub encroachment (e.g., *Carex marsh*, *Buckbean marsh*), leaving an estimated 3.5 acres potentially in need of clearing (not counting private property). At that rate, a crew of 4 may be required for 3-4 weeks to adequately clear the habitat. Of course, the labor required will increase rapidly (exponentially?) as the vegetation grows. At the same time, longevity of the effects of manual treatment are potentially short, certainly less than 20 years based on the current age of the predominate woody vegetation in the marsh (discussed below).

4.4 Vegetation Characterization and Results of Manual Vegetation Removal

All woody shrub and tree crown cover was mapped, and cover and height of all species were recorded in the 24 vegetation plots, in July 1998 (prior to manual treatment of 12 plots - October 1998), and in July 1999 (tabulation of pre- and post-treatment field data - Appendix D; 1999 field data sheets - Attachment 4). Average frequency, cover and height are reported for associated species in Table 6. Slide photographs were taken of each vegetation plot prior to and following manual removal of vegetation in October, 1998, and again (treated plots only) in July 1999 (location and declination of each photopoint indicated in Maps 3 and 4). All photodocumentation conducted in 1998 and 1999 is included as Attachment 6.

The species most negatively impacted by the clearing included *Picea sitchensis* (eliminated in the plots), *Alnus viridus*, *Malus fusca*, and *Myrica californica* (Table 6). Species that were reduced in height, but otherwise were relatively unaffected, included *Spiraea douglasii*, *Alnus rubra*, *Lonicera involucrata*. Several species may have been positively influenced by the removal of woody species (8 months prior), including *Veratrum californicum*, *Equisetum* spp., and *Blechnum spicant*.

Whether the manual treatment impacted the western lily is not clear. Between 1998 and 1999, the number of flowering plants increased by 56% in the cleared plots (difference between the means statistically significant; t test; $P < 0.05$), and 72% in the uncleared plots (statistically significant; $P < 0.01$), for an overall increase of 62% (Table 8). The number of seedlings encountered in the LH plots increased in both cleared and uncleared plots, but the difference between the means between the 2 years was statistically significant only for the cleared plots ($P = 0.01$). When the number of seedlings actually present at the time of the July census were compared, the difference in means between the 2 years was not significant. The number of mature plants also increased in both cleared and uncleared plots from 1998 to 1999, but the difference in means was not statistically significant either for the total encountered, or the number of plants present during the July census. There also was no indication that the clearing significantly impacted the average height of flowering plants in the vegetation plots. The results overall indicated no obvious impact on the lily from the treatment.

TABLE 6. SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ASSOCIATED SPECIES IN 24 VEGETATION PLOTS, CCMWA, OCT 98 AND JUL 99.

ASSOCIATED SPECIES	ALL PLOTS*						MANUAL TREATED PLOTS (TREATED OCT98)*					
	%FRE**		%COV**		HT (in)**		%FRE**		%COV**		HT (in)**	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	BEFORE	AFTER	BEFORE	AFTER	BEFORE	AFTER
<i>Ainus rubra</i>	17	17	2	2	199	77	25	25	1	0	185	22
<i>Ainus viridis</i>	83	71	19	10	83	67	83	58	10	1	83	43
<i>Angelica genuflexa</i>	92	96	5	5	57	51	92	100	2	2	52	42
<i>Athyrium felix-femina</i>	54	54	3	3	41	43	58	58	2	2	37	41
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	46	54	4	3	38	40	42	58	1	1	34	37
<i>Calamagrostis nutkaensis</i>	100	100	58	58	43	44	100	100	26	26	41	42
<i>Carex obnupta</i>	88	88	21	20	45	43	83	83	10	9	43	39
<i>Carex spp.</i>	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0		
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0		
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	4	4	0	0	48	48	0	0	0	0		
<i>Epipactis gigantea</i>	8	8	0	0	18	18	8	8	0	0	24	24
<i>Equisetum spp.</i>	17	21	1	1	27	31	25	33	1	1	24	30
<i>Galium trifidum</i>	0	4	0	0			0	8	0	0		
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0		
<i>Gentiana sceptrum</i>	29	25	1	1	26	23	33	25	0	0	27	22
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	0	8	0	0			0	17	0	0		
<i>Hypericum formosum</i>	17	21	0	0	21	20	8	17	0	0	24	21
<i>Juncus leseurii</i>	25	29	2	1	50	46	17	25	1	0	48	40
<i>Ledum glandulosum</i>	100	100	68	64	50	42	100	100	32	28	50	34
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	67	67	7	5	68	56	58	58	4	2	72	45
<i>Lotus formosissimus</i>	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0		
<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>	96	96	12	13	35	36	100	100	8	8	28	31
<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>	4	8	1	1	48	27	0	8	0	0		6
<i>Malus fusca</i>	13	8	1	1	152	87	17	8	1	0	162	42
<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	54	58	3	5	14	14	42	50	2	3	12	12
<i>Myrica californica</i>	46	33	6	5	97	107	33	8	1	0	90	144
<i>Oenanthe sarmentosa</i>	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0		
<i>Picea sitchensis</i>	50	25	5	2	134	165	50	0	3	0	104	
<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	8	8	0	0	36	36	0	0	0	0		
<i>Potentilla palustris</i>	75	79	14	16	32	31	92	100	11	12	34	33
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	4	4	0	0			0	0	0	0		
<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	50	46	2	2	63	58	67	58	2	1	62	53
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	58	58	18	14	39	35	58	58	8	4	38	30
<i>Salix spp.</i>	29	29	7	5	98	75	25	25	3	1	112	60
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>	100	100	27	28	32	32	100	100	16	18	34	34
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	8	8	0	0	54	54	0	0	0	0		
<i>Aster chilensis</i>	42	42	1	1	38	33	42	42	1	0	41	30
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	42	42	8	7	60	50	33	33	3	2	63	39
<i>Veratrum californicum</i>	0	21	0	1			0	42	0	1		

*All plots (N=24) and Treated Plots (N=12)

**%FRE = absolute %frequency; %COV = absolute %vertical projection cover;

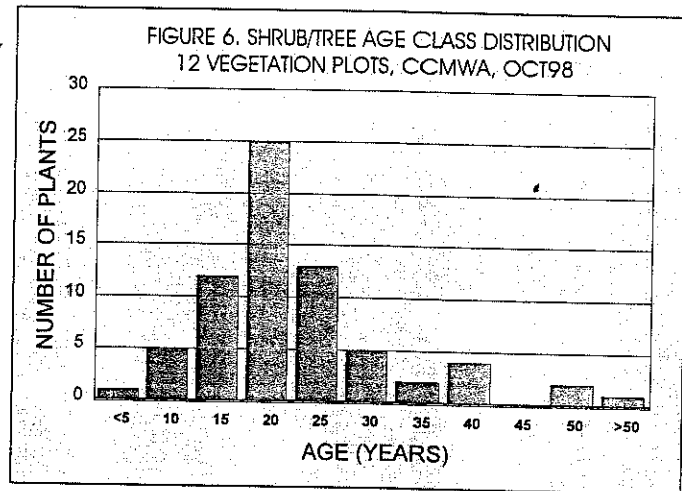
HT = average weighted height (contribution to ht calculation proportional to rel. cover within plot)

TABLE 7. AGE OF SHRUBS AND TREES SECTIONED DURING MANUAL TREATMENT OF 12 VEGETATION PLOTS, NORTH AND SOUTH MARSHES, CCMWA, OCT. 1998.

SPECIES CODE	ALRU	ALVI	LOIN	SPDO	MYCA	PISI	SAL	MAFU
OVERALL N	5	23	9	9	5	8	9	2
VEGETATION PLOT#	AGE--							
1		19	15	9				
		17	17	12				
				18				
3		23		4				
		19		12				
				7				
7		18				19		
		16						
8		18						
		17						
		18						
9		22	14	17	30			
			20					
			21					
12	23			16	14			16
				12				
14		28	23		23	29		
17	68	11	17		23	9	48	
	49					6		
19	34	7	17			16	29	
						13	21	
							23	
21		15	20				36	
		13					40	
		40					16	
		13					18	
							30	
22	23	24				39		
		16				25		
		14						
23		18			33			18
		24						
BY SPECIES								
Max. Age	68	40	23	18	33	39	48	18
Min. Age	23	7	14	4	14	6	16	16
Mean Age	39	19	18	12	25	20	29	17
NORTH MARSH								
Max. Age	23	23	21	18	30	19		16
Min. Age	23	16	14	4	14	19		16
Mean Age	23	19	17	12	22	19		16
SOUTH MARSH								
Max. Age	68	40	23		33	39	48	18
Min. Age	23	7	17		23	6	16	18
Mean Age	44	19	19		26	20	29	18
OVERALL (all species/all plots)								
Max. Age								68
Min. Age								4
Mean Age								21
Std. Dev.								11

Abbreviations: ALRU = *Alnus rubra*; ALVI = *A. viridus*; LOIN = *Lonicera involucrata*;
 SPDO = *Spiraea douglasii*; MYCA = *Myrica californica*; PISI = *Picea sitchensis*; SAL = mixed *Salix*;
 MAFU = *Malus fusca*.

Shrub and Tree Age: Stem cross-sections were collected from the base of the majority of trees and shrubs removed, and aged under a microscope to document the history of encroachment. The predominant tree sampled was Sitka alder (*Alnus viridus*), for which the occurrence at this elevation is quite unusual. With the exception of 2 individuals (40 and 28 years old), all stems were aged at <25 years old, as were the majority of crabapple (*Malus fusca*), twinberry (*Lonicera involucrata*), spiraea (*Spiraea douglasii*), and wax myrtle (*Myrica californica*) individuals (Table 7).

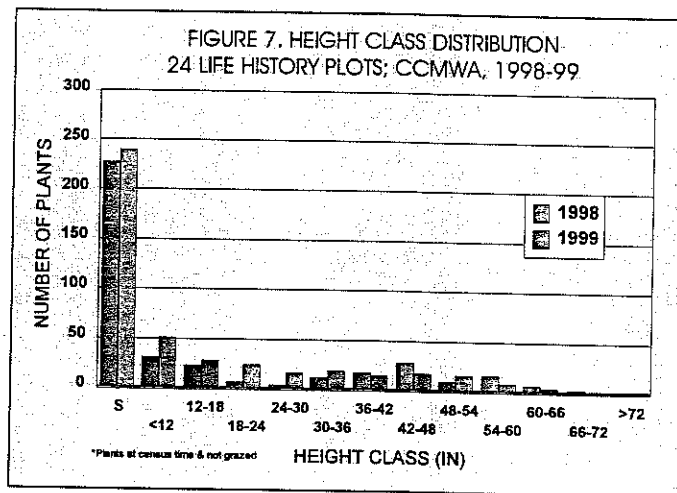


Only willow (*Salix* spp.) and red alder (*Alnus rubra*) generally exceeded 30 years age. Overall, the age class distribution peaked in the 15-20 year age class, regardless of location in the North or South Marsh (Figure 6).

4.5 Western Lily Life History/Browsing Inhibitor Plot Results

Plant density and growth: Various growth characteristics of the sample populations are compared for the 2 years in Table 8; maps of all plants emerging in 1999 are included as Appendix C. The 1999 field data sheets are included as Attachment 3.

Some 222 seedlings and 155 mature lilies were recorded in both marshes in 1998, compared to 296 and 216 plants, respectively, this year, (33-39% increase). Of those plants, 81 flowered in 1998, and 88 flowered this year. Average height of the mature plants overall declined from 34 inches in 1998, to 27 inches this year. The decline in height is unexplained, since phenological development of the population during sampling was equivalent or even more advanced in 1999 compared to 1998. Similar to the TBER, seedlings comprised the largest size class during both years (Figure 7).



The density of seedlings increased from an overall average of 0.26 seedlings/sf in 1998, to 0.34 seedlings/sf this year. The South Marsh continued to exhibit a higher density of seedlings in the LH plots (nearly double this year), even though the density of mature plants was somewhat lower (slightly more than half the density in the North Marsh this year). The increase in the abundance of seedlings and mature plants was only partially explained by the multiple sample dates as opposed to the single census made in 1998, and suggested a high rate of full-year dormancy occurred in 1998 (consistent with the vegetation plot flowering plant totals for the 2 years). No incidence of disease was observed.

TABLE 8. SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR WESTERN LILY IN 24 LIFE HISTORY AND VEGETATION PLOTS, CCMWA, JUL 98 AND JUL 99.

OVERALL LIFE HISTORY PLOTS (24-6 ft sq.)	North Marsh		South Marsh	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total area sampled (sf):	432	432	432	432
Total LIOC seedlings sampled (single leaf)	43	102	179	194
#LIOC seedlings sampled per sf	0.10	0.24	0.41	0.45
Total LIOC non-seedling sampled	81	137	74	79
Mean ht non-seedling plants (in)	33	23	35	29
% incidence mammal grazing (plts still visible at census)	3	2	1	0
% incidence insect/slug grazing (plts still visible at census)	1	0	0	0
% incidence disease (plts still visible at census)	0	0	0	0
Total %plants missing at census time (7/21/99); both marshes combined				15
#Seedlings missing at census; both marshes combined				57
%Seedlings missing at census; both marshes combined				19
#Mature plants missing at census; both marshes combined				19
%Mature plants missing at census;both marshes combined				9

OVERALL VEGETATION PLOTS (24-30 ft dia.)					
		1998	1999	1998	1999
Total area sampled (sf):		8478	8478	8478	8478
Total LIOC flowering		133	268	199	266
#LIOC flowering per sf		0.016	0.032	0.023	0.031
Mean #flowers		1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6
Maximum #flwrs		5	6	7	8
Mean ht (in)		47	46	46	46
Maximum ht (in)		72	88	70	74
Phenology (%plts sampled)	Date:	07/16/98	07/21/99	07/16/98	07/21/99
	Bud (comb. 1998=65; 99=52)	68	56	63	48
	Flower (comb. 1998=31; 99=44)	29	40	32	47
	Fruit (comb. 1998=4; 99=4)	4	4	4	4
	(Inf. Grazed)	0	0	1	0
% incidence mammal grazing (plts still visible at census)		2	0	1	0
% incidence insect/slug grazing (plts still visible at census)		2	0	1	1
% incidence disease (plts still visible at census)		0	0	0	0

Timing of Emergence	%Seedlings emerge 3/26-4/24	62
(both marshes combined)	%Seedlings emerge 4/24-5/22	27
	%Seedlings emerge 5/22-7/21	11
	%mature plts emerge 3/26-4/24	24
	%mature plts emerge 4/24-5/22	48
	%mature plts emerge 5/22-7/21	28

COMPARISON OF CLEARED (OCT98) AND UNCLEARED PLOTS	1998		1999	
	cleared	uncleared	cleared	uncleared
Total sdgls (LH plots)	122	100	173	123
Total mature plts (LH plots)	83	72	132	84
#flowering plants (veg plots)	208	122	324	210

t test significance results

LH Plots

All seedlings 1999: Probability #seedlings differ 1998-99 (paired; 2 ttd)	P =	0.01	0.36
All mature plts: Probability #mature plts differ 1998-99 (paired; 2 ttd)	P =	0.07	0.24
Seedlings present at census: P for #seedlings differ 1998-99	P =	0.54	0.89
Mature plants present at census: P for #mat plts differ 1998-99	P =	0.25	0.34

Vegetation Plots

Flowering plts present at census: P for #plts differ 1998-99		0.03	0.003
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COMPARISON OF FENCING TREATMENTS

	Tall fence	Short fence	Control
1998 (pre-treatment)			
#seedling (present at census)	100	70	52
#mature plants (present at census)	56	59	40
#flowering plants	30	29	22
#plants mammal grazed	2	3	2
1999			
#seedling (present at census)	90	92	57
#seedling (total emerging)	102	123	71
#mature plants (present at census)	55	95	47
#mature plants (total emerging)	58	105	53
#flowering plants	31	35	22
#plants mammal grazed	2	2	0
#plants missing at census time or grazed	15	41	20

Emergence: The majority of seedlings (62%) had emerged between March 26 and April 24, 1999, while the majority of mature plants emerged somewhat later (72% by May 22) (Table 8, Figure 8). No plants were observed emerging prior to March 26.

Natural Browsing Impacts and Results of LH Plot Treatments: The impact of browsing on the marsh population was greater than previously thought. Nineteen of the total 216 mature plants (9%), and 57 of the total 296 seedlings (19%) recorded in 1999 were missing by the July census. Over half of the browsed seedlings and mature plants occurred in the short fence treatment plots. Overall 15 plants were browsed in the tall exclosures, followed by 20 plants in the control (no fencing), and 41 plants in the short fence treatment plots. The high rate of loss in the short fence treatment appeared in part due to inadequate fencing. The hummocky terrain combined with the soft peat substrate, and need to step close to the fence in order to monitor, often caused gaps between the fencing and substrate. Not only was the fence ineffective, but the short fenced plots were often the only plots in which visible browsing activity had occurred (including frequent stacking of stem pieces, apparently typical of voles). The data suggest *preferential use of those plots by the animals intended to be excluded*, perhaps for the protection offered from predators.

4.6 Grazing History on the CCMWA

Aerial photographs for the years 1942, 1964 and 1989 were compared to determine the extent of cattle grazing on the CCMWA over the past 60 years (first generation copies included as Appendix E). In addition, interviews were conducted with Helen Ferguson, whose family grazed cattle on a portion of the CCMWA as late as 1986.

The 1942 aerial photograph, flown by the military for wartime security, indicated most or all of the wildlife area was grazed at that time. In particular, the portion of the CCMWA west of US 101 (western lily site US 101 West), north of Sandmine Road (lily sites Humboldt Road, Humboldt Road West), and west of the large spruce stand outside the north end of the wildlife area (2 private western lily sites) appear to have been cattle grazed. What appears to be a fence line is seen extending along the south edge of the large upland area (inholding in the CCMWA facing Humboldt Road) west across the wet marsh to intersect US 101, indicating cattle were allowed into the wettest portion of the marsh, and were segregated between the north and south portions of the CCMWA. In addition, what appear to be fence lines are located at the north boundary of the CCMWA, extending across the north side of the "North Marsh", and along the current west boundary of the wildlife area, which now adjoins the Hambro Lumber property. However, both the North and South marshes extended across the fence lines, appeared quite open, and showed virtually no sign of large shrubs or trees except across the fence to the north. The habitat located north of the "South Marsh" was definitely more scrubby at that time than currently.

The 1964 aerial photograph appears very similar to the 1942 photograph, with a few exceptions. Additional brush or tree vegetation is seen as islands, or extending out from the former brush boundaries, perhaps indicating the intensity of cattle grazing had been reduced in some areas. The North Marsh remained continuous with the open marsh to the west; however, the west boundary of the South Marsh (i.e., west boundary of CCMWA in this area) was by then cut off from the rest of the marsh to the west by a shrub border, which developed along a ditch cut along the west property boundary, and which connected a logpond (to the north) to the creek located at the south border of the South Marsh. Overall, the 1964 photograph provides no evidence that cattle were entirely removed from any occupied western lily habitat, including the North and

South marshes. The west portion of the fence (appearing in 1942) crossing the wet marsh, between US 101 and Humboldt Road is not visible, but replaced by a brushy corridor. The fence line at the north boundary still appeared (remnants of that fence found in 1992), along with suspected cattle trails next to the fence. Of interest are a series of intertwined ditches or pathways visible in this photograph which appear to match with a the existing network of pathways cut into the peat surface. (Since the western lily does not grow in the bottom of these paths, they provide a means to walk through the marshes without crushing the lily.) While these paths could be just drainage channels, their interbraided distribution suggests they may have been created or used by cattle. In addition, the photograph seems to indicate several of the paths coalesced at the fence along the north boundary, also suggestive of cattle trails.

By 1989, both the North and South marshes have shrunk, and are isolated from the rest of the marsh to the west by the dense vegetation strip following the ditch connecting the former logpond (current Hambro property) and the creek. The north property line is more obscure, and patches of scrub now occur south of the former fence line. The network of trails are not visible in the 1:12,000 scale photograph, suggesting they may have become more grown over (they are visible in the 1:2,400 scale 1996 photographs). The Humboldt Road western lily site still appears relatively open, but the scrub border generally appears to be advancing out into the formerly grazed western lily habitat throughout the wildlife area.

Information provided by Helen Ferguson supported the conclusions based on the photographs. Their family ran approximately 250 cows on the current CCMWA, including the portion of the CCMWA west of US 101, until the late 1970's when CDFG purchased the property. By agreement with CDFG, they continued to run cattle in the habitat west of Humboldt Road (Humboldt Road, and Humboldt Road West lily sites) after the transfer of property, until 1986 (5 years prior to discovery of western lily in this habitat). She indicates both areas of the current wildlife area were much more open prior to removal of cattle, and in particular the very dense habitat west of Humboldt Road (within the spruce stand) was previously very open. Unfortunately, she did not have any knowledge as to whether their cattle, or other cattle used the north end of the marsh in the late 1970's (i.e., North and South marshes).

Unfortunately, there is yet no firm evidence of the extent of historical cattle impacts in the north portion of the CCMWA (e.g., North and South marshes). It is not clear what effect reintroduction of cattle into the North and South marshes at the north end of the CCMWA would have on the soft peat soil, and unique plant communities. Occurrence of the western lily is clearly associated with the root mounds, hummocks and upper peat surface, and it does not occur in the bottom of the trails or mud depressions, where species such as skunk cabbage and several woody shrubs are rooted. While it is possible that the raised hummocks were formed by the high water table and accumulation of debris in the developing root masses, it is also feasible that cattle were responsible for creating the depressions and trails cut into the peat surface, which do not support the lily and many other species. Therefore, even though cattle appear to have been critical in maintaining marsh vegetation in a condition suitable for the lily, their potential impact on the microrelief of the peat surface (i.e., the amount of surface area elevated above the water table) is critical in determining the potential impact of cattle on the western lily. Of course there is no guarantee that the main western lily population on the CCMWA was as robust prior to 1980, when it was grazed, than it is now, although our experience elsewhere indicates that substantial increases in population size for this species require many years. Still it is possible that we are now seeing a significant, but short-lived peak in the population triggered by the removal of cattle, and that reintroduction of cattle would negatively impact the lily.

We also do not know how resumption of cattle grazing in the marsh would impact *Trientalis arctica*, *Sanguisorba officinalis*, *Viola palustris*, and the other sensitive or unusual species present. While presence of these species now suggests they tolerated at least some level of grazing prior to 1980, the potential for impacts on these species, particularly the *Viola* and *Trientalis*, which are relatively rare within the CCMWA, as well as the unique plant communities present, must be considered in planning future management of the wildlife area.

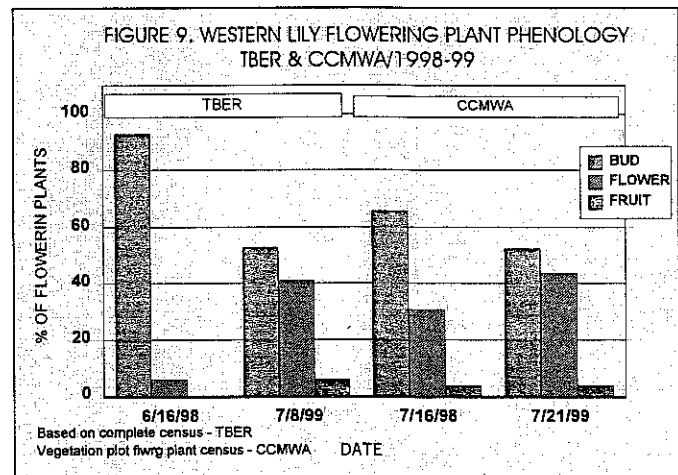
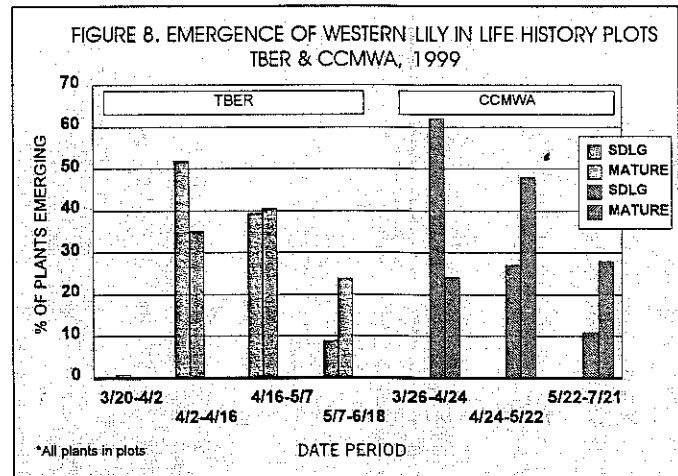
Based on the above concerns, if reintroduction of cattle is considered for the North and South marshes, we recommend the grazing first be implemented on a limited, controlled scale until the impacts on western lily and other sensitive species are determined. Given the rapid successional processes currently active in most of the habitat, an experimental grazing program probably should be implemented soon.

4.7 Year 2000-2001 Task Schedule

- 1) The 24 LH plots will be monitored on or about the following dates: March 15, April 1, April 15, July 15 of 2000 and 2001. On each monitoring date, all lilies will inventoried as described under life history monitoring for TBER.
- 2) A census of all flowering lilies within the 24 vegetation plots will be conducted in July 2000. Cover and height of all species present in the plots, and maps of all woody vegetation will be recorded in July 2001, in order to assess the results of manual treatment.
- 3) The 3rd year project status report will be submitted by March 31, 2001, describing the results of the past 3 years. A comprehensive project report will be submitted by March 31, 2002, and include 1) discussion of lily population life history, demographics, phenology, annual dormancy rates, recruitment and seedling fate observed over the 4 years, 2) assessment of impacts of manual vegetation treatment on vegetation composition and structure, and the lily, 3) assessment of the impacts of natural browsing and the efficacy of the various means investigated for controlling natural browsing. Recommendations will be made for further monitoring, and if warranted, manual treatment or resumption of cattle grazing in the marsh.

5.0 COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE TBER AND CCMWA

The similarity in lily emergence dates for the 2 populations was unexpected, given the somewhat later floral maturation exhibited by the CCMWA and other Oregon populations compared to Table Bluff. In both populations, the majority of seedlings emerged prior to the mature plants (Tables 3 and 8; Figure 8); 52% of the seedlings at TBER had emerged by April 16, compared to 62% of the seedlings at CCMWA by April 24. However, the rate of emergence was less similar later in the season; by May 7, 91% of the seedlings had emerged at TBER compared to 89% at CCMWA by May 22. That delay (greater than 2 weeks) was more representative of the typical difference in phenological development. The data generally indicated a rapid, but short-lived surge in seedling emergence at CCMWA in April. Emergence of mature plants occurred at a more constant rate, and more consistent with floral maturation timing; 35% of the plants at TBER emerged by April 16, compared to 24% at CCMWA by April 24. In both populations, virtually no plants emerged prior to March 20, which at least for the TBER, may have been abnormally late due to the cool spring temperatures this year (Imper and Sawyer, 1999).



With respect to floral plant phenology, the CCMWA and many of the populations in Oregon have traditionally been thought to reach peak flower approximately 1 month later than the Table Bluff populations. Our 1998 data indicated floral maturation at TBER was advanced more than a month compared to CCMWA (6% in flower at TBER on 6/18/98 compared to 31% at CCMWA on 7/21/98), but the 1999 data indicated the 2 populations were within 1-2 weeks of each other (41% in flower at TBER on 7/8/99 compared to 44% on 7/21/99 at CCMWA). Past monitoring has indicated the floral development at the TBER is highly correlated with spring air temperature. Perhaps the phenology of the CCMWA population is less plastic, or correlated with fluctuations in soil temperature, presumably moderated by the high water table.

Based on only a single year of full season monitoring, we are unable to assess the rate of full year dormancy. However, the impact of natural browsing (i.e., loss of plants prior to the final census date) was slightly greater at the CCMWA (19% seedling and 9% mature plant loss, compared to

19% seedling and 2% mature plant loss at TBER. Loss to natural browsing at TBER probably was abnormally low in the past year.

Mean height of the mature lilies in 1999 (LH plots) at CCMWA was 26 inches, compared to only 17 inches at TBER. In both populations, the mean height declined from 1998 to 1999 (10 and 4 inches, respectively), even though the populations were more advanced (phenologically) when sampled in 1999 (based on floral development). Reasons for the decline in height are not clear.

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APPENDIX A

**VEGETATION AND LILY SURVIVAL DATA
48 SEED PLOTS PLANTED FALL 1993, TBER, 1993-99**



APPENDIX A2. VEGETATION AND WESTERN LILY SURVIVAL AND GROWTH IN 48 SEED PLOTS PLANTED FALL 1993 [EXPERIMENTAL HABITAT MANIPULATION STUDY]-SAMPLED 7/13-28/96.

COASTAL PRAIRIE PLOTS

TREATMENT	CATTLE GRAZE												CONTROL																															
	180		150		120		90		60		30		150		120		90		60		30																							
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	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht																				
Western Lily Establishment	15	54	15	54	15	54	15	54	15	54	15	54	15	54	15	54	15	54	15	54	15	54																				
BURRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																				
MOW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																				
AVERAGE COVER PERCENTAGE																																										
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OVERALL	24	17	31	21	24	17	31	21	24	17	31	21	24	17	31	21	24	17	31	21	24	17	31	21	24	17	31	21	24	17	31	21	24	17	31	21	24	17	31			

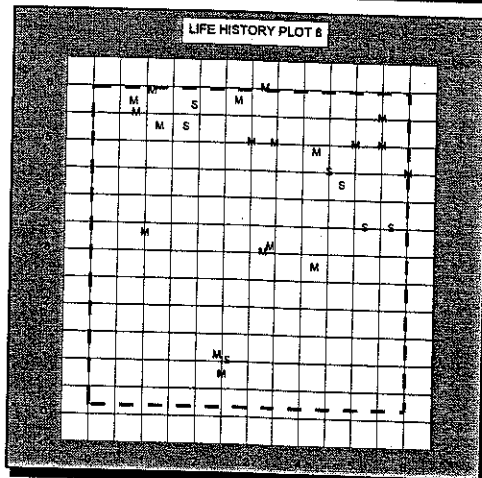
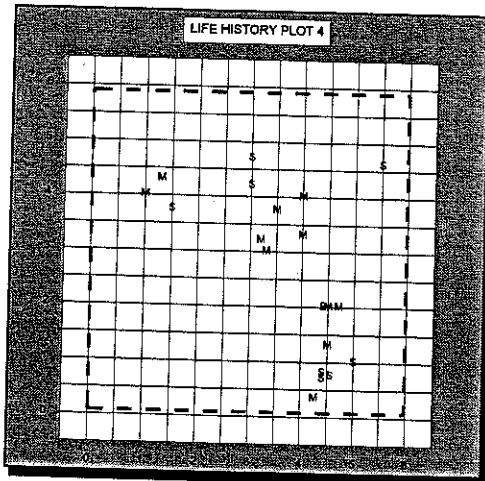
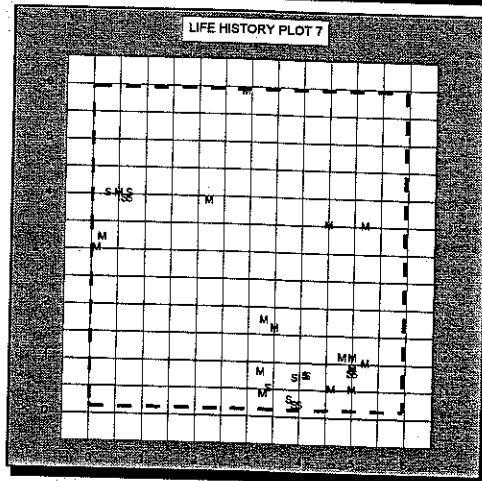
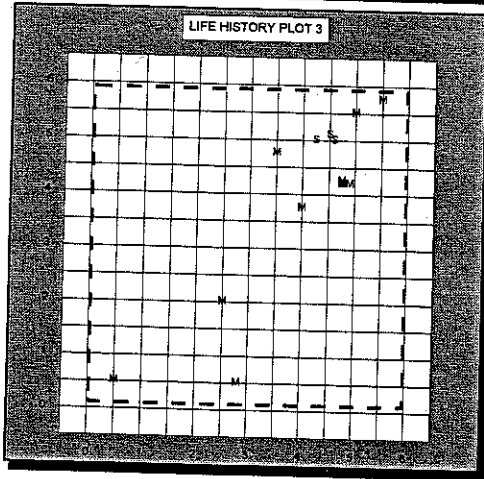
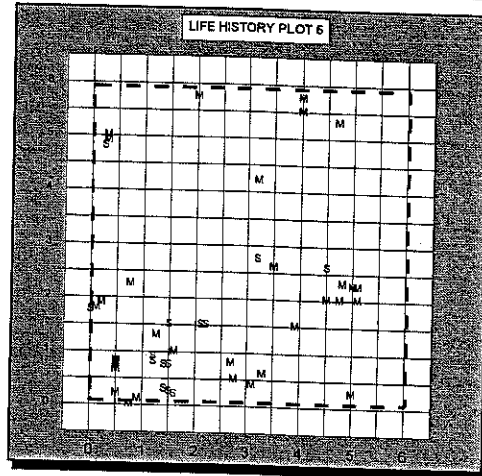
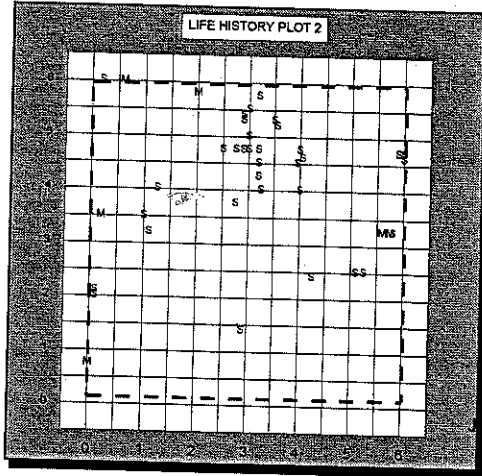
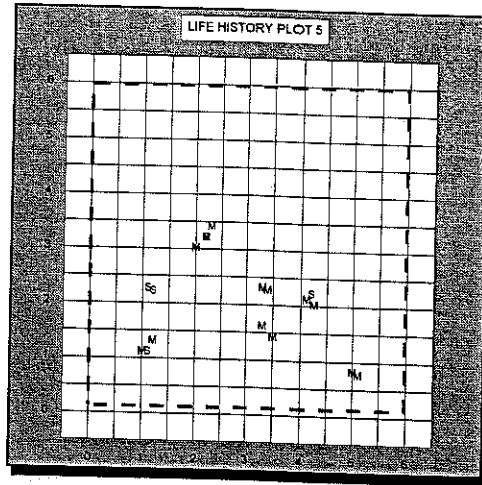
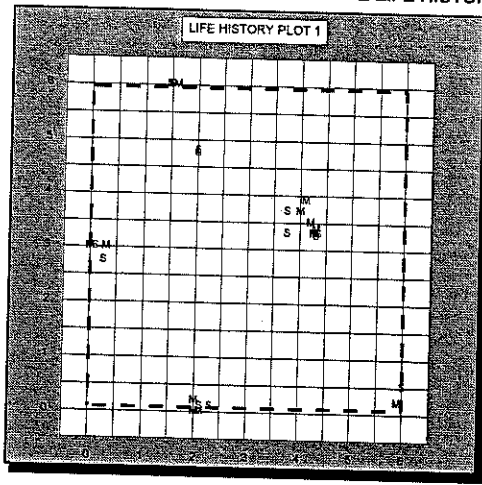


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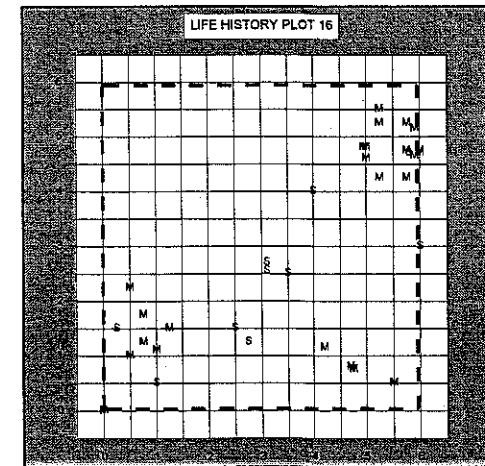
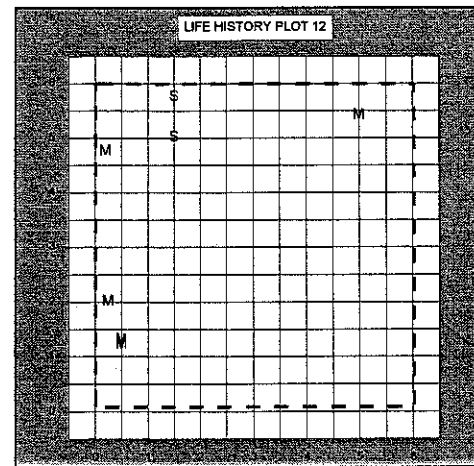
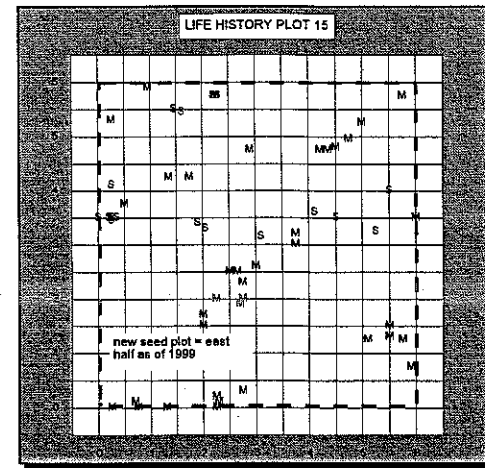
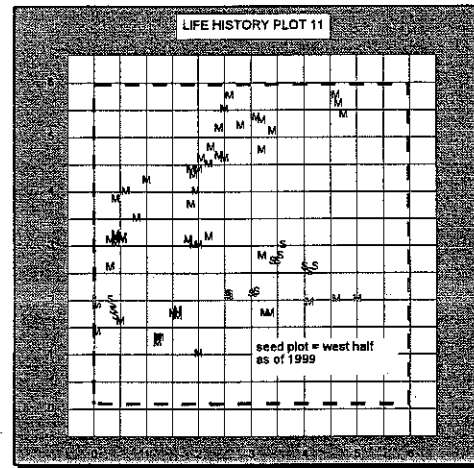
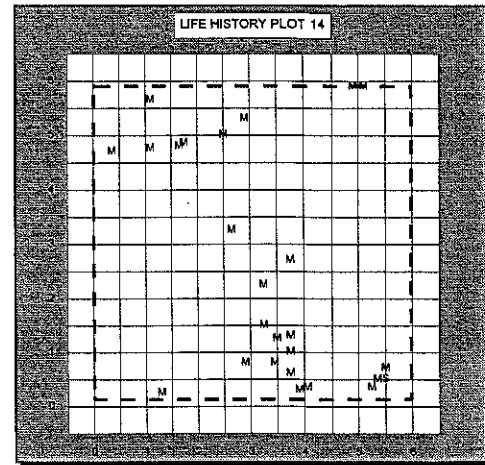
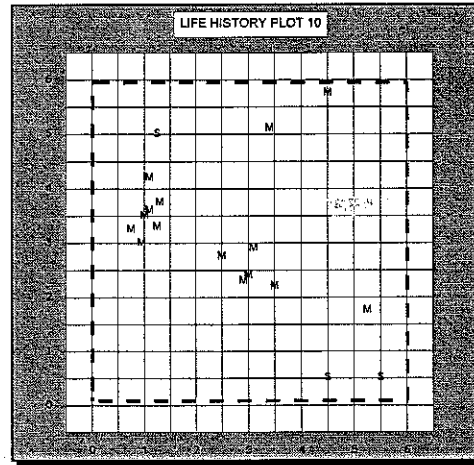
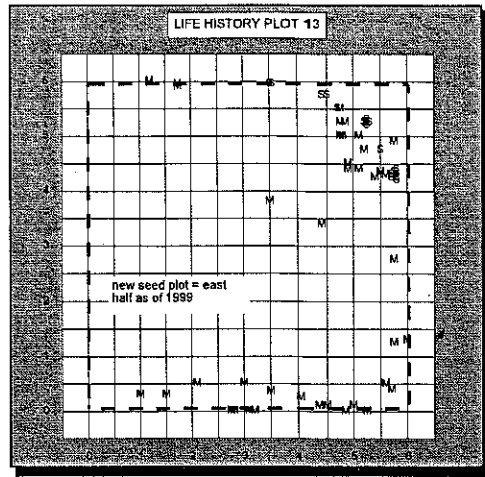
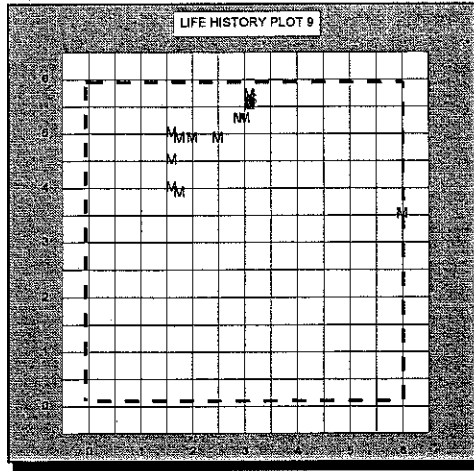
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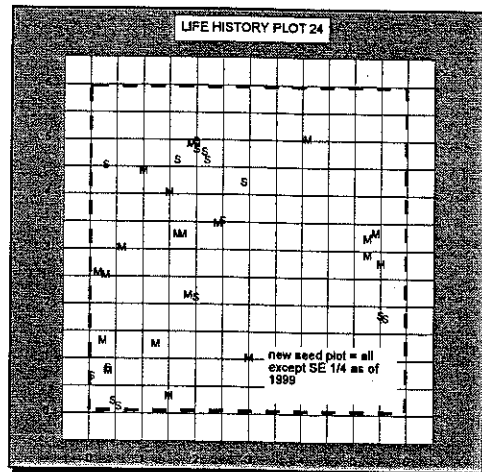
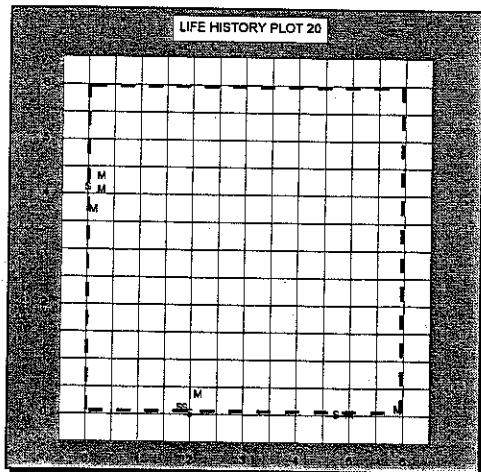
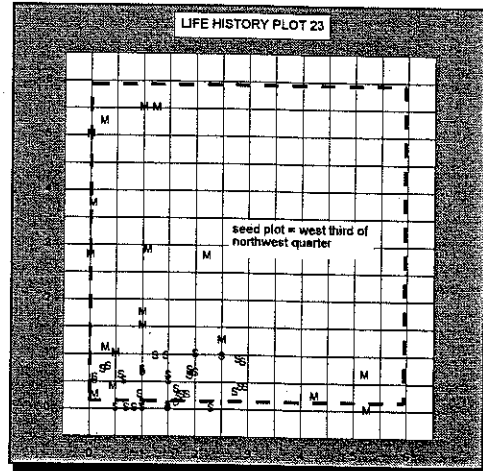
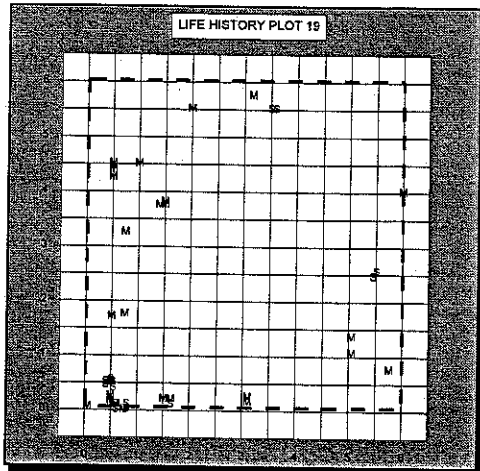
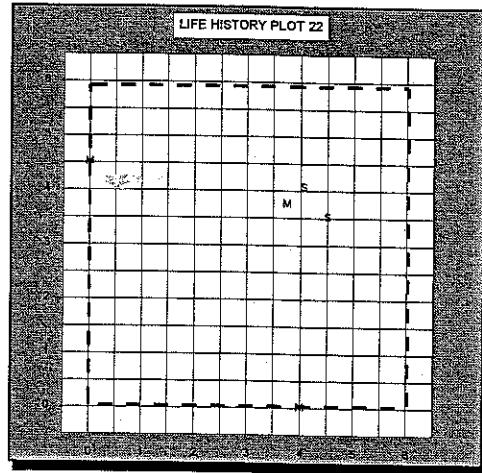
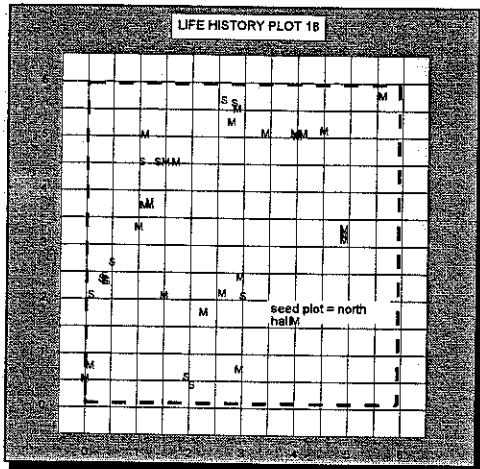
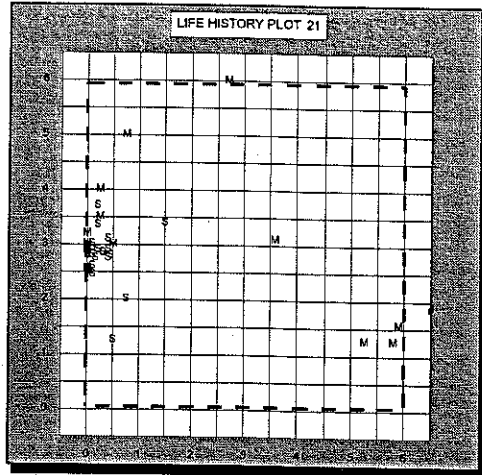
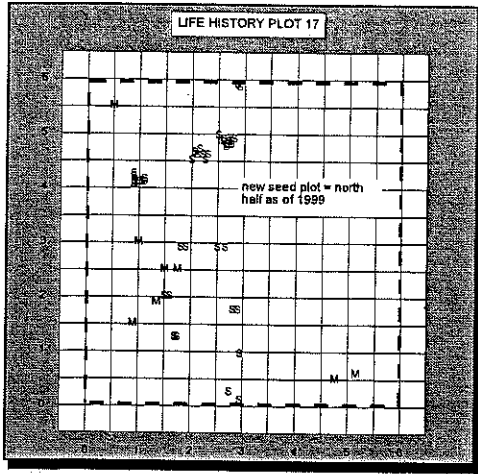
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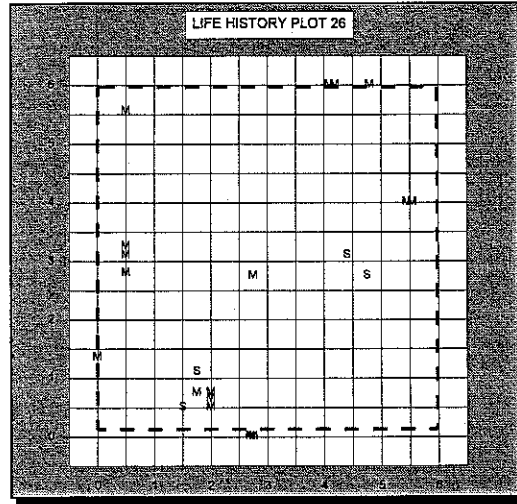
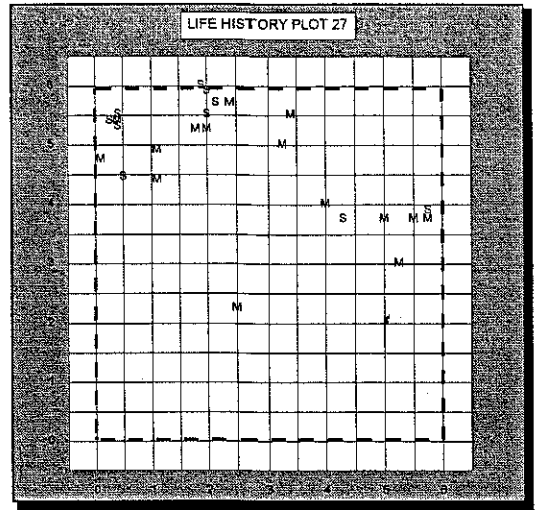
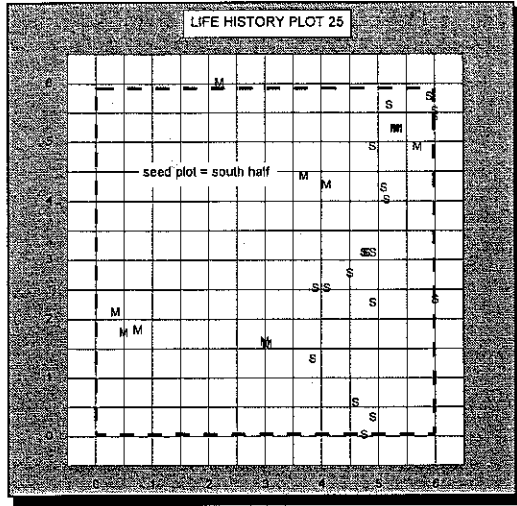
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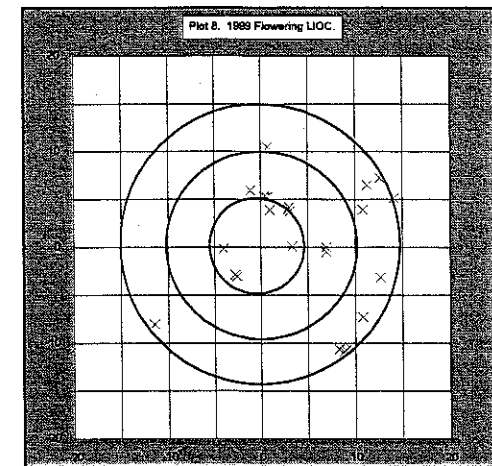
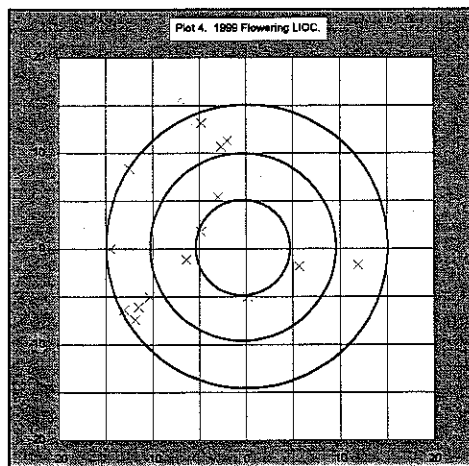
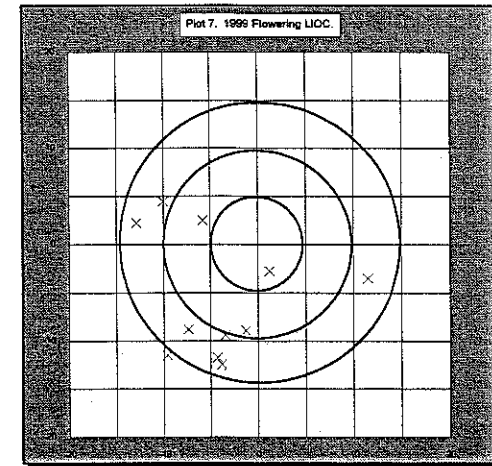
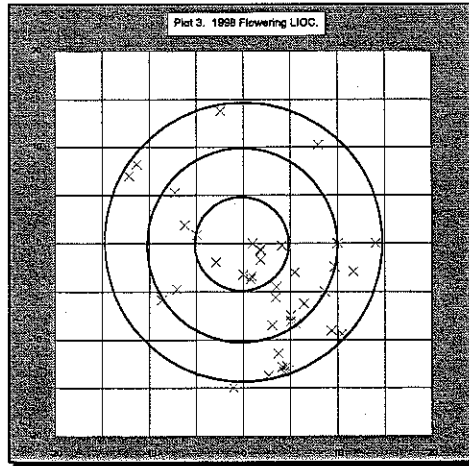
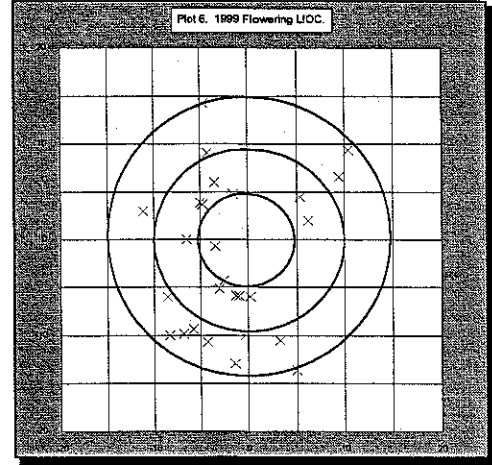
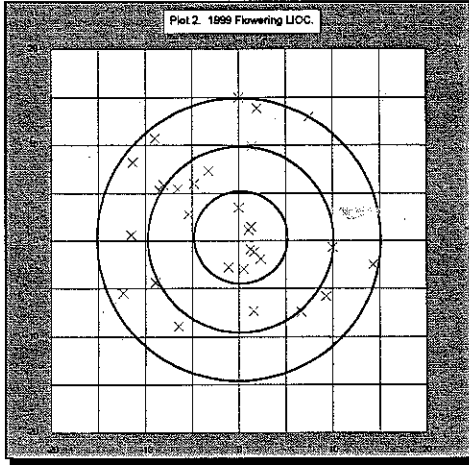
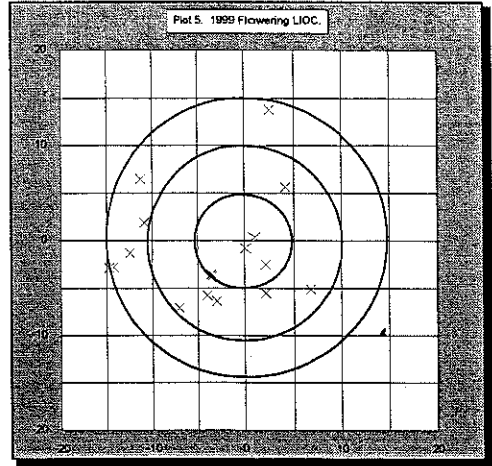
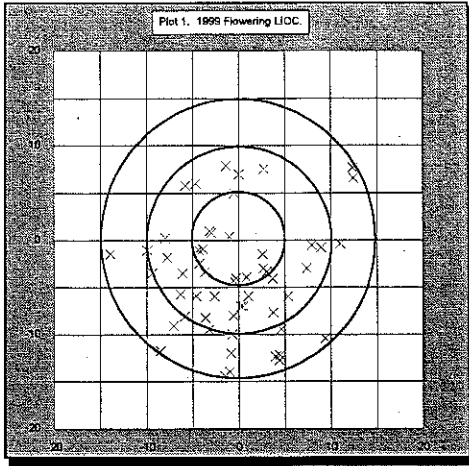


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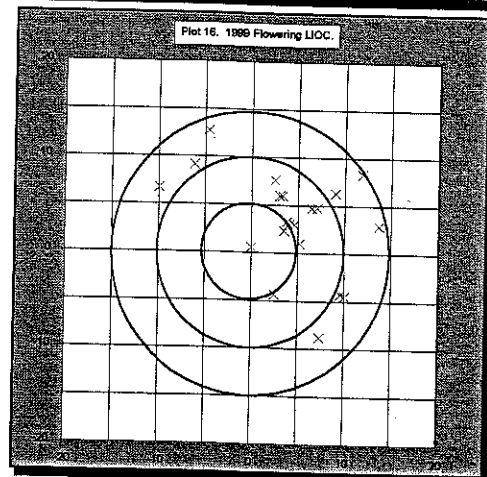
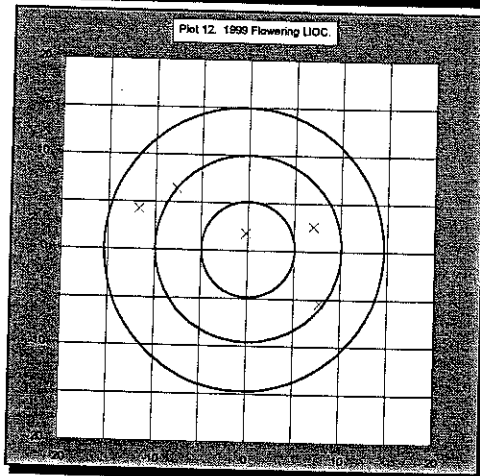
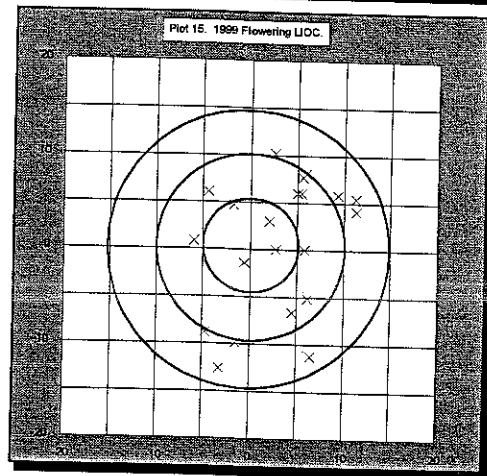
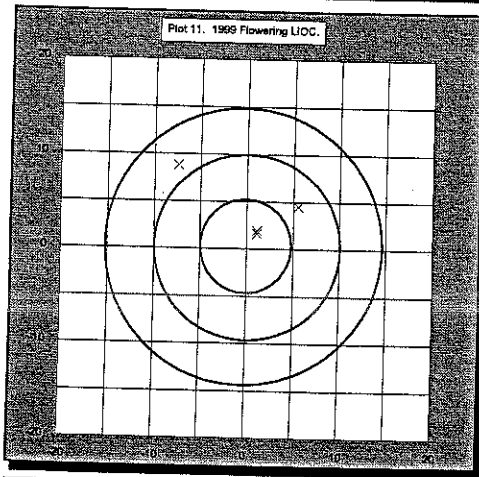
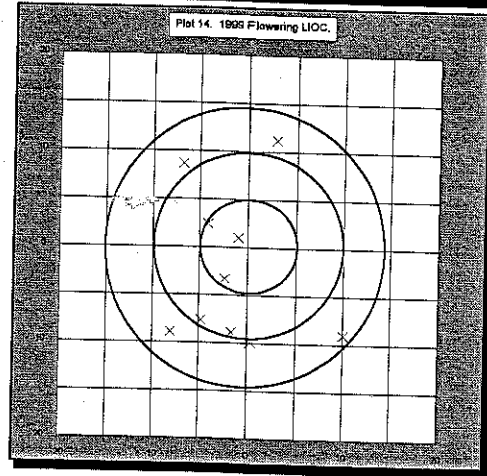
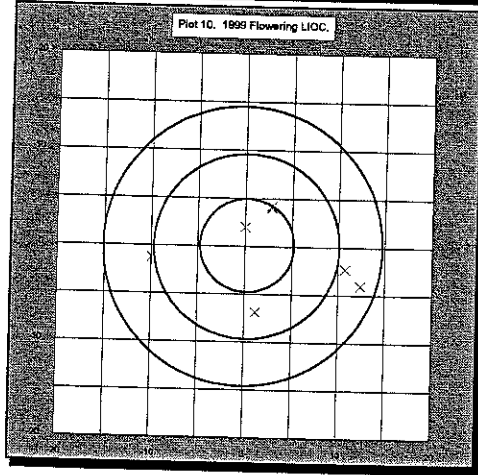
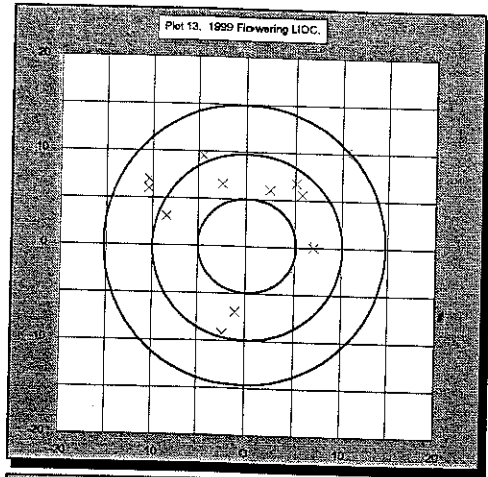
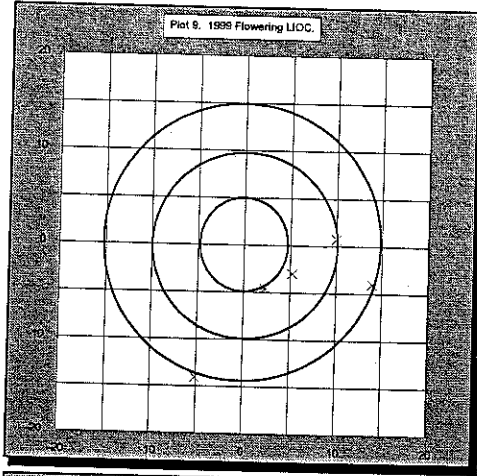
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24 VEGETATION & LIFE HISTORY PLOTS, CCMWA

APPENDIX C1
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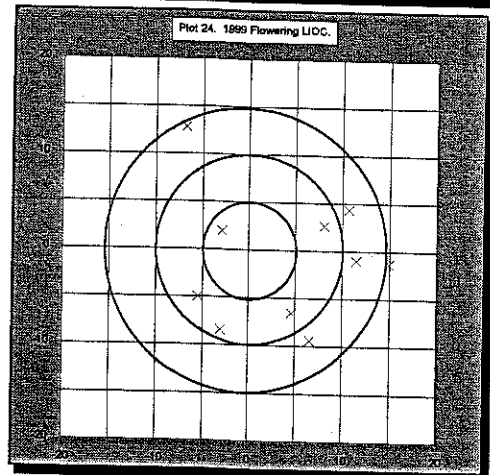
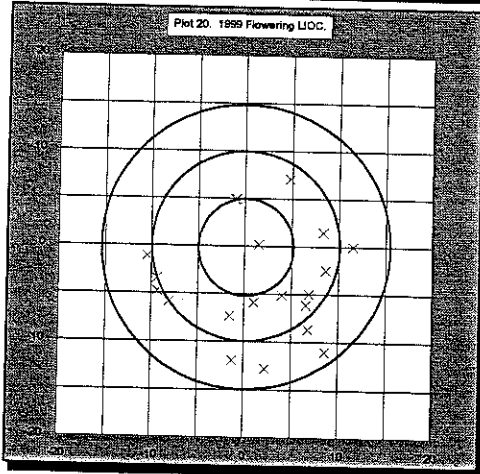
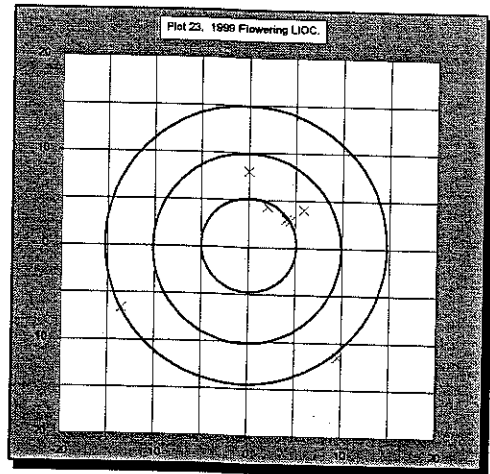
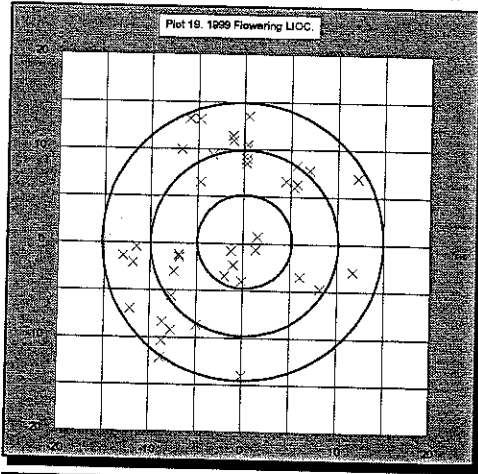
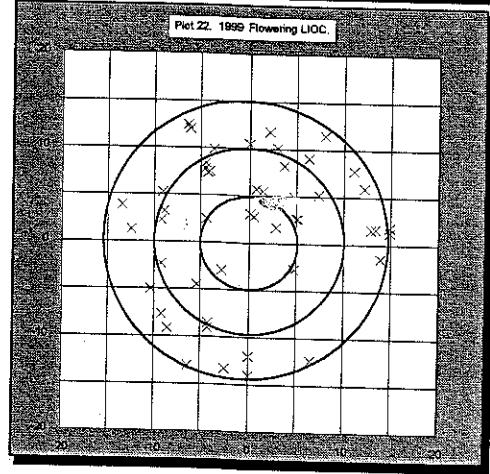
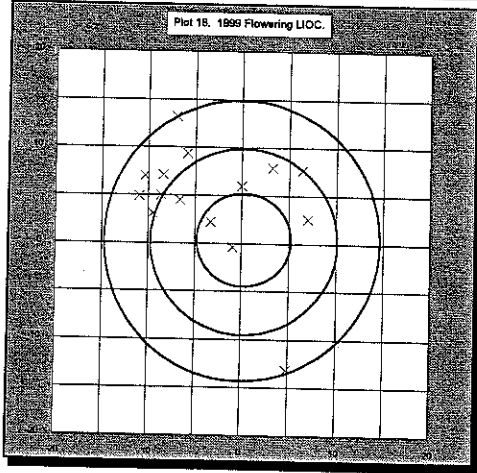
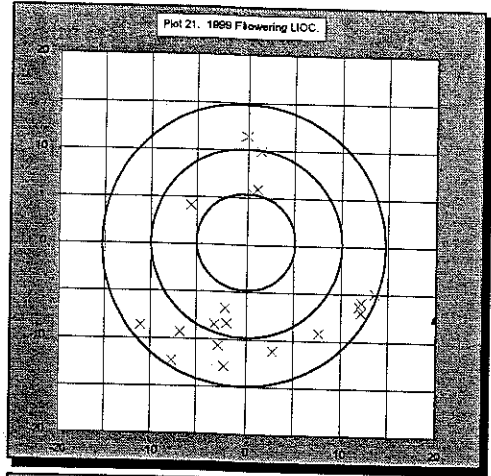
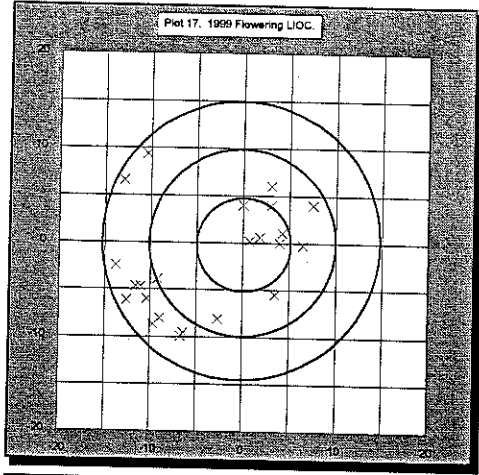
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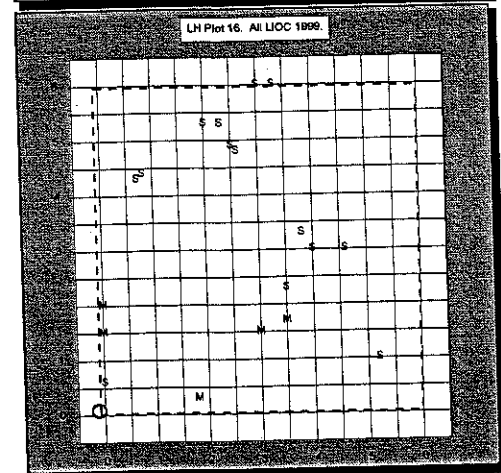
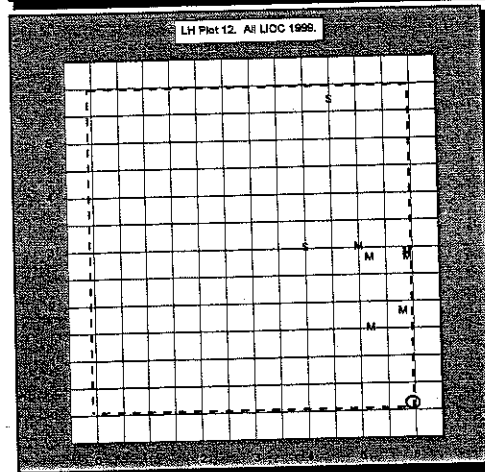
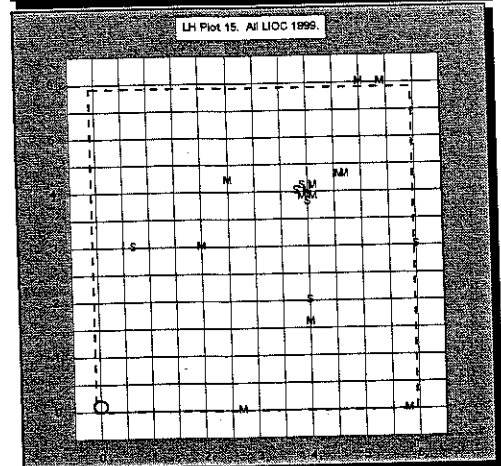
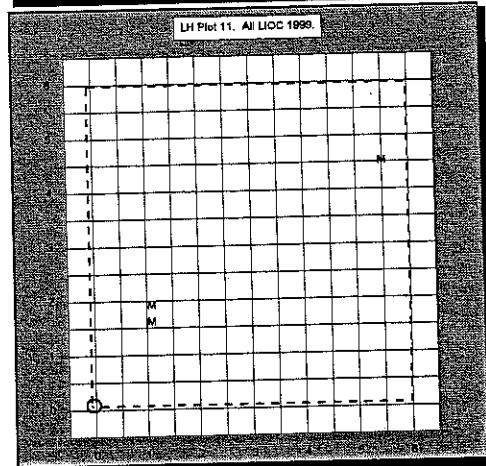
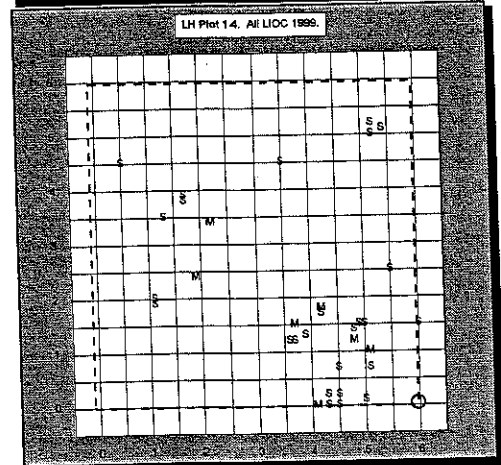
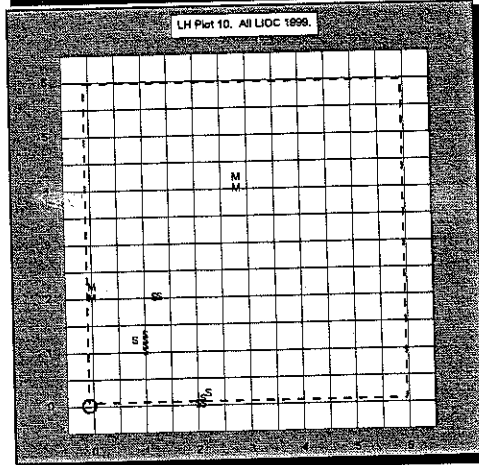
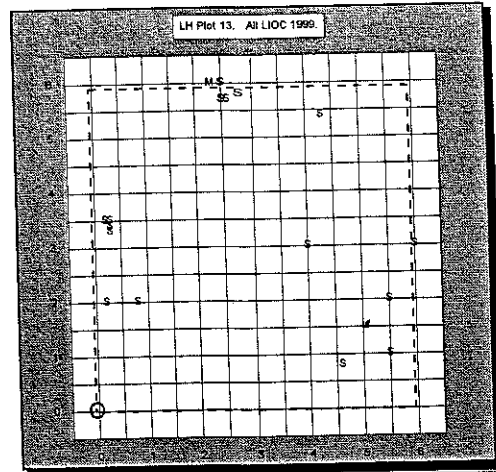
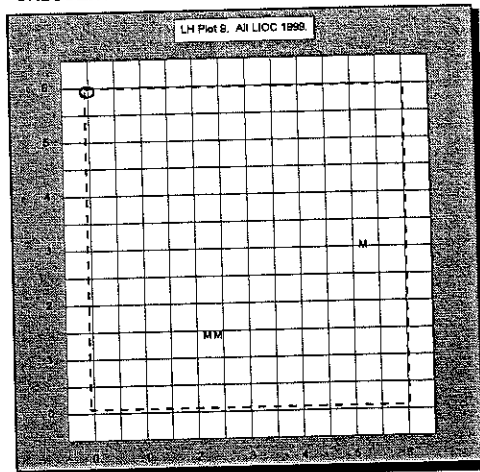
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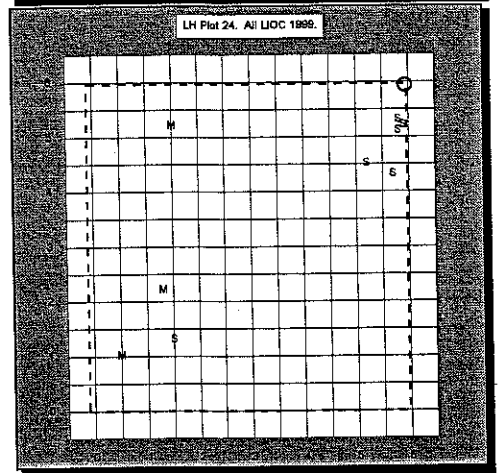
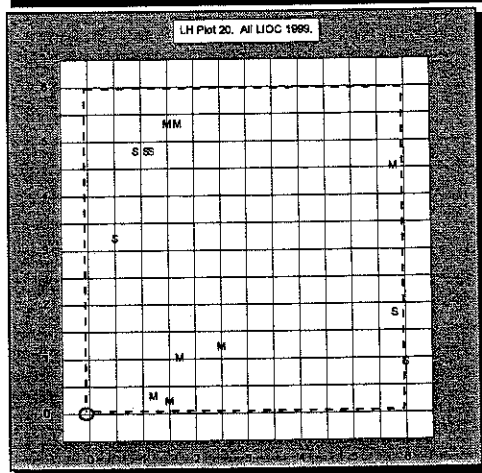
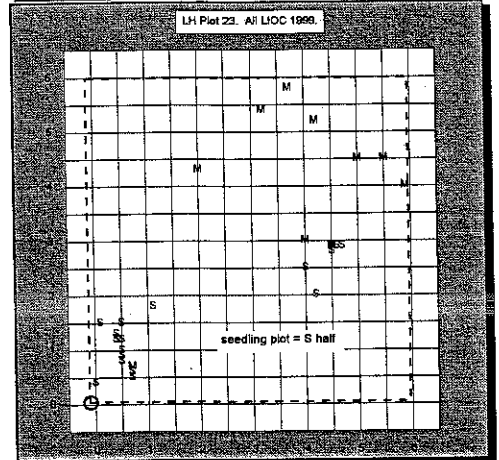
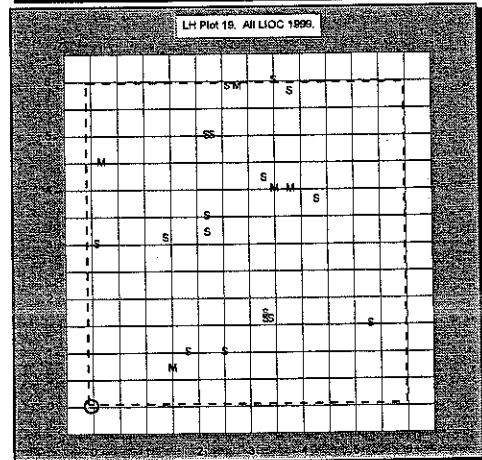
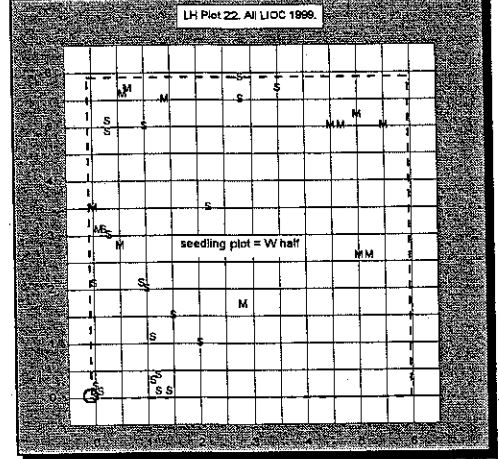
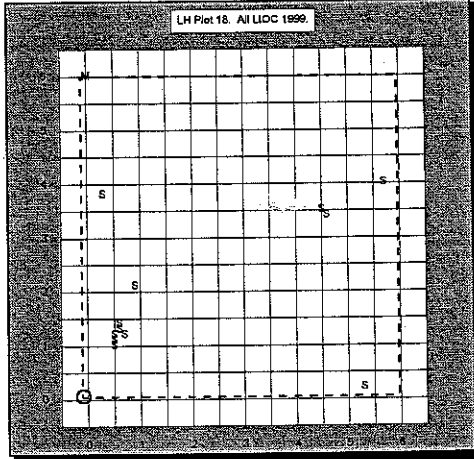
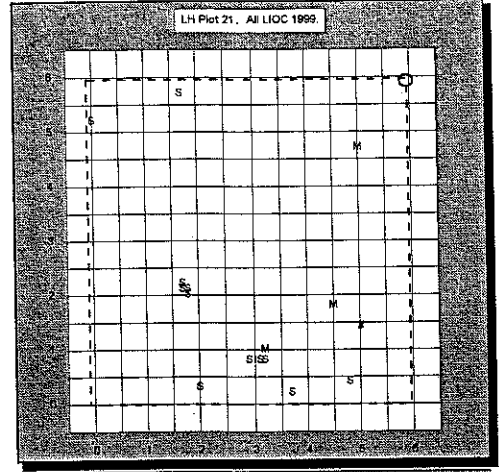
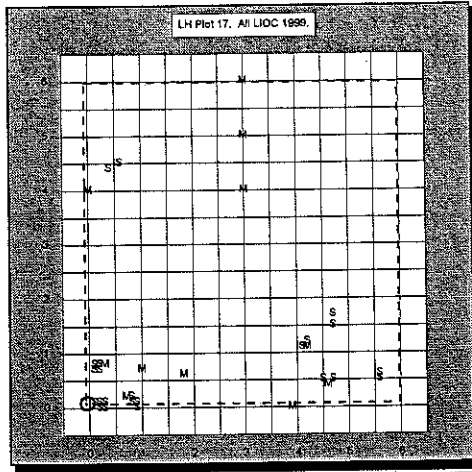
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APPENDIX C2 (CONTINUED).
CRESCENT CITY MARSH WILDLIFE AREA LIFE HISTORY PLOTS



NOTE: s=seedling; m=mature; plots all oriented north; unless noted, seedling plot = entire 6x6' plot; vegetation plot center indicated.

APPENDIX C2 (CONTINUED).
CRESCENT CITY MARSH WILDLIFE AREA LIFE HISTORY PLOTS



NOTE: s=seedling; m=mature; plots all oriented north; unless noted, seedling plot = entire 6x6' plot; vegetation plot center indicated. Plot 22, seedling plot = west half; Plot 23 seedling plot = south half.

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APPENDIX D

**SUMMARY OF SPECIES COVER AND HEIGHT
24 VEGETATION PLOTS BEFORE AND
AFTER MANUAL TREATMENT, CCMWA**



APPENDIX D1: VEGETATION PLOT FIELD DATA PRIOR TO MANUAL TREATMENT, CRESCENT CITY MARSH WILDLIFE AREA; SAMPLED JULY 1998.

PLOT NUMBER	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		
	Y	180	90	ED	cov	ht	Y	180	ED	cov	ht	Y	180	ED	cov	ht	Y	360	ED	cov	ht	Y		360	
Vegetation Treated?	Y																								
Photopoint orientation (taken 20' from plot center)	180		90		180		360		180		90		180		360		180		360		360		360		
Vegetation type	ED		ED		ED		CM		ED		ED		ED		ED		TLM		ED		ED		ED		
SPECIES	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	
<i>Alnus rubra</i>																									
<i>Alnus viridis</i>	2	96	15	108			15	60	15	96	37	96													
<i>Angelica geniculata</i>	2	36	2.5	60	2	24	2.5	36	15	72	2.5	72	2	36	2	60	2	48	2	36	2	48	2	48	
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>									2.5	48	2.5	48													
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>									2.5	48	2.5	48													
<i>Calamagrostis nutkanaensis</i>	85	42	62	48	62	42	62	42	62	48	87	48	62	36	37	42	62	42	62	42	62	42	62	40	
<i>Carex obnupta</i>	15	36	37	48	37	30	15	36	37	48	15	48	15	36	15	42	15	42	2	48	37	48	2.5	48	
<i>Carex spp.</i>																									
<i>Cornus sericea</i>																									
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>							2.5	48																	
<i>Epipactis gigantea</i>																									
<i>Equisetum spp.</i>														15	24	2	24			2	36	2.5	36	2.5	36
<i>Gallium trifidum</i>																									
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>																									
<i>Gentiana scoparium</i>	2	18			2	24	2.5	24	2.5	24	2.5	24													
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>																									
<i>Hypericum formosum</i>			2.5	24	2	18																			
<i>Juncus lescurei</i>																									
<i>Ledum glandulosum</i>	15	48	15	48	37	30	37	48	85	48	97	36	37	36	62	36	62	36	62	48	85	48	37	30	
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	15	48	15	60			15	72			2.5	48	2	36							15	84			
<i>Lotus formosissimus</i>																									
<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>	15	30	15	48	15	24	2.5	36	15	36	15	48	15	24	15	24	15	24	15	36	2.5	24	2.5	36	
<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>																									
<i>Malus fusca</i>																									
<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	15	12	2.5	12	15	12	2.5	12	2.5	12	15	12	15	12	15	12					2.5	12	2.5	12	
<i>Myrica californica</i>							15	72			2.5	96									15	96			
<i>Oenanthe sarmentosa</i>																									
<i>Picea sitchensis</i>							15	200			15	225													
<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>																									
<i>Potentilla palustris</i>	37	30	15	24	37	36	37	24	15	36	37	36	37	36	37	36	37	36	15	36	15	24	15	24	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>																									
<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	15	60																							
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>			15	24			15	24	2.5	48	37	48	2	36	15	24	15	24	37	36	62	36	85	48	
<i>Salix spp.</i>									2.5	48															
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>	37	30	15	24	37	36	62	30	15	36	37	24	37	36	37	36	62	36	37	36	15	24	15	24	
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>																									
<i>Aster chilensis</i>	1	18	2.5	36	2	24	2.5	36	2.5	48															
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	2	36	37	72	37	36	15	36			15	48													
<i>Veratrum californicum</i>	2	36																							
TOTAL COVER	260		221		285		341		274		385		243		255		249		340		312		235		

NOTES: Plots = 30 ft diameter. Treatment consisted of manual removal trees and selected shrubs (see text); Vegetation Types: ED = edge of marsh to willow scrub; CM = Calamagrostis marsh; TLM = fall ledum marsh; LLM = low ledum LLM = low ledum marsh; WS = willow scrub.

APPENDIX D1: (CONTINUED).

SOUTH MARSH		13		14		15		16		17		18		19		20		21		22		23		24			
PLOT NUMBER	Vegetation treated?	Photopoint orientation (taken 20' from plot center)	Vegetation type	SPESIES	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht			
180			ED	<i>Alnus rubra</i>	15	96	2	60	15	72	2	24	2.5	108	2	24	37	72	2	30	2	24	15	40	62	72	
			ED	<i>Alnus viridis</i>	2.5	60	15	24	2.5	60	2.5	48	15	72	2	36	15	72	2	48	2	48	2.5	36	2.5	24	
			ED	<i>Angelica gonuiflexa</i>	2.5	48	15	36	2.5	48	2	36	15	72	2.5	36	15	72	15	48	2.5	48	2.5	24	2.5	36	
			ED	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	15	36	62	48	2.5	36	2	36	15	72	2.5	36	15	72	2	42	2.5	36	2.5	24	15	48	
			ED	<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	85	48	62	48	85	48	37	42	85	48	62	48	62	48	15	48	62	42	15	36	15	48	
			ED	<i>Calamagrostis nutkaensis</i>	37	48			15	48	15	42	15	48	2.5	36	37	48	37	36			15	36	15	48	
			ED	<i>Carex obnupta</i>																							
			ED	<i>Cornus sericea</i>																							
			ED	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>																							
			ED	<i>Epipactis gigantea</i>																							
			ED	<i>Equisetum spp.</i>																							
			ED	<i>Gallium trifidum</i>																							
			ED	<i>Gautheria shallon</i>																							
			ED	<i>Gentiana sceptrum</i>																							
			ED	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>																							
			ED	<i>Hypericum formosum</i>																							
			ED	<i>Juncus leserii</i>	85	48	62	48	62	48	62	42	85	48	62	36	85	60	85	36	62	12	85	12	85	60	
			ED	<i>Ledum glandulosum</i>	15	60	2	36	2.5	48	2	36	2.5	60	2.5	36	15	72	15	72							
			ED	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	15	48	37	36	15	48	15	36	15	48	15	24	15	48	15	24	15	36	15	36	15	48	
			ED	<i>Lotus formosissimus</i>																							
			ED	<i>Lysichiton amencanum</i>																							
			ED	<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>																							
			ED	<i>Malus fusca</i>																							
			ED	<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	15	96																					
			ED	<i>Myrica californica</i>																							
			ED	<i>Myrica sitchensis</i>	2.5	36	15	30	2.5	36	37	36	15	36	37	36	2.5	24	15	36	15	30	2	24			
			ED	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	2.5	24																					
			ED	<i>Potentilla palustris</i>	2.5	48	2	36	2.5	72	2.5	36	15	72	2.5	72	2.5	72	2.5	36	2.5	36	2.5	48	15	36	
			ED	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	2.5	48	37	30	15	24	37	36	15	36	15	36	15	36	15	72	15	72	2	12	15	36	
			ED	<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	15	36	2	36	37	120	2	60	37	96	2	48	15	48	15	72	37	36	15	36	15	36	
			ED	<i>Salix spp.</i>	15	24	37	30	15	24	37	36	15	36	37	36	15	36	15	36	37	36	15	36	15	36	
			ED	<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>	2.5	36	2.5	48	2.5	24	2.5	24	2.5	36	2.5	24	2.5	36	2.5	24	2.5	36	2.5	36	2.5	36	
			ED	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>																							
			ED	<i>Aster chilensis</i>																							
			ED	<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>																							
			ED	<i>Veratrum californicum</i>																							
			ED	TOTAL COVER	327		254		247		235		295		260		321		275		215		176		292		

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APPENDIX D2: VEGETATION PLOT FIELD DATA FOR PLOTS MANUALLY TREATED OCTOBER 98, CRESCENT CITY MARSH WILDLIFE AREA; SAMPLED JULY 1999.

NORTH MARSH	PLOT NUMBER	Vegetation Treated? Photopoint orientation (taken 20' from plot center)	Vegetation type	SPECIES	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		
					cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov
	1	Y	ED	<i>Alnus rubra</i>	2	96																							
				<i>Alnus viridis</i>	2	36																							
				<i>Angelica genulifera</i>																									
				<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>																									
				<i>Blechnum spicant</i>																									
				<i>Calamagrostis nutkaensis</i>	85	42																							
				<i>Carex obtusa</i>	15	36																							
				<i>Carex spp.</i>																									
				<i>Cornus sericea</i>																									
				<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>																									
				<i>Epipactis gigantea</i>																									
				<i>Equisetum spp.</i>																									
				<i>Galium trifidum</i>																									
				<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>																									
				<i>Gentiana scabra</i>	2	18																							
				<i>Holcus lanatus</i>																									
				<i>Hypericum formosum</i>																									
				<i>Juncus leucostictus</i>																									
				<i>Ledum glandulosum</i>	15	48																							
				<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	15	48																							
				<i>Lotus formosissimus</i>																									
				<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>	15	30																							
				<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>																									
				<i>Malus fusca</i>																									
				<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	15	12																							
				<i>Myrica californica</i>																									
				<i>Oenanthe samentosa</i>																									
				<i>Picea sitchensis</i>																									
				<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	37	30																							
				<i>Potentilla palustris</i>																									
				<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>																									
				<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	15	60																							
				<i>Rubus ursinus</i>																									
				<i>Salix spp.</i>																									
				<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>	37	30																							
				<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>																									
				<i>Aster chiensis</i>	1	18																							
				<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	2	36																							
				<i>Veratrum californicum</i>	2	36																							
				TOTAL COVER	260			0	285		0	0	0	0	0	0	243	256	249	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236	

NOTES: Plots = 30 ft diameter, Treatment consisted of manual removal trees and selected shrubs (see text); Vegetation Types: ED = edge of marsh to willow scrub; CM = Calamagrostis marsh; TLM = tall ledum marsh; LLM = low ledum LLM = low ledum marsh; WS = willow scrub.

APPENDIX D2: (CONTINUED)

SOUTH MARSH		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
PLOT NUMBER														
Vegetation treated?			Y			Y		Y		Y	Y	Y		
Photopoint orientation (taken 20' from plot center)		180	360	360	360	45	270	90	315	45	180	45	45	
Vegetation type		ED	TLM	ED	ED	LLM	ED	LLM	ED	TLM	LLM	WS	ED	
SPECIES	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht	cov	ht
<i>Alnus rubra</i>						2	24	1	30		2	12		
<i>Alnus viridis</i>			2	60		2	24	2	24	2	2	24	15	40
<i>Angelica ganuiflora</i>			15	24		2.5	48	2	36	2	2	48	2.5	36
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>			15	36		2	36	2.5	36	15	48	2.5	48	
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>						2	36	2	36	2	42	2.5	36	
<i>Calamagrostis nutkaensis</i>			62	48		37	42	62	48	15	48	62	42	
<i>Carex obnupta</i>						15	42	2.5	36	37	36	15	36	
<i>Carex</i> spp.														
<i>Cornus sericea</i>														
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>								2.5	24					
<i>Epipactis gigantea</i>														
<i>Equisetum</i> spp.											2	24		
<i>Galium trifidum</i>														
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>														
<i>Gentiana scabra</i>														
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>														
<i>Hypericum formosum</i>														
<i>Juncus leseuri</i>			62	48		62	42	62	36	85	36	62	12	
<i>Ledum glandulosum</i>			2	36		2	36	2.5	36	15	72			
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>														
<i>Lotus formosissimus</i>			37	36		15	36	15	24	15	24	15	36	
<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>						2	6							
<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>														
<i>Melilotus fuscus</i>						15	12	15	12		2.5	12		
<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>														
<i>Myrica californica</i>														
<i>Oenanthe sarmientosa</i>														
<i>Picea sitchensis</i>			15	30		37	36	37	36	15	36	15	30	
<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>														
<i>Potentilla palustris</i>										2.5	36	2.5	48	
<i>Prenandrium aquilinum</i>			2	36						15	36	2	12	
<i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>														
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>						2	60	2	48	15	72	2	12	
<i>Salix</i> spp.			37	30		37	36	37	36	37	36	15	36	
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>														
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>			2.5	48						2.5	36			
<i>Aster chilensis</i>														
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>			2	30				15	36		2	30	2	48
<i>Veratrum californicum</i>			254			235		260		275	215	176	0	
TOTAL COVER	0			0	0	235		260	0	275	215	176	0	

NOTES: Plots = 30 ft diameter; Treatment consisted of manual removal trees and selected shrubs (see text); Vegetation Types: ED = edge of marsh to willow scrub; CM = Calamagrostis marsh; TLM = tall ledum marsh; LLM = low ledum LLM = low ledum marsh; WS = willow scrub.

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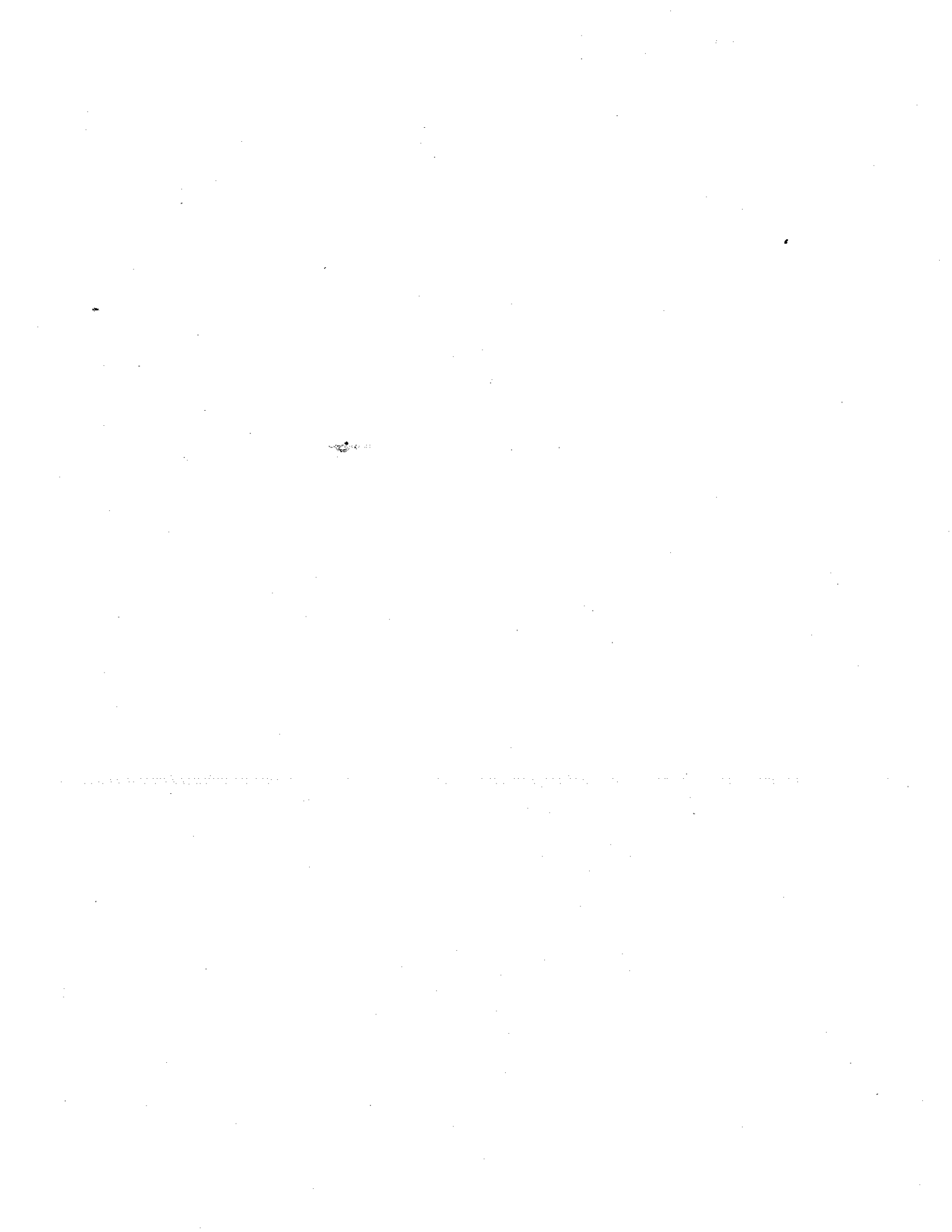
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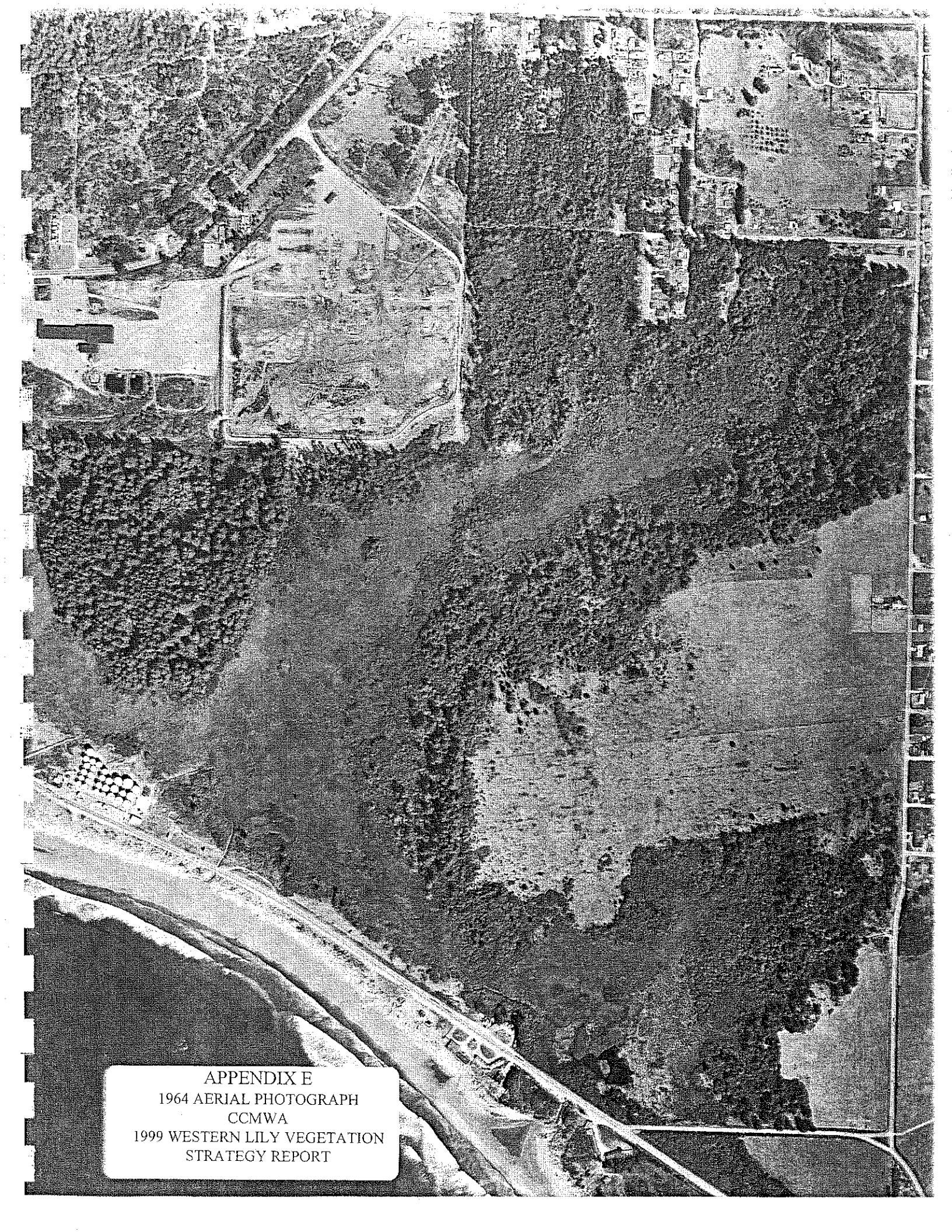


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APPENDIX E
1989 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH
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A black and white aerial photograph showing a landscape. In the lower-left corner, a river flows diagonally. To its right is a large, dark, textured area, likely a forest or dense vegetation. Further right and towards the top, there are lighter, more uniform areas that appear to be agricultural fields or pastures. A road or path runs horizontally across the upper portion of the image. The overall scene is a mix of natural and developed land.

APPENDIX E
1964 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH
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1942 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH
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