

SHORT-TERM EFFECTS OF FIRE  
ON WILD BLUE LUPINE (*Lupinus perennis perennis*)  
IN THE ALBANY PINE BUSH PRESERVE  
ALBANY, NEW YORK

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## INTRODUCTION

As the only known larval food plant of the federally-endangered Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*), wild blue lupine (*Lupinus perennis*) is critical to the butterfly's survival. Several studies (Smallidge and Leopold 1992; Boyonoski 1992) have suggested that lupine presence, density, and abundance are associated with relatively low canopy cover levels. Fire suppression over the past fifty years has resulted in increased canopy cover and has been suggested as one of the primary causes for the observed decline in the abundance of wild blue lupine in the Albany Pine Bush (Zaremba et al. 1991; Givnish et al. 1988). Because fire reduces the canopy cover of tall, woody plant species, prescribed burning may be an important management tool for enhancing and maintaining Karner blue butterfly habitat.

The historical role of fire in the Albany Pine Bush in creating and maintaining conditions favorable for lupine growth and reproduction suggests that fire may also have a positive effect on releasing dormant lupine plants and perhaps ungerminated seeds, allowing for the expansion of existing populations. In the spring of 1991, The Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission conducted the first controlled burn in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. Lupine was observed following prescribed burns in several areas not known to previously contain lupine. Whether these newly observed plants resulted from conditions created by the fire or were existing plants that had gone unnoticed before the burns is uncertain. Understanding the effects of fire on wild blue lupine in the Albany Pine Bush is a very important step in determining the feasibility of fire as a primary management tool and in formulating an effective plan for recovering the Karner blue butterfly to meet minimum viability criteria as determined by the New York State Karner Blue Recovery Team (Zaremba and O'Brien, 1996). If it is determined that fire cannot be used as a primary tool for enhancing and maintaining wild blue lupine, than other management practices must be explored in order to establish and expand suitable Karner blue habitat.

## OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this study is to determine the effects of fire on the establishment and maintenance of three wild blue lupine populations located within the Albany Pine Bush Preserve and to explore potential relationships between lupine population condition and the composition and structure of the surrounding plant community. Specifically, this report will investigate:

- 1) changes in lupine vigor,
- 2) effects of fire on lupine reproduction,
- 3) changes in plant community composition and structure.

This report summarizes differences in pre-burn and one and two year post-burn lupine population and plant community status. However, in order to determine any meaningful effects of fire, data for several years following fire is necessary. Pending available resources, the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission anticipates continuing this study for at least five years following the first treatment of each site with fire.

Additionally, a study being conducted by SUNY-ESF in cooperation with Niagara Mohawk (Hudson, in prep.; Leopold, et al., 1993) will provide a comprehensive analysis of the data collected for this study to compare the effects of fire and several Powerline-Right-Of-Way management techniques on unoccupied Karner blue habitat. The SUNY-ESF study will provide recommendations regarding the most effective management practices for enhancing the size and vigor of wild blue lupine populations. The SUNY-ESF study is expected to be completed by the year 2003 (Leopold, et al., 1993).

## METHODS

### Study site selection

To determine the effects of prescribed burning on wild blue lupine, three lupine populations were sampled. These three represent the three largest, undisturbed, and unoccupied (by Karner blue butterflies) lupine populations in the Albany Pine Bush. Each site was sampled during the summer of 1995, 1996 and again in 1997. All three sites were subject to a prescribed burn during the spring of 1996. These sites, Willow Street Sandpit, Old State Road Sandpit, and Karner Barrens East are located in the Town of Guilderland and the city of Albany, respectively (Appendix A contains a map of these locations). These sites have not been subjected to a controlled burn or exposed to a wildfire, or otherwise disturbed within the past 15-20 years.

The wildfire history of the sites is not well known. Time since fire was estimated by knowledge about wildfire history within the Albany Pine Bush (Zaremba et al., 1991), age of pitch pine regeneration that likely resulted from previous disturbance and estimating the age of available fire scars. Using this information, the following deductions about each site were made:

- 1) it is likely that the Karner Barrens East population last burned during the 1981 wildfire that swept through much of this region.
- 2) based on the age of pitch pine regeneration at the Old State Road population, this site likely last experienced fire or other forms of disturbance over 15 years ago.
- 3) evidence of recent fires at the Willow Street Sandpit population are absent, suggesting that this population has not experienced fire for at least 20 years.
- 4) since none of these three populations experienced fire or other forms of disturbance for at least 15-20 years before the inception of this study, it is unlikely that disturbance history will influence the response of lupine to a controlled burn.

Each site was sampled during the summer of 1995 to collect pre-treatment data and again in 1996 and 1997 after each site had burned.

### **Study design**

Within each lupine population, a rectangular plot was located to include a majority of the lupine plants. Plot width was fixed at 20 meters, while plot length was determined by the maximum extent of the lupine population. The baseline was determined as the long axis of the plot and represented the line from which all sampling transects originated. Transects were set perpendicular to the baseline and were as long as the plot width (20m). Transect spacing varied depending on the type of data being collected. To sample a representative number of lupine clumps, population data transects were spaced according to lupine population density and were consistently spaced within any given plot. For example, at a sparsely populated site, transects would be spaced a minimum of 1m apart while at a densely populated site, transects would be spaced a maximum of 5m apart. The minimum number of lupine clumps to be sampled at a site was set at 10 and the transect spacing was determined to meet or exceed this goal. At the three populations sampled within the Albany Pine Bush, the lupine was relatively sparse, so population data was collected along transects spaced 1m apart. The number of transects sampled within a plot varied depending on plot length; within the Albany Pine Bush the number of transects sampled was either 20 or 30. Data collected along these population transects will be used to determine lupine clump vigor and wild blue lupine reproduction.

Community data transects were also established perpendicular to the baseline and were as long as the plot was wide. Community data transects were spaced 10m apart within each of the plots with two additional transects located 10m outside the plot (one on either end of the plot). The transects located outside the plot will provide important data when and if the lupine populations expand beyond their current location. The number of community data transects within a plot varied depending on the plot length, and within the Albany Pine Bush was either 6 or 7.

Two 5m x 5m subplots were located along each community data transect. From the baseline, each subplot was located at 2.5m and 12.5 with its right side along the transect. One 5m

x 5m subplot was sampled on each transect; sampling at 2.5m from the baseline on the first transect, and 12.5m from the baseline on the next transect. The data from these subplots was used to estimated canopy cover at the site.

Four 1m x 1m quadrats were located in each corner of each 5 m x 5 m subplot. The data from these quadrats was used to characterize the herbaceous vegetation of the site.

To assist in relocating the sites, plots, transects, subplots, and quadrats, a permanent stake (rebar) was set at each site. A sketch of each site includes a description of the rebar, plot, subplot, and quadrat locations. See Appendix B for maps of each site.

### **Sampling methods**

Two types of data, lupine population data and plant community data, were collected at each site during the summers of 1995, 1996, and 1997.

#### Population data

Population data was collected to record various lupine morphological characteristics and several characteristics of the microsite around each the lupine clump. The data collected from each intercepted clump of lupine included: transect number, distance to baseline, intercept length, clump length, clump width, height of the tallest stem, number of lupine stems, number of flowering/fruited stems, number of lupine germinates, percent bare ground, percent nonvascular and vascular cover, and percent lupine cover. The number of lupine germinates, percent bare ground, percent nonvascular and vascular cover, and percent lupine cover, were recorded for the area with the "dripline" of the clump foliage. All of the data was collected on standard data sheets (Appendix C). A lupine clump was defined as any group of lupine stems within 10 centimeters (cm) of each other at soil level, but greater than 10 cm from any adjacent stem. Only lupine clumps intercepted by a transect were sampled.

The first three parameters: transect number, distance to baseline, and intercept length, serve to relocate clumps for annual measurements. The height of the tallest stem, the number of lupine stems, and the number of flowering/fruitleting lupine stems, measure vegetative reproduction and clump vigor. The number of lupine germinates provides a measure of sexual reproduction. The percent cover parameters describe clump microsite conditions, which are both favorable and unfavorable to clump vigor and reproduction.

### Community data

Plant community data was used to evaluate the effect of fire on each species observed and to investigate plant community relationships, e.g. which species are positively and negatively associated with lupine.

Total percent woody cover was estimated for each 5m x 5m subplot. All woody stems within and outside the subplot that shaded the subplot and were 1cm or greater in diameter at breast height were included in this estimation. The number of stems was recorded by species for those stems located within the subplot.

Percent cover was recorded to characterize the herbaceous vegetation at each of the four quadrats within a subplot. Within each quadrat, the percent cover of each species present was recorded. Coverage of each species within a quadrat was estimated to the nearest 1 percent if total cover was less than 5 percent, and to the nearest 5 percent if total cover was estimated to be more than 5 percent. Woody species with a diameter of less than 1 cm at breast height were treated like herbaceous vegetation and assigned cover estimates by species for the quadrat. If lupine was present within a subplot, the number of stems was recorded. Community data was recorded on a standard "Community data" sheet (Appendix D).

### **Data Analyses**

The response of wild blue lupine, microsite and plant community characteristics to controlled burning were evaluated by determining percent change for each variable before and after the controlled burn. For community data importance values for each species were

calculated. Changes in plant community species richness at each site will be used to evaluate changes in plant community composition. Changes in importance values for overstory and herbaceous species at each site will be used to evaluate changes in plant community structure.

## RESULTS

### Population data

The number of lupine clumps measured after one season following the spring burns decreased at the Willow street sandpit site and slightly increased at the Old State Road sandpit and Karner barrens east sites as compared to the number of clumps counted before the burns. The number of clumps measured at the Willow Street and Old State Road sites decreased after two seasons following the spring burns. Lupine population data was not collected at Karner barrens site in 1997 due to limited available resources prior to lupine senescence. All sites showed an increase in the average clump length and width, the average height of the tallest stem, and the average number of stems following the prescribed burns, except the Old State Rd. site which showed a slight decrease in the average height of the tallest stem. After two seasons following the prescribed burns the average clump length and width, and average height of the tallest stem increased slightly when compared to pre-burn data at the Willow Street and Old State Road sites. The average total number of stems counted two seasons following prescribed burns decreased at the Old State Road site, and slightly increased at the Willow Street site when compared to pre-burn data. At all sites, the number of flowering stems and the number of germinates was about zero both before and after the controlled burns.

At all three sites, percent bare ground and percent lupine increased during the 1996 growing season, while percent vascular species and non-vascular species decreased. 1997 data illustrate a decrease in the percent bare ground at the Old State Road site when compared to 1995 (-4%) and 1996 (-26%) data. Percent bare ground at the Willow Street site increased slightly in 1997 (+4%).

## COMMUNITY DATA

Pre- and post-burn plant species composition and structure, were analyzed at all the three sites. Canopy and groundcover plant community composition and structure varied between the three sites before and following the prescribed fires.

Average percent canopy cover declined at all sites when compared to pre-burn data. Pre-burn, average percent canopy cover was 75% at the Willow Street, 58% at the Old State Road site, and 57% at the Karner barrens east site. Second year post-burn average canopy cover was 54% at the Willow Street Sandpit, 46% at the Karner barrens east site, and 35% at the Old State Road site. While the Karner barren east site did show a slight increase in percent canopy cover in the first post-burn growing season (from 57% to 60%), it was followed by a fairly large decrease the second year following the fire (from 60% to 46%).

Overstory species richness and composition varied between the three sites, and among years following prescribed fire. Pre-burn overstory species richness values were three at the Karner barren east site, five at the Old State Road site, and ten at the Willow Street sandpit site. At the Willow Street site species richness declined each year following the fire, with eight species observed in 1996, and six species observed in 1997. Similarly, species richness showed an overall decline at the Old State Road site two years following the fire, but increased from three to four species in 1997. Species richness increased at the Karner barrens east site, with three, five, and four species observed in 1995, 1996 and 1997, respectively. The increase at the Karner barrens east site was due to the presence of *Populus tremuloides* and *P. grandidentata* in 1996, and *Quercus rubra* in 1997. (It is likely that *P. tremuloides* and *P. grandidentata* sprouted from parent individuals located outside of the plot.)

Overstory structure also varied at each site. All three sites supported, *Pinus rigida* and *Quercus ilicifolia* both before and after the controlled burns. The importance values for these and other overstory species varied, however, at each site following the prescribed burns. *Pinus rigida*, and *Quercus ilicifolia* were the most important overstory species before and after the

controlled burns at the Karner barrens and Old State Road sites. Pre-burn importance values were higher for *Quercus ilicifolia* at the Karner barrens site and *Pinus rigida* at the Old State Road site. At the Willow Street Sandpit *Robinia pseudo-acacia* showed the highest pre-burn importance value (55.08). *Quercus ilicifolia* and *Pinus rigida* showed the fifth and seventh highest importance values of the ten species recorded in 1995 at the Willow Street site.

First year post-burn data at Willow Street showed *Pinus rigida* with the highest importance value (43.49) of eight species recorded. (This was likely a result of fire top-killing other canopy species, reducing their relative frequency and relative dominance at the site.) *R. pseudo-acacia* and *Q. ilicifolia* showed the third and fourth highest importance values for the same year. Second year post-burn data showed *Populus grandidentata* with the highest importance value (67.50). *P. grandidentata* showed the third highest importance value in 1995 and the second highest value in 1996.

Understory species composition and structure also varied between the three sites and within each site following the prescribed burns of 1996. The total number of associated plant species varied from 24 to 41 for the three sites before the controlled burns and from 20 to 39 after the burns. As in Grigore (1992), no trends in diversity between the sites before or after the burns were observed. *Aster linariifolius*, *Corylus americana*, *Uvularia perfoliata*, *Prunus virginiana*, and *Melampyrum lineare*, which were present in at least two out of the three sites before the burns, were absent from all three sites following the burns in 1996. Each of these species except *M. lineare* and *P. virginiana* were present in 1997. *Schizachyrium scoparium*, *Carex pensylvanica*, *Panicum spp.*, *Urtica dioica*, *Monotropa uniflora*, and *Andropogon gerardii*, which were absent from all three sites before the burns, were present in at least two out of three sites following the fires.

Several species that were absent before the burns, were recorded at one of the sites following the burns. *Asclepias tuberosa* which was absent from all sites before and immediately following the burns, had the 15<sup>th</sup> highest importance value two years following the burn at the

Karner barrens east site. *Kalmia angustifolia* was recorded in 1997 at the Old State Road site, but was absent from all sites before the burns. *Vaccinium* spp., *Quercus alba*, and *Chimaphila umbellata*, were also recorded following the fire at the Willow Street site.

## DISCUSSION

With only two years of post-burn data, it is inappropriate to identify trends in species composition and structure following the prescribed burns. However, an increase in the average lupine clump length and width, the average height of the tallest stem, and the average number of stems at all sites following the prescribed burns would suggest that clump vigor has improved. These results coupled with an increase in percent bareground and percent lupine and a decrease in percent vascular species and non-vascular species suggests that fire creates a macrosite more favorable for lupine growth. This is probably due to a decrease in interspecific competition and leaf litter, and an increase in available resources. Boyonoski (1992) concluded that treatments that remove litter cover and eliminate competing herbaceous vegetation, such as fire, promote seedling establishment. This data seems to support Boyonoski's conclusion.

With the number of flowering stems and germinates near zero at all sites (both pre- and post-burn), little was discovered about the effects of fire on reproductive success. Grigore (1992) found that lupine at burned sites produced significantly more seed pods and the flowering stems set more seed than lupine at unburned sites. However, she was not able to determine whether fire had a significant effect on the total number of flowering stems during the first growing season following a fire at a previously unburned lupine site. More data is needed to accurately assess lupine reproduction following fire in the Albany Pine Bush.

Upon analyzing the pre- and post-burn plant species present at the three sites, no trends in diversity between the sites were observed. More data would be helpful in evaluating each species response to fire, in determining which species are positively and negatively associated

with lupine, in characterizing the herbaceous vegetation of the site, and in identifying trends in diversity between the sites.

Finally, when considering fire as a tool for managing lupine, the timing of the burns is crucial. Grigore (1992) found that fire adversely affected recruitment in a lupine population by killing seeds on the soil surface and by killing newly germinated seeds. In order for lupine to benefit from the effects of fire, the controlled burns must be conducted in the spring, before the seedlings emerge. Grigore also suggests burning every other year instead of annually in order to minimize fire damage to seeds and seedlings. Although prescribed burning is probably an important management tool for enhancing and maintaining Karner blue butterfly habitat, it may be beneficial to use it in conjunction with other management practices.

## CONCLUSION

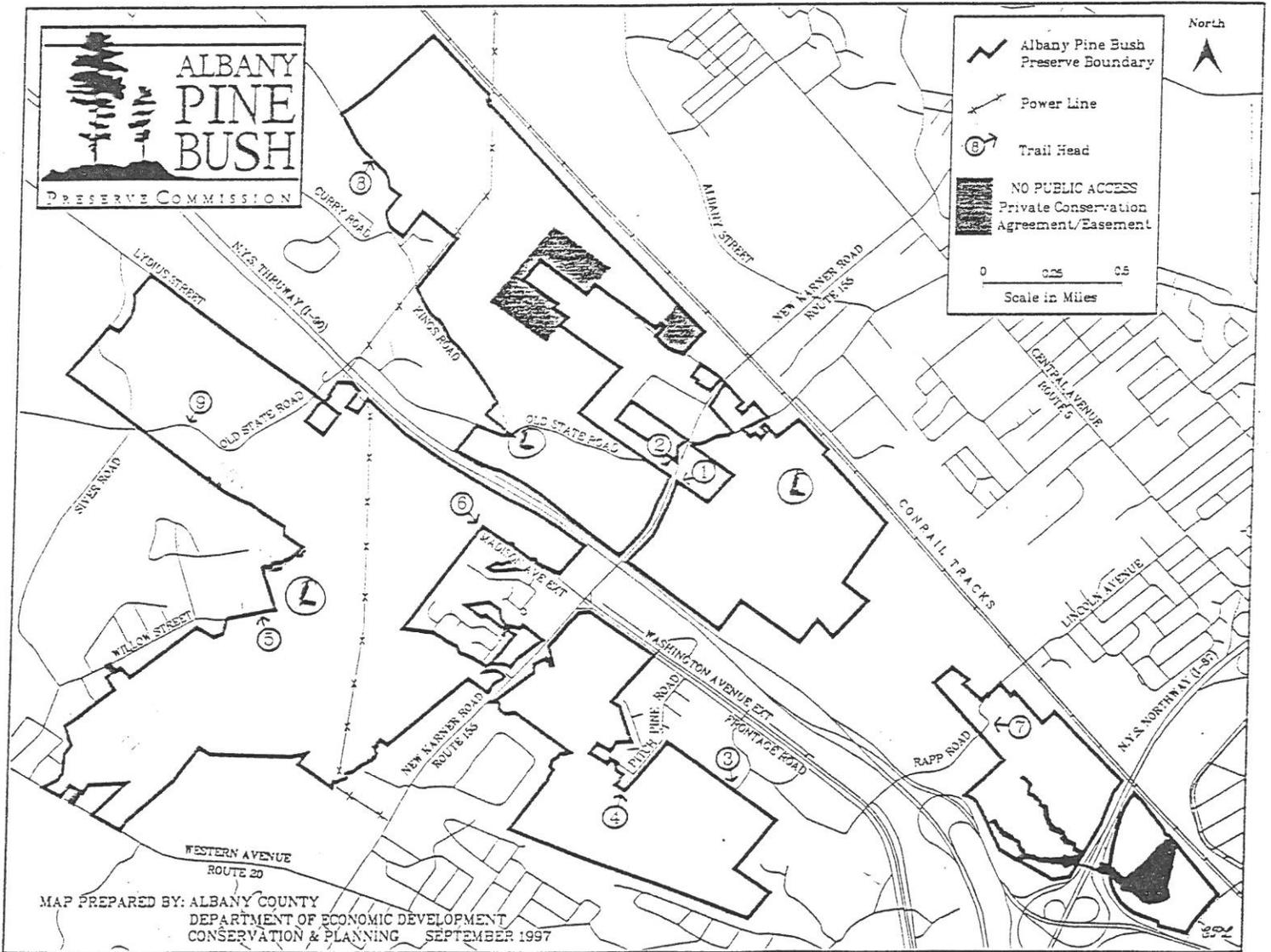
While Fire/Weather Observation data sheets (Appendix G) show that fire behavior for all three 1996 controlled research burns were of low intensity, these fires had a positive effect on lupine and the surrounding plants communities. Each site is slated for another prescribed fire in 1998. Studying the cumulative short- and long-term affects of prescribed fire on these sites will aid in determining the effectiveness of prescribed fire as a tool to maintain, expand, and restore Karner blue butterfly habitat in the Albany Pine Bush, and throughout the Glacial Lake Albany Karner blue butterfly Recovery Unit.

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APPENDIX A. MAP OF THE ALBANY PINE BUSH PRESERVE WITH STUDY SITES



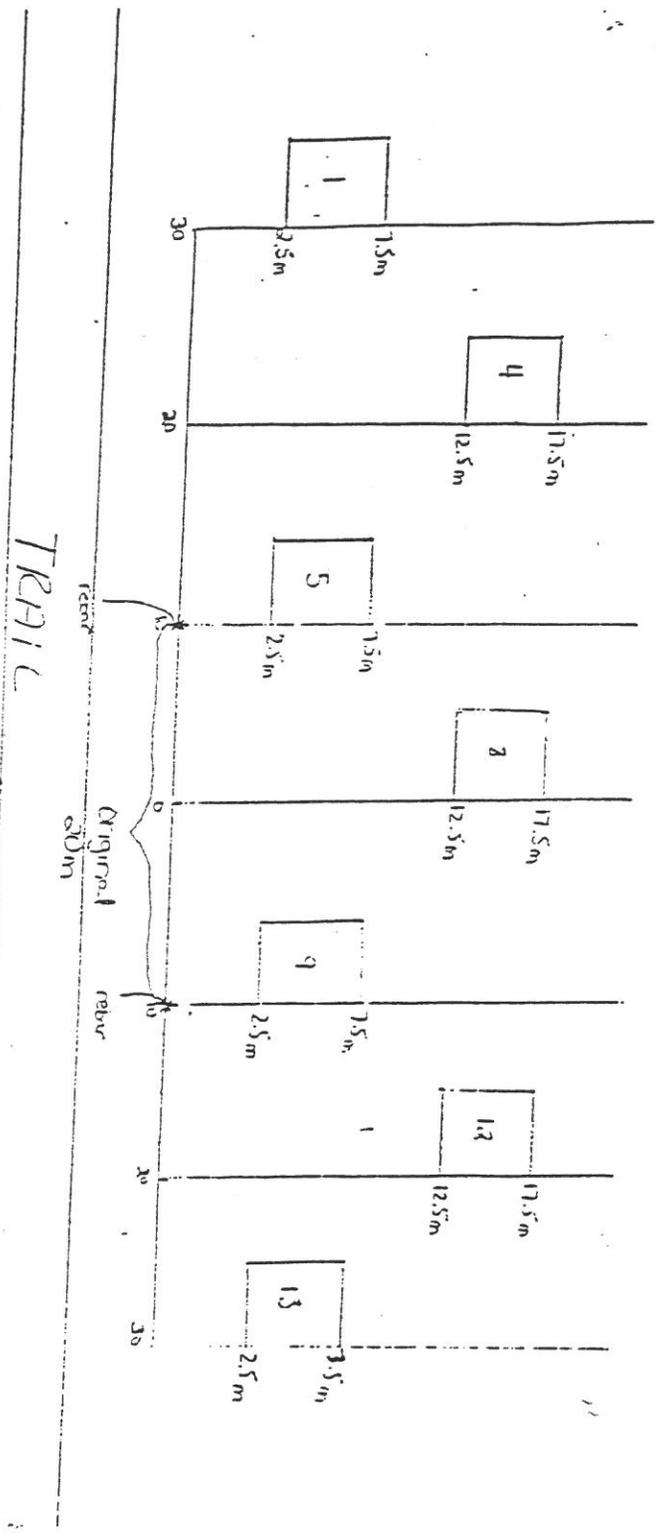
L = Lupine study site

**APPENDIX B.      MAPS OF EACH STUDY SITE**

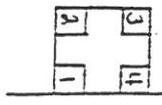
# KARKIER BARRACKS EAST

Community Data Map

5m x 5m placement



1m x 1m placement

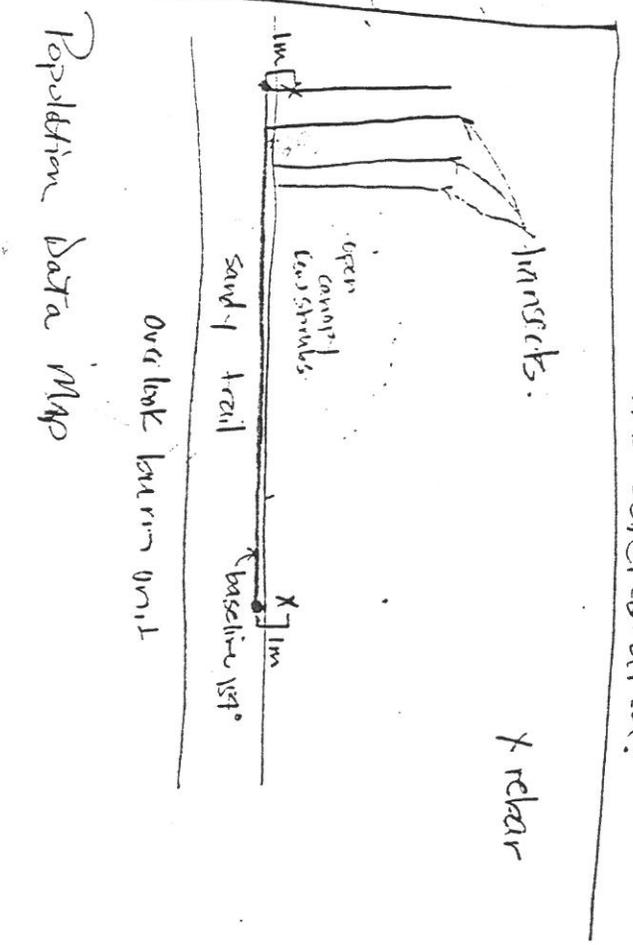


Location KBE Date 7/12/15 Row Width (m) NA Path Width (m) NA Interval Width (m) 1m  
 Recorder Bronson Behrens Row Bearing NA P/T# \_\_\_\_\_ to P/T# \_\_\_\_\_ Transect Starts at the SW Corner of the Block  
Area

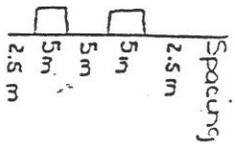
Clump #	Dist. to Baseline (m)	Intercept Length (cm)	Length (cm)	Width (cm)	Height (cm)	Total # of Stems	# of Fl. Stems	# of Germinates	% Bare Ground	% Non-Vascular	% Vascular	% Lupine
0-1	0.8	2	21	15	11	2	0	0	5	0	15	60
2-1	5.2	4	7	3	15	1	0	0	0	0	50	5
2-2	5.6	4	7	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	10	5
3-1	0.9	3	8	10	3	1	0	0	0	0	10	10
3-2	3.1	2	12	11	14	1	0	0	0	0	10	50
4-1	2.9	10	18	7	19	2	0	0	0	0	10	10
5-1	11.1	3	12	17	31	2	1	0	0	0	40	30
5-2	5.1	4	10	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	5	20
6-1	5.1	1	19	7	14	1	1	0	0	0	10	20
A-1	2.0	10	21	20	28	3	2	0	0	0	10	20
8-2	4	1	18	13	12	1	0	0	0	0	50	10
9-1	8.3	4	14	13	15	2	0	0	0	0	30	40
13-1	3.1	7	22	19	14	2	0	0	0	0	30	40
13-2	5.9	8	14	8	12	2	0	0	0	0	15	30
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14-2	4.9	4	19	7	20	2	0	0	0	0	20	20
14-3	5.3	6	14	9	13	2	0	0	0	0	30	20
17-1	4.4	4	17	10	12	1	0	0	0	0	10	40
18-1	0.8	10	13	10	17	1	0	0	0	0	10	30
19-1	4.4	2	10	5	8	2	0	0	0	0	15	50

Notes: Baseline bearing =  $116.8^\circ$  Area located on NE side of trail. Most of lupine located in open area, but some also located in surrounding's shrub-covered area. Lupine moderately to largely screened. Plot also overlaps with old HAW study

Rebar located @ both ends of baseline 1m NE of trail edge so that it wouldn't be disturbed.

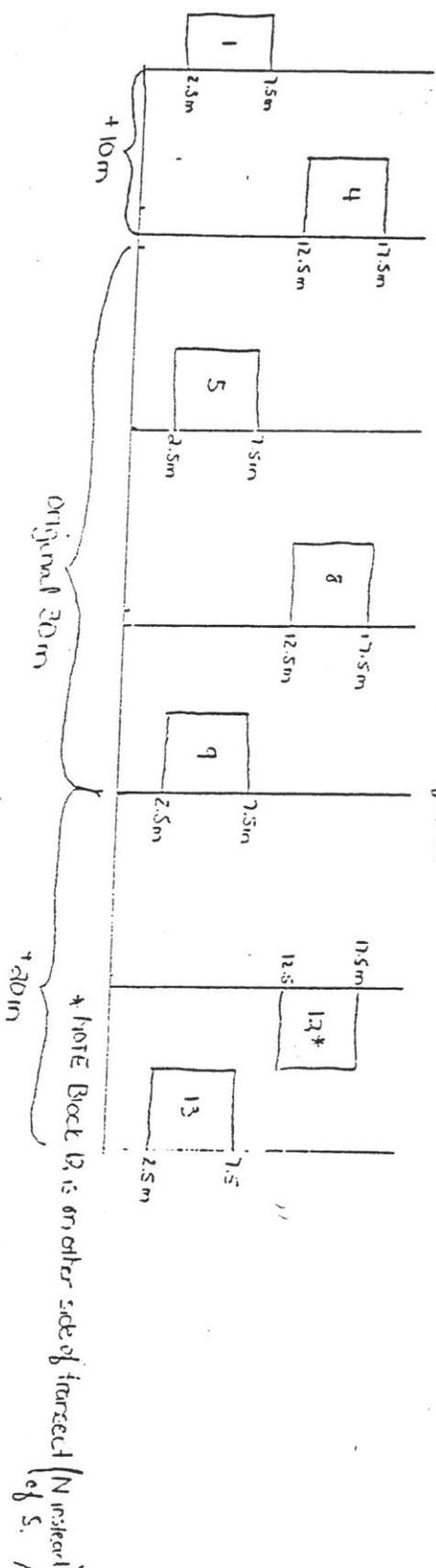


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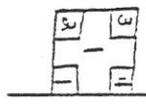
→ NORTH

5m x 5m Placement: - woody plants: total 1/2 cover all woody stems in 5x5m x 1cm diameter at breast height  
 (1%, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25%, ...)  
 - list ea spp + # of stems



## 1m x 1m Placement

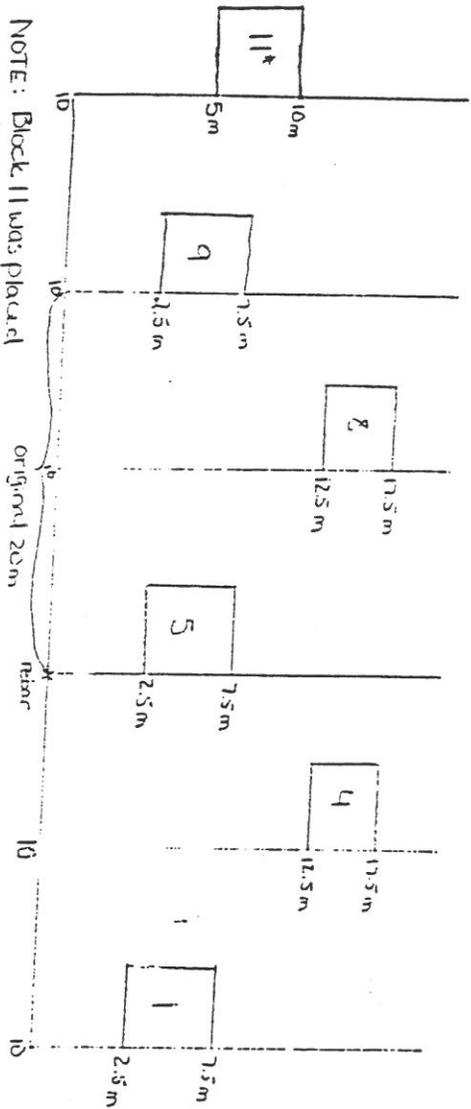
- within ea. 5x5m block → 4 - 1m x 1m blocks
- herbac. plants
- spp + % cover of herbac. in ea. 1x1m block
- \* for future: % cover / # stems
- woody plants < 1cm in diam at breast hgt are recorded as herbac.





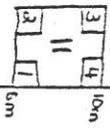
# OLD STATE ROAD

Placement of 5x5m blocks



NOTE: Block 11 was placed 5m in due to curve of road.

Placement of 1x1m blocks



baseline

← OLD STATE ROAD →



APPENDIX C.      STANDARD LUPINE POPULATION DATA SHEET



APPENDIX D. STANDARD VEGETATION COMMUNITY DATA SHEET



APPENDIX E. LUPINE POPULATION DATA AND ANALYSIS



**OLD STATE RD**

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Clump#	Dist to Baseline (m)	Intercept Length (c)	Width (cm)	Height (cm)	Total # of stems	Number of stems	Number of germinals	Percent bareground	Percent non-vascular	Percent vascular	Percent lupine
4.1	6.7	5.1	5.2	6.1	7.1	7.2	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5
8.0	8.0	3.9	2.6	1.6	2.8	1.5	2.5	3.8	6.4	9.1	9.2
7	11	1	1	1	4	2	7	7	7	4	4.3
11	17	20	10	28	12	10	15	14	14	4	4.1
5	7	14	1	16	6	9	5	8	7	6	4.4
12	11	25	3	10	5	6	10	5	9	6	4.6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	5	20	20	100	100	100	60	60	100	100	100
		35	10	40	60	70	25	60	25	10	65

Interval width: 1 meter  
 Recorders: Sullivan, Gebauer, Gilford Hopkins  
 Transect started at NW corner  
 Baseline bearing: 49 E of N with declination of 13.5

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**\*713126**

Clump#	Dist to Baseline (m)	Intercept Length (c)	Width (cm)	Height (cm)	Total # of stems	Number of stems	Number of germinals	Percent bareground	Percent non-vascular	Percent vascular	Percent lupine
2.1	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.2	5.1	6.1	6.2	7.1	7.2	7.3	8.1
3.3	1.2	1.9	0.4	3.1	4.6	0.7	5.2	1.5	5.7	6.6	2.7
12	9	5	19	23	12	27	18	19	18	17	3.5
15	16	10	10	17	9	18	8	12	15	8	1.7
8	11	10	10	17	9	18	8	12	15	8	1.7
8	13	15	9	11	14	14	11	10	11	9	1.1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	20	70	20	60	30	40	50	40	20	10	30
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	10	5	2	2	5	4	5	1	0	0	0
50	70	20	70	30	60	50	40	50	70	10	50

Interval width: 1 meter  
 Recorders: Dineen, McArthur  
 Transect started at the NW corner  
 Baseline bearing: 49 E of N with declination of 13.5

**OLD STATE RD**

**\*812127**

Clump#	Dist to Baseline (m)	Intercept Length (c)	Width (cm)	Height (cm)	Total # of stems	Number of stems	Number of germinals	Percent bareground	Percent non-vascular	Percent vascular	Percent lupine
8.1	8.1	10.1	10.2	10.3	11.1	13.1	16.1	AVG	MIN	MAX	
3.45	3.05	2.45	5.93	6.15	4.5	6.75	2.1	4.2975	2.1	6.75	
12	12	15	10	4	12	32	30	15	4	40	9.2
33	14	15	23	4	31	34	40	24.25	3	40	20
22	14	6	10	3	12	17	33	14.875	2	30	20
20	11	21	12	5	7	18	13	13.375	5	21	4
1	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1.5	1	4	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.75	0	0	0
0	0	10	2	0	6	4	0	2.825	0	6	0
0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	10	0
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
20	5	53	15	50	5	15	40	25.375	5	35	6.5

Interval width: 1 meter  
 Recorders: Guido  
 Transect started at the NW corner  
 Baseline bearing: 49 E of N with declination of 13.5

Clump#	Dist to Baseline (m)	Intercept Length (c)	Width (cm)	Height (cm)	Total # of stems	Number of stems	Number of germinals	Percent bareground	Percent non-vascular	Percent vascular	Percent lupine
2.1	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.2	5.1	6.1	6.2	7.1	7.2	7.3	8.1
3.3	1.2	1.9	0.4	3.1	4.6	0.7	5.2	1.5	5.7	6.6	2.7
12	9	5	19	23	12	27	18	19	18	17	3.5
15	16	10	10	17	9	18	8	12	15	8	1.7
8	11	10	10	17	9	18	8	12	15	8	1.7
8	13	15	9	11	14	14	11	10	11	9	1.1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	20	70	20	60	30	40	50	40	20	10	30
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	10	5	2	2	5	4	5	1	0	0	0
50	70	20	70	30	60	50	40	50	70	10	50

Interval width: 1 meter  
 Recorders: Guido  
 Transect started at the NW corner  
 Baseline bearing: 49 E of N with declination of 13.5

