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Indigenous fire use can facilitate climate adaptation: contemporary examples

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THE PRESENT STATUS OF FIRE ECOLOGY, TRADITIONAL USE OF FIRE, AND
FIRE MANAGEMENT IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

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FIRE SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT (ME ALEXANDER, SECTION EDITOR)

Centering Indigenous Voices: The Role of Fire in the Boreal Forest
of North America

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fire & fuels management

Returning Fire to the Land: Celebrating
Traditional Knowledge and Fire

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Dave McWethy, and Camille Stevens-Rumann



Figure 2. Klamath River TREX 2015 (Oct. 10, 2015). Karuk and Yurok ignitors prescribe burning in the wildland-urban interface (Lake property, near Orleans, CA) to reinstate traditional burning in a modern context for fuels reductions, acorn research, and tribal food gathering enhancement. (Courtesy of Frank K. Lake, USDA Forest Service and Karuk Tribe.)

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Understanding Yurok traditional ecological
knowledge and wildlife management

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Rarámuri (Tarahumara)
Chihuahua, México

Grand Canyon, Arizona, USA



Foto: Dan Binkley

Barrancas de Cobre, Chihuahua, México



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/12/Copper_canyon_3.jpg/1000px-Copper_canyon_3.jpg

The North American tree-ring fire-scar network

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Dendrochronology

(a) Fire-scar data network



Sampling Fire-Scarred Trees:



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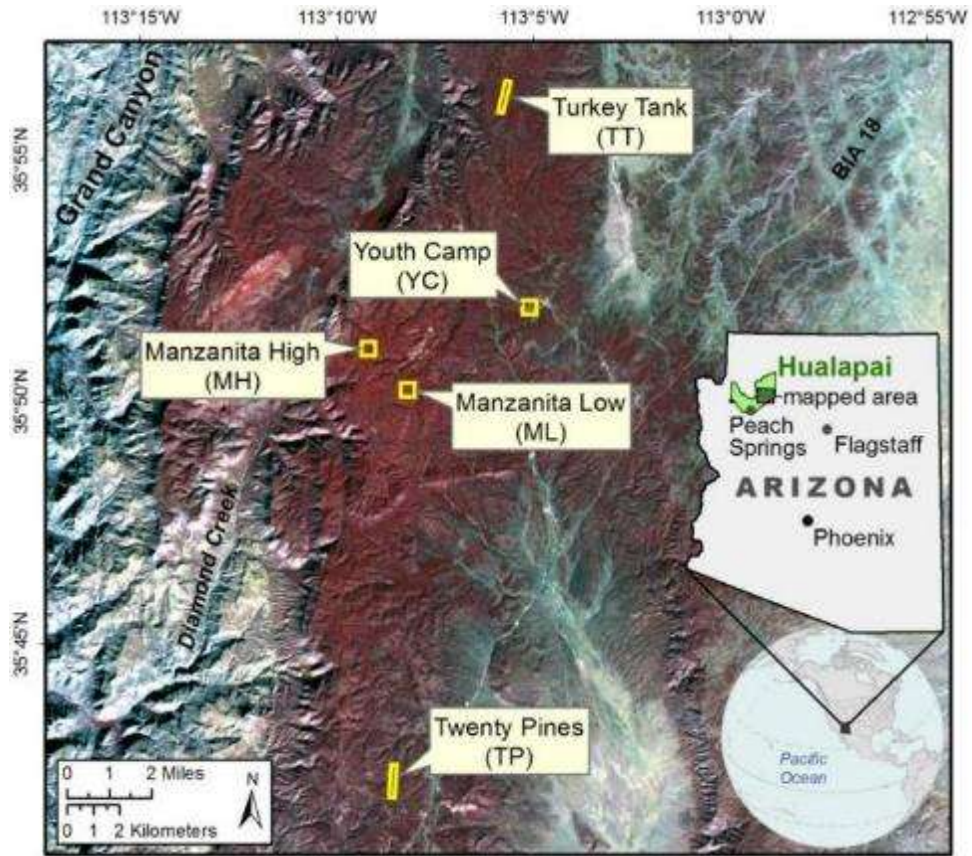
Jaime Yazzie



Figura 2. (A) Obtención de muestras con apoyo de motosierra en la Reserva de la Biosfera Sierra de Manantlán, Jalisco, (B) sección parcial de *Pinus douglasiana* con excelentes registros históricos de incendios (7 cicatrices) posterior a su preparación y fechado, y (C) muestra un acercamiento microscópico de la cicatrización del incendio de 1998, que permite definir la posición de la cicatriz en el anillo de crecimiento (mitad de la madera temprana) que define la época en el año en que se registró.

Historia de incendios en un bosque de pino de la sierra de Manantlán, Jalisco, México

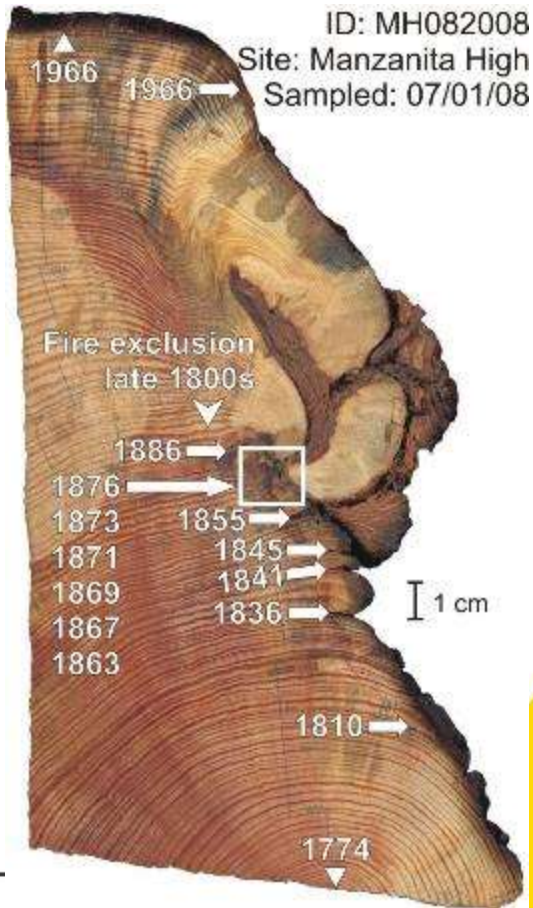
Fire history in a pine forest in Sierra de Manantlán, Jalisco, Mexico



- Hualapai Tribe: “People of the Tall Pines”
- Fire regime interrupted after 1886
- Resumed burning around 1960
- Forest managed with uneven-aged silviculture



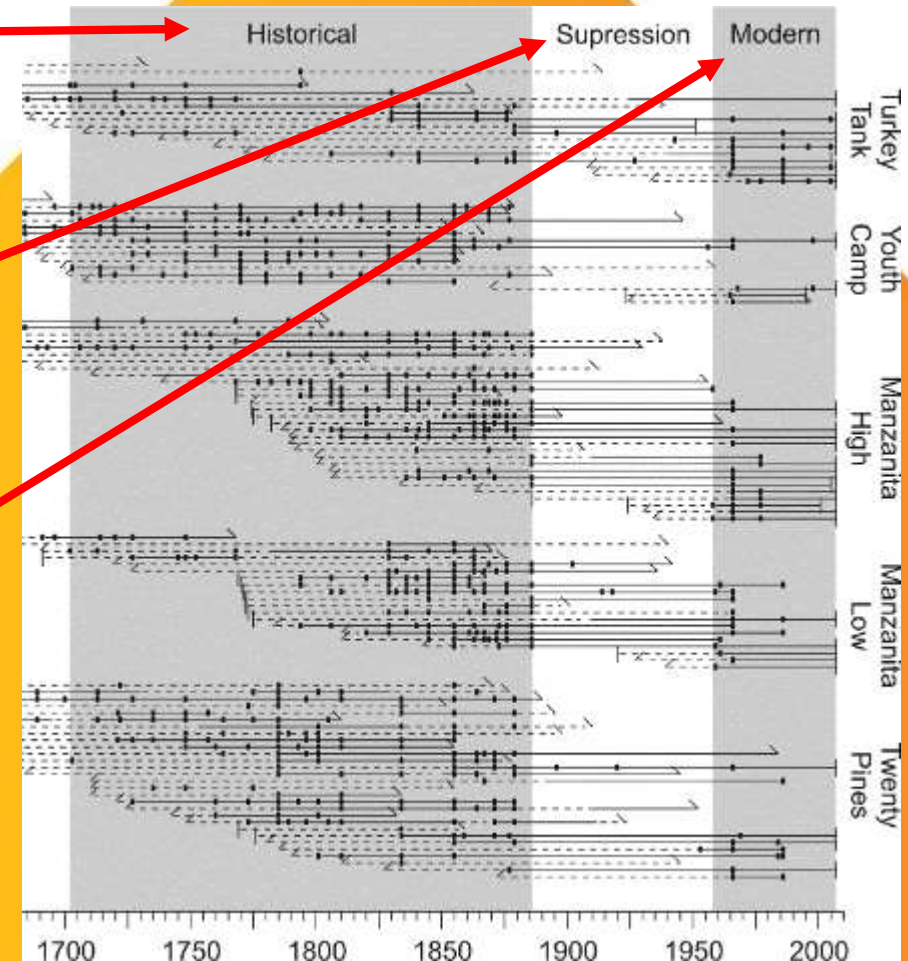
Fire history: Hualapai forest



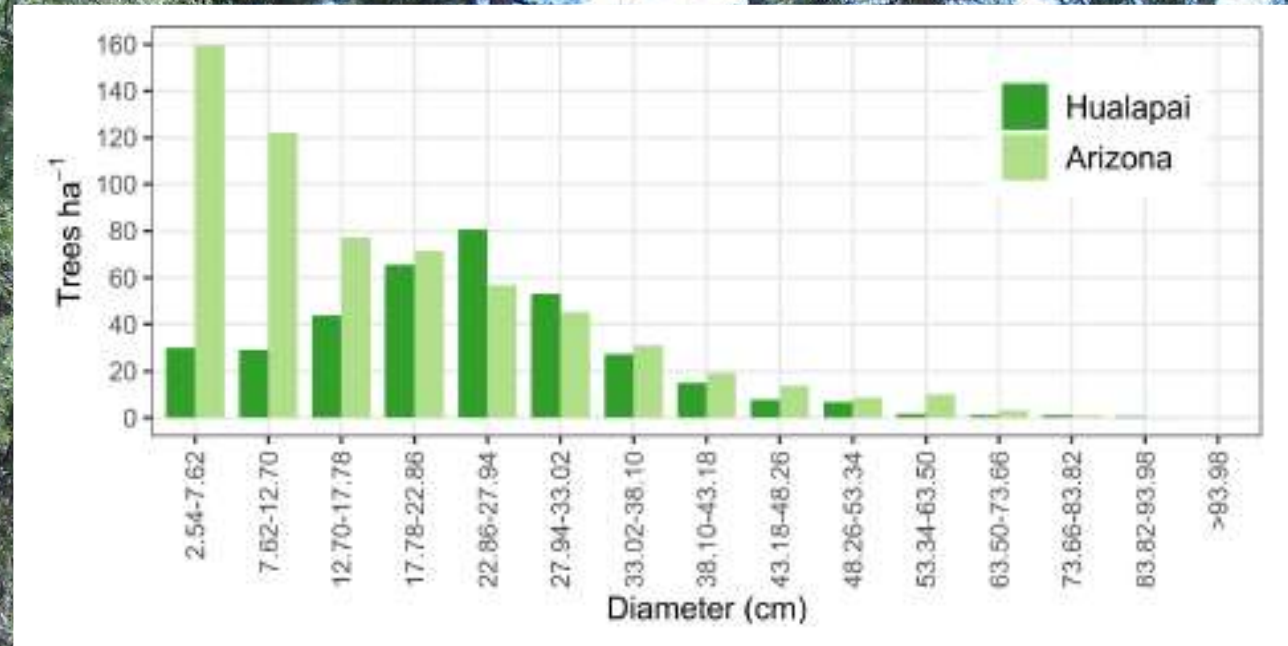
Many fires in the past

Fire exclusion for a century

Burning resumed ≈ 1960



Modern fire regime resembles historical fire regime in a ponderosa pine forest on Native American lands



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Reduced forest vulnerability due to management on the Hualapai Nation

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Does fire use help forests adapt to climate change?

Rarámuri Forest at Ejido Pino Gordo



Pino Gordo, Chihuahua: forest under traditional Indigenous management



Fulé et al. 2012, Ecological Applications



Fire history, Pino Gordo

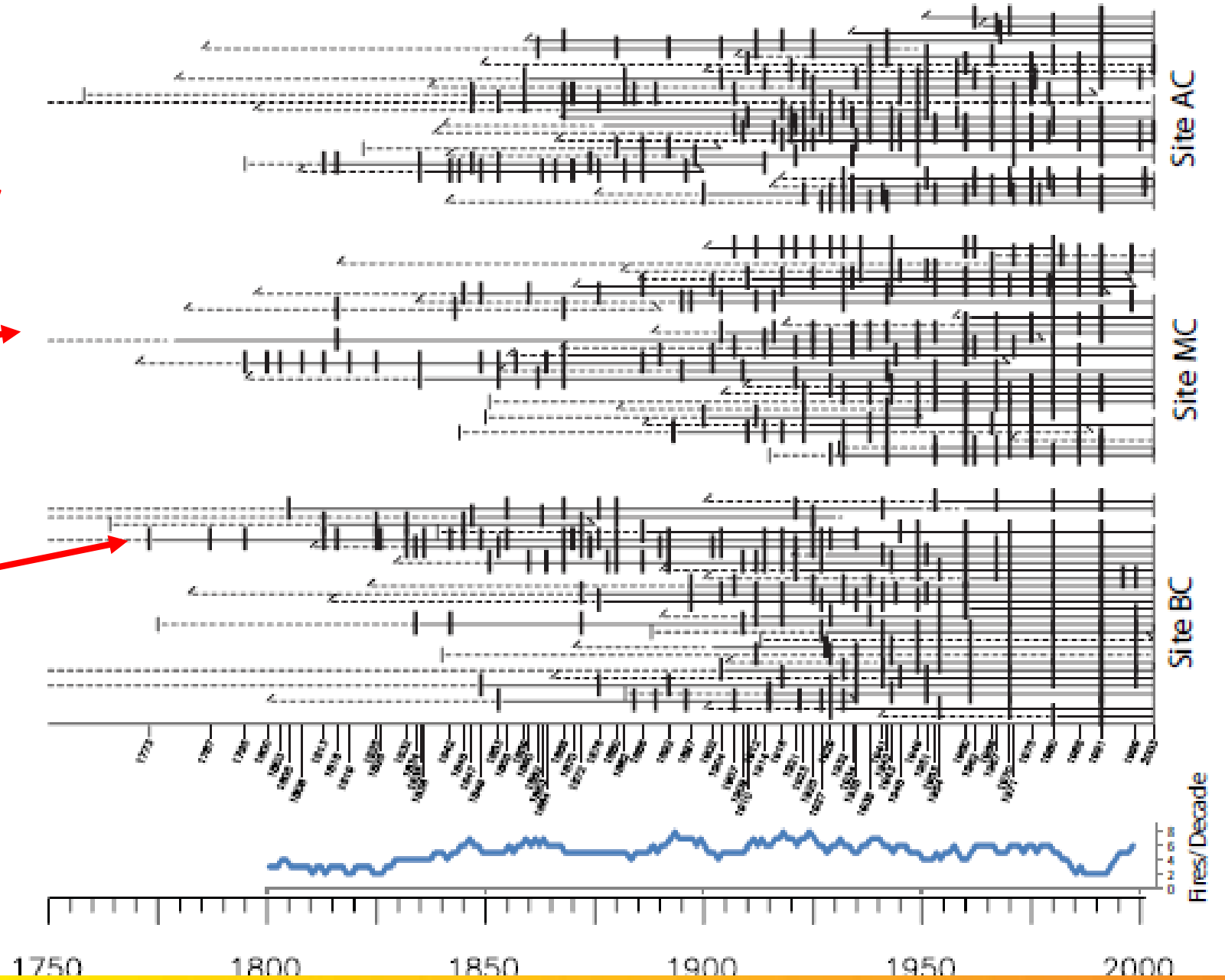
- 92 fire-scarred trees sampled from 3 sites, 2480-2565 m elevation.
- 20 plots to measure forest structure in *Pinus-Quercus* forest.
- We asked local people about traditional use of fire.

Pino Gordo, fire history

Horizontal lines
are timeline of
the sample tree



Vertical bars are
fires



Forest Structure Comparison

Pino Gordo vs. harvested sites

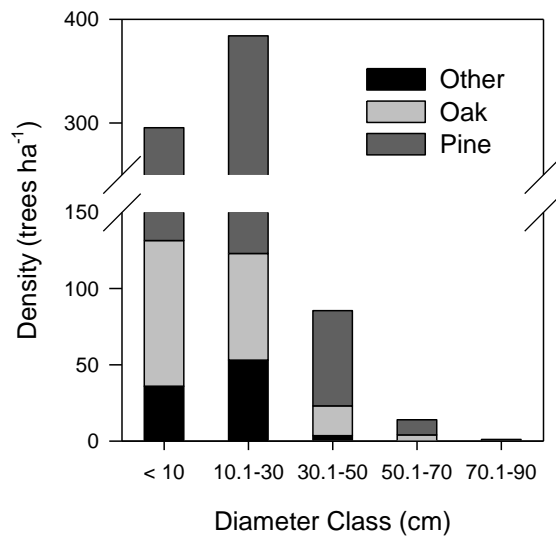
- We compared Pino Gordo (fire regime, no harvest) to two harvested sites \approx 40 km N: Cerro Grande (Guachochi) and Cabórachi (Miller & Chambers 2007)



Barranca Sinforosa

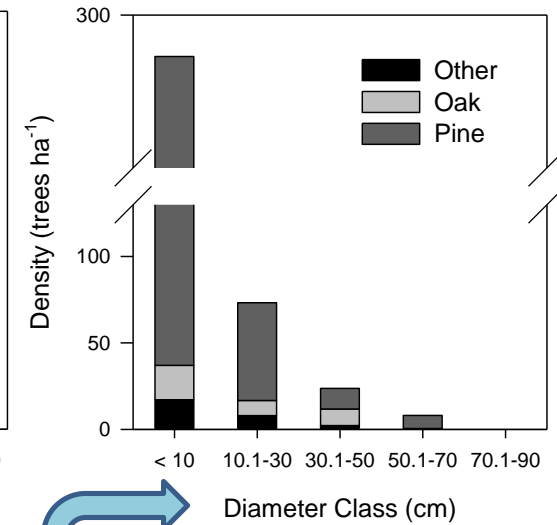
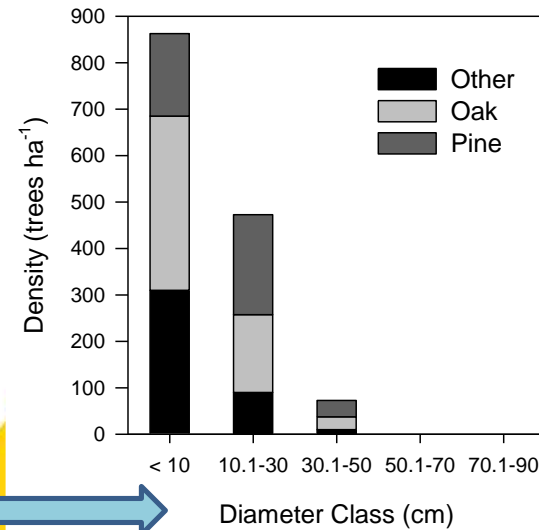


Cerro Grande



Pino Gordo: not harvested, ongoing fire regime

- Trees ≥ 50.1 cm: 15 trees ha⁻¹
- Pines ≥ 50.1 cm: 10 trees ha⁻¹
- Pine stumps: 0.5 ha⁻¹



Cerro Grande: harvested

- Trees ≥ 50.1 cm: 0 trees ha⁻¹
- Pines ≥ 50.1 cm: 0 trees ha⁻¹
- Pine stumps: 17.5 ha⁻¹

Cabórachi: harvested

- Trees ≥ 50.1 cm: 8.2 trees ha⁻¹
- Pines ≥ 50.1 cm: 7.5 trees ha⁻¹
- Pine stumps: 26.0 ha⁻¹

Conclusions:

- Two forests of southwestern North America with evidence of frequent surface fire regimes.
- **Hualapai:** interruption of the fire regime for nearly a century, followed by fire restoration.
- **Pino Gordo:** fire regime uninterrupted up to the present; forest with large trees.
- **Both:** open forests, few fuel ladders, resilience under climate change.



Outreach activities at Hualapai tribal forest, AZ