



Battling Darwinism on an Anthropogenically disturbed site

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Port of Chelan Mill Site



- The Site was used primarily for lumber milling from the 1940s until late 1970s
- In 2009, soil contaminated by petroleum was discovered.



- \$6.6 million cleanup and road improvement project. The Port work included removing or reusing old wood waste, removing contaminated soil, and grading the site.




Pitfalls of staff turnover



- BIG PROJECT
- with
minimal
information

- Make sure you
keep detailed
notes on all
project aspects





Site prep gone wrong – so what? Let's just go for it!

- ▶ High level of weed competition, such as lamb's quarters and reed canary grass.
- ▶ Size of the site and diversity of elevation, aspect, slope, etc.
- ▶ Lack of Landowner engagement
- ▶ Lack of access to irrigation.
- ▶ Timing of planting occurred right before hottest and driest summer in years.

Not all is lost- creating opportunities for re-generation!

