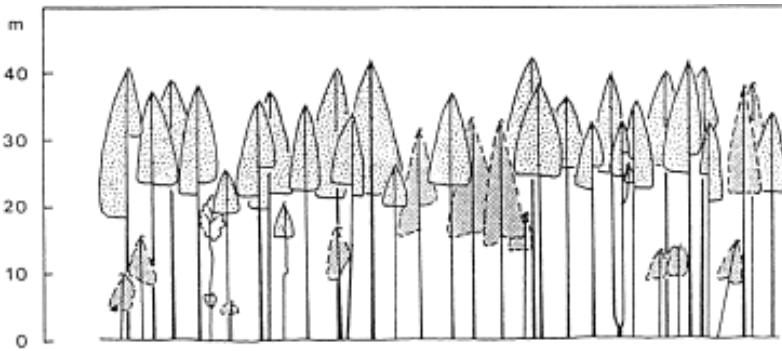


## Forest Structure - Layers

Canopy = overstory, trees/vegetation overhead that shades the ground

Understory = vegetation under canopy; can have one or many layers

Layers: groundcover, midstory (between ground and canopy), overstory



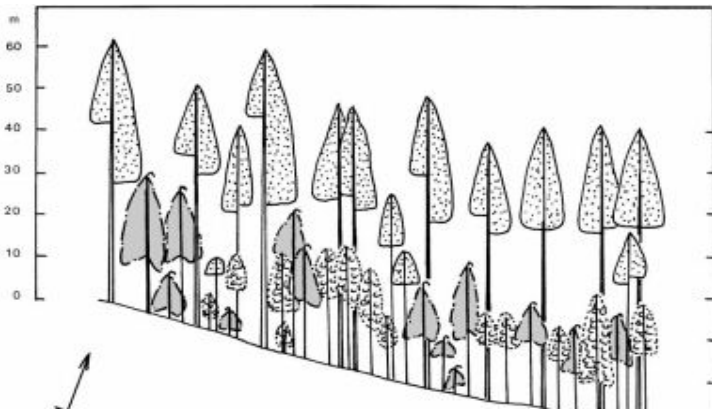
Typical 2 layer stand of young D fir, 2 layers, overstory & groundcover; closed canopy w/no midstory, suggests plantation



west side



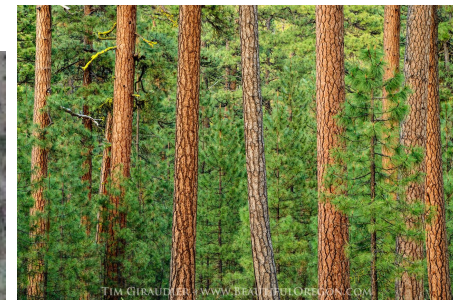
east side



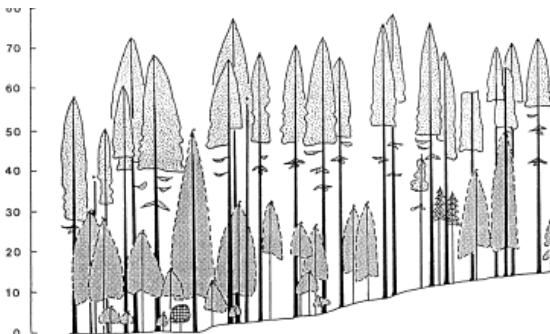
3 layer stand; clear overstory, midstory and groundcover



west side



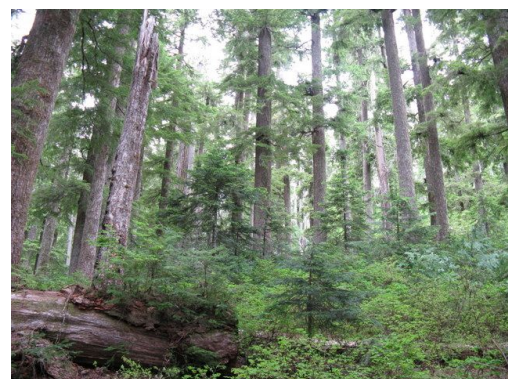
Above is example of 2 layers - overstory & midstory - in east side forest



Complex multilayered structure with horizontal diversity in groundcover, midstory and canopy; note snags of different ages/heights and enough opening in overstory to allow broadleaf trees in the understory



east side



west side