

Supplementary Materials

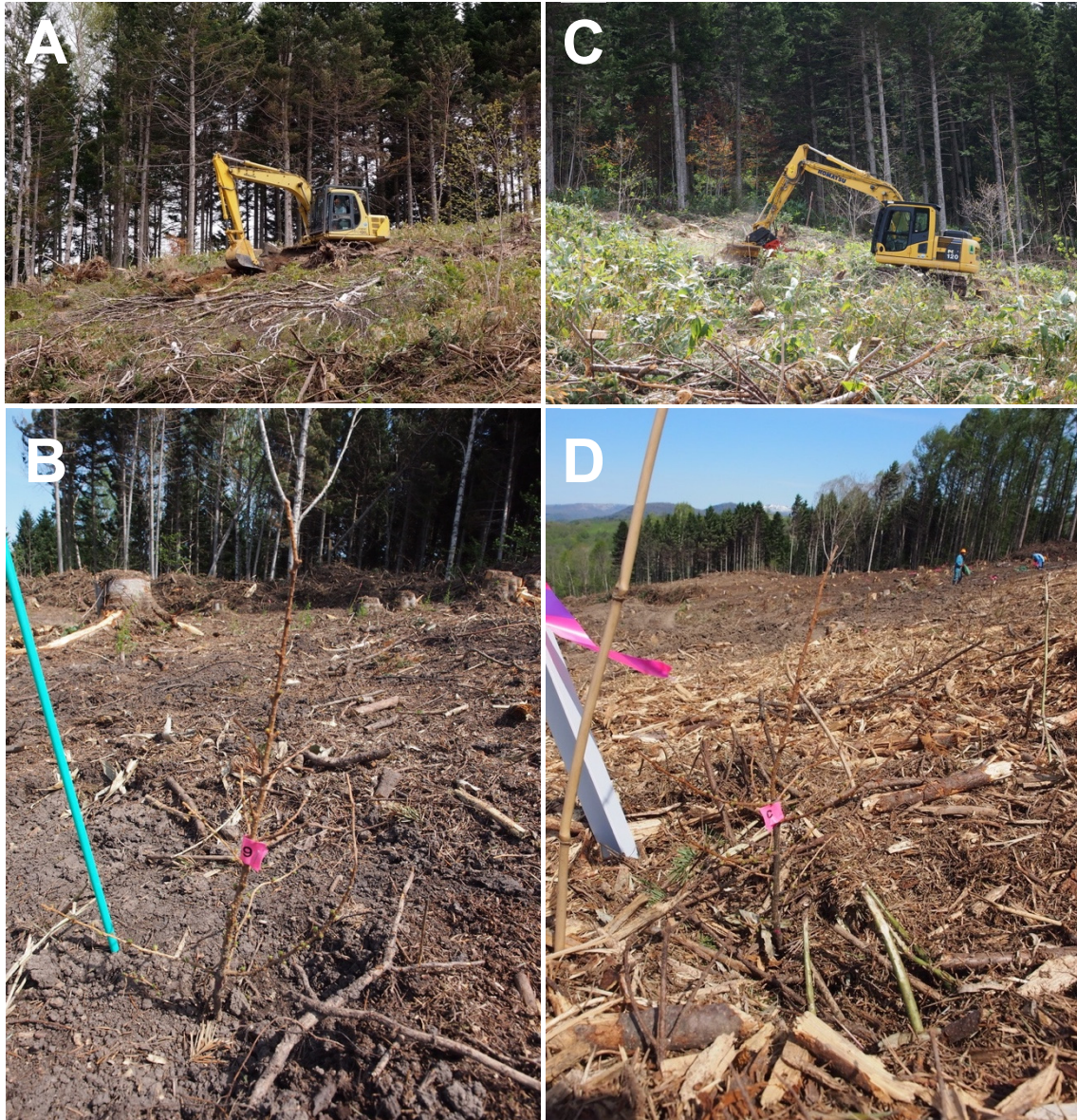


Figure S1. Photographs of the mechanical site preparation (A, C) and the forest floor after preparation (B, D). A, B: Soil scarification by bucket site preparation, C, D: Mulching by mulcher site preparation.

Table S1. Percentage of number of planted seedlings that had an initial root collar diameter (RCD) of 7.3 mm or larger and number of observations (*n*) by stock type.

Stock type	Percentage of initial RCD larger than 7.3 mm	<i>n</i>
Bareroot (1+2)	97%	60
Bareroot (1+1)	33%	60
LIECO390 (0+1)	20%	30
JFA300.C (1+2)	30%	30
JFA300.E (1+2)	0%	30
HRO200 (1+1)	18%	60
BCC150 (0+2)	0%	60