A landscape photograph of a stream with a wooden fence and trees in the background. The stream is in the foreground, with a wooden fence made of logs and posts crossing it. The background is a dense forest of tall trees under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

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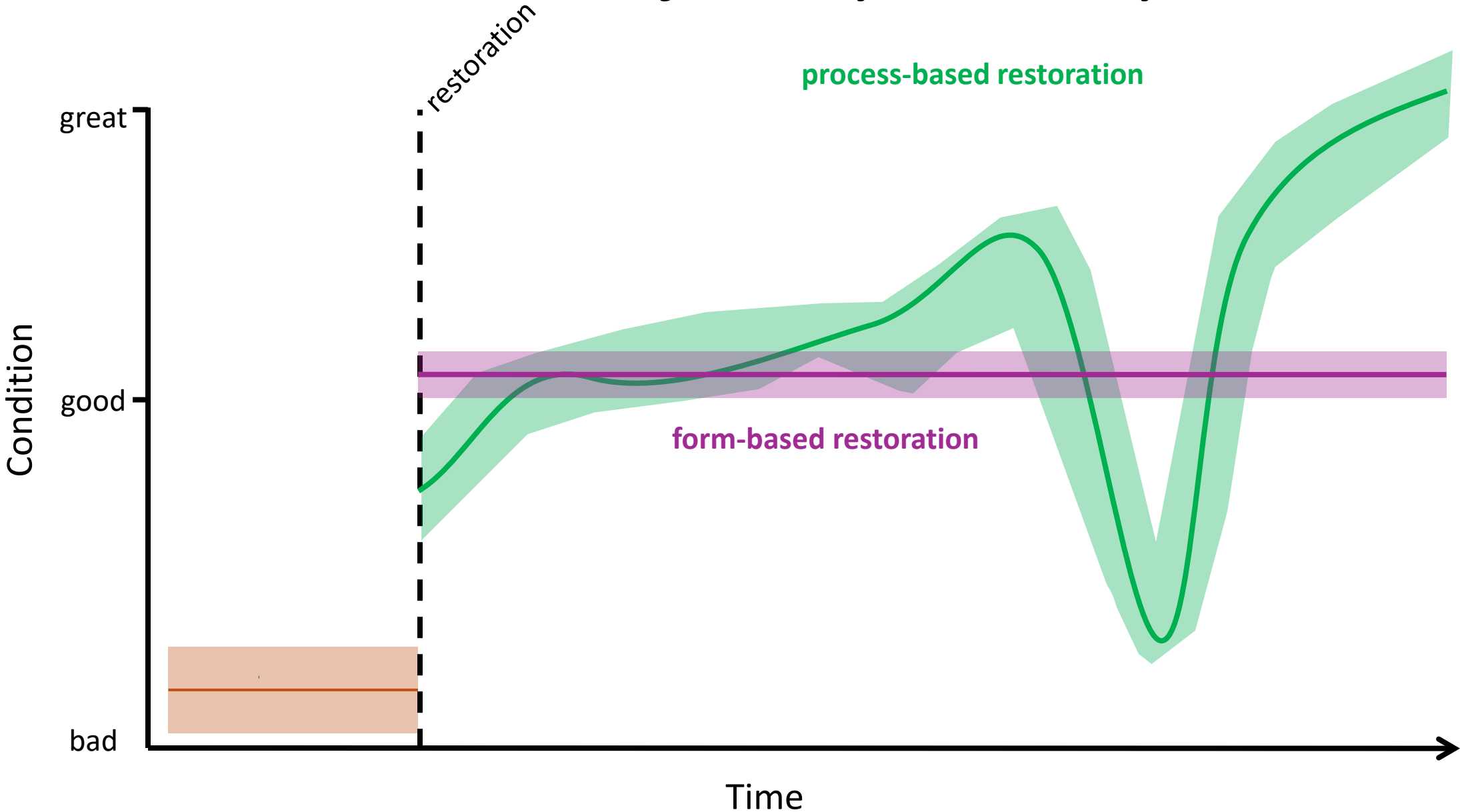
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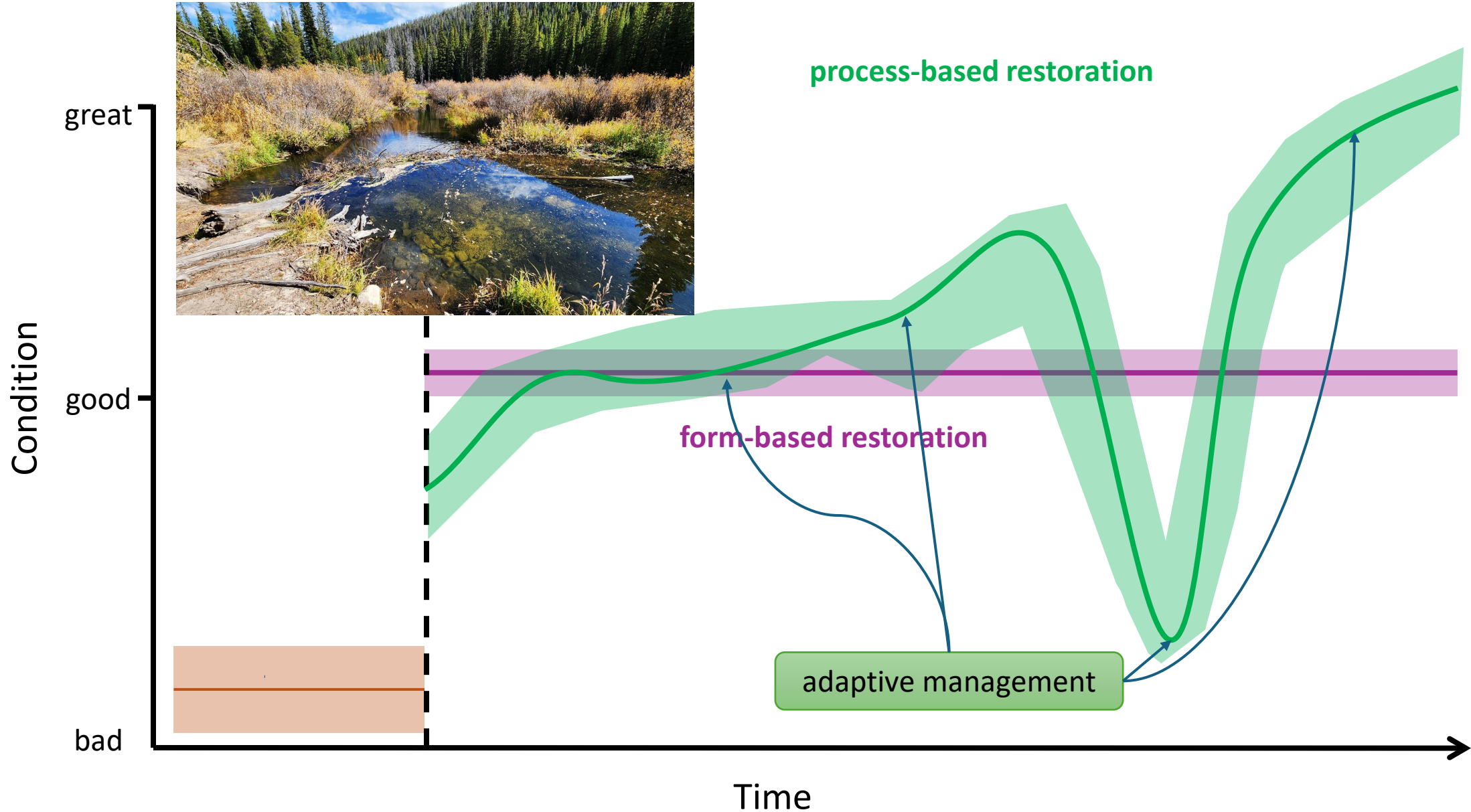
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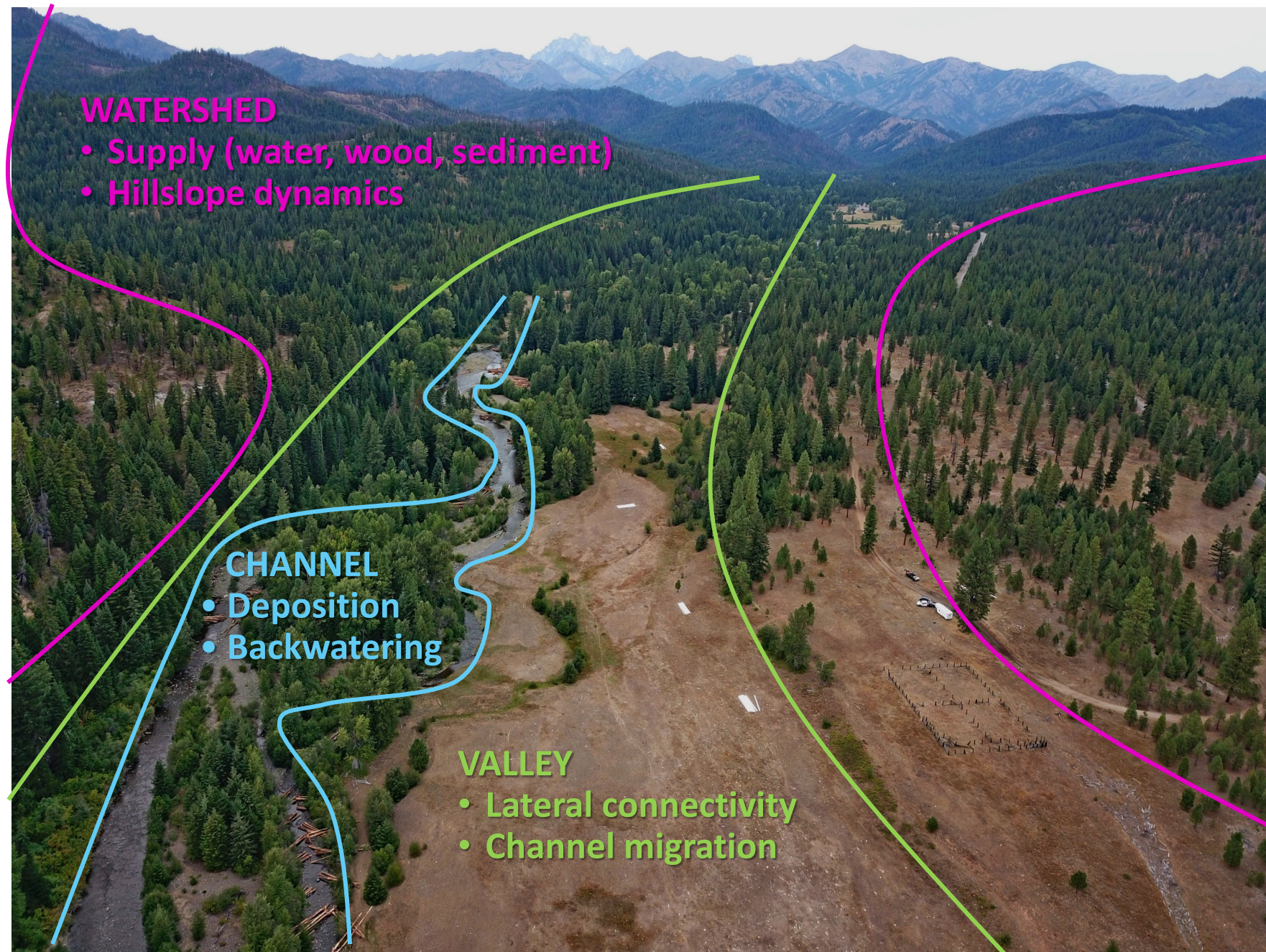
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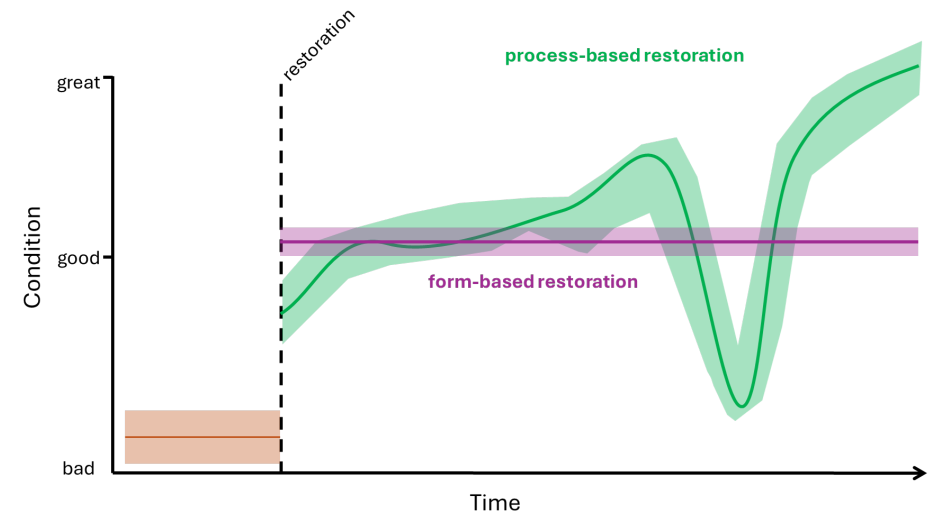
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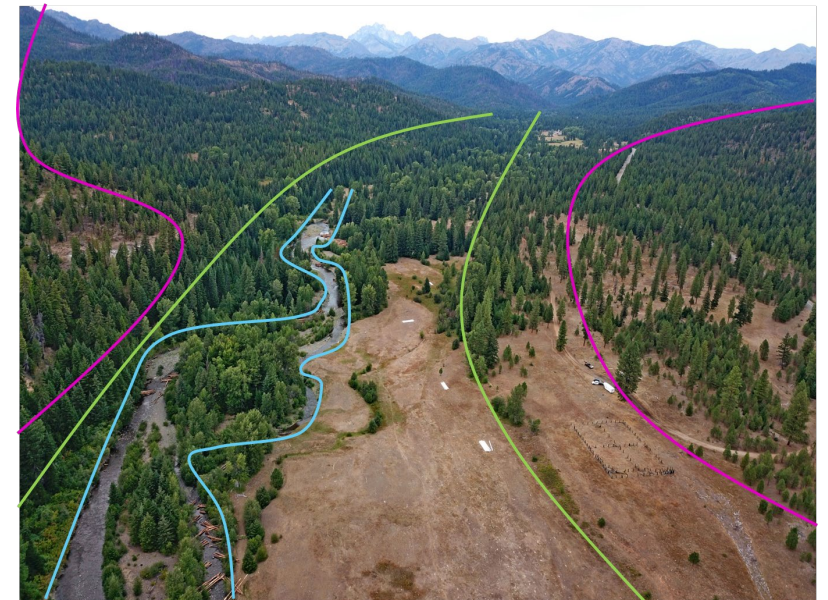
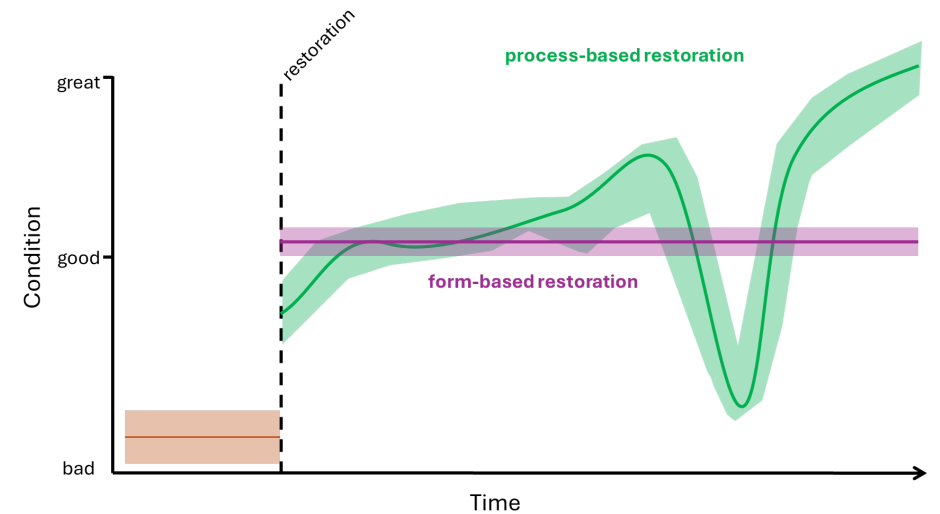


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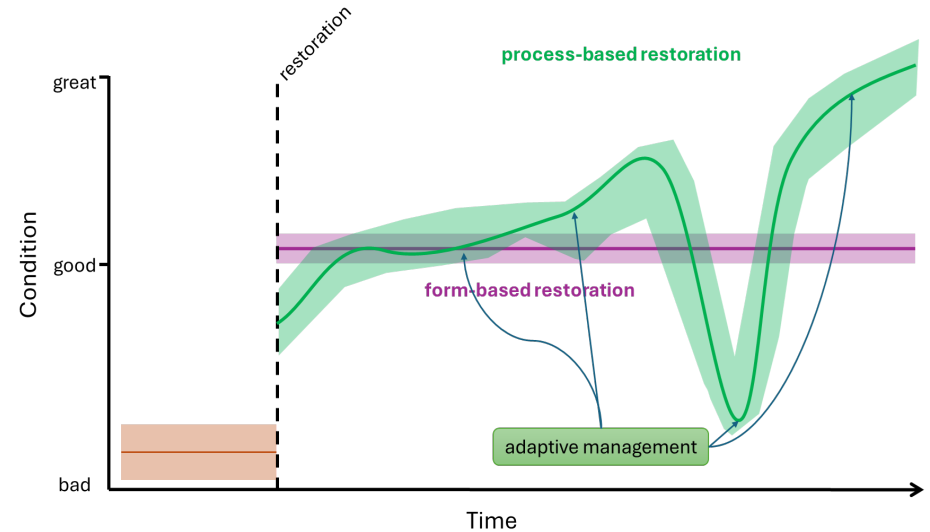


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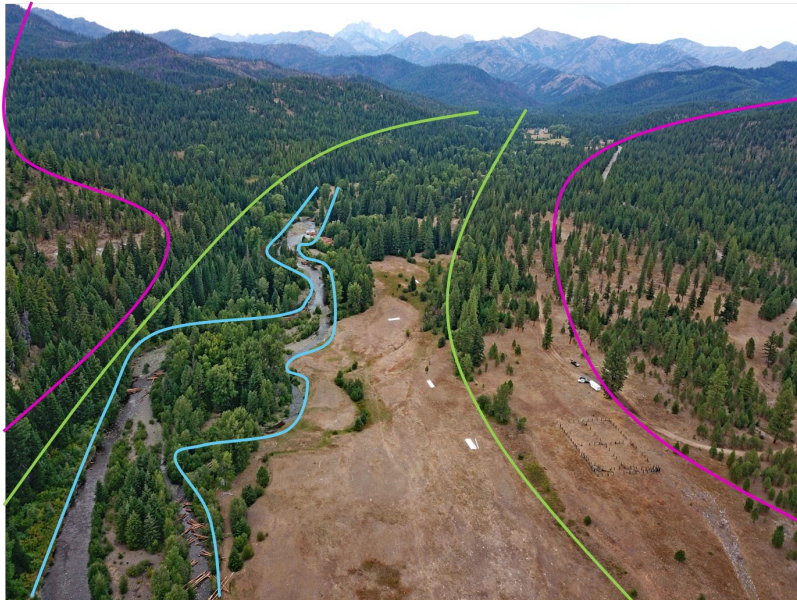
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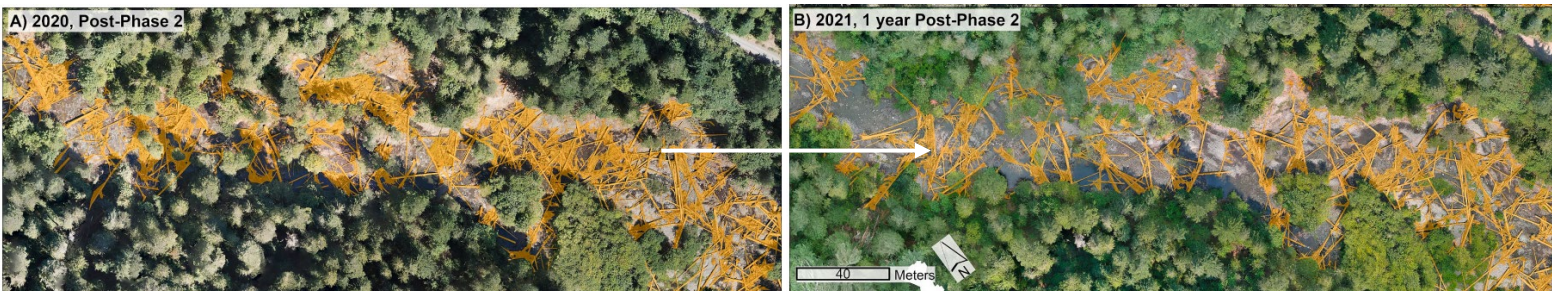
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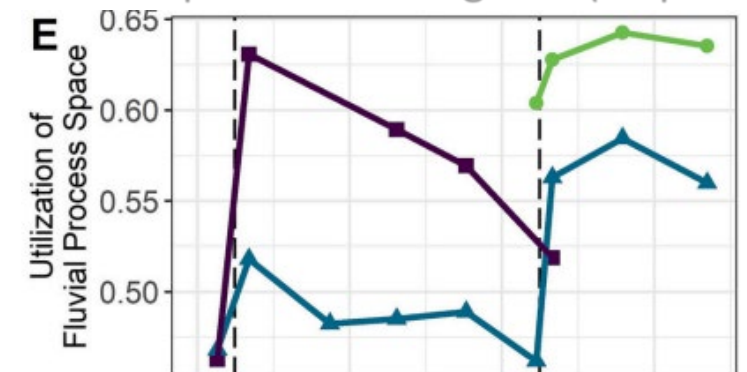
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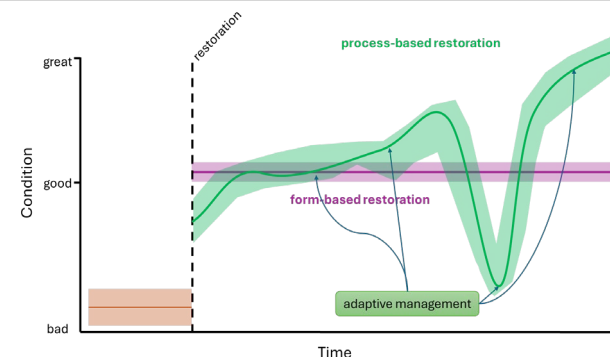
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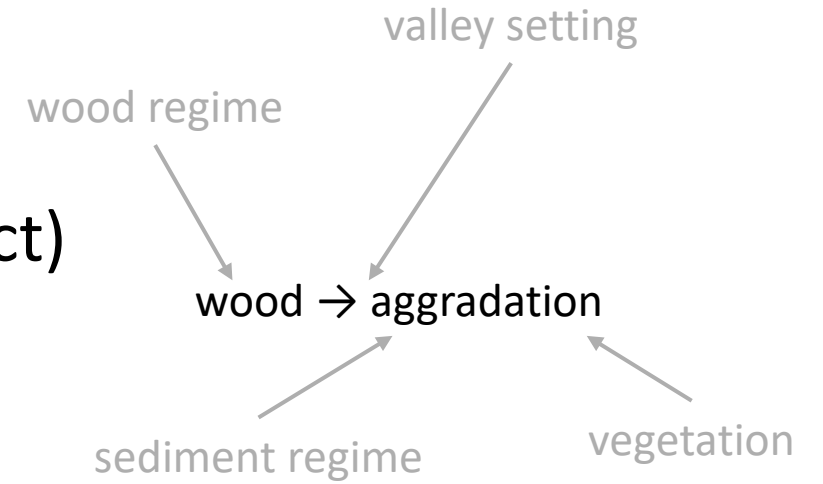
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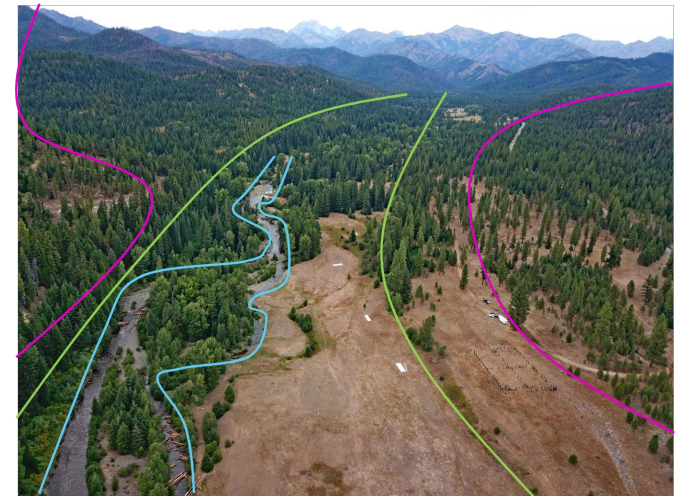
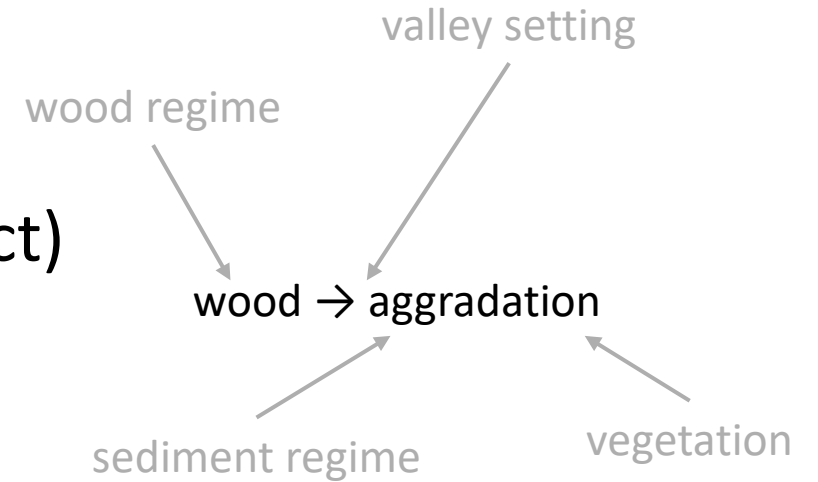
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