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Estimating Live Fuels for Shrubs and Herbs With BIOPAK

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	This pape and herb northern be used region in classes of are availa in the lib urements mating to mass in be used cies cove	er describes use of BIOPAK to calculate size classes of live fuels for shrubs s. A library of equations to estimate such fuels in the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountains is presented and used in an example. These methods can in other regions if the user first enters fuel size-class equations for a given to a new library by using the library editor supplied with BIOPAK. Fuel size can be estimated in three ways: (1) When appropriate plant measurements able, fuel classes can be estimated directly for species that have equations rary or species with similar growth forms. (2) When appropriate plant meas- are not available, fuel classes can be estimated in two steps, first by esti- bate aboveground biomass for individual plants and then by estimating bio- fuel classes from total aboveground biomass. (3) The equations provided can to develop new equations that estimate fuels from plot-level estimates of spe- er (and possibly other measures).			
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Introduction	Reliable predictions of fire behavior and effects require accurate estimates of fuels characteristics. Fuels characteristics are often broadly estimated as one of the 13 standard fuel models (Anderson 1982). When the best of these fuel models results in poor predictions of fire behavior, new fuel models can be constructed (Burgan and Rothermel 1984). This requires estimates of the mass per unit area of the different fuel components; for example, trees, slash, and natural residue.
	Systems are available for estimating fuels for trees (for example, DEBMOD, Hilbruner and Wordell 1992) logging slash (Maxwell and Ward 1976a, 1976b; Van Wagner 1968), and natural residues (Blonski and Schramel 1981, Maxwell and Ward 1980) and predicting slash from stand treatments (Brown and others 1977, Hilbruner and Wordell 1992) given appropriate field measurements. In many forest plant com- munities, shrubs and herbs make up the majority of fuels available to carry surface fire, based on plant cover data for Cascade forests (Halvorson and others 1986, Hemstrom and others 1987) and Rocky Mountain forests (Cooper and others 1991, Steele and others 1983). No system has been available, however, for estimating live fuels of shrubs and herbs from field measurements until that described here.
	Our goal was to provide a system for estimating dry mass of live fuels given meas- urements for shrubs and herbs in the Pacific Northwest and northern Rocky Moun- tains of the United States, and relying on existing sources of equations and data. A few species of grass also are included. We believe this system could be used in other areas of the world if equations predicting fuel size classes are developed for local species.
	This tool can be used only with BIOPAK (Means and others 1994)) a software pack- age that links a library of equations that predicts plant components with vegetation data sets and estimates plant components by area. The library that comes with BIOPAK contains almost 1,200 equations from rain forests through deserts of the Pacific Northwest. Its library editor allows the building of new libraries for different regions and continents.'
	The terms "plant component biomass" and "plant component" refer to plant biomass (dry weight basis) separated by form and function into parts, such as leaves, stem, branch, wood, and bark. "Fuels" and "fuel size classes" refer to plant biomass (dry weight basis) separated into standard fuel size classes defined below.
Methods Used To Build the Fuel Equation Library	Our approach included surveying the literature, obtaining existing data, fitting new equations, building a new fuel equation library, testing this library, modifying BIOPAK software, and testing the combined library and software. We did no new field sampling to develop these equations. Our main concern was to create equations for above-ground biomass of shrub fuels. Equations giving total aboveground biomass for herbs (and grasses) can be used directly to estimate I-hour time-lag fuels (term defined below).
Search for Equations and Data	We first surveyed the literature and contacted people who we believed might have fuel size-class equations or data from which equations could be built, or could lead us to others who had such data. Often, literature or contacts with people led us to more literature and additional contacts. We found four studies with useful data.

¹ Ordering information is at the front of this paper, "Obtaining the Software and BIOPAK."

Though some of these studies provided fuel tables, none provided suitable fuel size class equations. Each, however, had collected but did not publish data on biomass by size classes from which we could build equations. Brown (1976) collected data for 25 shrub species from the northern Rocky Mountains. Kauffman and Martin (1990) collected data for California black oak and tanoak in southwestern Oregon.² Sapsis and Kauffman (1991) obtained data for big sagebrush. Martin and others (1981) collected data for big sagebrush, bitterbrush, snowbrush ceanothus, and greenleaf manzanita in eastern Oregon.

Developing Equations Equations were fit to estimate total aboveground biomass (BAT) and to estimate biomass of fuels in the following size classes when data were available:

Diameter range	Time lag	Plant component code in fuel equation library		
Inches	Hours			
0 - I/4 (including foliage)	1	FS1		
l/4 - 1	10	FS2		
1-3	100	FS3		
3-8	1,000	FS4		

Often several unique equations were fit to predict the same component from different predictor variables, thereby recognizing that different users may have different sets of plant measurements available as predictors. Most equations predict fuels or BAT for an individual plant from measurements such as diameter of the stem at the base, crown width, crown length, and crown height. Some equations use plant cover (in percent) on a plot as a predictor variable and predict fuels or BAT for a l-square-meter plot. BIOPAK adjusts the output values to the plot size given by the user. Data sets for most species had no 100-hour or I,000-hour fuels. Rarely, the available data had been separated into diameter classes slightly different from those above, but we judged these differences to be insignificant.

Equations to predict fuel size classes for individual plants were developed from the unpublished data, first by graphic examination of relations among variables and then by using standard regression techniques (Draper and Smith 1981, Neter and others 1983). We avoided poorly fitting model forms by examining residuals for bias. We transformed the dependent variable when needed to avoid nonuniform variance of the residuals.

² Scientific names for all species are given in appendix A

Automating Calculation of Sums of Fuel Size Classes

We modified BIOPAK (Means and others 1994) to allow automatic calculation of the following sums:

Plant component code in fuel equation library	Fuel size classes summed automatically by BIOPAK to calculate this plant component		
FS1 for tree, shrub, and coppice life forms	BBS + BFT		
FSI for herb, grass, and <i>Carex</i> life forms	BST + BFT + BIT		
F02	FS1 + FS2		
F03	FS1 + FS2 + FS3		
F04	FS1 + FS2 + FS3 + FS4		

In BIOPAK, BBS = small branch biomass, BFT = total foliage biomass, BST = total stem biomass, BIT = inflorescence biomass. Use of automatic summation is described briefly below and in the BIOPAK users guide (Means and others 1994).

Construction of a Library of Fuel Size-Class Equations We extracted all the equations for BAT for shrubs, and for BAT, total foliage, and inflorescence biomass of herbs, grasses, and sedges from the BIOPAK (Means and others 1994) equation library. For the herb, grass, and sedge equations, we provided for the BAT equations to estimate I-hour fuels by changing the code for the estimated plant component from BAT to FS1 they retain their original equation numbers. These equations came from the literature and unpublished sources, and some were fit from unpublished data.

Then we combined these with the equations for fuel size classes and BAT fit in this -study, and placed them in an equation library for use by BIOPAK. This fuel equation library, FUELLIB (version FUELLIB3 at the time of this writing), contains documentation for each equation: equation form and coefficients as in BIOPAK and as in the original source, location of raw data (if known), source of the equation (for example, literature citation or person[s] responsible), and sources of the data (for example, geographic location, plant association). This library, as all BIOPAK equation libraries, can be viewed and edited with the library editor in BIOPAK.

Life form(s)	Plant component	Number of species	Number of equations
Grass and Carex	FS1	8	19
Herb	BFT	14	20
	BST	3	3
	FS1	47	96
Shrub	BFT	25	25
	FS1	25	52
	FS2	22	44
	FS3	8	15

At the time of this writing, FUELLIB contains 272 equations in the following categories:

The final library is projected to contain equations for the species in appendix A.

Results: Techniques for Calculating Fuel Biomass

We provide methods for calculating live fuel size classes for shrubs and herbs for which equations are available. Construction of modified or new fuel models will require additional information, including dead fuels and fuelbed depth (Burgan and Rothermel 1984). The live fuel estimates that BIOPAK can provide must be integrated with this additional information following a technique such as that of Burgan and Rothermel (1984; also Burgan 1987).

We provide three methods for estimating live fuels:

Method 1. Calculate fuels directly for species with fuel equations in FUELLIB and for species having similar growth forms, if the plant measurements required by the equations are available.

Method 2. Alternatively, first calculate BAT by using equations for a wide array of species and geographic areas and measurements on individual plants, then calculate fuels from BAT.

Method 3. For field plots, take plot cover by species and individual plant measurements, calculate fuels from the measurements, and build equations to predict fuels from estimates of-plot cover by species. This technique could allow estimation of fuels for the large number of existing inventory and ecology plots.

The following descriptions assume the user has knowledge and experience with BIOPAK and its users guide (Means and others 1994). Tutorials in the users guide can provide that background. In the following material, italic text indicates sections in the BIOPAK users guide.

Installing the Fuel Equation Library, FUELLIB3 Copy FUELS.EXE into the BIOPAK directory. Type "FUELS" at the DOS prompt to unpack the fuel library. This will allow you to run the example and use the library for your own work. Method 1, Direct Calculation of Fuel Biomass From Plant Measurements **Requirements:** The same plant measurements must be taken as the original investigator took. In FUELLIB, this usually means basal stem diameter and may additionally mean stem length, crown width, crown length, or crown height.

Advantage: Only one run through BIOPAK is required. Predictions are most likely to be reliable for those species and areas for which equations were developed.

Disadvantage: Particular plant measurements are required. Relative to method 2, predictions are more likely to be poor if equations are used for different species and outside the general areas from which plants were sampled to build the equations.

Planning-

Step 1: Determine the vegetation types, and their important species, for which you need modified or new fuel models. Usually these will be indicated by inaccurate fire behavior predictions when those fuel models are used in BEHAVE.

Step 2: Map the ranges of these vegetation types where they are important to-you.

Step 3: Ideally, before field sampling, examine and follow the *Suggestions for Using BIOPAK* (Means and others 1994).

Step 4: Field sampling should allow for making the desired estimates with known confidence by following a valid statistical design, using randomized, systematic, and stratified designs as appropriate (see, for example, Cochran 1977, Thompson 1992). Suggestions for doing this are outlined here. Other valid statistical designs also are possible.

Step 4a: Identify locales (four are probably sufficient) for sampling fuels throughout the range of each type.

Step 4b: On a map or aerial photo of each locale, identify locations for plots that span the range of variability in the type at that locale. Consider transects of plots that cross environmental gradients, such as from top to bottom of a hillslope or ridge to ridge across a watershed (fig. 1). The total number of plots for one fuel type should be at least 20, when the type is fairly uniform, and more than 40 plots would give very good coverage. Because the process of building a fuel model involves adjusting measured fuel characteristics until simulated fire behavior matches observed, many plots probably are not worthwhile.

Step 4c: Set the plot size so that every plot will include at least three of the large plants dominating the fuel type (fig. 2). Some plots may contain many such plants. This can be done on the first field day. If plot size is not corrected for slope, then slopes over 10 percent must be recorded for each plot.

Step 4d: For the species important in these types, determine the types of plant measurements you must take. First go into the *Library* Editor, bring in FUELLIB, find the equations you want to use for each species, and then note the parameters needed to drive these equations. Many shrubs take diameter at the base of the stem, and others take crown average diameter and height.



Figure I-Transects of plots designed to sample the range of variability in fuels on a south slope and across the headwaters of a watershed.



Figure 2-Example plot in vegetation dominated by shrubs.

Field and office work-

Items in italics refer to sections in Means et al. (1994).

Step 5: Collect data by following your plan. A field sheet such as that in appendix C can be used. Measure every plant in a plot or include in a cover estimate. You will also need to collect other data needed to build a complete fuel model as described by Burgan and Rothermel (1984; Burgan 1987). Such data include, for example, average shrub height, and dead and down fuels (methods are described by Hilbruner and Wordell 1992).

Step 6: Format the *Input Data File* in the manner required for BIOPAK (Means and others 1994). Data must be in fixed columns with one observation per record.

Step 7: *Design a Run.* Specify the input data format, request that BIOPAK calculate FS1, FS2, and FS3, and make any *Equation Reassignments* needed (for example, to obtain calculations for species not in FUELLIB).

Step 8: Calculate Plant Components. Title the run and specify the input data file, run design file, fuels equation library, and intermediate binary file. Request a Summarized Equation Use Report and examine it to see that BIOPAK used the equations you specified in Equation Reassignments and you are satisfied with the equations BIOPAK chose.

Step 9: Generate Reports for viewing or for use by other programs. Look at the *individual Plant Report(s)* and *Plot Summary Report(s)* carefully to ascertain that estimates are reasonable.

Step 10: Use the fuel estimates and other data you collect to make a new fuel model following procedures such as those in Burgan and Rothermel (1984; Burgan 1987).

An example of method 1 is given in appendix B.

Method 2, Two-Phase Calculation of Fuel Biomass The user can first calculate BAT and then calculate fuels, using equations based on BAT. BAT is calculated using equations most suited for the species and locale. Fuels are calculated from BAT by using the fuel size-class equations that have more limited coverage of species and locales. This requires two runs through BIOPAK.

Requirements: Particular plant measurements for calculating BAT must be taken in the same way as those used to build the equations.

Advantages: (1) Users have greater choice of biomass equations and parameters to be measured in the field because there are BAT equations for many more species and locations than there are fuel equations. (2) This technique will likely provide better fuels estimates for species and locales in which plants have growth forms that are much different from those used to develop the fuels size-class equations.

Disadvantage: Requires two runs through BIOPAK.

First phase: Calculate total aboveground biomass (BAT)-

Step 1: Ideally, before field sampling, examine and follow the *Suggestions for Using BIOPAK* (Means and others 1994).

Step 2: Determine the parameters (plant measurements) needed in the input data by looking at the BAT equations you plan to use in FUELLIB, using the *Library Editor*. You can choose to use equations for one or more plant components other than BAT if you think they include a high enough proportion of BAT, to be an adequate estimate. Substituting one or more equations for another is described in *Equation Reassignments*. Plant components that are possible to substitute for BAT are:

. total foliage (BFT) for some herbs

. wood + bark, live and dead (BAE), when foliage is a small fraction of total biomass

. live wood + bark + foliage (BAL)

. live wood + bark (BAP), when foliage is a small fraction of total biomass

If a suitable equation for BAT is not available, BIOPAK will automatically attempt to sum components as mentioned above. If a species does not have an equation(s) in FUELLIB that you think is adequate, equation(s) for another species that you believe has similar form could be used.

Step 3: Field sampling should follow a valid statistical design that allows for making the desired estimates with known confidence (see, for example, Cochran 1977, Thompson 1992).

Step 4: Format the *Input Data File* in the manner required for BIOPAK. Data must be in fixed columns with one observation per record.

Step 5: Use *Design a Run* to specify the input data format, request that BIOPAK calculate BAT, and make any *Equation Reassignments* needed. Equation reassignments may be necessary to obtain estimates for species not in FUELLIB, and to estimate BAT by using equations for other plant components when appropriate (see step 2). In this step, you create your *Run Design File.*

Step 6: Under *Calculate Plant Components,* give a title to the run and specify your input data file, run design file, fuel equation library, and intermediate binary file.

Step 7: Use *Generate Reports* to create a machine-readable individual plant report. Its format is given at the top of the report.

Second phase: Calculate biomass in fuel size classes-

Step 8: Use the machine-readable individual plant report as input to a second run through BIOPAK to calculate fuel biomass; follow method 1.

d on New This method involves estimating cover and fuels biomass by species on plots and building regression models for fuels from this data. You can then use these models to estimate biomass in fuel size classes. Care must be taken in statistical design of the field sampling (see, for example, Cochran 1977, Thompson 1992) and regression analysis (see, for example, Neter and others 1983).

Requirements: Field work to estimate total plant cover by species and to estimate fuel size class from individual plant measurements, for 20 to 40 plots spanning the range of conditions for which fuel estimates are needed.

Method 3, Build Equations Based on Cover by Using New Field Data Advantages: (1) Users can measure plants in ways required by a wider range of equations than in methods 1 and 2. (2) New equations can be made to estimate fuels on the large number of ecology and inventory plots that have plant cover data.

Disadvantages: Requires new field work and the fitting of a potentially large number of regression models and entering them into an Equation *Library.*

First phase: Field sampling-

Step 1: Define the target population of stands for which you want to estimate fuels.

Step 2: Define an unbiased (for example, stratified random) sample of these stands such that all important shrub, herb, and grass species will be represented on at least 20 of the stands sampled.

Step 3: Establish a plot in each stand large enough so that random inclusion or exclusion of large plants (especially stems of large shrubs) will not cause great fluctuations in biomass estimated from measurements on individual plants. You may want to use separate, smaller plots for smaller plants. Preexisting plots can be used if of the appropriate size. In general, larger plots will give less "noise" in regressions but take more field time.

Step 4: For each plot, record whole-plot values for projected canopy cover (in percent) or other measure(s), such as height, by species. Take the same measure(s) available in your target population.

Step 5: For each plant in each plot, take the measurements needed by the fuel sizeclass equations in FUELLIB, as in method 1, or BAT equations, as in method 2, that you plan to use. You may plan to use Equation Reassignments to estimate fuels for some species not having their own equations.

Second phase: New regressions and an equation library-

Step 6: Use method 1 to estimate fuel biomass by size class for each species and plot. Save the machine-readable individual plot report for use in fitting regressions.

Step 7: For each fuel size class in each species, fit a regression to predict fuel biomass from plot cover, plant height or other predictor variables you may have measured. Take appropriate care to avoid poorly fitting models by examining residuals for bias and nonuniform variance and taking corrective measures (see, for example, Draper and Smith 1981, Neter and others 1983).

Step 8: Enter these new equations into an equation library following instructions in Library Editor in BIOPAK users guide (Means and others 1994). You can add them to FUELLIB or build a new library. If you add them to an existing equation library, be sure to avoid existing equation numbers and equation keys.

Third phase: Calculate biomass in fuel size classes-

Step 9: Biomass in fuel size classes can now be calculated by following method 1 or method 2, using data available for the target population as input, and the fuel equation library you just built.

Common and Scientific Names	Plant scientific nomenclature follows Little (1979) for trees and Hitchcock and Cronquist (1973) for shrubs.			
	big sagebrush	Artemisia fridentata Nutt.		
	bitter-brush	Purshia tridentata (Pursh) DC.		
	California black oak	Quercus kelloggii Newb.		
	greenleaf manzanita	Arctosaphylos patula Green		
	snowbrush ceanothus	Ceanothus veluntius Dougl. var. velutinus		
	tanoak	Lithocarpus densiflorus (Hook. & Am.) Rehd.		
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Appendix	Code	Common name	Scientific name
A-Species in the Fuel Equation			
Library, FUELLIB3	Shrubs (29 species):		
	ACGL	Rocky Mountain maple	Acer glabrum
	ALSI	Tag alder	Alnus sifchensis
	AMAL	Service berry	Amelanchier alnifolia
	ARTR	Big sage brush	Arfemisia fridentata
	BERE	Creeping Oregongrape	Berberis repens
	CEVE	Snowbrush ceanothus	Ceanothus velutinus
	COST	Red-osier dogwood	Cornus sfolonifera
	HODI	Ocean-spray	Holodiscus disco/or
	HSHRU	High shrubs, combined data	ACGL, ALSI, AMAL, COST, PRVI, SALIX, SOSC
	JUCO	Common juniper	Juniperus communis
	LOUT	Utah honeysuckle	Lonicera utahensis
	MEFE	Menziesia	Menziesia ferruginea
	PHLE2	Mockorange	Philadelphus lewisii
	РНМА	Mallow ninebark	Physocarpus malvaceus
	PRVI	Chokecherry	Prunus virginiana
	RIBES	Gooseberry	Ribes spp.
	ROSA	Rose	Rosa spp.
	RUID	Red raspberry	Rubus idaeus
	RUPA	Thimbleberry	Rubus parviflorus
	SALIX	Willow	Salix spp.
	SHCA	Soapberry	Shepherdia canadensis
	SOSC	Cascade mountain-ash	Sorbus scopulina
	SPBE	White spirea	Spirea betulifolia
	SYAL	Common snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus
	VAGL	Globe huckleberry	Vaccinium globulare
	VASC	Whortleberry	Vaccinium scoparium
	Grasses (8 species):		
	LUCA2	Field woodrush	Luzula campestris
	LUZUL	Woodrush	Luzula spp.
	AGROS	Bentgrass	Agrostis spp.

Code	Common name	Scientific name	
	Dinograph	Colomograptio rubocconc	
	Arizona facous		
FEAR			
FESTU	Fescue	Festuca spp.	
GRAMI	Grasses	Graminae spp.	
MUMO	Mountain muhly	Muhlenbergia montana	
POFE	Muttongrass	Poa fendleriana	
SILO2	Squirreltail	Sitanion longifolium	
Herbs (63 species):			
ADBI	Trail-plant	Adenocaulon bicolor	
ADPE	Maidenhair fern	Adantium pedatum	
ANMA	Pearly-everlasting	Anaphalis margaritacea	
ARCA	California aralia	Aralia californica	
ATFI	Lady-fern	Athyrium felix-femina	
BLSP	Deer-fern	Blechnum spicant	
CASC2	Scouler's bellflower	Campanula scouleri	
CIRSI	Thistle	Cirsium spp.	
CIVU	Bull thistle	Cirsium vulgare	
CLUN	Queen's cup	Clintonia uniflora	
COAS	Goldthread	Coptis asplenifolia	
COCA	Bunchberry dogwood	Cornus canadensis	
COCA2	Horseweed	Conyza canadensis	
COHE	Varied-leaf collomia	Collomia heterophylla	
COLA	Cutleaf goldthread	Coptis laciniata	
CRCA	Smooth hawksbeard	Crepis capillaris	
DRAU2	Spreading wood-fern	Dryopteris austriaca	
EPAN	Fireweed	Epilobium angustifolium	
EPPA	Autumn willow-herb	Epilobium paniculatum	
EPWA	Watson's willow-herb	Epilobium watsonii	
EQUIS	Horsetail	Equisetum spp.	
GATR	Sweetscented bedstraw	Galium triflorum	
GNMI	Cudweed	Gnaphalium microcephalum	
GOOB	Rattlesnake-plantain	Goodyera oblongifolium	

Code	Common name	Scientific name	
	0 + <i>t</i>		
GYDR	Oak-tern	Gymnocarpium dryopteris	
HIAL	White-flowered hawkweed	Hieracium albiflorum	
LAP0	Leafy peavine	Lathyrus polyphyllus	
LIB02	Twinflower	Linnaea borealis	
LOCR	Big deervetch	Lotus crassifolius	
LOOB	Lotus	Lotus oblongifolius	
LULA	Broadleaf lupine	Lupinus latifolius	
MAD12	May-lily	Maianthemum dilatatum	
MADIA	Tar-weed	<i>Madia</i> spp.	
MIGU	Yellow monkey-flower	Mimulus guttatus	
MOUN	Woodnymph	Moneses uniflora	
OXOR	Oregon oxalis	Oxalis oregana	
PEFR2	Sweet coltsfoot	Petasites frigidus	
PERA	Leafy lousewort	Pedicularis racemosa	
POMU	Sword-fern	Polysticum munitum	
PTAQ	Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	
PYSE	Sidebells	Pyrola secunda	
RUPE	Five-leaved bramble	Rubus pedatus	
SEJA	Tansey ragwort	Senecio jacobaea	
SESY	Wood groundsel	Senecio sylvaticus	
SETR	Arrowleaf groundsel	Senecio triangularis	
SMST	Starry Solomon's seal	Smilacina stellata	
STC04	Cooley's hedge-nettle	Stachys cooleyae	
THOC	Western meadowrue	Thalictrum occidentale	
TITR	Trefoil foamflower	Tiarella trifoliata var. trifoliata	
TRLA	Twin clover	Trifolium latifolium	
TRLA2	Western starflower	Trientalis latifolia	
VISE	Evergreen violet	Viola sempervirens	
WHMO	Whipplevine	Whipplea modesta	
XETE	Beargrass	Xerophyllum tenax	

Appendix B-Example of Method 1 Run this example through BIOPAK to help understand method 1 by using the files provided on the BIOPAK fuel disk. This example assumes access to the BIOPAK users guide and software (Means and others 1994) and familiarity with its operations such as that obtained by running the tutorials in the users guide. Italic text indicates sections in the BIOPAK users guide.

Steps 1, 2 and 3: Jeff and Grace, ecologists along the west side of the Cascade Range in Oregon, determined that fire behavior in plant communities with dense growth of tall shrubs in the recent Sunny Beach Fire was not predicted well by BEHAVE (Andrews 1986). With lots of help from fire behavior analysts, they concluded that the fuel model used did not adequately include the live fuels contributed by tall shrubs. (This is an important judgment and you may disagree.) They decided to build a new fuel model that would include better estimates of live shrub fuels. They knew this vegetation type occurred throughout their district on low elevation sites. Their next step was to read *Suggestions for Using* BIOPAK in the BIOPAK users guide.

Steps 4a-4c: Based on their extensive experience with this type, they identified five locales for sampling where this type was common and that spanned their Calapooya National Forest. They knew the high cover of tall shrubs in this type did not differ greatly and decided to collect data for six plots at each locale and from a total of 30 plots. They knew plants were densely packed and chose 16-square-meter plots because they would always contain at least three tall shrubs.

Step 4d: They determined the shrub species important as live fuel and noted that fuel equations are available for very few of these species. They decided, for many of their species, to use equations for Rocky Mountain species they judged to be of similar form and thus assumed would have similar relations between measured plant dimensions and biomass of fuel classes. They then started BIOPAK, selected the library editor, brought in FUELLIB3, examined the *Original and Final Equations Window* and determined (most of) the plant measurements required by the fuel equations for these species (they missed on one species).

Step 5: Jeff and Grace sampled five stands, each having six plots of 16-squaremeters, collecting data needed by BIOPAK and other data needed to build a complete fuel model for this type as described by Burgan and Rothermel (1984; Burgan 1987). This took 1 week.

Step 6: Jeff entered the data in a spreadsheet and produced an ASCII file as described in *Input Data File* with data in fixed-width fields. As they tried to make estimates they noted the crown length and width measurements they had taken for COCO¹ were not used by any equations for species (such as ALSI or SALIX) with form similar to COCO. So they went back to their plots and measured diameter at the base of all COCO. They wished they had determined the equations they wanted to use (step 4d) more carefully before field sampling. Part of the data from their final input data file (JEFFGRAC.DAT), for two plots, is shown:

¹ Codes for plant species are defined in appendix A.

Plot	Micro plot	Species code	Diameter at the base of the stem	Length of the crown (horizontal)	Width of the crown
				- Centimeters -	
5	1	HODI	1.1		
5		HODI	2.7		
5		coca	5.0	240	230
5	1	coca	1.4	70	90
5		VAPA	1.4		
5		VAPA	0.6		
5		coca	6.1	200	220
5		HODI	2.4		
5		HODI	1.1		
5	2	HODI	2.7		
5	2	RHMA	3.7		
5	2	coco	1.6	70	60
5	2	сосо	2.8	80	99
5	2	VAPA	1.9		
5	2	VAPA	1.6		
5	2	coco	1.9	60	50
5	2	coco	2.3	90	80
5	2	VAPA	1.1		
5	2	VAPA	1.8		
5	2	HODI	2.8		
5	2	HODI	2.2		
5	2	HODI	2.5		
5	2	RHMA	3.9		
5	2	coco	4.9	30	30

Step 7: Grace used the Design *a Run* section of BIOPAK to specify the format of their data, request calculations for I-hour, 10-hour and 100-hour fuels (FSI, FS2, and FS3, respectively, in BIOPAK), and request use of equations for other species by *Equation Reassignments*. Grace produced a *Run Design Report* (JEFFGRACRDR) by selecting this on the File Menu in *Design a Run*. You can see the results of her work by examining JEFFGRACRD in the *Design a Run* module of BIOPAK or the ASCII file JEFFGRAC.RDR.

Step 8: Grace then used the *Calculate Plant Components* module to link their input data file (JEFFGRAC.DAT), run design file (JEFFGRAC.RD), and equation list file from the fuel equation library (FUELLIB3.EQN) to calculate the plant components and put them in an intermediate binary file (JEFFGRAC.IBF) with estimates of fuel biomass.

Step 9: Grace used the Generate Reports module of BIOPAK to produce a report formatted for people. The results for one stand are in JEFFGRAC.RPT. The results for the first plot are:

TITLE: Shrub fuels, W. Cascade Tall Shrub fuel type									Page 2		
PLOT STAN	ID	LOC	ALE	FIRST	F PLANT I	D DATE	Sl	ope	Area Co	nversion Fa	actor
1 5 Fixed Plot Area S	Size	=	16.00) (m2)	(0.0%			625.00		
Prism Basal Area	Fa	ctor =	C).00 (m2/	/ha)						
			INDIVID	UAL PLAN							
Case PLANT ID	L F	Specie		Pa	rameter(s) -		G A	S S	FUELS 100 HOUR (g)	FUELS 10 HOUR (g)	FUELS 1HOUR (g)
1	s	HODI		1.1DBA	0.0	0.0	w	М	0.00N	26.99	19.60
2	s	HODI		2.7DBA	0.0	0.0	W	М	0.00N	619.03V	186.99V
3	s	сосо		5.0DBA	240.0ler	ח 230.0	wid W	М	132.141	359.32i	213.75Vi
4	s	сосо		1.4DBA	70.0len	90.0wi	d W	М	0.00hi	54.34i	16.88i
5	s	VAPA		1.4DBA	0.0	0.0	w	М	0.00GL	51.77i	24.69i
6	s	VAPA	0.GC	De+ODBA	0.0	0.0	W	М	0.00GL	0.00im	3.21i
7	s	сосо		6.1 DBA	200.0ler	n 220.0v	wid W	М	190.971	452.50i	317.77Vi
8	S	HODI		2.4DBA	0.0	0.0	w	М	0.00N	410.44v	139.10V
9	S	HODI		1.1DBA	0.0	0.0	W	Μ	0.00N	26.99	19.60

Error messages:

G NO EST: Reass match. Spp/LF/Comp not satisfied in EQN file.

L NO EST: Reass match. Maximum ESP (Equation Selection Penalty) exceeded.

N NO EST: No match for Request to Lib in .EQN since Spp/LF/Comp not found at any ESP

V WARNING: Over extrapolation occurred.

h WARNING: Under extrapolation occurred.

i INFORM: No LF in data, LF came from Reassign: Taxonomic LF of Substit section.

m INFORM: A plant component value <= 0.0 was calculated and set to zero.

_____ PLOT SUMMARY REPORT, PLOT

L Specie F	Number Plants in PLOT	DBA aver	Parame LEN age	ter(s) WID	Number of - plants	Tree BA (m2) per	FUELS 100 HOUR (kg) hectare	FUELS IO HOUR (kg)	FUELS 1 HOUR (kg)
s COCO	3	4.2	170.0	180.0	1875	0.0	201.95h	541.35i	342.75V
S HODI	4	1.8	0.0	0.0	2500	0.0	0.00N	677.15V	228.30V
S VAPA	2	1.0	0.0	0.0	1250	0.0	0.00G	32.36i	17.44i
S All	9	2.4	170.	180.0	562	0.0	201.95	1250.86	588.49
Grand Tot	9	2.4	170.0	180.0	5625	0.0	201.95	1250.86	588.49

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Error messages:

See individual plant report above

Step 10: Using methods described by Burgan (1987) Jeff combined their estimates of live fuel loading with other data they collected to produce the new fuel model they wanted for the tall shrub vegetation type.

Appendix C-Forms We provide a field form for plant measurements on the next two pages. Items in bold *italics* are required in order for BIOPAK to give valid estimates. Most fields *in the* heading are optional and are included for use as appropriate. Locale code and date code are examples and can be used as identifiers of a record or group of records; in particular, they do not have to stand for locale and date. Slope is needed for BIOPAK to provide correct areal estimates. Only the first eight characters of codes (six for species) will be read by BIOPAK.

The first plant measurement column is given the heading "Cover," a common plotlevel plant measurement. It can be changed and used for any other measurement.

For many plants and species, one line of data is needed for each plant. When cover is recorded for a species, however, usually only one line is recorded for each plot.

Be sure to specify the units for plot area, slope, elevation, and all plant measurements. Allowable plant measurements (that is, parameters) are given in BIOPAK users guide (Means and others 1994), *Reference: input Data File: Parameters*. Units can be either English or metric, provided they are from the list allowed by BIOPAK as given in *Appendix: Units: Parameter Units: Input Data File-*.

Field Sheet for Plant Measurements for BIOPAK [ver. 10/30/95]

Locale: Big Summit Prairie, West					Date: 950815 Page 1 of 2							
Locale code: BigSumW					Personnel: M. Lewis and A.C. Clarke							
For/Dist: Ochoco, Big Summit					Plot area: 200 sqft 1 Aspect: 90					Elev: 2000 ft		
Veg type: bitterbrush-sage/fescue						Topo: s	Topo: sideslop					
Notes: F	rom jct of	f 25 and	63 roads, g	jo 2.4 i	2.4 mi. E. to culvert. Walk 250 yards due north to							
white PV	/C pipe at	t center o	of circular p	olot. Wi	dth is me	ean crown	n diameter	. Ht is m	ean crowr	n		
height. DBA is diam at base of stem.												
		dentifiers			Pla	ant Meas	urements	(Equation	Paramete	rs)		
		Slope		Life-	Cover	Ht	Width	CrnRat	DBA			
Stand	Plot	%,	Species	form	%	in	in	%	in			
4	20	15	PUIR			50	35	100				
4	20		ARTR			90	80	50				
4	20		FESTU		21							
4	20		PUTR			70	43	60				
4	20		PUTR			60	70	80	1	1		
4	21	10	ARTR			84	75	40		1		
4	21		ARTR			20	20	20				
4	21		FESTU		40			1	1			
4	21		PUTR			100	84	30	†	<u> </u>		
4	21		CELE						0.5	<u> </u>		
4	21		CELE						1.7	†		
4	21		CELE						3.7			

This page is an example of a filled-out field sheet with plant measurements. Page 21 contains a blank field sheet to copy for field use.

Field Sheet for Plant Measurements for BIOPAK [ver. 10/30/95]

Locale:					Date:		Page of					
Locale code: Personnel:												
For/Dist:					Plot are	a:	Aspect:	Elev:				
Veg type	e :					Veg cod	Торо:					
Notes:					I							
Identifiers					P/a	nt Measu	(Equation	Parameter	rs)			
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This paper describes use of BIOPAK to calculate size classes of live fuels for shrubs and herbs. A library of equations to estimate such fuels in the Pacific Northwest and northern Rocky Mountains is presented and used in an example. These methods can be used in other regions if the user first enters fuel size-class equations for a given region into a new library by using the library editor supplied with BIOPAK. Fuel size classes can be estimated in three ways: (1) When appropriate plant measurements are available, fuel classes can be estimated directly for species that have equations in the library or species with similar growth forms. (2) When appropriate plant measurements are not available, fuel classes can be estimated in two steps, first by estimating total aboveground biomass for individual plants and then by estimating biomass in fuel classes from total aboveground biomass. (3) The equations provided can be used to develop new equations that estimate fuels from plot-level estimates of species cover (and possibly other measures).

Keywords: Live fuels, fuel size classes, software, plant biomass, Pacific Northwest, northern Rocky Mountains.

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