

Subject: APPLICATION TO SET UP PILOT TESTS
Att.: Michel-Paul Correa

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I am writing to confirm that I would like to set up pilot tests using the Ever Green (Hydrogel). The sites where the tests will be carried out are located close Coquille and Roseburg, Oregon, USA. The two selected sites cover contrasting conditions of water deficit. The organization responsible for setting up the tests and monitoring is the Vegetation Management Research Cooperative (VMRC) of Oregon State University. The study sites are property of Roseburg Forest Products, a forest company member of the VMRC.

The proposed study seeks to evaluate the potential benefits of Ever Green (Hydrogel) on the establishment and survivability of newly planted Douglas-fir seedlings. Below is an outline of the study details/methods:

- Test area: Two operational sites for reforestation in Oregon, USA.
- Number of trees that will benefit from the solutions: At each site, 48 trees (with gel – added to the planting hole), and 48 trees as a control group (without gel).
- Tree species to be tested: Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*).
- Average size of the seedlings to be planted: 25 cm tall and 4 mm caliper.
- The technology to be tested: Ever Green (Hydrogel)
- Start date: The trees will be planted in February 2025, and the study will be completed within 2 years (i.e., data collection, analysis, and reporting).

If you're interested in contributing to the study, please send the samples to:
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Sincerely,



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