Balance of supply and demand: Forest water use

Non-eco influences on demand

- Radiation (latitude, slope, aspect)
- Vapor pressure deficit (effected by temperature)

Non-eco influences on supply

- Precipitation (timing and magnitude)
- Surface characteristics (litter, soil) that influence infiltration
- Subsurface characteristics that influence subsurface storage

Eco influences on demand

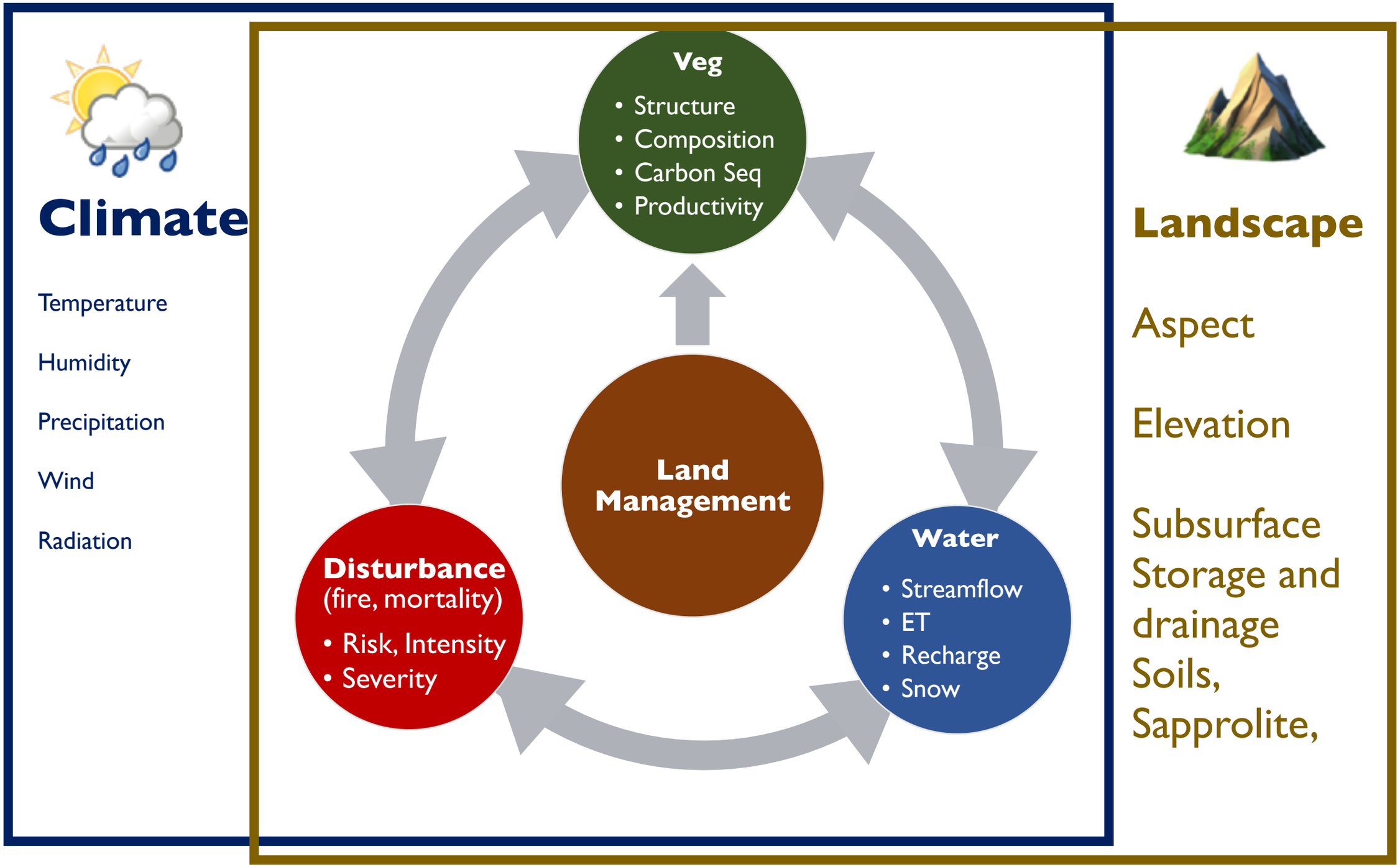
- Leaves (number, distribution)
- Ecophysiologic controls on stomatal response
- Plant height
- Ecosystem composition (shading by neighbors)

Eco influences on supply

- Interception losses
- Shading impacts on snowmelt
- Roots!

Where does climate change come in?

Answers are challenging because…



Processes are tightly coupled…highly heterogeneous in space and vary in time (seasons…years)