Some generalizations:
- One slide per minute
- Simple background colors

Avoid lengthy text
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- Magnitude of these changes affected by intensity and frequency of disturbance

Some tips for visual presentation:
- Fonts should contrast with the background color!!!
  (click on Format- then slide layout or background)

Or use animation:
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Use short bulleted pts:
- Affects of disturbance:
  - Change in composition
  - change in forest structure
- Agents of disturbance:
  - abiotic (fire, wind, ice)
  - biotic (insects, pathogens, herbivores)
Font Sizes

- **Titles 54**
- or 48
- **Text 36**
  - or 32

Animation

- “Appear” is less distracting
- “Fly in” is more distracting

Images are always good!!!

- **Low intensity, high frequency**
- **High intensity, low frequency**

Source: [www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado)

Or scan in figures from your article

[Figure](https://example.com/figure.png)

(Source: Barbour et al. 1999. Terrestrial Plant Ecology. 3rd Ed.)

Cite sources of any figures or images

[Graph](https://example.com/graph.png)


Content

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