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### Response to Anonymous Referee #1

We thank the reviewer for her/his supportive and constructive comments. We have revised the manuscript in several instances to address the reviewer's concerns, and believe the paper is stronger as a result. This response will address the concerns in the order they were raised. Reviewer comments are in bold italics, with the authors' responses indented below.

### **General Comments**

This manuscript is timely and it has important approach to elucidate the role of biotic stresses for induced emissions of volatile terpenes from conifers. Introduction is covering rather comprehensive the current knowledge of different type of stresses on plant VOC emissions and their potential as precursors of secondary organic aerosols. Elicitor compound methyl jasmonate (MeJA) which affects very efficiently the biosynthesis of terpenoids was selected as to simulate herbivore impact on five conifer species. This manuscript could also have value for environmental impact assessment of modern preventive pest control methods where plant defences are activated with elicitors before pest insect attack. Earlier observations of MeJA treatments on conifers have demonstrated that climate-relevant sesquiterpenes and GLV compounds can be even more responsive to elicitor than monoterpenes (Semiz et al. 2012).

Thank you for this positive feedback and the relevant reference. We will take this into consideration for designing future projects.

Selected GC-MS-FID methodology to assess VOC emissions in different time point is excellent and gives valuable data of monoterpene emission profiles of studied conifer species. Unfortunately, the experimental set up has some serious flaws and does not meet e.g. the requirements of ecological or plant science journals of genuine biological replicates. Experiment with each species is run only once and in VOC studies three out of five species did not even have the control group of plants where to compare the effect elicitor treatment.

We agree that limited replicates for each tree type would be a major limitation of this study if the primary goal were to derive detailed mechanistic algorithms describing plant emission responses to herbivore treatment. However, the larger objective of this project was to investigate effects of herbivory stress on the composition of secondary organic aerosol from biogenic volatile organic compound emissions. With that objective in mind, we chose to prioritize diversity of represented tree species rather than maximize replicates from each tree type. We made this decision because the published data on this topic is severely limited, and we wanted to identify "key" tree species that might potentially demonstrate a large SOA response to herbivory treatment. This information is

needed to help inform future research directions in this field. To clarify this objective, we have added this statement to the introduction to clarify the rationale of this experimental design:

"This study was a component of a project that investigated the effects of herbivory stress on the composition of biogenic secondary organic aerosol generated from BVOC emissions. Published data on this topic is extremely limited, so one goal of this work was to identify "key" tree species that could produce a large herbivoretreatment effect on SOA composition."

An additional sentence was added to the end of section 2.1:

*"Emphasis in the experimental design was on the diversity of representative tree species included, which limited the number of replications that were possible."* 

Despite having limited replicates, the detailed on-line GC-MS-FID results published in this paper provide valuable continuous monitoring of speciated monoterpenoid emission rates. Many of the previous post-herbivory BVOC measurements have provided much lower time resolution of speciated monoterpenoid emission rates and substantially lower number of measurements due to limitations involved in other sampling and analytical techniques—such as cartridge sampling for example. Where more highly time-resolved measurements are given, the chemical detail is often reduced—such as analytical approaches using PTR-MS for example. We believe the continuous monitoring results presented here are a highly valuable addition to the current literature despite limitations in replicates of the same tree types.

### In the case of control treatment, it was not run at the same time as elicitor treatment. Therefore the main approach to compare VOC emission before and after elicitor treatment does not allow estimating the impact of elicitor treatment on VOC emission rates and separate the time depended fluctuation of VOC emission rates from elicitor depended fluctuation.

We agree that an ideal set-up would include two plant chambers: one with a set of treatment trees and one with a set of control trees with continuous BVOC monitoring in both chambers simultaneously. However, as the reviewer describes in a later comment, genotypic variation between plants can result in substantial differences between constitutive emission profiles creating significant complications when comparing emissions between two different sets of trees. As a result, we decided the significant addition of time and resources to simultaneously run a second control chamber would not be justified here. Instead, when a negative control experiment was performed, a methyl jasmonate treatment experiment was always performed with the same tree species within

two weeks (see Table 1). Any season-dependence on elicitor response thus should have been minimized when comparing the two experiments.

# It is explained that this study is actually aimed for studies of stress effects on the composition of subsequently formed secondary organic aerosols and results will be published in a separate paper. This nearly unexplored are of biotic stress effect on atmospheric SOA formation in a companion paper will definitely add the value of this manuscript.

Thank you for this comment. We also think these two papers together will be a valuable contribution. We have improved the cross-referencing between the manuscripts to make it easier for readers to compare the particle composition results with the matching BVOC profiles presented in this paper. We did this by adding more detailed references to the companion paper in the experiment summary table, Table 1, where we direct readers to the SOA composition experiments in the companion paper that correspond to the BVOC profiles presented in this paper.

### Specific Comments

### P. 13461, Line 27. If already published, give a citation here.

We have added a citation to the companion paper that is currently under consideration for publication in Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics:

Faiola, C. L., Wen, M. and VanReken, T. M.: Chemical characterization of biogenic SOA generated from plant emissions under baseline and stressed conditions: inter- and intra-species variability for six coniferous species, Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss., 14(18), 25167–25212, doi:10.5194/acpd-14-25167-2014, 2014.

## *P.* 13462, *L.* 14. If there were clear symptoms of natural stressor in some of the plant where the most influenced plants included in the experiments? If included, it might give some bias in the results.

The plant storage approach could lead to some exposure to natural stressors as the reviewer points out. However, storing plants in an unnatural environment, such as a greenhouse, could also produce unnatural plant behavior not representative of their emissions in a more natural environment. We decided that storing the plants outside was the most appropriate method for the overall objective of the project, despite the possibility that this could lead to an uncontrolled natural stress exposure. Again, the overall objective of this project was to perform the first investigation of the effects of

herbivory on biogenic SOA composition from a wide variety of plants. In the natural environment, exposure to multiple stressors is likely the rule rather than the exception (Holopainen and Gershenzon, 2010). Thus, the possibility of uncontrolled stress exposure does not detract from the ultimate objective, which is to understand the effects of herbivory on both BVOC emission profiles and biogenic SOA composition generated from those plant emissions. Furthermore, only one group of plants displayed clear symptoms of uncontrolled stress exposure, *Abies grandis*. This was noted in the manuscript on page 13469 L. 1-2 and was further discussed in detail in Section 3.5 (p. 13477-13480). To further clarify the point, we have revised the wording in the methods section from this (p. 13462, L. 11-15):

"They were stored outside of the greenhouse to be closer to their natural environmental conditions. This also meant the plants could have been exposed to natural stressors (e.g., heat or herbivory). These natural stressors were not controlled but would be representative of conditions encountered by the plants in natural environments."

To this:

"They were stored outside of the greenhouse to be closer to their natural environmental conditions <u>and prevent unnatural plant emission behavior that could</u> <u>occur within greenhouse conditions.</u> This also meant the plants could have been exposed to natural stressors (e.g., heat or herbivory). These natural stressors were not controlled but would be representative of conditions encountered by the plants in <u>nature because it is likely that exposure to multiple stressors is the rule rather than</u> <u>the exception in a forest environment (</u>Holopainen & Gershenzon, 2010)<u>.</u>"

# P. 13468, L. 23. This is what one should expected, when studying another provenance of the same tree species. Merely the genotypic variation without any elicitor treatment affects the ratio of monoterpenes in conifers.

Thank you for this useful information. We have added a sentence to the paragraph clarifying that genotypic variation between plants of the same tree species can result in this level of variation in BVOC emissions. The text now reads:

"The profile from Abies grandis in this study was dominated by beta-pinene, but no beta-pinene was observed by Ortega et al. (2008). <u>This difference could be explained</u> <u>by natural genotypic variation because Ortega et al., (2008) also observed natural</u> <u>variation in the constitutive BVOC profiles between plants of the same tree species.</u> However, the Abies grandis monoterpenoid pre-treatment BER measured in our experiment was 12.67  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>, substantially higher than any other pre-treatment monoterpenoid BER observed in this study and more than an order of magnitude greater than that reported by Ortega et al. (2008) for the same tree species. These high emission rates could suggest the Abies grandis saplings were likely exhibiting a stress response prior to treatment."

# *P.* 13470, L.5-15. This is very odd choice of methodology. After stressor treatment exactly the same seedlings were used as water-treated and then again as stress-treated seedlings. Why? During active shoot growth in early season VOC synthesis is found to be more responsive to elicitors in Pinus sylvestris than after ceasing of elongation growth. This might be the case also with Picea pungens.

We tried to minimize the variation in emissions due to genotypic variation between plants by using the same set of plants. This way, any changes in emission profiles and emission rates could be attributed to either a seasonal-dependence on emissions or the possibility of a natural stressor exposure. We waited two months after first stressor treatment before using the plants again to allow the initial treatment response to subside. We agree that one explanation for the differences observed in the *Picea pungens* MeJA response could be attributed to a seasonal effect. Thank you for this valuable information about known elicitor responses of Pinus sylvestris. We have added a statement after P. 13472 L. 1-2, which currently reads:

"In contrast to the May experiment, in the July Picea pungens experiment the monoterpenoid average profile did not significantly change after treatment (Figure 3)."

The added statement and citation read as follows:

"This could be due to seasonal differences in the sensitivity of Picea pungens to herbivore-treatment. This has been observed in other coniferous plant species. For example, monoterpene synthesis in Pinus sylvestris is more responsive to plant stressors during the spring when shoots are actively growing (Bäck et al., 2005)."

### <u>Reference</u>

Holopainen, J. K. and Gershenzon, J.: Multiple stress factors and the emission of plant VOCs, Trends in plant science, 15(3), 176–184, 2010. Faiola et al., Biogeosciences Discuss., 11, 13455-13514, 2014

### Response to Anonymous Referee #2

We thank the reviewer for her/his supportive and constructive comments. We have revised the manuscript in several instances to address the reviewer's concerns, and believe the paper is stronger as a result. This response will address the concerns in the order they were raised. Reviewer comments are in bold italics.

### **General Comments**

The research discussed in the manuscript by Faiola et al. is a novel and important addition to our collective knowledge of tree/insect interactions and their effects on VOC emissions. The emission profiles of six coniferous species, both before and after simulated herbivory by methyl jasmonate, are discussed. The atmospheric impact of the changes in VOC emissions are estimated by the calculation of hydroxyl radical and ozone lifetimes. Perhaps one of the most noteworthy findings is that trees species which may be considered low VOC emitters became high VOC emitters by simulated herbivory, and this suggests that careful consideration of tree species should be made when simulating the effects of herbivory on the changes in VOC emissions.

Thank you for these positive comments.

### Specific Comments

## I believe that chemical names do not need to be capitalized, thus the legend in figure 1, for example, could be corrected. Also, in the text, myrcene (p. 13481 line 26) and phellandrene (p. 13475 line 19) do not need to be capitalized.

Thank you for drawing our attention to this error. We have changed the chemical names in the text you have pointed out here to lowercase as suggested. For the figure legends and axes labels, we chose to capitalize the chemical names for stylistic reasons. This is a common practice and we prefer to leave them as they are. However, we will defer to the journal's editorial judgment on the matter.

### The number of replicated in each experiment should be more explicitly stated, by indicating the number of replicated in Table 1.

Each of the individual experiments with results presented in this paper is listed in the table separately. Consequently, stating replicates within the table could be misleading to

the reader. Moreover, our overall objectives of the study were such that numerous replicates of the same tree type were not a priority. This study was part of a project with the objective to investigate effects of herbivory stress on the composition of secondary organic aerosol from biogenic volatile organic compound emissions. With that objective in mind, we chose to prioritize diversity of represented tree species over repeated replications of each tree type. To clarify this objective, we have added the following statement in the introduction.

"This study was a component of a project that investigated the effects of herbivory stress on the composition of biogenic secondary organic aerosol generated from BVOC emissions. Published data on this topic is extremely limited, so one goal of this work was to identify "key" tree species that could produce a large herbivoretreatment effect on SOA composition."

An additional sentence was added to the end of section 2.1:

*"Emphasis in the experimental design was on the diversity of representative tree species included, which limited the number of replications that were possible."* 

### *Please indicate the physical meaning of the error bars in the caption of Figure 1 (standard error?, and of what?)*

Thank you for pointing out the lack of detail here. The following sentences were added to the figure caption:

"The average BER was calculating using all data from the end of the acclimation period until immediately before the stress treatment was applied (> 24 hours of measurements). The error bars represent +/- one standard deviation from the mean value." Faiola et al., Biogeosciences Discuss., 11, 13455-13514, 2014

### Response to Anonymous Referee #3

We thank the reviewer for her/his supportive and constructive comments. We have revised the manuscript in several instances to address the reviewer's concerns, and believe the paper is stronger as a result. This response will address the concerns in the order they were raised. Reviewer comments are in bold italics, with the authors' response indented in plain text below.

### **General Comments**

### Overall, I found this paper to be of high quality and suitable for publication with minor revisions.

Thank you for this positive feedback.

### I would strongly suggest that the introduction is shorten and focus more directly on previous research on BVOC emissions directly related to herbivore stress on coniferous forest. Currently the introduction is quite broad focusing on BVOC emissions and many different stresses in general.

We appreciate this suggestion. Two paragraphs will be removed from the introduction so that it focuses more specifically on herbivore stress emissions. Other minor changes will also be made to the introduction so that its flow is maintained.

### Here are a few publications that should be included. Additionally, the references within these papers, should be considered.

Thank you for providing these highly relevant references. We have added the following statement with citations to a paragraph in the introduction where herbivore stress plant responses were summarized:

"The presence of herbivore infestation can increase BVOC emissions by 4-fold to 20-fold (Amin et al, 2012, 2013; Berg et al., 2013), and this response can last for several weeks (Priemé et al., 2000). These results suggest that herbivore stress could have a substantial impact on SOA formation in forest environments in the future."

### Minor Comments

### Line 187: Delete "presented in this chapter".

This clause has been removed.

### Impacts of simulated herbivory on VOC emission profiles from coniferous plants

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### 10 Abstract

11 The largest global source of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the atmosphere is from 12 biogenic emissions. Plant stressors associated with a changing environment can alter both the 13 quantity and composition of the compounds that are emitted. This study investigated the 14 effects of one global change stressor, increased herbivory, on plant emissions from five 15 different coniferous species: bristlecone pine (Pinus aristata), blue spruce (Picea pungens), western redcedar (Thuja plicata), grand fir (Abies grandis), and Douglas-fir (Pseudotsugas 16 17 menziesii). Herbivory was simulated in the laboratory via exogenous application of methyl 18 jasmonate, an herbivory proxy. Gas-phase species were measured continuously with a gas 19 chromatograph coupled to a mass spectrometer and flame ionization detector (GC-MS-FID). 20 Stress responses varied between the different plant types and even between experiments using 21 the same set of saplings. The compounds most frequently impacted by the stress treatment 22 were alpha-pinene, beta-pinene, 1,8-cineol, beta-myrcene, terpinolene, limonene, and the 23 cymene isomers. Individual compounds within a single experiment often exhibited a different 24 response to the treatment from one another.

### 25 **1** Introduction

The largest global source of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the atmosphere is emissions from vegetation (Guenther et al., 2000, 2012). These biogenic VOCs (BVOCs) oxidize in the atmosphere and can contribute significantly to the formation of secondary pollutants such as ozone and secondary organic aerosol (Atkinson, 2000; Ehn et al., 2014;

Hamilton et al., 2009; Kroll and Seinfeld, 2008), and thus play a key role in Earth's climate 1 2 (Carslaw et al., 2010). Plants emit a wide range of organic compounds that will be classified here structurally into three categories: small oxygenated VOCs (OVOCs), terpenoids 3 (isoprene, monoterpenes, sesquiterpenes, and their oxygenated derivatives), and aromatics 4 5 (Herrmann and Weaver, 1999; Kesselmeier and Staudt, 1999). The regulation of BVOC emissions depends on both physiological and physicochemical controls that vary both 6 between plant species and between different compounds produced within a single tree 7 8 (Niinemets et al., 2004). The most studied and best understood BVOC emission mechanisms 9 are those for terpenoids, so it is informative to use them as an example for describing typical emission regulation mechanisms (Guenther et al., 2006; Lerdau and Gray, 2003). 10

All terpenoid emissions are temperature-dependent, but only some of these are also light-11 dependent (Lerdau and Gray, 2003). The primary difference between light-independent and 12 light-dependent emissions is whether or not the compounds can be stored within the plant. 13 14 Some BVOCs are not stored at all and are produced *de novo* before release, meaning they are synthesized via enzymes from newly-fixed carbon provided by photosynthesis. As a result, 15 emissions of de novo terpenoids are controlled by photosynthesis rates and enzyme activity 16 and, as such, are regulated by both light and temperature (Laothawornkitkul et al., 2009). In 17 18 contrast, when terpenes can be stored in the plant, then their emission rates are primarily a function of volatilization rates that are temperature-dependent. Many plants have specialized 19 storage structures such as resin ducts, cavities, oil glands, and glandular trichomes that 20 21 provide a reservoir for terpenoids. When compounds are stored within these structures, the 22 emission rates can be described in a manner consistent with the expected exponential 23 relationship between temperature and saturation vapor pressure (Guenther et al., 1995; Tingey et al., 1980). 24

25 Some BVOCs are constitutive, meaning they are continuously synthesized and emitted by the plant while being regulated by the physiological and physicochemical mechanisms described 26 27 above. Constitutive emissions can be either *de novo* or pooled depending on the absence or presence of storage structures. A single plant can emit both *de novo* and pooled emissions 28 29 simultaneously (Loreto et al., 2000). In contrast to constitutive emissions, some BVOC 30 emissions are inducible, meaning they are only synthesized and emitted when the plant is 31 exposed to an abiotic or biotic stress that initiates their production. These stress-induced 32 emission rates can make up a significant amount of total plant BVOC emissions (Blande et al., 2007; Brilli et al., 2009; Staudt and Lhoutellier, 2007). They can also increase or decrease
the secondary organic aerosol formation potential of the BVOC emissions depending on the
types of VOCs that are induced (Mentel et al., 2013).

Plant stress can significantly alter the BVOC emission profile both by inducing emissions of 4 additional compounds and by changing the emissions of constitutive compounds (Arneth and 5 6 Niinemets, 2010). This is an important consideration because different VOCs, even within the same class of compounds, can vary by orders of magnitude in their chemical reactivity 7 8 (Atkinson and Arey, 1998). A variety of stress exposure studies have been performed 9 investigating BVOC emission changes due to ozone exposure (Heiden et al., 1999; Vuorinen 10 et al., 2004), salt stress (Loreto and Delfine, 2000; Teuber et al., 2008), increased CO2 11 (Calfapietra et al., 2009; Constable et al., 1999), enhanced radiation (Harley et al., 1996), drought and/or high temperatures (Kleist et al., 2012; Niinemets, 2010; Niinemets et al., 12 2010), herbivory (Achotegui-Castells et al., 2013; Copolovici et al., 2011; Engelberth et al., 13 14 2004), and pathogen attack (Jansen et al., 2009a; Toome et al., 2010). A thorough review on 15 this topic is presented in (Penuelas and Staudt, 2010). Despite the numerous studies 16 investigating this topic, most of these stress influences on BVOC emission rates are still not 17 understood well enough to be included in the models used to develop emissions inventories (Guenther et al., 2012). This is in large part the result of two main factors: 1) the absence of 18 19 enough quantitative experimental data to generate useful algorithms; and 2) the large 20 variability in stress response between trees and even between different compounds emitted by 21 the same tree (Penuelas and Staudt, 2010, and references therein).

22 Modeling studies that have investigated climate change effects on future BVOC emissions have generally concluded there will be an increase in emissions, primarily due Generally, 23 24 plants' responses to warmer temperatures (Faubert et al., 2010; Keenan et al., 2009). 25 However, these models do not consider the possibility of thermal stress caused by increased temperature or the possibility of other interacting stressors. Irreversible effects on BVOC 26 27 emissions and BVOC emission profile have been observed following increased temperature that could not be explained by the simple exponential temperature dependence algorithm, and 28 29 these effects persisted after the temperature was dropped back to baseline levels (Kleist et al., 30 2012). There has been an initial attempt to model drought-stress impacts on biogenic VOC emissions in the Mediterranean, but the algorithms were based on measurements made from a 31 single tree species and the authors emphasize the need for more measurements to represent 32

1 other dominant BVOC-emitters in the region (Lavoir et al., 2011). Incorporating algorithms

2 from a variety of plant species into these models is vital because other studies of

- 3 Mediterranean shrubs exposed to drought and heat stress have shown extreme variability in
- 4 plant responses (Llusia et al., 2006).

5 Generally, plant's response to stress depends depend on the longevity and severity of the stress 6 exposure. Under mild to moderate abiotic stress, biochemical defense pathways are activated 7 that induce and/or increase BVOC emissions—a response that protects the plant from both 8 oxidative and thermal stress (Loreto and Schnitzler, 2010). However, the stress response 9 changes for different types of compounds depending on the physicochemical properties of the 10 compound. For example, emissions of small OVOCs (e.g., methanol, acetaldehyde, and 11 acetone) are closely related to stomatal conductance whereas terpenes are not (Niinemets et al., 2004). Terpenes are hydrocarbons that can diffuse out of the plants into the atmosphere 12 13 directly through the plant membranes (Fall and Monson, 1992; Loreto et al., 1996). 14 Consequently, stomatal conductance has no impact on the regulation of terpene emissions 15 because of their chemical properties. In contrast, OVOCs cannot diffuse directly through plant 16 membranes and easily dissolve in aqueous solutions, which further hinders volatilization. 17 Thus the effects of drought and/or heat stress impact OVOC emissions and terpene emissions 18 differently because plants have evolved mechanisms to deal with these stressors by 19 controlling their stomata. This stressor increases OVOC emissions in the short-term, but after 20 prolonged exposure to the stressor, plants close their stomata to conserve water and a 21 resulting drop in OVOC emissions occurs (Filella et al., 2007; Graus et al., 2013). This same 22 threshold effect was not observed for terpene foliar concentrations and terpene emissions 23 from Mediterannean tree species and C4 crops (Blanch et al., 2009; Graus et al., 2013). 24 However, other studies have demonstrated that under severe enough drought stress, 25 monoterpene emissions also begin to decrease (Ormeno et al., 2007; Simpraga et al., 2011). Presumably, at some extreme, the plant shuts down metabolic activity and terpene pools, if 26 27 present, are depleted.

One important stressor in future climates will be increased number of plant-eating pests, leading to increased herbivory (Bale et al., 2002). Plants have evolved to respond to herbivory stress by emitting BVOCs as a defense, using them for communication with other plants and to signal natural predators of the herbivores (Engelberth et al., 2004). It is well established that herbivory can increase monoterpene, sesquiterpene, and small OVOC emission rates and

1 substantially alter the BVOC profile (Achotegui-Castells et al., 2013; Hu et al., 2008; 2 Laothawornkitkul et al., 2008; Semiz et al, 2012). The presence of herbivore infestation can 3 increase BVOC emissions by 4-fold to 20-fold (Amin et al, 2012, 2013; Berg et al., 2013), 4 and this response can last for several weeks (Priemé et al., 2000). These results suggest that 5 herbivore stress could have a substantial impact on SOA formation in forest environments in the future. However, the number of plants studied using quantitative analytical techniques to 6 measure compound-specific BVOC emission rates is not representative of all the major 7 8 BVOC emitters in different environments. Furthermore, within the pool of plants that have 9 been studied, large variation has been observed in responses. Emissions of different 10 compounds from the same plant exhibit different temporal responses to herbivory stress 11 (Copolovici et al., 2011). Additionally, the plant stress response varies depending on the type of biotic stress and/or the type of plant-other studies have shown increases in total terpene 12 13 emission rates after herbivory exposure with no change in VOC profile (Jansen et al., 2009b; 14 Priemé et al., 2000) or different responses of the same plant to pathogen versus herbivory stress (Vuorinen et al., 2007). Finally, extrapolating these results to natural environments is 15 further complicated where simultaneous exposure to multiple stressors is likely the rule rather 16 17 than the exception; multiple abiotic and biotic stressors can interact to significantly alter the plant's response relative to any single stressor (Holopainen and Gershenzon, 2010; 18 19 Trowbridge et al., 2013; Winter et al., 2012).

20 This study adds to our knowledge of climate change stress impacts on BVOC emission rates 21 by quantitatively investigating the impacts of an exogenous methyl jasmonate herbivore 22 treatment on the VOC profile and emission rates from five different coniferous tree species 23 that have not been the focus of other herbivory studies. This study was a component of a 24 project that investigated the effects of herbivory stress on the composition of biogenic 25 secondary organic aerosol generated from BVOC emissions (Faiola et al., 2014b). Published data on this topic is extremely limited, so one goal of this work was to identify 'key' tree 26 27 species that could produce a large herbivore-treatment effect on SOA composition. The herbivore treatment was an exogenous application of the plant hormone, methyl jasmonate. 28 Methyl jasmonate is a compound that plants use in nature to warn neighboring plants about 29 30 the presence of herbivores; when plants are exposed to this compound, their emissions respond in a manner similar to if they were being attacked (Martin et al., 2003). This response 31 32 is not plant species specific and allows even plants of different species to communicate with 33 one another (Farmer and Ryan, 1990). The plant species used in this study are native to

temperate coniferous forests in the mountainous regions of the western United States and
 Canada.

Responses to the simulated herbivory stress varied between tree types. Additionally, 3 responses also varied between experiments using the same group of trees within a single tree 4 species, and for different compounds within the same experiment. These results reinforce the 5 necessity to obtain quantitative, compound-specific stress response measurements on a survey 6 of representative trees in an area before stress-induced emissions can be integrated into 7 8 biogenic emissions models inventories. We also identify a list of VOCs that showed similar 9 stress responses across experiments and could significantly affect atmospheric chemical 10 processes in future scenarios where increased herbivory is present.

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### 12 2 Experimental approach

13 This research is a component of a larger project investigating plant stress impacts on biogenic 14 secondary organic aerosol formation using Washington State University's Biogenic Aerosol Formation Facility. This facility is a dual chamber system with two separate FEP Teflon 15 16 bags—one a dynamic plant emission enclosure where sapling trees are stored and the other an aerosol growth chamber. This dual chamber system uses emissions from living vegetation as 17 18 a precursor VOC source for SOA generation. The objective of this paper is to present impacts 19 of plant stress on the BVOC emission profile from the sub-set of experiments where 20 continuous gas-phase measurements were available from the plant chamber. Analysis of the 21 impacts of the stress treatment on the composition of subsequently formed SOA will be presented in a separate paper (Faiola et al., 2014b). 22

### 23 2.1 Tree description and treatment

24 Experiments were performed with saplings from five different coniferous species: bristlecone 25 pine (Pinus aristata), blue spruce (Picea pungens), western redcedar (Thuja plicata), grand fir 26 (Abies grandis), and Douglas-fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii). Pinus aristata and Picea pungens 27 are found in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Thuja plicata, Abies grandis, and 28 Pseudotsuga Menziesii have wider latitudinal ranges and are found in the Northern Rockies of the United States and Canada as well as the western mountain ranges of North America from 29 30 Alaska to California. Emphasis in the experimental design was on the diversity of representative tree species included with the goal of identifying species that responded 31

strongly to stress treatment in ways that might affect SOA composition. This emphasis limited
 the number of replications that were possible.

Saplings were 1-3 years of age at the time of the experiments, and were purchased from the 3 University of Idaho Forestry Nursery. Plants were cared for by greenhouse staff to ensure 4 consistent watering and fertilization. They were stored outside of the greenhouse to be closer 5 6 to their natural environmental conditions- and prevent unnatural plant emission behaviour that could occur within greenhouse conditions. This also meant the plants could have been 7 8 exposed to natural stressors (e.g., heat or herbivory). These natural stressors were not 9 controlled but would be representative of conditions encountered by the plants in natural 10 environments.nature because it is likely that exposure to multiple stressors is the rule rather 11 than the exception in a forest environment (Holopainen & Gershenzon, 2010). Plant 12 specimens were transported from the greenhouse to the laboratory plant chamber at least two days before treatment in order to capture a "baseline" VOC profile. Plants required 24-36 13 14 hours to acclimate to the plant chamber after transportation. A summary of experiments 15 presented in this chapter is provided in Table 1.

Treatments using methyl jasmonate or jasmonic acid have been used to simulate herbivory 16 response in plants (Filella et al., 2006; Rodriguez-Saona et al., 2001) and can change the 17 18 terpene emission profile (Martin et al., 2003). The stress treatment used in these experiments 19 was a foliar application of 200 mL of 10 mM methyl jasmonate solution in nanopure water, 20 based on previously reported methods (Martin et al., 2003). Negative control experiments 21 were performed with each tree species, but only two (one from Pinus aristata and one from 22 Picea pungens) were performed while the GC-MS-FID was in operation. The negative control 23 treatment was a foliar application of 200 mL of nanopure water.

### 24 **2.2 Description of plant chamber and analytical instrumentation**

Three to nine individual saplings were stored in the 0.9 m x 0.9 m x 0.9 m plant enclosure for each experiment; the number depended on the size and age of the trees. The plant enclosure was equipped with a lamp (Lumatek High-PAR Output HPS Lamp, 600W) set on a 12 hour on/off cycle to simulate the day/night cycle. Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR) was continuously monitored with an Apogee model SQ-215 quantum sensor. Temperature and relative humidity were not controlled but were continuously monitored with a Vaisala model HMP110 humidity and temperature probe. The plant enclosure was continuously purged with
 zero air at 9.5 standard L min<sup>-1</sup> (Aadco model 737 pure air generator).

Gas-phase emissions from the saplings were continuously monitored with a gas 3 4 chromatograph coupled to a mass spectrometer and flame ionization detector (Agilent model 5 6890/5973 GC-MS-FID, DB-5ms column) with a time resolution of ~70 minutes. This 6 instrument was equipped with a custom-built pre-concentration system described previously 7 by Faiola and co-authors (2012, 2014a). The pre-concentration unit traps analytes on Tenax 8 GR adsorbent and uses thermodesorption to inject compounds into the GC system. The FID is 9 essentially a "carbon counter", meaning that the current produced from the detector is a 10 function of the number of carbons in the molecule. Consequently, if the structure of the molecule is known, the concentration may be quantified using the effective carbon number 11 12 concept with an upper-limit instrumental error of  $\pm 10\%$  (Faiola et al., 2012). Identifications of the following compounds could be made based on retention times determined using 13 14 commercial standards: 3-carene, terpinolene, limonene, alpha-pinene, beta-pinene, alpha-15 terpinene, beta-myrcene, and o-cymene. Molecular structures of other peaks were determined by interpreting the mass spectra acquired with the MS detector along with retention indices 16 17 for monoterpenes. Integrated peak areas from the FID were converted to emission rates using 18 Eq. 1:

$$E = \frac{A_a \chi_s N_s M_a F}{1000 A_s N_a B} \tag{1}$$

Here, E is the emission rate normalized to plant biomass in units of  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>, A<sub>a</sub> and A<sub>s</sub> are 20 the integrated FID peak areas of the analyte and internal standard, respectively,  $\chi_s$  is the 21 mixing ratio of the internal standard (ppbV),  $N_a$  and  $N_s$  are the effective carbon numbers of 22 23 the analyte and internal standard, respectively,  $M_a$  is the analyte molar mass of carbon (g-C  $mol^{-1}$ ), F is the molar flow through the plant enclosure (mol-air h<sup>-1</sup>), 1000 is a conversion 24 25 factor to obtain the appropriate units, and B is the biomass of needles in the plant enclosure 26 (g). Effective carbon numbers were estimated using the effective carbon number concept (Faiola et al., 2012; Sternberg et al., 1962). Biomass was estimated by collecting and 27 weighing a sub-set of needles from each tree after they were removed from the plant chamber. 28 29 Needles were dried for a minimum of 24 hours in an oven before weighing. Dry needle weight was scaled up to the tree level by estimating the number of needles on each tree. 30

The GC-MS-FID used in this study was optimized to quantify monoterpenes. It can also
 quantitatively analyze aromatic emissions of a similar size. These emissions are dependent on
 temperature and were temperature normalized to 303 K using Eq. 2 (Guenther et al., 1993):

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$$E(T) = E_s * e^{(\beta(T-T_s))}$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

Where E(T) is the measured emission rate at a measured temperature (T), and  $E_s$  is the 5 6 standardized basal emission rate (BER) at standard temperature  $(T_s)$ . The activity adjustment factor,  $\beta$  (K<sup>-1</sup>), was calculated for each experiment using measured emission rates between the 7 post-acclimation period and treatment application. The number of points varied from 8 9 experiment to experiment, but included a minimum of 24 hours of measurements. Activity 10 adjustment factors were calculated for terpenes and terpenoid aromatics separately because 11 their chemical structures are slightly different and thus their chemical properties are expected to also differ. Results of these calculations are summarized in Table 2. The activity 12 adjustment factors calculated here ranged from 0.15 K<sup>-1</sup> to 0.59 K<sup>-1</sup>, with most values ranging 13 from 0.15  $K^{-1}$  to 0.26  $K^{-1}$ . Where a relationship between temperature and emission rate was 14 observed and an activity adjustment factor could be calculated, nearly all values calculated for 15 16 the terpenes were consistent with the ranges previously reported for coniferous tree species by (Helmig et al., 2013; Ortega et al., 2008) (0.08 K<sup>-1</sup> to 0.28 K<sup>-1</sup>) and (Helmig et al., 2013) (0.00 17  $K^{-1}$  to 0.23  $K^{-1}$ ). The one exception was the activity adjustment factor calculated for 18 Pseudotsugas menziesii, which was much higher than any of the others, but which also had 19 the highest temperature/ER correlation observed from any experiment ( $r^2=0.91$  for 20 monoterpenes and  $r^2=0.89$  for aromatics). No aromatic compounds were observed above 21 22 detection limit during the pre-treatment period for experiment PP-E1 so no activity 23 adjustment factor could be calculated. Additionally, there was no relationship between 24 temperature and emission rate during the pre-treatment period for the Abies grandis 25 experiment. In this case, the average activity adjustment factor from the other experiments 26 was used to temperature-normalize the emissions for the Abies grandis experiment (excluding 27 the apparent outlier from *Pseudotsugas menziesii*).

In addition to monoterpenoids, this analytical system could detect and identify isoprene and some small OVOCs. However, these compounds had low breakthrough volumes for the Tenax adsorbent used, and so they were not quantitatively captured on the adsorbent trap. Thus absolute emission rates are not reported for those compounds. Instead, the relative measured value could be analyzed to look at trends in changing emissions from day to day. 1 Where used, these emissions were normalized to their maximum measured emission rate and

2 presented as a unitless value.

#### 3 2.3 Calculating atmospheric reactivity of BVOC emissions

4 One potential impact of stress-induced changes in the monoterpenoid profile is on the 5 oxidative reactivity of the BVOC emissions. To evaluate this, it is necessary to isolate the 6 impact of the changing terpenoid profile on reactivity and exclude any impacts from changes to absolute emission rates. To do this, the sum total monoterpenoid mixing ratio was 7 8 normalized to 1 ppbV and the mixing ratio of each individual monoterpenoid was calculated 9 from the relative terpenoid contribution. This reactivity will be referred to as the concentration-normalized reactivity of the BVOC emission profile. The total mixing ratio 10 value of 1 ppbV was selected as a reasonable approximation of summertime afternoon 11 12 monoterpene mixing ratios in the canopy in a forest environment (Bryan et al., 2012; 13 Nölscher et al., 2012). The compounds used in the reactivity calculations and their 14 corresponding OH and O<sub>3</sub> rate constants are presented in Table 3. Reaction rate constants 15 were obtained from experimental results in the literature where available (Atkinson et al., 16 1990; Calvert et al., 2000; Corchnoy and Atkinson, 1990; Gai et al., 2013; Reissell et al., 2001; United States Environmental Protection Agency, 2014) or were calculated using the 17 18 method described in Calvert et al. 2000. Ring strain was ignored for the ozone reaction rate 19 constants. Concentration-normalized OH and O<sub>3</sub> reactivity of plant BVOC emission profiles 20 were calculated from the sum of the individual BVOC reactivities, which were calculated as 21 the product of the reaction rate constant and the normalized mixing ratio. The resulting total 22 OH and O<sub>3</sub> reactivity is the inverse of the OH and O<sub>3</sub> lifetime. Only those compounds listed in Table 3 were included in the calculation. This list includes all the major VOCs that were 23 24 identified in these experiments.

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### 26 **3 Results and discussion**

In this section, pre-treatment BVOC profiles from each experiment are presented first and compared with previous reports of BVOC measurements from the same tree species. This was done to investigate whether the pre-treatment BVOC profiles were representative of trees in a natural setting. Then, the stress response from each tree type is described separately, including changes to the daily average monoterpenoid profiles and temporal trends in absolute emission rates. A summary of the main compounds that were affected by the stress treatment from each
 tree is presented. Finally, the concentration-normalized OH and O<sub>3</sub> reactivity are presented to
 investigate the impact of changing the BVOC profile before and after stress treatment.

### 4 **3.1 Pre-treatment monoterpene profiles**

5 Monoterpenoids were the dominant biogenic emissions that were quantitatively measured 6 from each tree type in this study. These compounds have been the focus of numerous field 7 measurements using the same species used in these experiments. Figure 1 summarizes the 8 pre-treatment monoterpene profile for each experiment in this study. Values are presented as 9 the percent of total monoterpenoid emission rates for each experiment. The same results are 10 provided in absolute emission rates in Table 4. The profiles were calculated using all data 11 from the end of the acclimation period until immediately before the stress treatment was 12 applied. This time period varied from experiment to experiment, but always included a minimum of 24 hours of measurements. In total, 32 monoterpenoid chemical species were 13 14 observed prior to treatment, including two oxygenated monoterpenes, camphor and 1,8cineol. Minor constituents were summed for inclusion in the profile. This group includes the 15 16 following compounds: santene, 2-bornene, alpha-fenchene, 2,4-thujadiene, beta-terpinene, 2carene, alpha-phellandrene, alpha-terpinene, gamma-terpinene, alpha-thujene, the aromatic 17 18 cymenene isomers, acetophenone, two unidentified monoterpenes, and four unidentified aromatic compounds. Together, this category accounted for <10% of all pre-treatment 19 20 monoterpenoid emissions. Toluene was also measured during some experiments, but was not 21 a major component and was not included in this analysis.

22 The pre-treatment monoterpene profile varied between the tree species (Figure 1). 23 However, despite differences in their distribution, the same seven compounds made up greater 24 than 75% of all monoterpene emissions from all trees: alpha-pinene, limonene, 3-carene, beta-25 pinene, beta-myrcene, camphene, and beta-phellandrene. For the two sets of Picea pungens 26 experiments, the pre-treatment profiles were substantially different even though the same four 27 saplings were used in each of the three experiments. *Picea pungens* emissions in May (PP-E1) were dominated by alpha-pinene and limonene, while in July (PP-E2 and PP-C) they were 28 dominated by limonene and beta-myrcene. Each of these profiles were consistent with 29 30 previous measurements made in a field setting. The Picea pungens monoterpene profile 31 presented by Helmig et al. (2013) had higher contributions from alpha-pinene in spring, but decreased in August and September in a manner similar to what we observed in July. 32

1 Furthermore, we observed an increase in the contribution of 1,8-cineol in the July 2 experiments versus the May experiment, which Helmig et al. (2013) also described. The *Picea pungens* monoterpenoid BER in this study ranged from 0.29 to 0.81 µg-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> (0.32-3 0.92  $\mu$ g g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>). Previous reports ranged from <0.10 to 1.45  $\mu$ g g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> throughout the year, and 4 5 during the months of May-July (the time period when our experiments were performed) the reported BER range was 0.87-1.45  $\mu$ g g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> (Helmig et al., 2013). Thus the *Picea pungens* 6 7 BER in our experiments was on the lower end of what has been reported from *Picea pungens* 8 in the field.

9 The monoterpenoid profile of the Rocky Mountain bristlecone pine (Pinus aristata) has not 10 been previously reported to our knowledge. A profile of the Great Basin bristlecone pine (Pinus longaeva) was presented by Helmig et al. (2013), and is used here for comparison. 11 Both profiles were dominated by 3-carene, alpha-pinene and beta-pinene. Within this study, 12 13 the two Pinus aristata experiments exhibited nearly identical pre-treatment monoterpene 14 emission profiles. These measurements were taken within two weeks of one another. The *Pinus aristata* monoterpenoid BER was 0.62-0.75  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> (0.70-0.85  $\mu$ g g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>), which is 15 on the higher end of the range of *Pinus longaeva* BER values reported by Helmig et al. (2013) 16 in May and June,  $0.16-0.74 \ \mu g \ g^{-1} \ h^{-1}$ . 17

18 The Abies grandis, Pseudotsugas menziesii, and Thuja plicata monoterpene profiles each 19 differed from what has been reported previously. The profile from Abies grandis in this study 20 was dominated by beta-pinene, but no beta-pinene was observed by Ortega et al. (2008). 21 Furthermore This difference could be explained by natural genotypic variation because Ortega 22 et al., (2008) also observed natural variation in the constitutive BVOC profiles between plants 23 of the same tree species. However, the Abies grandis monoterpenoid pre-treatment BER measured in our experiment was 12.67 µg-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>, substantially higher than any other pre-24 25 treatment monoterpenoid BER observed in this study and more than an order of magnitude 26 greater than that reported by Ortega et al. (2008) for the same tree species. These high 27 emission rates could suggest the Abies grandis saplings were likely exhibiting a stress 28 response prior to treatment.

For *Pseudotsugas menziesii*, the dominant monterpene emission measured in this study was beta-phellandrene (40% of all monoterpenoid emissions). Helmig et al. (2013) observed alpha-pinene and beta-pinene comprising more than 50% of all *Pseudotsugas menziesii* monoterpenoid emissions throughout an entire year of measurements, which was consistent

1 with the profile presented in (Geron et al., 2000). However, Ortega et al. (2008) observed 2 variability in *Pseudotsugas menziesii* monoterpene profiles in the field, reporting that 3 limonene and camphene were the dominant emissions during one set of measurements, while 4 sabinene and alpha-pinene were for another. Furthermore, beta-pinene emissions were 5 measured for one reported BVOC profile by Ortega et al., but not for the other. Thus the pre-6 treatment profile in this laboratory study could still be representative of a natural baseline condition. The pre-treatment Pseudotsugas menziesii BER measured in our laboratory 7 chamber was 3.66 µg-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. This was the second highest observed BER value prior to 8 treatment, and is consistent with previous reports where values as high as 3.40  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> 9 were measured from Pseudotsugas menziesii branch enclosures by Ortega et al. (2008). 10 However, our laboratory experiment was conducted in September when seasonal reports of 11 emissions have shown decreasing emission trends. For example, the highest BER reported in 12 the field by Helmig et al. (2013) was 2.51 µg-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> in June, but they reported that by 13 September the monoterpenoid BER had dropped back down to 0.12 µg-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. Thus, the 14 BERs in our experiment were at the upper range of what would be expected in the natural 15 16 environment from Pseudotsugas menziesii at this time of year.

17 *Thuja plicata* monoterpenoid emissions in this study were dominated by beta-pinene, 18 camphene, and beta-phellandrene, whereas Ortega et al. (2008) found that 61% of all 19 monoterpenoid emissions were composed of the oxygenated compounds alpha- and beta-20 thujone. We did not observe any thujone emissions throughout the measurement period. The 21 monoterpenoid pre-treatment BER from *Thuja plicata* was the lowest we observed from any 22 species at 0.28  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. This was consistent with the *Thuja plicata* BER reported by 23 Ortega et al. (2008), 0.30  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>.

### 24 **3.2** Blue spruce (*Picea pungens*)

25 Three experiments were performed using *Picea pungens* saplings, two with methyl jasmonate 26 (MeJA) treatments and one negative control. All three experiments were performed using the 27 same four saplings, and the negative control experiment was performed the week prior to the 28 July MeJA treatment experiment. The two MeJA treatment experiments did not produce 29 consistent results. To illustrate this, a plot of the total monoterpenoid BER versus elapsed 30 time since treatment is shown in Figure 2. The first treatment experiment performed in May exhibited a clear stress response where monoterpene emissions increased from  $0.29 \pm 0.2 \,\mu g$ -31 C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> to 23.27  $\pm$  2.15 µg-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. This represents an 80-fold increase after treatment. 32

1 Emissions remained elevated above pre-treatment values over the next 50 hours. In stark 2 contrast, the monoterpene emissions from the July MeJA experiment did not demonstrate a 3 significantly different response to stress than did the negative control. There was a small increase in emissions for both PP-N and PP-E2 on the day of treatment. The short-lived, slight 4 5 emissions increase observed in these experiments could possibly be the result of an abiotic surface adsorption disruption effect—water displaces organic molecules previously adsorbed 6 to the needle surfaces and produces a burst in measured emissions. This phenomenon has 7 8 been observed in a natural forest environment where bursts of VOC emission were observed 9 following rain (in a natural forest setting) or water application (in a laboratory setting) (Faiola 10 et al., 2014a; Greenberg et al., 2012; Warneke et al., 1999). This would suggest that there was no significant stress treatment effect and that the small increase in some emissions observed 11 12 on the treatment day could be a function of the treatment method itself rather than an actual 13 stress response.

This difference in these results was also apparent when the complete BVOC profiles were examined (Figure 3). These values are the average daytime emissions (6am to 6pm). To simplify the presentation, BVOCs that individually constituted less than 1% of all monoterpenoid emissions were summed and presented in the "other" category. The pretreatment aromatic emissions for the PP-E1 experiment were too low to calculate an aromatic activity adjustment factor, so the activity adjustment factor for aromatics calculated from PP-E2 data was used to normalize aromatic emission rates for both experiments.

21 In PP-E1, the maximum stress response for all classes of compounds was observed the day 22 after treatment (Day +1). The highest-emitted monoterpene before treatment was alpha-23 pinene (> 40% of all MT emissions, Figure 1). After treatment, limonene, beta-myrcene, and 24 1,8-cineol dominated the emission profile. Limonene and beta-myrcene were constitutive emissions that were stimulated more than other constitutive emissions after treatment. In 25 addition to enhancing constitutive emissions, the stress treatment also induced many new 26 27 monoterpenoid emissions, including alpha-phellandrene, alpha-terpinene, 1,8-cineol, 28 ocimene, gamma-terpinene, and terpinolene. Some of these induced compounds did not 29 contribute significantly to the overall post-treatment emissions and were thus lumped into the 30 "other" category, but they are worth noting because they were only observed after treatment had been applied. Specifically, 1,8-cineol and ocimene were emitted at rates well over two 31 32 orders of magnitude higher than the detection limit after treatment-above the 80-fold

1 increase in total emissions, which suggests these emissions were truly induced and not just 2 emitted at rates below the detection limit prior to treatment. Negligible amounts of aromatic 3 compounds were observed before treatment. After treatment, even though aromatics still made up a small relative proportion of overall emissions, the aromatic emissions 4 (predominantly p-cymene) increased significantly to 0.5  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>, which was similar to the 5 pre-treatment sum monoterpenoid BERs for many of the tree species presented in Figure 1. 6 Emissions of all classes of compounds began to decrease again within 48 hours after 7 8 treatment, but still remained elevated relative to pre-treatment values when measurements 9 ceased.

10 In contrast to the May experiment, in the July Picea pungens experiment the monoterpenoid 11 average profile did not significantly change after treatment (Figure 3). There This could be due to seasonal differences in the sensitivity of Picea pungens to herbivore-treatment. This has 12 13 been observed in other coniferous plant species. For example, monoterpene synthesis in Pinus 14 sylvestris is more responsive to plant stressors during the spring when shoots are actively 15 growing (Bäck et al., 2005). In the Picea pungens experiment presented here, there were small 16 increases in terpinolene and ocimene emissions on the day of treatment, but they quickly 17 returned to pre-treatment levels. Furthermore, results from the May experiment suggested that 18 1,8-cineol was a stress-induced compound that was only observed after treatment, but this 19 same compound constituted a significant proportion of the pre-treatment BVOC emission 20 profile in the July experiment. This could be a natural seasonal effect-field measurements 21 have demonstrated seasonal changes in 1,8-cineol emission rates from Picea pungens (Helmig 22 et al., 2013). However, it is also possible that the 1,8-cineol emission rate fluctuations 23 observed in the field were due to the presence of some natural stressor. Thus, the pre-24 treatment profile for the July experiment could indicate that the trees' metabolic stress 25 pathways had been activated prior to experimental treatment. This hypothesis is further 26 supported by the higher percentage of beta-myrcene and limonene emissions present in the 27 July pre-treatment profile that more closely resemble the post-treatment stress profile from the 28 May experiment. This combined with the low emission rate values could suggest that the trees 29 had been exposed to an external stressor for an adequate length of time to cause the plant to 30 begin shutting down metabolic processes. If this was the case, the application of an additional 31 stress treatment did not produce a stress response under those conditions.

Averaging emission rates over each day provides a clean picture of the overall VOC profiles, but any patterned variability that may occur through the day would be hidden by this approach. Another way to investigate changing VOC profiles is to compare the emission rate data for different compounds to evaluate their covariance. If paired compounds co-vary, then their relative emissions are consistent over time. If their correlation is weaker, it suggests that the profile is changing, possibly due to differences in the factors regulating the compounds' emissions.

8 Constitutive emissions co-varied throughout the negative control experiment (PP-N). 9 Emission rates of beta-myrcene, alpha-pinene, and beta-phellandrene were plotted against 10 limonene emissions and shown in Figure 4. Limonene was used as the basis for comparison 11 because it was the dominant constitutively-emitted compound (Figure 1). Measurements from the first 36 hours while the plants were acclimating to the plant chamber were excluded from 12 the analysis. Correlations between these three constitutively-emitted compounds and 13 limonene were high with  $r^2$  values ranging from 0.87 to 0.98. This was also true for the other 14 compounds' emissions, with emission rate correlation coefficients with limonene ranging 15 16 between 0.85 and 0.96. Camphor was the exception; the correlation between camphor and 17 limonene emissions was 0.35.

18 In the May MeJA experiment (PP-E1), the dominant pre-treatment constitutive emission was 19 alpha-pinene but after treatment, the major emissions were limonene, beta-myrcene and 1,8-20 cineol (Figure 3). For this experiment, it was informative to look at both the time series of 21 emission rates as well as the covariance between emission rates of difference compounds. A time series of the emission rates after treatment for a subset of the compounds is shown in 22 Figure 5. Immediately after treatment on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 1140, alpha-pinene was still the 23 24 dominant terpene emitted. However, emissions of limonene and beta-myrcene began to 25 increase quickly and had exceeded alpha-pinene emissions by later that evening. Emissions of 1,8-cineol did not begin to increase until 1700. After that, they continued to increase and 26 27 surpassed alpha-pinene emissions early the following morning. Beta-phellandrene is also 28 shown on the figure to provide an example of a less dominant emission trend. It immediately 29 began to increase after treatment but never exceeded alpha-pinene emissions. The emission 30 trends of beta-myrcene, limonene, 1,8-cineol, and beta-phellandrene are in contrast to the 31 trend in alpha-pinene emission rates. Alpha-pinene was not impacted by the treatment and

maintained a stable emission rate throughout the evening while emission rates of othercompounds steadily increased.

3 The covariance of emission rates after treatment was analyzed by investigating correlations with alpha-pinene (the dominant pre-treatment constitutive emission) and limonene (the 4 dominant post-treatment emission). The correlation between post-treatment emissions of 5 limonene, beta-myrcene, 1,8-cineol and alpha-pinene were low with  $r^2$  values ranging from 6 0.13-0.45. Emission rates of alpha-pinene were only well-correlated with two compounds, 7 camphene ( $r^2=0.77$ ) and beta-pinene ( $r^2=0.97$ ). For all other compounds the  $r^2$  ranged 8 9 between 0.04 and 0.61. Post-treatment correlations between beta-myrcene, 1,8-cineol, and 10 beta-phellandrene and the most stress-enhanced compound, limonene ranged from 0.85-0.90. Limonene emission were also well-correlated with ocimene ( $r^2=0.89$ ), p-cymene ( $r^2=0.83$ ), 11 and terpinolene ( $r^2=0.90$ ). This could suggest that the stress treatment-induced *de novo* 12 emissions of limonene, beta-myrcene, beta-phellandrene, 1,8-cineol, ocimene, p-cymene, and 13 14 terpinolene that resulted in similar emission patterns after treatment because of similar 15 enzymatic control on production. 3-Carene and m-cymene emissions were not well-correlated with either alpha-pinene or limonene emissions. 16

### 17 3.3 Western redcedar (*Thuja plicata*)

The VOC daily profiles for the *Thuja plicata* MeJA experiment are summarized in Figure 6. 18 19 For this experiment, nine small saplings were kept in the plant chamber for six days before applying treatment, and were removed from the chamber the day after treatment. However, 20 21 for this group of plants there was an exceptionally strong emission response that continued to increase throughout the night following treatment. Consequently, "Day  $+\frac{1}{2}$ " has been 22 included on the chart to capture peak emission response, and refers to the nighttime period 23 24 that occurred half a day after treatment application. The pre-treatment and post-treatment 25 profiles were plotted separately due to the drastic increase in emission rates-monoterpene BER increased from an average value of  $0.28 \pm 0.02 \ \mu g$ -C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> on Days -6 to -4 to a 26 maximum average value of  $11.88 \pm 0.18 \ \mu g$ -C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> during the evening after treatment. This 27 28 is a 42-fold increase in monoterpenoid BER. Terpinolene, beta-myrcene, and the cymene 29 isomers increased most substantially and dominated the monoterpene profile after treatment.

The post-treatment temporal emissions trends for the *Thuja plicata* experiment exhibited a pattern that was not observed for other trees species. Figure 7 shows the monoterpenoid BER

time series immediately following treatment. In Figure 7, the treatment was applied on 1 September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 0830, and emissions of all compounds began to increase by 1300 the same 2 day. The emissions of nearly all compounds continued to rise or stabilized at an elevated 3 emission rate for the remainder of the measurement period until September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 0500 when 4 5 measurements were stopped. However, beta-pinene did not follow this trend; instead, betapinene emissions immediately increased after treatment, but began to decrease a few hours 6 later, starting at 1500 on the treatment day. It was the only compound to exhibit this emission 7 8 pattern.

9 Terpinolene also demonstrated a slightly different emission pattern from most other 10 monoterpenes. This is evident from the linear regression results presented in Table 5. 11 Terpinolene reached a maximum emission rate on the evening of the treatment day at 1730 (not shown). Afterwards it began to decrease slowly. The only other compound to exhibit this 12 13 emission trend was ocimene, which had a linear regression correlation with terpinolene 14 emissions of 0.86. Most other compounds continued to increase throughout the night. Thus, 15 most compound emission rates were highly correlated with limonene emissions, which 16 exhibited this continually increasing emission trend. Ten compounds were highly-correlated with limonene emissions with  $r^2 > 0.90$  (Table 5). Beta-Phellandrene phellandrene and gamma-17 terpinene were well-correlated with both limonene and terpinolene with  $r^2 \ge 0.80$ . Their 18 emission rates stabilized more quickly than most other compounds during the night. They 19 were best correlated with one another with an  $r^2$ =0.96. This could suggest four different types 20 21 of emission responses 1) quick increase followed by a slow decrease within 10 hours of 22 treatment similar to terpinolene; 2) quick increase followed by a rapid decrease similar to 23 beta-pinene; 3) long-term increase throughout the night similar to limonene; and 4) increase 24 followed by stabilization within ~12 hours of treatment similar to beta-phellandrene.

25 Monoterpenoid BER values for *Thuja plicata* were the lowest pre-treatment emissions that 26 were measured from all trees in this study. After treatment had been applied, monoterpenoid 27 BERs increased to the third-highest emission rates measured throughout the experiments. This 28 suggests that stress exposure in natural environments could turn normally low-emitting trees 29 into high-emitters that could contribute substantially to the net ecosystem BVOC flux. This 30 should be considered in future experimental designs where it may be tempting to limit tree 31 species representation to only the known highest BVOC-emitters in a region because there 32 may be some tree species that are only high-emitters under stressed conditions.

### 1 3.4 Douglas-fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii)

2 The daily average VOC emission profile from *Pseudotsuga menziesii* is shown in Figure 8. Some of the minor constituents (<1% of BER) have been grouped together within the "other" 3 category to simplify the presentation. For this experiment, two days of measurements were 4 collected prior to treatment after plants had acclimated to the chamber. Following treatment, 5 6 BVOC emission rates were monitored for another four days. Absolute monoterpenoid BERs approximately doubled on the day of treatment. They increased from  $3.66 \pm 0.88 \ \mu g-C \ g^{-1} \ h^{-1}$ 7 to  $7.34 \pm 1.04 \text{ }\mu\text{g-C }\text{g}^{-1}\text{ }\text{h}^{-1}$ . Emissions then remained 34% higher, on average, than baseline 8 9 emissions for the following four days. Aromatics (predominantly o-cymene) comprised more than 10% of the total Pseudotsugas menziessi VOC emissions even before treatment, and thus 10 11 could be significant contributors to SOA formation in natural forest environments. Emissions of alpha-pinene, beta-pinene, and 3-carene increased most after treatment relative to the other 12 Alpha-pinene emissions increased by ~100%, beta-pinene 13 constitutive monoterpenes. 14 emissions by ~570%, and 3-carene emissions by ~640%. This effect was sustained until 15 measurements ceased four days after treatment. One of these stress-enhanced compounds, 16 beta-pinene, co-varied with the dominant constitutive emission, beta-phellandrene, prior to treatment ( $r^2=0.89$ ), but was de-coupled from beta-phellandrene emissions after treatment 17  $(r^2=0.48)$ . However, nearly all other compounds continued to co-vary with beta-phellandrene 18 19 emissions from Day +1 to Day +4 after treatment. Emissions from beta-myrcene, the cymene isomers, alpha-pinene, limonene, ocimene, and terpinolene all had linear regression results of 20 21  $r^{2}$ >0.90 versus beta-phellandrene. 3-carene emissions did not co-vary with any other 22 compound emissions.

23 The overall stress response exhibited by Pseudotsugas menziesii was not as dramatic as the 24 80-fold increase observed during experiment PP-E1 or the 42-fold increase observed during 25 experiment TP-E. There was also no single stress-enhanced compound that completely dominated the post-treatment emission profile as terpinolene did during experiment TP-E. 26 27 Despite all this, the three most stress-enhanced compounds (alpha-pinene, beta-pinene, and 3-28 carene) did contribute significantly to the overall BVOC emissions during this experiment, 29 which were substantial. Pre-treatment, the monoterpenoid BERs for Pseudotsugas menziesii 30 were the second-highest pre-treatment values measured in this study (Figure 1), with a daytime average pre-treatment monoterpenoid BER of  $3.39 \pm 0.01 \ \mu g$ -C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. The daytime 31 average post-treatment BER was 5.46  $\pm 0.37 \ \mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. This is only a modest increase in 32

overall emission rates relative to some of the other experiments. However, of the 2.06 µg-C g<sup>-</sup> 1  $^1$  h  $^{-1}$  total increase in BER, 1.75  $\mu g$  -C g  $^{-1}$  h  $^{-1}$  was due to the increase in just the three most 2 stress-enhanced compounds: alpha-pinene, beta-pinene, and 3-carene (85% of the total 3 4 increase). The post-treatment average BER of these three compounds was 2.48 +0.15 µg-C g<sup>-</sup> <sup>1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>, 73% of the total monoterpenoid pre-treatment BER. Thus, these stimulated 5 6 monoterpenes can significantly contribute to total BVOC emissions. This is important 7 because different monoterpenes have widely-varying chemical reactivity and SOA formation 8 potential (Atkinson and Arey, 1998; Griffin et al., 1999).

### 9 **3.5 Grand fir (Abies grandis)**

10 As shown in Figure 1, the pre-treatment monoterpene BER for the grand fir experiment was 11 greater than for any other experiment, and was much greater than what had been previously 12 reported elsewhere. This suggests that these trees had been exposed to some unknown 13 external stress while being stored outdoors prior to use. To investigate this, we examined the 14 entire BVOC profile throughout the measurement period (Figure 9). All monoterpenenoid 15 emissions steadily decreased from Day -2 to Day 0. It is possible that the trees were still 16 acclimating to the plant chamber on Day -2, but they should have been well acclimated by 17 Day -1 because trees take 12-36 hours to acclimate to the plant chamber (having been 18 transported to the chamber on Day -3). The observed steady decrease from day to day could 19 be indicative of the hypothesized unknown stress effect waning once the trees were brought 20 into the laboratory. Laboratory notes on tree appearance for this experiment indicate that the trees had a number of dry, orange-red needles when they were transported on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013. 21 Another note from June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 described large clumps of needles dropping from the trees 22 23 at the slightest touch during watering. The trees were kept well watered at the greenhouse and 24 in the laboratory chamber and outdoor temperatures were normal for the area, so we do not 25 believe that the needle damage was the consequence of drought or temperature stress. 26 However, this possibility cannot be ruled out completely. Alternatively, the observed effects 27 may have been the result of an unseen herbivore or pathogen that was not detected prior to the 28 experiment.

Despite the possible presence of an uncontrolled stressor, the experimental MeJA stress treatment did still have a small effect on BVOC emission rates and profile (Figure 9). This effect was not immediate; emissions continued their decreasing trend on Day 0, but then increased slightly on Day +1. The BVOC profile was altered both by the induction of

1 emissions of new compounds and by the alteration of the distribution of constitutive 2 emissions. 1,8-Cineol and, to a much lesser extent, p-allylanisole were induced. The former is 3 an oxygenated monoterpene and the latter is a phenylpropanoid produced from the shikhimic 4 acid pathway (Dudareva et al., 2006). These emissions were not observed until six hours after 5 treatment for 1,8-cineol and 22 hours after treatment for p-allylanisole. Small OVOCs and 6 unidentified compounds exhibited maximum emissions the day following stress treatment and may also have been induced by the stress treatment. Similar to the other stress-induced and 7 8 stress-enhanced compounds, they exhibited a delayed response in emissions. These small 9 OVOCs include alcohols, ketones, and aldehydes that have less than eight carbon atoms 10 including small 5-carbon to 6-carbon OVOCs produced from the lipoxygenase (LOX) 11 biochemical pathway (Connor et al., 2008; Maffei, 2010).

The constitutive monoterpene emission profile also changed. For the first three days, the 12 terpene profile was dominated by beta-pinene, beta-phellandrene and alpha-pinene, and their 13 14 relative contribution to total emissions did not vary significantly. After the MeJA treatment, beta-pinene emissions continued to decrease as they had been for the previous three days, but 15 16 limonene, beta-myrcene, beta-phellandrene, terpinolene, and alpha-pinene all increased. 17 Increases in these compounds were observed six hours after treatment, similar to when the 18 induced compound, 1.8-cineol, was first observed. Prior to treatment, constitutive emissions 19 of alpha-pinene, limonene, and terpinolene all co-varied with the dominant constitutive emission, beta-pinene, with all  $r^2$  values greater than 0.90 (Figure 10, left). Two separate 20 21 bursts in emissions occurred 24 hours apart from one another that produced the three highest 22 points on the plots (two measurements during one burst and one measurement during the 23 other burst). With those points removed, alpha-pinene and limonene were still well-correlated with beta-pinene with  $r^2$  values of 0.97 and 0.89 respectively. The terpinolene  $r^2$  reduced to 24 25 0.52 when the two emission bursts were excluded. Other major constitutive emissions also co-26 varied with beta-pinene prior to treatment but were not shown on the figure; camphene, beta-27 phellandrene, p-cymene and beta-myrcene also co-varied with beta-pinene prior to treatment 28 with  $r^2$  values ranging from 0.94 to 0.99. However, after treatment, beta-pinene no longer co-29 varied with alpha-pinene, limonene, or terpinolene with  $r^2$  values of 0.53, 0.25, and 0.12 respectively (Figure 10, right). Thus, even with the emission bursts removed pre-treatment, all 30  $r^2$  values decreased relative to the post-treatment correlations. Furthermore, all of the other 31 most highly enhanced constitutive compounds except for beta-phellandrene were well 32 33 correlated with limonene after treatment with  $r^2$  values > 0.80 (not shown). The MeJA stress

treatment de-coupled the dominant constitutive emissions from beta-pinene, which was not enhanced by the stress, while most of the compounds enhanced by the treatment continued to co-vary. 1,8-cineol, the induced emission, was not well correlated with the most enhanced constitutive emission, limonene ( $r^2=0.18$ ).

5 3.6 Bristlecone pine (Pinus aristata)

A time series of the summed monoterpenoid BERs are presented in Figure 11. There was a large spike in emissions immediately following the MeJA treatment where monoterpenoid emissions increased from 0.54 to 12.52  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. The negative control experiment also demonstrated a slight increase in emissions, but to a much lesser extent than the MeJA experiment; monoterpenoid emissions increased from 0.81 to 2.68  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. The emissions increase was short-lived for both experiments and the emissions trend started to reverse within just a few hours following treatment.

The monoterpene profiles for the days before (Day -1) and after (Day +1) treatment are shown in Figure 12. The total emissions were slightly reduced for the MeJA experiment on the day following treatment, but not substantially so, and the monoterpenoid profile did not change. The negative control BER and emission profile were similar before and after spraying the trees with water.

Major monoterpene emissions were plotted against the emission rates of the dominant monoterpene throughout these experiments, 3-carene, in Figure 13. Both the negative control and MeJA experiment demonstrated high correlations ( $r^2>0.9$ ) for all monoterpene emissions relative to 3-carene. Beta-pinene, beta-phellandrene, and terpinolene are shown in the figure for illustration, and this was also true for alpha-pinene, o-cymene, p-cymene, limonene, camphene, beta-myrcene, and m-cymene. This indicates that the monoterpene profile did not change substantially during either experiment.

### 25 **3.7** Summary of emission rate changes

A summary of the change in emission rates after stress treatment for some of the key compounds is summarized for each experiment where a plant stress response was observed (Figure 14). Note the difference in the y-axis scale for each experiment because the overall change in emission rates varied between plant types. For the *Thuja plicata* experiment, the delta value was calculated from the Day  $\pm 1/2$  post-treatment value minus the "baseline" daily

1 average from Day -4 to Day -6. This is a conservative estimate of emissions changes because 2 all emissions decreased during the two days prior to treatment (Days -1 and -2) but these 3 lower emission values were not used in the calculation. For the *Picea pungens* experiment, the 4 delta BER was calculated by subtracting the average daily value on Day -1 from Day +1. The 5 maximum response was observed on Day +1 and Day -2 was excluded because the plants 6 may have still been acclimating to the chamber. For the Pseudotsugas menziesii experiments, the delta BER was calculated by subtracting the average daily values on Day -2 and Day -1 7 8 from the average daily values on Days +1 to +4. For the Abies grandis experiment, the delta 9 BER was calculated as the difference between Day 0 and Day +1.

10 The compounds that were most impacted by the stress treatment were highly variable between 11 tree types. In the *Thuja plicata* experiment, the two monoterpenes that increased most were terpinolene and beta-myrcene. The emissions of these compounds increased by a combined 12 7.04  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. This represents just over 80% of the total increase in monoterpene BER 13 with terpinolene alone contributing to just over 60% of the total increase. The cymene 14 15 isomers also exhibited a significant emission increase. The only other experiment where all three cymene isomers were measured was in Pseudotsugas menziesii experiment. In this case, 16 all cymene isomers increased, but to a lesser extent than during the *Thuja plicata* experiment. 17 The most stress-enhanced compounds in the Pseudotsugas menziesii experiment were alpha-18 19 pinene, beta-pinene and 3-carene. 1,8-Cineol was identified as an important stress-enhanced or stress-stimulated compound in the Picea pungens and Abies grandis experiments, but was 20 21 never emitted from the other two plant types. Beta-Myrcene was an important stress-22 enhanced compound for all plant types shown in the figure except for *Pseudotsugas menziesii*. 23 Emissions of other compounds in our experiments generally either increased or stayed the 24 same after treatment. An exception to this was in the Abies grandis experiment, where beta-25 pinene emissions significantly decreased after treatment.

Even though each experiment yielded fundamentally different results, several of the observed behaviors could be more broadly applicable. The differing results that were observed between the two *Picea pungens* MeJA experiments could indicate that plant stress susceptibility changes seasonally. Alternatively, if the *Picea pungens* plants had been exposed to an external unknown stressor for weeks prior to the second experiment (PP-E2), the results could indicate there is some breaking point where the plants simply do not respond to an additional stressor. These results would be in stark contrast to the *Abies grandis* stress response. The

1 Abies grandis results suggest that despite the possible presence of an unknown stress prior to 2 treatment, the simulated herbivory stress still caused additional changes to the emission 3 profile. Thus, the presence of one stressor does not necessarily prevent a tree from responding 4 to another stressor at the same time, and it is possible the effects of the two stressors could be 5 additive. The response of the *Thuja plicata* emissions to the stress treatment can also provide 6 valuable insight. Even though the pre-treatment emissions from the *Thuja plicata* plants were the lowest we measured from all the experiments, the post-treatment emission rates were 7 8 substantial. This suggests that even naturally low-emitting species that would not contribute 9 significantly to total forest BVOC flux under "baseline" conditions could be major sources of 10 BVOC emissions under stressed conditions in a changing climate. Consequently, future surveys of BVOC-emitters should not be limited to only the highest BVOC-emitters in a 11 12 region because this could change as global change stressors intensify. Finally, the near lack of 13 any long-term response from *Pinus aristata* could indicate that some trees are more resistant 14 to certain types of stress exposure than others. On the other hand, it is possible that, like Picea pungens, the Pinus aristata could demonstrate a completely different stress response 15 16 depending on the season. The Pinus aristata experiments were conducted in May when pretreatment emissions were low and the plants may have still been coming out of winter 17 18 dormancy. This could have contributed to their apparent resistance to the treatment.

### **19 3.8** Implications for BVOC atmospheric reactivity

20 The MeJA stress treatment significantly changed the BVOC profile in many of the 21 experiments. As discussed in the previous section, the specific compounds that were impacted 22 by the treatment were highly variable between the different plant types. Consequently, the overall implications for atmospheric reactivity for the different plant types was also highly 23 24 variable because different monoterpenoids have widely varying atmospheric reactivity (see 25 Table 3). The pre- and post-treatment BVOC profile for each experiment was used to 26 calculate the concentration-normalized OH and O<sub>3</sub> reactivity by normalizing the relative 27 contribution of each monoterpenoid to a sum monoterpenoid mixing ratio of 1 ppbV. The goal was to isolate the impact on reactivity due to changes in the BVOC profile only. Thus, 28 29 the focus of this analysis was to investigate the change to the concentration-normalized 30 oxidant reactivity value rather than the absolute pre- and post-treatment values. The reactivity 31 results are presented in Table 6.

1 For all experiments where a change in concentration-normalized reactivity was observed, the O<sub>3</sub> reactivity was more significantly affected than the OH reactivity. The three experiments 2 that demonstrated the largest changes were TP-E, PP-E1, and AG-E. For each of these 3 4 experiments, the stress-induced changes to the BVOC profile increased both the OH and O<sub>3</sub> 5 concentration-normalized reactivity. The normalized OH reactivity of the Thuja plicata emission profile (TP-E) approximately doubled with an increase from 2.21 s<sup>-1</sup> to 4.57 s<sup>-1</sup> 6 (106.8% increase). This corresponds to a decrease in OH lifetime from 0.45 s to 0.22 s. The 7 normalized  $O_3$  reactivity increased by nearly an order of magnitude from 3.53 x  $10^{-6}$  s<sup>-1</sup> to 8  $30.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (758.4% increase). This corresponds to a decrease in O<sub>3</sub> lifetime from 3.3 days 9 to 9.2 hours. This is primarily due to the large increase in the relative amount of terpinolene, 10 which has a high ozone reaction rate constant relative to most other monoterpenoids (Table 11 3). The normalized OH reactivity of the Picea pungens emission profile during the first 12 experiment (PP-E1) increased from 2.43 s<sup>-1</sup> to 3.50 s<sup>-1</sup> (44% increase). This corresponds to a 13 decrease in the OH lifetime from 0.41 s to 0.29 s. The normalized O<sub>3</sub> reactivity increased 14 from 2.99 x  $10^{-6}$  s<sup>-1</sup> to 10.7 x  $10^{-6}$  s<sup>-1</sup> (257.9% increase) corresponding to a decrease in O<sub>3</sub> 15 lifetime from 3.9 days to 1.1 days. The normalized OH reactivity of the Abies grandis 16 emissions increased by a small amount from 2.43 s<sup>-1</sup> to 2.74 s<sup>-1</sup> (12.8% increase) 17 corresponding to a decrease in OH lifetime from 0.41 s to 0.36 s. However, the normalized O<sub>3</sub> 18 reactivity significantly increased from 3.46 x 10<sup>-6</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> to 7.40 x 10<sup>-6</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (113.9% increase) 19 20 corresponding to a decrease in O<sub>3</sub> lifetime from 3.3 days to 1.6 days.

21 The Pinus aristata experiments (PA-C and PA-E) demonstrated very little change to the BVOC profile (see section 3.6). For the negative control experiment (PA-C), the 22 23 concentration-normalized reactivity results were consistent with no BVOC profile change-a 24 0% change was observed for OH reactivity and a 0.4% change was observed for O<sub>3</sub> reactivity. 25 The normalized OH reactivity increased slightly after treatment during the PA-E experiment with an increase of 8.8%. However, the PA-E normalized O<sub>3</sub> reactivity increased significantly 26 27 by 69.6% after MeJA treatment despite only minor changes to the BVOC profile (see Figure 12). These results demonstrate that even small changes to the BVOC profile can have 28 significant impacts on the overall atmospheric reactivity of the BVOC emissions. 29

30 Concentration-normalized reactivity of emissions from *Pseudotsugas menziesii* decreased 31 slightly after treatment. The normalized OH reactivity decreased from 2.75 s<sup>-1</sup> to 2.44 s<sup>-1</sup> 32 (decrease of 11.3%) corresponding to a small increase in OH lifetime from 0.36 s to 0.40 s. The normalized  $O_3$  reactivity decreased from 3.37 x  $10^{-6}$  s<sup>-1</sup> to 2.49 x  $10^{-6}$  s<sup>-1</sup> (decrease of 26.1%) corresponding to an increase in  $O_3$  lifetime from 3.4 days to 4.6 days. This was due to an increase in the relative amount of beta-pinene and 3-carene emissions. Both of these compounds have reduced oxidant reactivity relative to other monoterpenoid compounds emitted in higher amounts prior to treatment (Table 3).

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### 7 4 Conclusions

8 While many uncertainties remain regarding the impacts of herbivory stress on plant BVOC 9 emissions, it is clear that plant responses are highly variable. Emissions of different 10 compounds were impacted by the stress treatment for different tree types. The compounds 11 that tended to be most affected by the stress treatment were alpha-pinene, beta-pinene, betamyrcene, 3-carene, limonene, 1,8-cineol, terpinolene, and the cymene isomers. Aromatic 12 cymenes sometimes contributed significantly to the emission profile pre-treatment (i.e. 13 14 Pseudotsugas menziesii), and often increased significantly post-treatment. These aromatic 15 compounds are often not considered to be major precursors of biogenic SOA, but the 16 emission rates observed in these experiments suggest they could be significant contributors to 17 SOA formation in forests.

Four possible plant herbivory response patterns were observed in these experiments: 1) plant susceptibility to herbivory stress changes seasonally; 2) after long-term exposure to one stressor, plant emissions decrease overall and do not respond to additional stressors; 3) alternatively, multiple stressors can be additive, perhaps if the second stressor is applied before the first stressor depletes terpene pools and initiates metabolic shutdown; and 4) herbivory stress could turn naturally low-emitting plants in a region to high-emitters that would need to be considered in future climate scenarios with increased herbivory.

25 Stress-induced changes to the BVOC emission profile can result in significant changes to the 26 concentration-normalized oxidant reactivity of plant emissions in the atmosphere. Increases in 27 reactivity as high as 758.4% with O<sub>3</sub> and 106.8% with OH were observed during the *Thuja* 28 plicata experiment (TP-E). Furthermore, even small changes to the BVOC profile during the 29 Pinus aristata MeJA experiment (PA-E) increased O<sub>3</sub> reactivity by 69.6%. These results 30 highlight the importance of making quantitative, compound-specific BVOC emission rate 31 measurements to understand the potential impact of stress-induced emissions on atmospheric 32 chemistry. Changes in the oxidant reactivity of BVOC emissions have significant implications for the production of pollutants like ozone and secondary organic aerosol in forest
 environments.

Many questions still need to be addressed before stress impacts on BVOC emissions can be 3 incorporated into emissions models. Future research needs to address the seasonality 4 influence on plant susceptibility to herbivory stress. Additionally, the interaction between 5 6 multiple stressors needs to be addressed because in the natural environment it is likely that plants are being exposed to multiple stressors more often than a single stressor in isolation. A 7 8 broad survey of plant types should be used in these experiments to investigate which plants 9 could become dominant BVOC-emitters under future climate scenarios. Finally, all of these 10 questions need to be asked regarding other types of plant stress including drought, thermal 11 stress, ozone stress, and using different types of real herbivores and pathogens.

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1	Table 1. Experiment Summary.
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Plant Scientific Name	<del>Common</del> <del>Name</del>	Experiment	<del>Experiment</del> <del>Type</del>	Measurement Dates	Treatment Day & Time
Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	PP-E1	MeJA	<del>12-17 May</del>	<del>15 May</del> <del>1140</del>
Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	<del>PP-C</del>	Negative Control	8-15 <sup>-</sup> July	<del>11 July 1500</del>
<del>Picea</del> <del>pungens</del>	Blue Spruce	PP-E2	MeJA	<del>15-19 July</del>	<del>17 July 1040</del>
<del>Pinus</del> <del>aristata</del>	<del>Bristlecone</del> <del>Pine</del>	<del>PA-E</del>	MeJA	<del>19-24 May</del>	<del>22 May 1130</del>
<del>Pinus</del> aristata	<del>Bristlecone</del> <del>Pine</del>	<del>PA-C</del>	Negative Control	<del>26-31 May</del>	<del>29 May 1100</del>
<del>Abies</del> <del>grandis</del>	Grand Fir	<del>AG E</del>	MeJA	<del>23-28 June</del>	<del>26 June 1130</del>
<del>Thuja</del> <del>plicata</del>	<del>Western</del> <del>Redcedar</del>	<del>TP-E</del>	MeJA	<del>16-23</del> <del>September</del>	<del>22 September</del> <del>0830</del>
<del>Pseudotsuga</del> <del>menziesii</del>	Douglas-Fir	PM-E	MeJA	<del>23-30</del> <del>September</del>	<del>26 September</del> <del>0900</del>

<u>Plant</u> scientific name	<u>Common</u> <u>name</u>	<u>Experiment</u> ID	<u>Experiment</u> <u>type</u>	<u>Measurement</u> <u>dates</u>	<u>Treatment</u> day & time	<u>SOA</u> generation experiments*
<u>Picea</u>	Blue	DD F1	MolA	12 17 May	<u>15 May</u>	PPu-1-Post
<u>pungens</u>	<u>Spruce</u>	<u> </u>	MejA	<u>12-17 May</u>	<u>1140</u>	
<u>Picea</u>	Blue	DD C	<u>Negative</u>	0 15 July	<u>11 July</u>	<u>none</u>
<u>pungens</u>	<u>Spruce</u>	<u>rr-c</u>	<u>Control</u>	<u>8-13 July</u>	<u>1500</u>	
<u>Picea</u>	Blue	DD E2	MalA	15 10 July	<u> 17 July</u>	<u>PPu-2-Pre,</u>
<u>pungens</u>	<u>Spruce</u>	PP-EZ	MejA	<u>15-19 July</u>	<u>1040</u>	PPu-2-Post
<u>Pinus</u>	<u>Bristleco</u>	DAE	MalA	10.24 Max	<u>22 May</u>	PA-3-Pre, PA-
<u>aristata</u>	<u>ne Pine</u>	<u>PA-E</u>	MejA	<u>19-24 May</u>	<u>1130</u>	<u>3-Post</u>
<u>Pinus</u>	<b>Bristleco</b>	DA C	<b>Negative</b>	26.21 Mars	<u>29 May</u>	PA-4-Pre
<u>aristata</u>	<u>ne Pine</u>	<u>PA-L</u>	<u>Control</u>	<u>20-31 May</u>	<u>1100</u>	

	Abias arandis	Crond Ein		MolA	22.20 June	<u>26 June</u>	AG-1-Pre, AG-
<u>Ables grunuis</u>	<u>Granu Fir</u>	<u>AG-E</u>	MejA	<u>23-26 Julie</u>	<u>1130</u>	<u>1-Post</u>	
		Westown			16.00	<u>22</u>	TP-3-Pre1, TP-
	<u>Thuja plicata</u>	<u>Redcedar</u>	<u>TP-E</u>	<u>MeJA</u>	<u>10-23</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>3-Pre2, TP-3-</u>
					September	<u>0830</u>	Post
	Decudatoria	Develoe			22.20	<u>26</u>	PM-2-Pre, PM-
	<u>menziesii</u>	<u>Douglas-</u> <u>Fir</u>	<u>PM-E</u>	<u>MeJA</u>	<u>23-30</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>2-Post</u>
					September	<u>0900</u>	

\*SOA composition results presented in Faiola et al., (2014b)

Table 2: Summary of activity adjustment factors for total monoterpenes and total aromatics
 that were calculated from pre-treatment emissions. Dashed lines indicate that no relationship

Experiment ID	$\mathrm{MT}\beta(\mathrm{K}^{-1})$	r <sup>2</sup>	Aromatic $\beta$ (K <sup>-1</sup> )	$r^2$	Temperature Range (K)
PP-E1	0.21	0.87	-	-	293-300
PP-E2	0.17	0.82	0.21	0.76	298-305
РА-Е	0.19	0.72	0.25	0.69	292-301
AG-E	-	-	-	-	-
ТР-Е	0.15	0.86	0.26	0.79	297-302
PM-E*	0.52	0.91	0.59	0.89	297-301

3 could be established between temperature and emission rate for that experiment.

4 \*Very high  $\beta$  calculated for *Pseudotsugas menziesii* (Douglas-fir).

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Table 3: Reaction rate constants for monoterpenoids at 298 +/- 2 K. Units are cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup>

s<sup>-1</sup>.

Compound	OH Rate Constant	O <sub>3</sub> Rate Constant
santene	1.10 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$1.10 \ge 10^{-15}$
2-bornene	5.64 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	$1.20 \ge 10^{-16}$
alpha-thujene	8.69 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	$4.00 \ge 10^{-16}$
alpha-pinene	5.37 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	8.66 x 10 <sup>-17</sup>
alpha-fenchene	5.14 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	$1.10 \ge 10^{-17}$
camphene	5.33 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	9.00 x 10 <sup>-19</sup>
2,4-thujadiene	1.08 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$1.31 \ge 10^{-16}$
beta-terpinene	1.44 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$4.42 \times 10^{-16}$
beta-myrcene	2.15 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$4.70 \ge 10^{-16}$
alpha-phellandrene	3.13 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$3.00 \ge 10^{-15}$
3-carene	8.80 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	$3.70 \ge 10^{-17}$
alpha-terpinene	3.63 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$2.10 \times 10^{-14}$
limonene	1.70 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$2.00 \ge 10^{-16}$
beta-phellandrene	1.68 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$4.70 \ge 10^{-17}$
1,8-cineol	1.11 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	$1.50 \ge 10^{-19}$
beta-ocimene	2.52 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	5.40 x 10 <sup>-16</sup>
gamma-terpinene	1.77 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$1.40 \ge 10^{-16}$
terpinolene	2.25 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$1.90 \ge 10^{-15}$
m-cymene	1.51 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	5.00 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>
p-cymene	1.51 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	5.00 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>
o-cymene	1.51 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	5.00 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>
o-cymenene	6.65 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	5.00 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>
p-cymenene	6.65 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	5.00 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>
2-carene	8.00 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	$2.30 \times 10^{-16}$
p-allylanisole	5.20 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	$1.03 \times 10^{-17}$
camphor	4.60 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	7.00 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>
beta-pinene	7.89 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	$1.50 \times 10^{-17}$

3 \*References used to determine these reaction rate constants were Atkinson et al., 1990;

4 Calvert et al., 2000; Corchnoy and Atkinson, 1990; Gai et al., 2013; Reissell et al., 2001;

5 United States Environmental Protection Agency, 2014.

1	Table 4: Summary of the temperature-normalized pre-treatment emission rates for the
2	dominant compound emissions. Units are emission rates in $\mu$ g-C g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> normalized to 303 K.
3	A dash indicates the compound was not detected and "bdl" indicates the compound was
4	detected but it was below the calculated detection limit for quantification (detection
5	limit=0.003 $\mu$ g-C g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> ). The average sum basal emission rate (BER) is provided at the
6	bottom of the table for each experiment. The $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ denotes the standard deviation of the
7	measurements used to calculate the pre-treatment average.

	PP-E1	PP-E2	PP-N	PA-E	PA-N	AG-E	TP-E	РМ-Е
alpha-pinene	0.119	0.081	0.100	0.154	0.153	1.537	0.033	0.769
limonene	0.056	0.204	0.293	0.027	0.033	0.682	0.007	0.102
3-carene	0.011	0.010	0.008	0.195	0.242	0.076	bdl	0.067
beta-pinene	0.020	0.015	0.025	0.074	0.067	6.203	0.066	0.363
beta-myrcene	0.020	0.125	0.165	0.014	0.025	0.297	0.008	0.422
camphene	0.028	0.061	0.053	0.019	0.021	1.054	0.053	0.244
beta-	0.016	0.016	0.027	0.040	0.052	1 059	0.040	0.069
phellandrene	0.016	0.016	0.027	0.049	0.055	1.938	0.049	0.968
terpinolene	-	0.006	0.011	0.010	0.028	0.074	0.020	0.054
beta-ocimene	-	0.011	0.022	-	bdl	-	-	0.008
1,8-cineol	-	0.041	0.055	-	-	-	-	-
camphor	-	bdl	0.011	-	-	-	-	-
o-cymene	-	-	-	-	0.036	-	0.022	0.358
m-cymene	-	-	-	0.005	0.005	-	0.002	0.045
p-cymene	bdl	0.008	0.010	0.036	0.032	0.247	0.011	0.062
other	0.016	0.018	0.026	0.038	0.052	0.548	0.013	0.199
sum BER	0.286	0.597	0.806	0.621	0.746	12.675	0.284	3.661
σ	0.022	0.054	0.061	0.060	0.060	1.576	0.023	0.807

1 Table 5: Results of linear regression correlation analysis  $(r^2)$  between all monoterpenoid

2 emission rates (ERs) vs terpinolene emission rates and limonene emission rates during

3	experiment TP-E.
5	experiment II D.

	vs. Terpinolene ERs	vs. Limonene ERs
ocimene	0.86	0.26
beta-myrcene	0.48	0.98
p-cymene	0.79	0.93
m-cymene	0.54	0.99
o-cymene	0.58	0.98
limonene	0.56	-
alpha-thujene	0.45	0.98
alpha-pinene	0.26	0.90
gamma-terpinene	0.80	0.93
alpha- phellandrene	0.42	0.98
camphene	0.37	0.92
3-carene	0.57	0.97
beta-phellandrene	0.88	0.83
beta-pinene	0.08	0.59

1 Table 6: Summary of the BVOC Pre-treatment (PreT) and Post-treatment (PostT) 2 concentration-normalized OH reactivity (rOH) and concentration-normalized O3 reactivity 3 (rO3) at 298 +/- 2 K. Reactivity values are presented in units of s-1. The  $\sigma$  is the standard 4 deviation of the averaged measurements. The percent difference between the pre-treatment

Exp ID	PreT rOH	σ	PostT rOH	σ	% Diff	PreT rO <sub>3</sub> (x 10 <sup>-6</sup> )	σ (x 10 <sup>-6</sup> )	PostT rO <sub>3</sub> (x 10 <sup>-6</sup> )	σ (x 10 <sup>-6</sup> )	% Diff
PP-E1	2.43	0.13	3.50	0.09	44.0	2.99	0.31	10.7	0.61	257.9
PP-C	3.45	0.06	3.32	0.13	-3.8	6.92	0.69	5.65	1.16	-18.3
PP-E2	3.32	0.12	3.20	0.21	-3.6	5.34	1.03	5.84	1.06	9.4
РА-Е	2.16	0.08	2.35	0.12	8.8	5.17	2.61	8.77	0.38	69.6
PA-C	2.37	0.02	2.37	0.04	0.0	7.83	0.66	7.86	0.78	0.4
AG-E	2.43	0.04	2.74	0.12	12.8	3.46	0.50	7.40	1.90	113.9
ТР-Е	2.21	0.30	4.57	0.13	106.8	3.53	2.59	30.3	2.6	758.4
PM-E	2.75	0.37	2.44	0.29	-11.3	3.37	0.89	2.49	0.75	-26.1

5 and post-treatment values is also shown.





2 Figure 1. Pre-treatment monoterpenoid profiles for each experiment. PP-E1=Picea pungens 3 Stress Experiment 1, PP-E2=Picea pungens Stress Experiment 2, PP-N=Picea pungens Negative Control, PA-E=Pinus aristata Stress Experiment, PA-N=Pinus aristata Negative 4 5 Control, AG-E=Abies grandis Stress Experiment, PM-E=Pseudotsugas menziesii Stress 6 Experiment. The two shaded boxes denote the paired stress/negative control experiments that 7 were performed consecutively with the same set of saplings. The left axis shows the 8 proportion of each compound emitted as a percent of total monoterpenoids. The diamonds 9 associated with the right axis show the average pre-treatment basal emission rate (BER) of total monoterpenes normalized to a temperature of 303 K in units of  $\mu$ g-C g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. The x-axis 10 label is the experiment ID (Table 1). The average BER was calculating using all data from the 11 12 end of the acclimation period until immediately before the stress treatment was applied (> 24 13 hours of measurements). The error bars represent the standard deviation of the averaged 14 value.



Figure 2. A summary of monoterpenoid emissions from all three *Picea pungens* experiment.
The only experiment to exhibit a clear stress effect on monoterpenoid emission rates
following treatment was the first MeJA experiment performed in May (PP-E1).





Figure 3. Summary of monoterpenoid profile for the two *Picea pungens* MeJA experiments. The x-axis denotes the day relative to treatment where treatment was performed on Day 0. The y-axis is the monoterpenoid (MT) basal emission rate normalized to 303 K. Results from the MeJA experiment performed in May are presented in the top plot and the results from the MeJA experiment performed in July are presented in the bottom plot. Note the difference in y-axis scale for the top plot versus the bottom plot. The inset in the top plot is provided to blow up the profiles for Days -2, -1, and 0 for experiment PP-E1.



Figure 4. Covariance of constitutively-emitted monoterpenes during the Picea pungens
negative control experiment performed in July (PP-N).



Figure 5. Post-treatment emission rates for 5 monoterpenoid species during the PP-E1
experiment. The x-axis denotes the elapsed time since treatment application in hours.
Alternating shaded and unshaded regions demonstrate when the light above the plant
enclosure was turned off and on respectively.



Figure 6. Emission profile of emissions from Thuja plicata during MeJA experiment TP-E. The x-axis denotes the day relative to treatment application. The y-axis shows the monoterpenoid BER normalized to 303 K. Note the drastic scale change between the pre- and post-treatment y-axes. The insert shows a blown up view of the first six days to allow better visualization of the pre-treatment period.





Figure 7. Time series of monoterpene emission rates from Thuja plicata. The x-axis shows the
elapsed time since treatment application in hours. Alternating shaded and unshaded regions

4 demonstrate when the light above the plant enclosure was turned off and on respectively.



2 Figure 8. Douglas-fir VOC profile. The x-axis denotes the day relative to treatment

3 application. The y-axis is the monoterpenoid basal emission rate normalized to 303 K.



Figure 9. Grand fir BVOC profile. The x-axis denotes the day relative to treatment application. The top panel summarizes the monoterpenoid emissions where the y-axis is the monoterpenoid basal emission rate normalized to 303 K. The bottom panel summarizes the emissions of small oxy-VOCs and other unidentified compounds where the y-axis is the fraction of the emission rate relative to the maximum measured value.

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Figure 10. Scatter plots of the constitutive emissions alpha-pinene, limonene, and terpinolene vs. beta-pinene (the dominant constitutively-emitted compound during the pre-treatment period) during experiment AG-E. Pre-treatment values are plotted on the left and posttreatment values are plotted on the right. Results of the linear regression analysis are included on the graphs.



Figure 11. Results from two *Pinus aristata* experiments. Shown above is the time-series of the
sum monoterpenoid basal emission rates normalized to 303 K as a function of elapsed time
since treatment application for the MeJA experiment (PA-E) and the negative control
experiment (PA-C).



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Figure 12. The *Pinus aristata* BVOC profile the day before treatment and the day after treatment for both the MeJA experiment (PA-E) and the negative control experiment (PA-C). The x-axis denotes the day relative to treatment application. The y-axis shows the monoterpenoid basal emission rate normalized to 303 K. The left two bars illustrate the BVOC profiles from the MeJA experiment and the right two bars illustrate the BVOC profiles from the negative control experiment.



Figure 13. Scatter plots investigating the co-variance between major constitutive emissions from *Pinus aristata* vs 3-carene (the dominant constitively-emitted compound). Results from the linear regression fits of the data are summarized in the legends. The MeJA experiment is shown on the left and the negative control experiment is shown on the right.



2 Figure 14. A summary of the change in basal emission rates after stress treatment application

3 for some key compounds for each experiment where a stress response was observed.