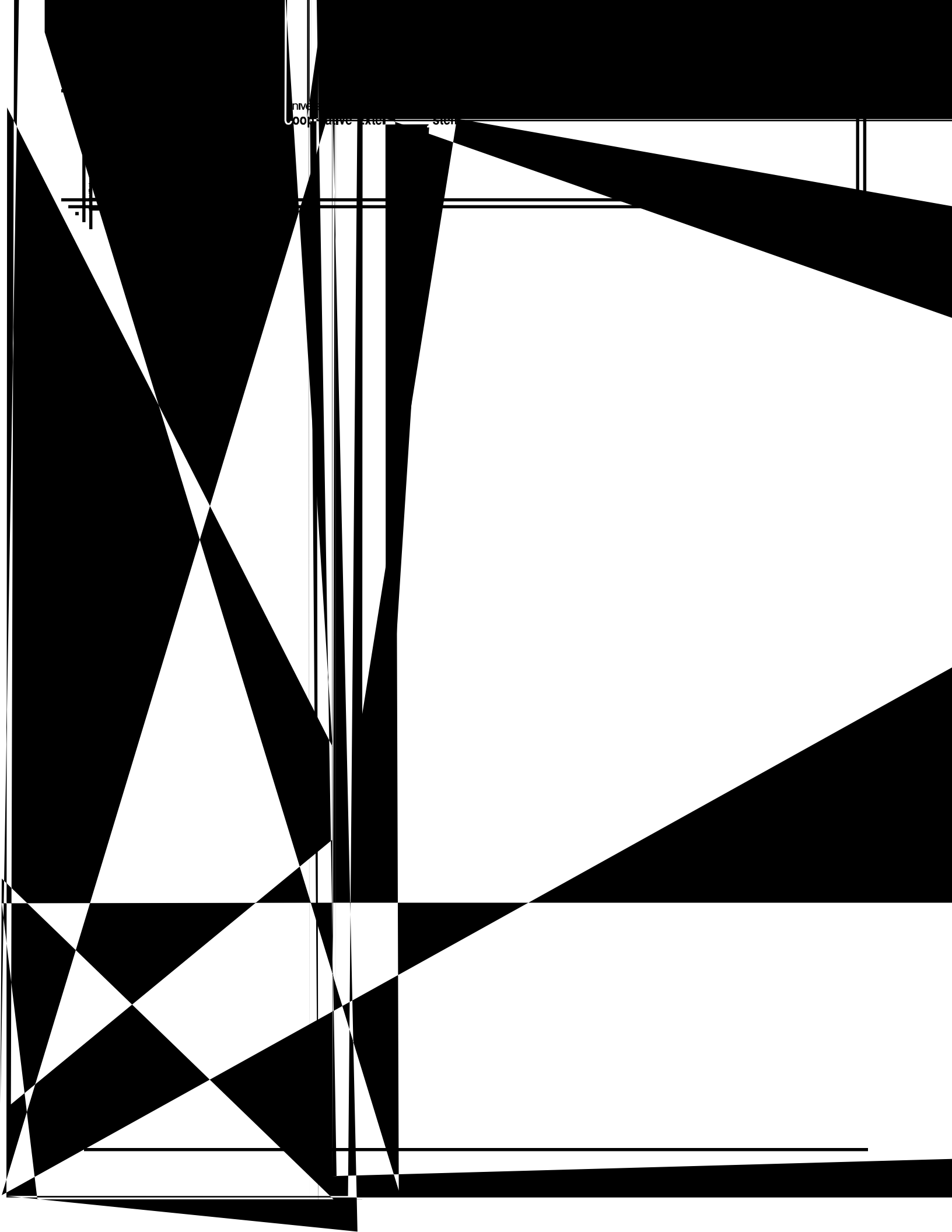


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plete birch inventories in the region, and current management information is primarily based on information from the eastern U.S. and Canada.

In order to develop a better understanding of birch ecology, management, and economic development potential, reliable information needs to be obtained on the current supply, distribution, health, wood quality,

ownership, and ecology of paper birch in its natural range in the Inland Northwest, western Canada, and Alaska.

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