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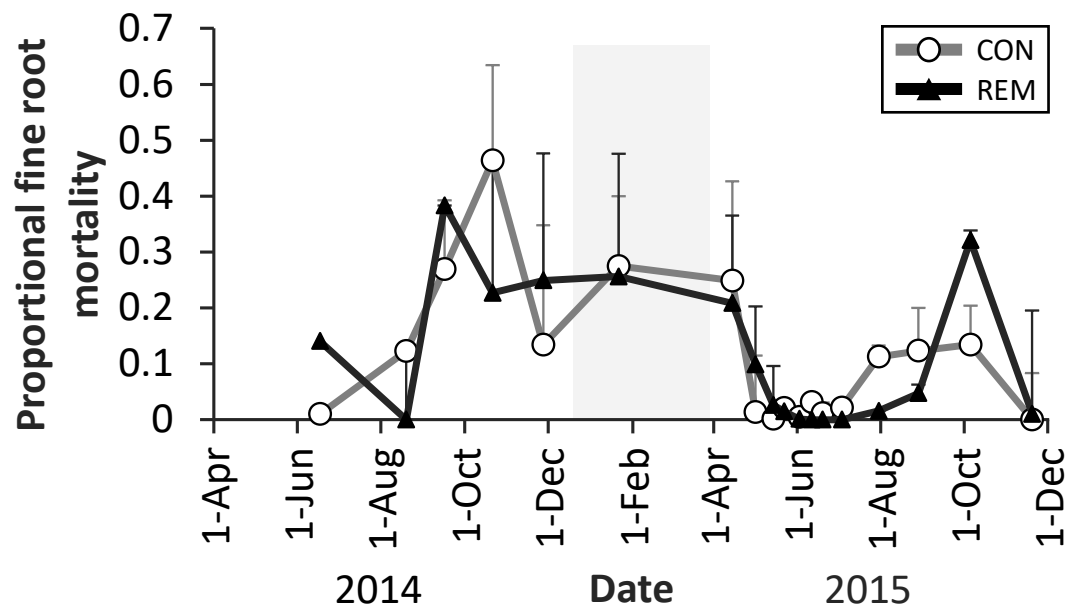


Fig. S1 Seasonal pattern of proportional fine root mortality. $\circ$ — Control (CON); $\blacktriangle$ — snow removal (REM). Values are means with SEM ($n = 4$). There was no significant difference ($P < 0.05$) between treatments on any date. ■ Period of snow removal.