Forestry from above – Vision or reality?

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Business Idéa

GI-Lift offer systems and services for ground independent fossil-free forest management

Vision

Contribute to reduced climate change by being a leading innovative actor in fossil-free, ground-independent lifting systems



We want to

- Lift forestry
- Enable precision lumbering
- Increase yields by fertilizing, not using stick roads, growing forests resistant to disturbances
- All electric, no CO₂ emissions





Clearcutting forestry strategy is problematic and dominant



Thinning





Stick roads take up ~15-20% of the area. Heavy machines damages stems and root systems.



-> Avoid clear cutting!



Continuous cover forestry

- 'Close to nature forestry'
- Continuously take out trees as they mature
- No thinning no stick roads
- Forest regenerates it self and naturally becomes a poly culture
- Rich biodiversity
- High resilience to disturbances such as storms, insect attacks, diseases, and more
- It is the mother earth recipe, ... except for taking out the biomass



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How to harvest then?



- Ground Independent LIFT systems
- Initially worked on lifting out trees
- Right now, focusing on fertilizing with ashes from power plants



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Current prototype Proto8: 2.75x2.75m





Load testing of arms ongoing





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First flight will be exciting..

- Simulating reduces stress levels
- Collaborating with Santa Anna to replace the drone model part of drone+autopilot simulator Arducopter SITL
- Starting from drone library of Luigi Vanfretti
- OpenModelica drone model compiled to an FMU
- OMSimulator to run FMU and connect to Ardupilot SITL and replace its model

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Answers we look for

- Evaluate different parameters of the design
- Guide us to first flight PID parameters
- Help us evaluate the concept
- Ease the development of hanging load controller
- Etc.