



## Effect of Planting Season, Interval and Nitrogen Fertilizer on Survival and Growth of *Populus deltoides* Under Degraded Sites of North Western Himalayas

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**Abstract:** The existing land of the experimental site had three types of land problems namely: degraded underutilized (scrub dominated), degraded pastures/grazing lands, barren rocky/stony waste. Therefore, Two planting seasons, three planting intervals and four nitrogen levels were analyzed for survival and growth of plantation. The autumn planting was better with respect to survival and growth parameters compared to spring planting. The planting interval I (15<sup>th</sup> Nov. to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2013 in autumn planting and 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2014 in spring planting) showed better results for survival and growth compared to II and III. Survival and growth was higher in N<sub>2</sub> @ 150 Kg ha<sup>-1</sup> compared to 100 and 200 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>.

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