Appendix. Illustration of method for complete extraction of soluble organic matter: Use of sequential extraction to calculate asymptotic approach to complete sample extraction is shown, with observed data points and predicted model line, for two samples: (1) *P. ponderosa* needle litter (Δ), and (2) recently senesced fine root litter (□), each from an individual plot. The difference between cumulative measured DOC content (mg DOC g\(^{-1}\) dry weight) for 8 extractions and calculated asymptote is <1% for needle and 4% for root litter (in these samples).