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Chief editor comment on "Climate and parameter sensitivity and induced uncertainties in carbon stock projections for European forests (using LPJ-GUESS 4.0)" by Johannes Oberpriller et al., Geosci. Model Dev. Discuss.,
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Dear Mr. Oberpriller,

First of all, many thanks for making your code available in Zenodo.

About the LPJ-GUESS code and previous publications: Indeed, it is a shame that we have overlooked the problems with the model's license for a paper submitted less than one year ago, and it has been published. We accept some exceptions to our policy in particular cases, namely when the authors have no choice but to use the model they are developing, and an organization decides the copyright (e.g., national meteorological offices). Still, we can not accept exceptions derived from a decision by a group of developers that choose not to share the code.

I do not see a good reason beyond their control that avoids the developers of LPJ-GUESS sharing their code. If they have one, we would need to know it to check if we need to make an exception in the case of your manuscript. Therefore, please, liaise with the LPJ-GUESS developers to try to solve this situation. I would encourage them to make their model available to the scientific community.

Best regards,

Dr. Juan A. Añel

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