

***Interactive comment on* “Reconstructing European forest management from 1600 to 2010” by M. J. McGrath et al.**

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It is a great challenge to reconstruct forest and forest management history over more than 400 years on continental scale, and providing quantitative data output. This was achieved by the authors McGrath et al. using available information in a large-scale modelling approach with high resolution. The novel results of this approach are of high relevance for (forest) landscape and vegetation ecology and I am sure that this paper and content will provide a valuable basis for numerous other studies. Both methods and results are well described and appear to be well applied. The presentation of the results and their discussion are of high scientific quality. The only minor weakness of the modelling may be the fact that the former common used management type ‘coppice with standards’ was not included.

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