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Interactive comment on "Comprehensive description of the carbon cycle of an ancient temperate broadleaved woodland" by K. Fenn et al.

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The authors start their paper with the statement: "There exist very few comprehensive descriptions of the productivity and carbon cycling of forest ecosystems." Well, maybe they have a very special definition the term 'comprehensive' but I suppose that this statement does not stand a 'comprehensive' recherche of the existing literature. I have already published carbon balances including GPP and NPP in 2001 and 2005 and there is a huge database that was compiled and published by Sebastiaan Luyssaeurt in 2007ff that shows that there are many data around. The authors should not ignore that because it devalues their otherwise very interesting study. Werner Kutsch

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