

Interactive comment on “Soil carbon stock increases in the organic layer of boreal middle-aged stands” by M. Häkkinen et al.

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The manuscript gives a clear statement on the challenge of detecting soil C change from field measurements. It offers an insightful description of available soil inventories (composite data from previous inventories, replicated information from a later soil inventory) that are available in Europe. The geostatistical methods are sufficiently laid out so that a non-expert in geostatistics can benefit from the material. The discussion is well supported by the described results. I find that manuscript very useful.

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