

Interactive comment on “Towards a public, standardized, diagnostic benchmarking system for land surface models” by G. Abramowitz

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This is a very nicely written paper that outlines, as clearly as I have seen, the definition and utility of model benchmarking. The author emphasizes that benchmarking is more effective if the definition of success is defined a priori. Overall, I have no criticisms of this paper. It is clearly written, straightforward, and will be valuable to researchers in the land modeling community as a reference for a quality definition of a benchmarking system. The system that is described, PALS, will serve as a useful basis for the development of a more thorough land benchmarking system.

I recommend that the paper be accepted as is.

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