

***Interactive comment on* “Evaluation of Integrated Assessment Model hindcast experiments: A case study of the GCAM 3.0 land use module” by Abigail C. Snyder et al.**

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Yours,

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