

## ***Interactive comment on “Evaluating the E3SM Land Model at a temperate forest site using flux and soil water measurements” by Junyi Liang et al.***

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In particular, please note that for your paper, the following requirement has not been met in the Discussions paper:

- "The main paper must give the model name and version number (or other unique identifier) in the title."

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Yours,

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