

## Supporting Information

### Specific Drivers and Responses to Land Surface Phenology of Different Vegetation Types in the Qinling Mountains, Central China

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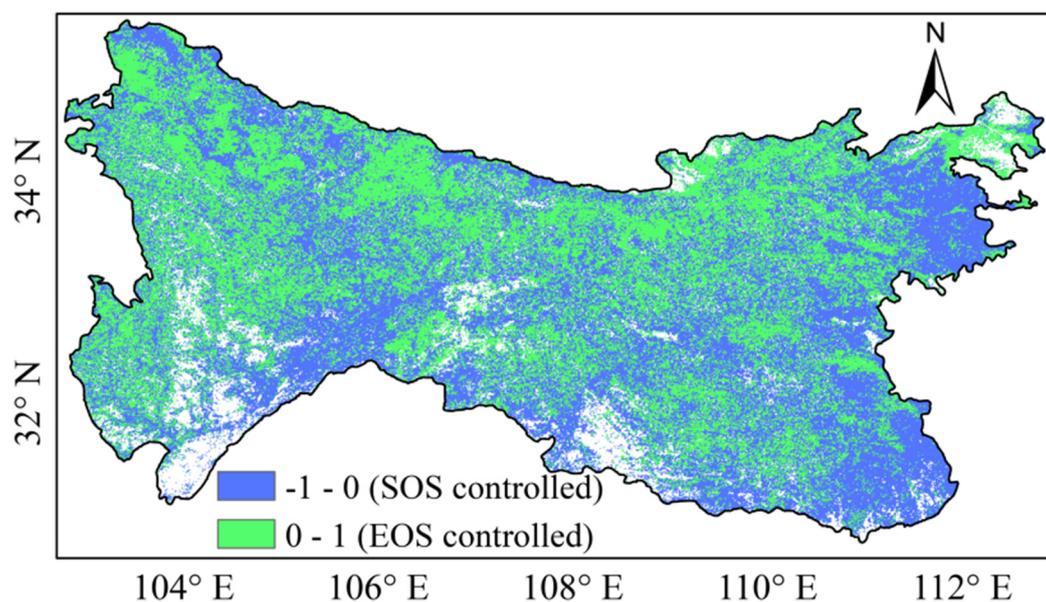
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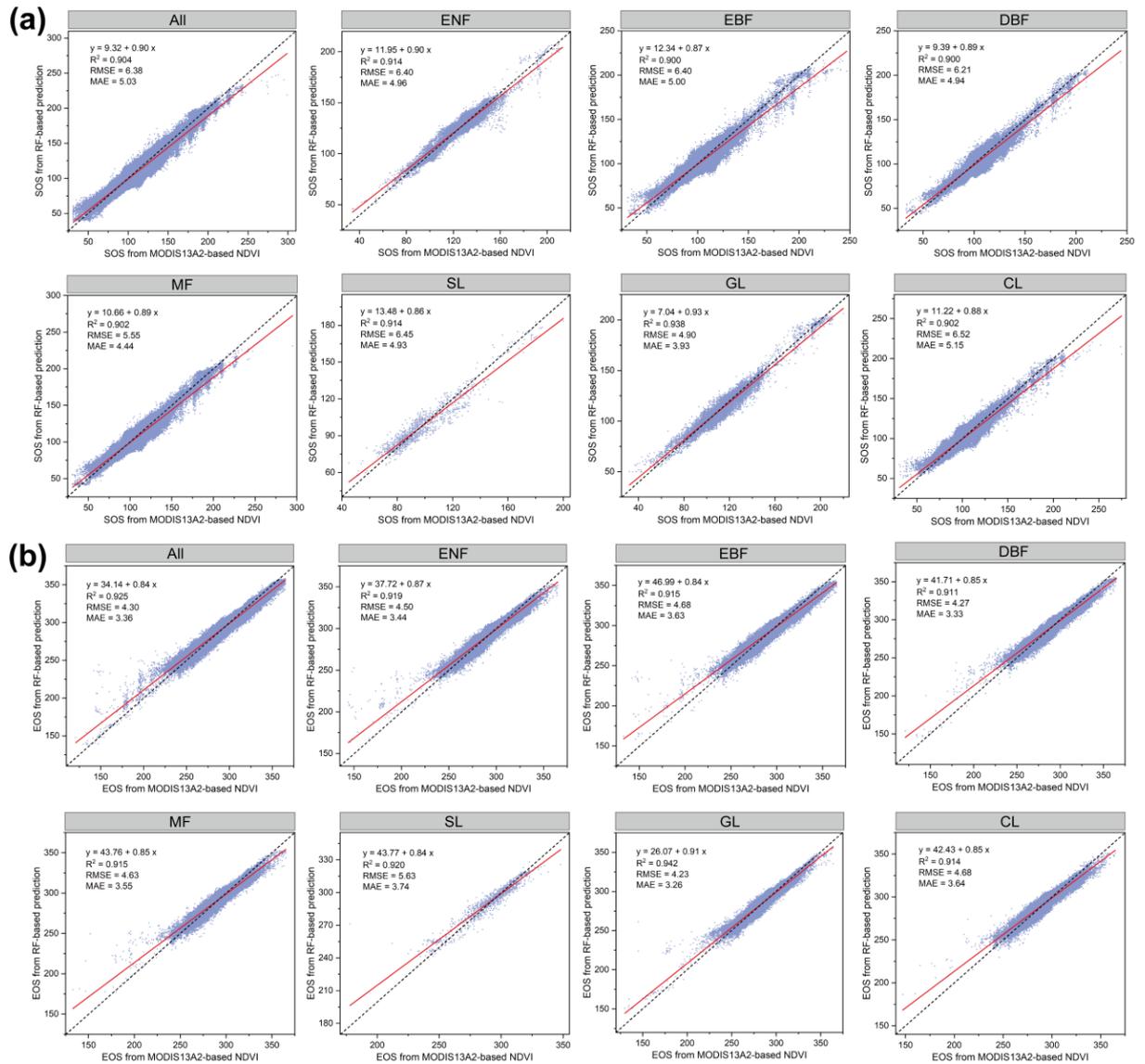
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**Figure S1.** The primary factor (SOS or EOS) controlling change in LOS across the entire study area calculated by the C-index. Blue areas denote that SOS is the primary controller of the LOS change and green areas denote that EOS is the primary controller.



**Figure S2.** Red fitting curves between predicted LSP dates from RF model and observed LSP dates from MODIS13A2-NDVI. (a) SOS. (b) EOS. Note: “All” refers to all vegetation in the QMs.



**Table S1.** The relative importance of each driver affecting interannual variation in LSP. The importance score of each variable (VI) is shown as a percentage.

LSP metrics	All the Vegetation Types	Meteorological factors						Soil factors				Biological factors	
		TP	TG	PP	PG	SWP	SWG	STP	STG	SMP	SMG	MN	MD
SOS	ENF	9.94%	7.86%	8.64%	4.01%	21.28%	2.62%	16.69%	5.42%	1.14%	1.56%	1.12%	19.71%
	EBF	6.36%	10.35%	11.06%	5.92%	17.43%	2.14%	9.59%	6.80%	1.59%	1.29%	1.12%	26.35%
	DBF	7.58%	8.06%	10.72%	5.68%	19.52%	2.44%	12.17%	4.32%	1.39%	1.49%	1.03%	25.60%
	MF	7.49%	9.98%	9.71%	5.29%	22.05%	2.20%	11.64%	6.83%	1.12%	1.11%	1.03%	21.55%
	SL	19.96%	6.65%	3.25%	1.25%	19.27%	1.34%	29.22%	5.84%	0.59%	0.63%	0.65%	11.35%
	GL	10.61%	9.45%	7.11%	2.74%	28.56%	2.79%	13.52%	6.49%	0.91%	1.20%	0.90%	15.71%
	CL	7.62%	13.15%	9.22%	4.63%	22.51%	1.88%	11.03%	8.15%	1.09%	1.10%	0.91%	18.70%
	the whole area	8.62%	9.29%	9.18%	5.05%	21.81%	2.62%	12.08%	7.08%	1.30%	1.40%	1.08%	20.51%
EOS	ENF	15.31%	5.46%	11.80%	4.35%	27.63%	8.47%	7.60%	4.69%	1.40%	1.32%	0.85%	11.12%
	EBF	10.39%	5.54%	12.45%	5.33%	27.60%	7.38%	7.51%	5.52%	1.61%	1.32%	0.85%	14.51%
	DBF	11.25%	5.34%	12.20%	5.53%	30.12%	9.33%	6.85%	4.74%	1.88%	1.68%	1.03%	10.06%

MF	9.97%	5.64%	12.03%	4.51%	30.80%	10.14%	7.56%	4.74%	1.22%	1.21%	0.91%	11.29%
SL	7.81%	5.73%	16.94%	9.49%	20.51%	3.50%	14.97%	2.51%	0.79%	1.02%	0.69%	16.04%
GL	11.22%	3.60%	10.02%	4.41%	36.48%	11.53%	7.45%	4.17%	1.15%	1.40%	1.13%	7.43%
CL	12.77%	6.50%	11.46%	3.93%	30.85%	9.99%	7.23%	4.77%	1.24%	1.33%	0.85%	9.08%
the whole area	10.20%	4.88%	12.12%	5.13%	31.03%	9.92%	7.24%	4.55%	1.58%	1.54%	0.94%	10.86%

**Table S2.** Correlation results of random forest models built for different vegetation type cover areas.

LSP metrics	Different vegetation areas	Model	R <sup>2</sup> (training)	OOB prediction error	Number of Predictors
	ENF	SOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.949	17.41	438585
	EBF	SOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.948	17.23	806610
	DBF	SOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.958	13.85	1061730
SOS	MF	SOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.944	20.52	365025
	SL	SOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.931	32.28	5490
	GL	SOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.971	13.19	351600
	CL	SOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.946	20.46	254445

	the whole area	SOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.969	11.17	3283485
	ENF	EOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.961	10.33	438585
	EBF	EOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.959	9.59	806610
	DBF	EOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.963	7.88	1061730
EOS	MF	EOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.948	12.84	365025
	SL	EOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.924	27.78	5490
	GL	EOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.974	8.35	351600
	CL	EOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.948	13.09	254445
	the whole area	EOS ~ TP+TG+PP+PG+SWP+SWG+STP+STG+SMP+SMG+MN+MD	0.975	5.97	3283485