



Soil Management and Forest Productivity

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We can define forest productivity both in the narrow sense, to refer to the production of fiber and timber, as well as in a much broader sense, to refer to the production of ecosystem services. Management activities that affect forest soils can be evaluated in either context. Activities that affect soil conditions and forest productivity should be evaluated within the context of both negative impacts as well as the potential for positive inputs. Harvesting of native forests on sensitive sites constitutes one end of the spectrum; intensive plantation forestry constitutes the other.

In this Special Issue, we hope to focus on understanding how harvesting, harvest removals, site preparation, fertilization, herbicide and insecticide application, and genetic manipulation impact upon forest productivity in the narrow sense and how the impacts of these activities vary among regions. Both new research results and reviews that summarize our understanding of these topics will be included in this Special Issue. In addition, manuscripts that summarize the broader role that forest management plays in maintaining soil health and ecosystem services are welcome.





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