

Review of: "Assessing the Forest Transition Hypothesis: Are Deforestation Dynamics Different Across Continents?"

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This is a well-done analysis to test the validity of the Forest Transition model of forest cover change in relation to human development. It does a nice quantitative job and provides overall support for the model. The results are not particularly novel or surprising, and, given the nature of the data (national scale), it does not make any progress in understanding how different environments (topography, climate) or spatial scale affect the trends. In summary, another quantitative addition to an important conceptual model in land science which, however, does not contribute to refine it.