

# LANDIS-II Biomass Succession v2.2 Extension User Guide

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# 1 Introduction

This document describes the **Biomass Succession (v2)** extension for the LANDIS-II model. For information about the LANDIS-II model and its core concepts including succession, see the *LANDIS-II Conceptual Model Description*.

The Biomass Succession Extension generally follows the methods outlined in Scheller and Mladenoff (2004). Biomass Succession (v2) calculates how cohorts reproduce, age, and die. In addition, changes in cohort biomass ( $\text{g/m}^2$ ) is simulated. The Biomass Succession Extension tracks dead biomass over time, divided into two pools: woody and leaf litter.

## 1.1 What's new in version 2.2

Two new optional keywords have been added: **CalibrateMode** and **SpinupMortalityFraction**. CalibrateMode simply outputs additional information to the Landis-log file. This can create very large log files. SpinupMortalityFraction adds background mortality during the biomass spin-up phase. This allows a more realistic initial condition whereas previous versions often overestimated initial biomass and underestimated initial dead biomass because there is no disturbance during the spin-up phase.

In addition, a capacity reduction was added to allow the simulation of land use change. This feature is only enabled when Biomass Harvest is used in conjunction with the **PreventEstablish** parameter. In this case, the mean biomass reduction (from Biomass Harvest) is applied to the species  $\times$  ecoregion maximum biomass. No additional inputs to Biomass Succession v2 are required for this functionality.

Finally, a bug was fixed that limited cohort biomass under certain conditions.

## 1.2 What's new in version 2.1

The initial biomass equation has been changed such that initial biomass is now relative to the maximum possible biomass for each *species*. This change removes problems arising from very large disparities in maximum biomass among species.

In addition, the processing of dead biomass has been improved, eliminating a tendency to overestimate non-woody inputs to the litter layer.

### 1.3 What's new in version 2.0

The second version of Biomass Succession was created to compensate for some of the weaknesses of the first. Except for the changes listed below, version 2.0 incorporates any relevant bug fixes found in version 1.2.

First and foremost, maximum aboveground biomass (AGB) is now an input parameter. This change was made to accommodate recent data from the literature (Keeling and Phillips 2007) that suggest that the relationship between above ground net primary productivity (ANPP) and AGB is not linear beyond  $\sim 10 \text{ Mg ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . In addition, separate input for maximum AGB better accommodates shrubs and grasses that have different relationships between ANPP and AGB.

Second, the probability of establishment given light conditions ( $P_{\text{est}} | L$ ) can now range from 0.0 to 1.0. In all previous versions of LANDIS,  $P|L$  was either only 0.0 or 1.0. The original parameters are provided in the example input file given with this version. These parameters are perhaps 'hopeful monsters' in that empirical or simulated data to estimate these parameters has not yet been gathered.

Finally, Meentemeyer's decay function (Meentemeyer 1978) is now coded directly into the extension. Percent leaf lignin by species and actual evapotranspiration by ecoregion are now separate input parameters. The goal here was to simplify inputs as this is currently the most common method for calculating leaf decay parameters. If leaf decay is unimportant, the user should provide high values for AET (e.g., 1000).

### 1.4 Shade Calculation

There are six possible site shade classes ranging from zero (no shade) to 5 (highest shade). Site shade is calculated based on the percentage of biomass present on a site relative to the maximum possible biomass for an ecoregion. The highest percentage allowed is 100%. The maximum possible biomass for an ecoregion is the maximum of all species maximum biomass (from the list of maximum biomass by species and ecoregion provided by the user).

**User Tip:** *If a species cannot occur in an ecoregion (e.g., establishment probability = 0.0), you should set the species maximum biomass to 0 for that species and ecoregion. This will ensure that the species doesn't influence the shade calculation for that ecoregion.*

A site will remain shade class 0 until the minimum percent biomass for shade class 1 is reached. Likewise, the site will assigned shade class 1 until the percentage for shade class 2 is reached.

For example: If the maximum possible biomass for a site is 1000 (units are arbitrary) and the actual total site biomass is 550, the resulting percentage is 55%. The function for calculating shade progresses from lowest to highest shade class. If the user lists shade class 3 = 45% and shade class 4 = 60%, then the shade class assigned to the site will be 3.

**User Tip:** *If you want to limit the highest shade class assigned, as may be the case if an ecoregion never achieves 'closed canopy' conditions, you can assign a 100% value to a lower shade class. For example, if you want to limit assigned shade classes to 4 or less, then set shade class 4 = 100% and shade class 5 = 100%. When shade is being calculated, shade class 4 will meet its requirement before shade class 5. The function that calculates shade class will therefore assign shade class 4 to the site.*

**Note:** *The calculation of shade class is independent of any growth calculations.*

## 1.5 Cohort Reproduction – Disturbance Interactions

Recall that every disturbance will trigger succession at each site at the time step that the disturbance(s) occur. In succession, there is a hierarchy of reproduction options following a disturbance. The goal of this design was to give reproductive precedence to species with propagules available on site.

If planting (currently possible only through a Harvest extension) is triggered for one or more species, then no other reproduction will occur. Planting is given highest precedence as we assume that a viable cohort is generated. However, the probability of establishment must be greater than zero.

If serotiny (only possible immediately following a fire) is triggered for one or more species, then neither resprouting nor seeding will occur. Serotiny is given precedence over resprouting as it typically has a

higher threshold for success than resprouting. This slightly favors serotinous species when mixed with species able to resprout following a fire.

If resprouting (which can be induced by many disturbance types) is triggered, then seeding will not occur.

Finally, if neither planting, serotiny, nor resprouting occurred, seeding dispersal into a sight will occur.

## 1.6 Cohort Reproduction – Initial Biomass

Cohort reproduction is the establishment of a cohort, aged 1 year and the calculation of its initial biomass.

$$InitialBiomass = 0.025 \times B_{MAX-SPP} \times Exp(-1.6 \times B_{SUM} / B_{MAX-ECOREGION})$$

where  $B_{MAX-SPP}$  is the maximum biomass possible for the *species*;  $B_{MAX-ECOREGION}$  is the maximum biomass possible for the *ecoregion*; and  $B_{SUM}$  is the current total biomass for the site (not including other new cohorts). Initial biomass must be  $\geq 1$  (g / m<sup>2</sup>); if  $< 1$ , initial biomass is set equal to 1.

**Note:** this initial cohort will be grouped (‘binned’) appropriately into a larger cohort (e.g., 1 – 10) at the next successional time step.

## 1.7 Cohort Growth and Ageing

Cohort net growth is based on the principles outlined in Scheller and Mladenoff (2004). Cohort net growth takes into consideration the age of the cohort, species, ecoregion, and competition. Cohort net growth is gross growth minus development-related mortality. **Cohort growth occurs at an annual time step, regardless of the overall extension time step.**

Competition and age reduce the maximum cohort biomass ( $B_{MAX}$ ). Competition occurs when a stand contains more than one cohort. The potential biomass ( $B_{POT}$ ) represents the available ‘growing space’, minus space already occupied by other species age cohorts. There are two alternative calculations for  $B_{POT}$ ; the maximum of the two is used in subsequent calculations. The first estimates potential discounting space occupied by all cohorts:

$$B_{POTij} = \max \left[ 0, B_{MAXi} - \sum_1^i \sum_1^j B_{ij} \right] \quad (1)$$

where  $i$  is species,  $j$  is age cohort.  $B_{ij}$  is the biomass for a single cohort. (This equation is a correction to the original found in Scheller and Mladenoff, 2004.) The second formulation was added to allow any recent non-disturbance mortality (i.e., from cohort senescence) to contribute to growing space. The purpose of the second formulation is to allow young cohorts some growing space as may be generated by within-cell gap-phase dynamics. For example, individual trees within an older cohort are dying due to old-age. Those gaps create growing space for younger cohorts.

$$B_{POTij} = PrevYearMortality \quad (2)$$

where *PrevYearMortality* is all non-disturbance related mortality at the site during the previous year.

**Note:** *In the biomass succession extension, growth operates at an annual time step, regardless of the overall extension time step. Therefore, PrevYearMortality is literally from the previous year, not the previous extension time step.*

Competition is expressed as the ratio of  $B_{POTij}$  to  $B_{MAXi}$  ( $B_{PMij}$ ).

Next, the effect of development is calculated. This is a limit to productivity due to the biomass of a cohort relative to its maximum, i.e., a very young or small cohort is not as productive as a large, mature cohort:

$$DevelopmentLimit = e^1 B_{APij} e^{-B_{APij}} \quad (3)$$

where  $B_{APij}$  is the ratio of cohort biomass ( $B_{ij}$ ) to cohort potential ( $B_{POTij}$ ). Finally, the actual biomass for a cohort is calculated:

$$ANPP_{ACTij} = ANPP_{MAXi} \times DevelopmentLimit \times B_{PMij} \quad (4)$$

Cohort net biomass change is net growth minus mortality. Mortality is caused by senescence (below) and ‘development’. Development mortality ( $M_{BIOij}$ ) is the ongoing loss of individual trees and branches. It does not include leaf litter. Development mortality is low when a cohort is young or small, accelerates during the stem-exclusion phase (between young and mature ages), and plateaus at maturity. It is also constrained by maximum biomass and competition to ensure that is appropriate relative to a cohort’s growth:

$$M_{BIOij} = ANPP_{MAXi} \times \frac{y_0}{y_0 + (1 - y_0)e^{-\tau y_0^{-1} B_{APij}}} \times B_{PMij} \quad (5)$$

Cohort ageing is simply the addition of the time step to each existing cohort.

## 1.8 Cohort Senescence and Mortality

As a cohort nears its longevity age, there will be an increase in the loss of biomass. This is called **age-related mortality**, and the age at which this mortality begins to be a factor is species-specific and controlled by the user. The biomass will decline to near zero at the maximum life span. Cohorts are **not** randomly killed as in Age-Only Succession.

If a cohort exceeds the longevity for that species, then the cohort dies.

## 1.9 Dead Biomass Decay

When a cohort dies and is not consumed by a mortality agent (e.g., fire or harvest), its biomass is added to one or both of the two dead biomass pools: **woody** and **leaf**.

There is a mean decay rate for each pool at each site, determined by using an weighted average (weighted by mass) of the new dead material decay rate (user-determined) and the existing pool decay rate.

Disturbances can alter the dead biomass pools. They can add dead biomass (e.g., wind) and/or remove dead biomass (e.g., fire will add some woody dead biomass and remove all leaf dead biomass).

## 1.10 Initializing Biomass

At the beginning of a scenario, the initial communities begin with appropriate living and dead biomass values estimated for each site. **However, the user does not supply the initial biomass estimates.** Rather, the Biomass Succession extension iterates the number of time steps equal to the maximum cohort age for each site. Beginning at time (t - oldest cohort age), cohorts are added at each time step corresponding to the time when the existing cohorts were established. Thus, each cohort undergoes growth and mortality for the number of years equal to its current age, and its initial biomass value reflects competition among cohorts. Note: this is a computationally intensive process that may require significant time for complex initial landscapes.

This biomass initialization can now account for disturbances that would likely happen prior to initialization. The optional keyword **SpinUpMortalityFraction** allows additional mortality which is applied equally to all cohorts. The additional spin-up mortality is added to **age-related mortality** ( $M_{AGEj}$ ). If the **SpinUpMortalityFraction** is not used, the extension will tend to overestimate initial live biomass and underestimate initial dead biomass quantities.

## 1.11 Interactions with Age-Only Disturbances

Biomass Succession was written to allow disturbances that operate on age-only cohorts to interact with the two dead biomass pools. For example, a User is able to run the Base Fire or Base Wind extensions with Biomass Succession. Although neither disturbance extension is ‘biomass aware’, a simple interface was created that enables the biomass of cohorts killed by the disturbance to be allocated to dead biomass pools. The interface allows a User to indicate a) whether and how much non-woody or woody **live biomass** is transferred to their respective dead pools by a disturbance type and b) whether and how much of the non-woody or woody **dead biomass pools** are removed by a disturbance type.

For example, if a fire kills a cohort, we would expect that all of its non-woody and some of the woody biomass to be volatilized immediately and this biomass would not enter a dead biomass pool. In addition, we would expect some of the existing woody dead biomass pool to be volatilized during a fire and perhaps all of the existing non-woody biomass pool (i.e., the forest floor) to be volatilized.

This interface does not allow dynamic changes in the transfer rates into and out of the dead pools. Rather, the interface was designed to allow existing age-cohort disturbances to be used with Biomass Succession.

The interface is specified in a separate LandisData parameter file: "Age-only Disturbances - Biomass Parameters". See Chapter 4.

## 1.12 Climate Change

All of the parameters listed can be updated minus the time step and the seed dispersal algorithms. By allowing the parameters to be updated, the effects of climate change on succession (or any temporal dynamics

related to succession) can be simulated. The inputs can be updated at any time step.

### 1.13 Output Units: Important Note

**Note:** *If you use the standard Biomass Output extension, the output maps have units of mass/area/100 (e.g., g/m<sup>2</sup>/100 = Mg/ha). The division by 100 was added because the output maps can only from 0 – 65,000.*

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## 2 Succession Input File

Nearly all the input parameters for this extension are specified in one main input file. This text file must comply with the general format requirements described in section 3.1 *Text Input Files* in the *LANDIS-II Model User Guide*.

### 2.1 LandisData

This parameter's value must be "Biomass Succession".

### 2.2 Timestep

This parameter is the timestep of the extension. Value: integer > 0.  
Units: years.

### 2.3 SeedingAlgorithm

This parameter is the seeding algorithm to be used. Valid values are "WardSeedDispersal", "NoDispersal" or "UniversalDispersal". The algorithms are described in section 4.5.1 *Seeding* of the *LANDIS-II Conceptual Model Description*.

### 2.4 CalibrateMode

An optional variable, CalibrateMode determines whether additional log file data is activated. Input = 'yes' or 'no' or Y or N.

### 2.5 SpinUpMortalityFraction

This parameter determines how much additional mortality is active during the biomass spin-up phase. This is used to estimate the background level of disturbance and to prevent initial overestimates of live biomass. Input is the fraction of cohort biomass that is added to age-related mortality. Expected value 0.0 – 0.5.

### 2.6 MinRelativeBiomass Table

This table contains the minimum relative biomass for shade classes 1 - 5.

#### 2.6.1 First Row – Ecoregions

The first row in the table is a list of all the active ecoregions defined in the ecoregions input file (see chapter 6 in the *LANDIS-II Model User*

*Guide.* The ecoregions can appear in any order; they do not need to appear in the same order as in the ecoregions input file.

### 2.6.2 Other Rows

There are 5 other rows in the table, one row for each shade class.

### 2.6.3 Shade Class

This column contains shade class values:  $1 \leq \text{integer} \leq 5$ . The shade classes must be in increasing order: class 1 first and ending with class 5. Shade class 5 represents the most shade. A site will be shade class 0 (no shade) until the minimum relative biomass for shade class 1 is reached.

### 2.6.4 Minimum Biomass Percentage per Ecoregion

Each ecoregion listed in the table's first row (see section 2.6.1) must have a separate column of minimum biomass by shade class. The percentages represent the lower threshold of biomass on a site relative to the ecoregion's maximum possible biomass (for any species) for the site to enter the shade class indicated in column 1. Sites with less than the lowest threshold value will be assigned to shade class 0 (full sunlight). The maximum biomass for an ecoregion is the maximum growth rate (for any species) multiplied by 30 (equation 2, Scheller and Mladenoff 2004). Value:  $0.0 \leq \text{decimal number} \leq 100.0$ . Units: percent.

## 2.7 SufficientLight

### 2.7.1 Species Shade Tolerance Class

This column contains shade class values:  $1 \leq \text{integer} \leq 5$ . The shade classes must be in increasing order: class 1 first and ending with class 5. Shade class 5 represents the most shade tolerant.

### 2.7.2 Probability of Establishment, given light conditions

Each possible site-level light condition (0 – 6) has an associated probability for each species shade tolerance class (1 – 5). Value:  $0.0 \leq \text{decimal number} \leq 1.0$ .

## 2.8 BiomassParameters Table

This table contains species' biomass parameters. Each row in the table has the parameters for one species. Every active species must have an entry.

### 2.8.1 Species

The species must be defined in the species input file (see chapter 5 in the *LANDIS-II Model User Guide*). Species may appear in any order.

### 2.8.2 Leaf Longevity

This parameter is the average longevity of a leaf or needle. Value:  $1.0 \leq \text{decimal number} \leq 10.0$ . Units: years.

### 2.8.3 Woody Decay Rate

This parameter,  $k$ , defines the rate ( $e^{-k}$ ) at which the species' dead wood decomposes in the ecoregion. Value:  $0.0 \leq \text{number} \leq 1.0$ . Unitless.

Decomposition is calculated according to Equation 7 in Scheller and Mladenoff (2004) such that  $\text{Dead Biomass}(t+1) = \text{Dead Biomass}(t) * e^{-k}$ . The time step in the equation is 1 year, and the Biomass Extension correctly applies the formula regardless of the extension time step.

### 2.8.4 Mortality Curve – Shape Parameter

This parameter determines how quickly age-related mortality begins. Value:  $5.0 \leq \text{decimal number} \leq 25.0$ . If the parameter = 5, then age-related mortality will begin at 10% of life span. If the parameter = 25, then age-related mortality will begin at 85% of life span.

### 2.8.5 Leaf Lignin

The percent leaf lignin per species. Value:  $0.0 \leq \text{decimal number} \leq 1.0$ .

## 2.9 Ecoregion Parameters

### 2.9.1 First Column – Ecoregions

The first column in the table is a list of one or more active ecoregions defined in the ecoregions input file (see chapter 6 in the *LANDIS-II*

*Model User Guide*). The ecoregions can appear in any order; they do not need to appear in the same order as in the ecoregions input file.

### 2.9.2 Actual Evapotranspiration (AET)

Used to determine decay rates for leaf decomposition. Value:  $0 \leq$  integer number  $\leq 10,000$  (Note: the value is typically  $< 1000$ ). Units: mm.

## 2.10 Ecoregion-dependent Species Parameters

The biomass extension uses some species parameters that vary by ecoregion:

- probability of establishment,
- maximum aboveground net primary production (ANPP), and
- maximum above ground biomass (AGB).

Each parameter has its own table.

### 2.10.1 First Row – Ecoregions

The first row in a table is a list of one or more active ecoregions defined in the ecoregions input file (see chapter 6 in the *LANDIS-II Model User Guide*). The ecoregions can appear in any order; they do not need to appear in the same order as in the ecoregions input file.

Every active ecoregion that is not in a table's first row will have default parameter values assigned to all the species (given below). The sections below which describe the individual parameter tables also specify the default value for each table.

### 2.10.2 Other Rows – Species Parameters

All other rows in a table after the initial row contain species parameter values. Each row contains the parameter values for one species. The species name comes first, followed by one or more parameter values. The name and values are separated by whitespace. There must be one parameter value for each of the ecoregions listed in the table's first row.

The species can be listed in any order in a table. A species can be omitted. If so, it will be assigned the default parameter value for all active ecoregions.

### 2.10.3 EstablishmentProbabilities Table

This parameter is the probability that the species establishes in the ecoregion. Value:  $0.0 \leq \text{decimal number} \leq 1.0$ . Default value: 0.0

### 2.10.4 MaximumANPP Table

This parameter is the maximum possible aboveground net primary productivity (ANPP) for the species in the ecoregion. Value:  $0 \leq \text{integer} \leq 100,000$ . Units:

**New:** The units must be **g biomass / m<sup>2</sup> / year**. Default value: 0

### 2.10.5 MaximumBiomass Table

This parameter defines the maximum allowable aboveground biomass (AGB) for the species in the ecoregion. Value:  $0 \leq \text{integer}$ . The units must be **g biomass / m<sup>2</sup>**. Default value: 0

## 2.11 AgeOnlyDisturbances: BiomassParameters

This optional file parameter is the path of a text file with the biomass parameters to be used with age-cohort disturbances (e.g., Base Wind, Base Fire, Base BDA). The format of that file is described in chapter 3.

## 2.12 Climate Change Table

This optional table specifies changes to certain parameters that should occur during the scenario due to changes in climate. Each row in the table represents a change in the parameters at a particular year.

### 2.12.1 Year

This column is the year that the parameters change. Value: integer or year expression between the scenario's start and end years. Units: year.

A year expression represents a year relative to the scenario's start year or end year. The valid forms for a year expression are:

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| <code>start</code>         | (e.g., 1990)    |
| <code>start+integer</code> | (e.g., 1990+35) |
| <code>end</code>           | (e.g., 2100)    |
| <code>end-integer</code>   | (e.g., 2100-25) |

The names "start" and "end" refer to the scenario's start year and end year, respectively. The integer is an offset either added to the start year or subtracted from the end year.

The rows in the table must be increasing order by year; therefore, the year in a row must be greater than the year in the previous row.

### 2.12.2 Parameter File

This column is the path to a text file that contains the new parameter values to use. The format of the file is described in chapter 4.

### 3 Input File – Age-only Disturbances

This optional auxiliary input file contains the biomass parameters used when age-only disturbances kill biomass cohorts (see section 2.11 *AgeOnlyDisturbances:BiomassParameters*). This text file must comply with the general format requirements described in section 3.1 *Text Input Files* in the *LANDIS-II Model User Guide*.

#### 3.1 LandisData

This parameter's value must be "Age-only Disturbances - Biomass Parameters".

#### 3.2 CohortBiomassReductions Table

This table describes how much a dead cohort's biomass is reduced by a disturbance before the biomass is added to the corresponding dead pool. Each row describes the reductions associated with a particular type of disturbance.

##### 3.2.1 Disturbance

This text parameter is the type of the disturbance. The disturbance name must be consistent with the LandisData name given in the disturbance extension. The keyword "(default)" specifies the reductions for all disturbance types not listed in the table. The row with the default reductions must be present in the table.

##### 3.2.2 Woody

This parameter is the percentage by which the disturbance reduces a dead cohort's woody biomass. Value:  $0\% \leq \text{integer percentage} \leq 100\%$ . The biomass remaining after the reduction is added to the dead woody pool at the site where the cohort was killed.

##### 3.2.3 Non-Woody

This parameter is the percentage by which the disturbance reduces a dead cohort's non-woody biomass. Value:  $0\% \leq \text{integer percentage} \leq 100\%$ . The biomass remaining after the reduction is added to the dead non-woody pool at the site where the cohort was killed.

### 3.3 DeadPoolReductions Table

This table describes how much a disturbance reduces the dead biomass pools at the sites it disturbs. Each row describes the reductions associated with a particular type of disturbance.

#### 3.3.1 Disturbance

This text parameter is the type of the disturbance. The disturbance name must be consistent with the LandisData name given in the disturbance extension. The keyword "(default)" specifies the reductions for all disturbance types not listed in the table. The row with the default reductions must be present in the table.

#### 3.3.2 Woody

This parameter is the percentage by which the disturbance reduces a site's dead woody biomass. Value:  $0\% \leq \text{integer percentage} \leq 100\%$ .

#### 3.3.3 Non-Woody

This parameter is the percentage by which the disturbance reduces a site's dead non-woody biomass. Value:  $0\% \leq \text{integer percentage} \leq 100\%$ .

## 4 Input File – Climate Change

This optional auxiliary input file contains an updated set of biomass parameters that represent the effects of climate change (see section 2.12 *Climate Change Table*). This text file must comply with the general format requirements described in section 3.1 *Text Input Files* in the *LANDIS-II Model User Guide*.

### 4.1 LandisData

This parameter's value must be "Biomass Succession - Climate Change".

### 4.2 MinRelativeBiomass Table

This table contains the minimum relative biomass for all the shade classes. The table has the same format as its counterpart in the main input file (see section 2.4 for details).

### 4.3 SufficientLight Table

This table contains the probability of establishment given light conditions. The table has the same format as its counterpart in the main input file (see above).

### 4.4 BiomassParameters Table

This table contains species' biomass parameters. The table has the same format as its counterpart in the main input file (see above).

### 4.5 EcoregionParameters Tables

This table contains ecoregion parameters. The table has the same format as its counterpart in the main input file.

### 4.6 EstablishmentProbabilities Table

This table contains the probabilities that species establish in various ecoregions. The table has the same format as its counterpart in the main input file (see above).

### 4.7 MaximumANPP Table

This table contains the maximum ANPP (aboveground net primary production) for species in various ecoregions. The table has the same format as its counterpart in the main input file (see above).

## 4.8 MaximumBiomass Table

This table contains the maximum biomass for species per ecoregion. The table has the same format as its counterpart in the main input file (see above).

## 5 Example Inputs

### 5.1 Main Parameter File

```

LandisData "Biomass Succession"

Timestep 10

SeedingAlgorithm WardSeedDispersal

CalibrateMode no << optional parameter

SpinupMortalityFraction 0.001 << optional parameter

>> *****
    MinRelativeBiomass

>> Shade
>> Class      Ecoregions
>> -----
>>          ecol    eco2

          1      25%    20%
          2      35%    30%
          3      45%    40%
          4      60%    50%
          5      95%    80%

>> *****
SufficientLight
>> Spp Shade  Probability
>> Class      by Actual Shade
>> -----
>>          0      1      2      3      4      5
          1      1.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0
          2      1.0  1.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0
          3      1.0  1.0  1.0  0.0  0.0  0.0
          4      1.0  1.0  1.0  1.0  0.0  0.0
          5      0.0  0.0  1.0  1.0  1.0  1.0

>> *****
    BiomassParameters

>> Species  Leaf      Woody      Mortality Curve  Leaf
>>          Longevity Decay Rate Shape Parameter  Lignin%
>> -----
abiebals 4.0      0.071    10      0.2
acerrubr 1.0      0.096    10      0.1
acersacc 1.0      0.096    10      0.1

```

```

betualle 1.0      0.096      10      0.1

>> *****
EcoregionParameters
>>      AET
>>      mm
ecol      600
eco2      600

>> *****
EstablishProbabilities

>> Species      Ecoregions
>> -----
           ecol      eco2

abiebals      0.9      0.05
acerrubr      1.0      0.6
acersacc      0.82     0.3
betualle      0.64     0.24

>> *****
MaxANPP

>> Species      Ecoregions
>> -----
           ecol      eco2

abiebals      800      787
acerrubr      742      783
acersacc      740      783
betualle      760      799

>> *****
MaxBiomass

>> Species      Ecoregions
>> -----
           ecol      eco2

abiebals      24000    23610
acerrubr      22260    23490
acersacc      22200    23490
betualle      22800    23970

AgeOnlyDisturbances:BiomassParameters  bio/AODist.txt

```

```

>> *****
ClimateChange

>> Year   Parameter File
>> ----   -
1990    climate-change/input-1990.txt
2025    climate-change/input-2025.txt
2100    "climate-change/input-2100.txt"

```

### 5.2 Age-only Disturbances

```
LandisData "Age-only Disturbances - Biomass Parameters"
```

```

CohortBiomassReductions

>> Disturbance   Woody   Non-Woody
>> -----
fire             33%    100%
wind             0%     0%
harvest          85%    0%
(default)        15%    0%

```

```

DeadPoolReductions

>> Disturbance   Woody   Non-Woody
>> -----
fire             8%     100%
(default)        0%     0%

```

### 5.3 Climate Change Inputs

```
LandisData "Biomass Succession - Climate Change"
```

```

>> *****
MinRelativeBiomass

>> Shade
>> Class   Ecoregions
>> -----
           ecol   eco2

1         25%   20%
2         35%   30%
3         45%   40%
4         60%   50%
5         95%   80%

>> *****
SufficientLight

```

```

>> Spp Shade      Probability
>> Class         by Actual Shade
>> -----
>>              0      1      2      3      4      5
>> 1             1.0    0.0    0.0    0.0    0.0    0.0
>> 2             1.0    1.0    0.0    0.0    0.0    0.0
>> 3             1.0    1.0    1.0    0.0    0.0    0.0
>> 4             1.0    1.0    1.0    1.0    0.0    0.0
>> 5             0.0    0.0    1.0    1.0    1.0    1.0

>> *****
>> BiomassParameters

>> Species  Leaf      Woody      Mortality Curve  Leaf
>>          Longevity Decay Rate Shape Parameter  Lignin%
>> -----
>> abiebals 4.0      0.071     10             0.2
>> acerrubr 1.0      0.096     10             0.1
>> acersacc 1.0      0.096     10             0.1
>> betualle 1.0      0.096     10             0.1

>> *****
>> EcoregionParameters
>>      AET
>>      mm
>> eco1  600
>> eco2  600

>> *****
>> EstablishProbabilities

>> Species      Ecoregions
>> -----
>>              eco1      eco2
>>
>> abiebals      0.9      0.05
>> acerrubr      1.0      0.6
>> acersacc      0.82     0.3
>> betualle      0.64     0.24

>> *****
>> MaxANPP

>> Species      Ecoregions
>> -----
>>              eco1      eco2
>>
>> abiebals      800      787
>> acerrubr      742      783
    
```

|          |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|
| acersacc | 740 | 783 |
| betualle | 760 | 799 |

```
>> *****  
MaxBiomass
```

```
>> Species      Ecoregions  
>> -----  
          ecol    eco2  
  
abiebals    24000    23610  
acerrubr    22260    23490  
acersacc    22200    23490  
betualle    22800    23970
```