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Dear Dr. Zenhausern,

thank you for your email and for your interest in our work! As the senior author of the study you're referencing I'm taking the liberty to answer your email. My answer will be brief though, because it is rather simply: We did not address the issues you are asking about because they were out of the scope of our study. Notwithstanding the relevance of the topics you inquire about, science works in (sometimes seemingly small) increments, focusing on one question at a time (here: how will natural disturbances from wind, wildfire, and bark beetles in Europe's forests change) while not changing other relevant drivers (here: forest management, which in our model dynamically responds to changing disturbances, but was kept at the management of the recent past). And while this might seem a small step for you I can assure you that it was quite a feat for us, with 43 experts from all across the continent working on this particular question and study for well over four years!

I realize that it might not be satisfactorily for you that your particular questions were not addressed in our study. The good news is: There is **a lot** of great forest science going on all across Europe, which means that there are many in-depth studies on the topics you inquire about out there already, or in the making as we speak. Also, more projects are currently on the way, building on the work from the Grünig et al. Science paper, and addressing some of the issues you raise.

I'm happy to point you in the direction of relevant studies if needed. However, I would kindly ask you to keep the recipients list of future emails reasonably small, in order not to further bloat peoples inboxes!

Thanks again for your interest and best regards,

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