

Interactive comment on “The Joint UK Land Environment Simulator (JULES), Model description – Part 2: Carbon fluxes and vegetation” by D. B. Clark et al.

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Jules,

I regret that you had trouble getting a copy of the JULES code via the website, and apologise for the inconvenience. I understand that a copy of the code was made available to you on June 22, following your comment, and I hope that that, along with the changes described below, will enable the reviewing process to reopen.

I appreciate that the JULES website is not as useful as it could be, and this is something that we are working on, albeit with extremely limited resources. In fact you caught the website at a rather unfortunate point, as we were partway through moving from the
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old licence agreement to a newer one (and Matt Pryor, the e-mail contact, was out of the office for much of the time). In the intervening period the page about the licence was not very useful, as you noted. Since your comment that section of the website (<http://www.jchmr.org/jules/licence>) has been updated, so that now if one goes to the JULES home page (<http://www.jchmr.org/jules>) and selects the "Get the code" link, the licence agreement can be downloaded. There is still only one e-mail contact given, which is something we will review to see if we can improve the cover, but we have removed the links to institutional home pages (which weren't very useful), until we can create better pages to refer to and/or alter the system to provide alternative contacts.

Although there is a licensing system, the code is freely available for all non-commercial use and we are looking to improve the system for distribution to make the code and related information easily available to as wide an audience as possible. Our plans for the website including moving to a new server that will allow a wider range of content to be made available. In the meanwhile we hope we have clarified the existing "Get the code" section.

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