

But a whole lot of carbon forests will not create a profitable forestry sector. How many carbon forests will turn out to be “plant it and leave it” forests and what issues will that raise for forest health, fire protection, wilding pines, etc? In 30 years time, when no more carbon credits are available from the land they stand on, will a flood of low quality wood be released on to markets to compete with the resource of those who have put in the effort to produce a superior product, develop markets, undertake research, etc?

In the last issue of the Journal (Vol 53(2)) I made a mistake in naming the new Fellows’ Committee. The members are John Galbraith (who was elected convenor at the Committee’s first meeting), Tony Grayburn and Colin O’Loughlin. My apologies for this mistake.

Andrew McEwen

Equations ‘important’ in professional journal

Dear Editor

I was browsing the NZ Journal Forestry (August 2008) and couldn’t help but notice the article “A Problem with Equations..”, which concluded that “the Journal is much too important to be clogged with equations”.

I beg to differ. In my view, the Journal services a small numbers based profession and is too important not to include equations. With the proviso that an explanatory narrative should always be included as an alternative, equations provide a complementary way of analysing and understanding a topic and can provide elegant and succinct insights for those who understand them.

Keep up the good work.

Jan Kerr

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