Simulating the effects of soil organic nitrogen and grazing on arctic tundra vegetation dynamics on the Yamal Peninsula, Russia

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Abstract
Sustainability of tundra vegetation under changing climate on the Yamal Peninsula, northwestern Siberia, home to the world’s largest area of reindeer husbandry, is of crucial importance to the local native community. An integrated investigation is needed for better understanding of the effects of soils, climate change and grazing on tundra vegetation in the Yamal region. In this study we applied a nutrient-based plant community model—ArcVeg—to evaluate how two factors (soil organic nitrogen (SON) levels and grazing) interact to affect tundra responses to climate warming across a latitudinal climatic gradient on the Yamal Peninsula. Model simulations were driven by field-collected soil data and expected grazing patterns along the Yamal Arctic Transect (YAT), within bioclimate subzones C (high arctic), D (northern low arctic) and E (southern low arctic). Plant biomass and NPP (net primary productivity) were significantly increased with warmer bioclimate subzones, greater soil nutrient levels and temporal climate warming, while they declined with higher grazing frequency. Temporal climate warming of 2 °C caused an increase of 665 g m⁻² in total biomass at the high SON site in subzone E, but only 298 g m⁻² at the low SON site. When grazing frequency was also increased, total biomass increased by only 369 g m⁻² at the high SON site in contrast to 184 g m⁻² at the low SON site in subzone E. Our results suggest that high SON can support greater plant biomass and plant responses to climate warming, while low SON and grazing may limit plant response to climate change. In addition to the first order factors (SON, bioclimate subzones, grazing and temporal climate warming), interactions among these significantly affect plant biomass and productivity in the arctic tundra and should not be ignored in regional scale studies.

Keywords: soil organic nitrogen, grazing, ArcVeg, modeling, multi-factor analysis

1. Introduction
Arctic tundra vegetation dynamics are affected by various environmental factors such as climate, soil nutrients, and animal grazing (Chapin 1992, Callaghan et al 2004, Epstein et al 2008). These controlling factors have been individually studied in the field (Arft et al 1999, Hansen et al 2006, Epstein et al 2008, Gough et al 2008). However, few studies have collectively examined the combinations of these factors and can provide insights as to how these factors may interact and affect tundra vegetation communities (Richardson et al 2002, Gough et al 2007).

Temperature is a key factor that regulates plant community distribution and biomass in arctic tundra (Walker et al 2005,
Epstein et al (2008). Across a climatic gradient, aboveground shrub biomass was found to increase substantially with summer warmth index (SWI—sum of mean monthly temperatures \(> 0^\circ\)C) (Walker et al 2003a, Epstein et al 2008). A global temperature increase of 0.76 \(^\circ\)C \(\pm\) 0.19 \(^\circ\)C from 1850–1899 to 2001–2005 (IPCC, 2007) may be amplified in the arctic (Serreze and Francis 2006) and be responsible for a recent increase in arctic vegetation in general as well as an increase in the abundance of shrubs (Myneni et al 1997, Sturm et al 2001, Jia et al 2003, Forbes et al 2009). Warming effects on tundra vegetation growth are generally believed to be positive but may vary across climatic zones over time (Arft et al 1999).

Soil substrate and nutrient levels in arctic tundra are also determinants of species richness, vegetation growth and productivity (Nadelhoffer et al 1991, Gough et al 2000, Knoepp et al 2000, Walker et al 2003a, 2003b). In nitrogen limited arctic ecosystems, soil organic matter quality may be more important in controlling N mineralization rates than temperature, since during the growing season, temperatures typically stay between 0 and 10 \(^\circ\)C (Nadelhoffer et al 1991). Observations from N fertilization experiments in the arctic have shown increases in plant biomass of several plant species as well as increases in litter decomposition with increasing available N (Shaver and Chapin 1995, Jonasson et al 1999, Aerts et al 2006, Shaver et al 2006, Kelley and Epstein 2009).

In the arctic, herbivores can have positive or negative effects on plant growth and yield various tundra vegetation community shifts depending on the grazing intensity and frequency (Jefferies et al 1992, Olofsson et al 2001, Herder et al 2003, van der Wal 2006, Susiluoto et al 2008). Grazing can also interact with soils to affect plant biomass. This was explored by Gough et al (2007) who manipulated soil nutrient levels in two arctic Alaskan tundra sites to study plant–herbivore interactions at the species level. Their results suggested that herbivores may cause reductions in plant biomass and shifts in competitive relationships in plant communities. Such relationships among soils, herbivores and vegetation can be further examined using vegetation modeling approaches.

Vegetation modeling has been widely used to improve our understanding of potential impacts of changing environmental variables on vegetation structure and function, e.g. Clein et al 2000, Sitch et al 2003, van Wijk 2007, Wolf et al 2008. ArcVeg is a dynamic vegetation model of arctic tundra that has been applied to various tundra communities in Alaska and Canada (Epstein et al 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007). Soils are parameterized essentially as the mass of soil organic nitrogen (SON), and grazing is an important disturbance parameterized in the model. Climate warming can be applied in the model simulation based on a subzonal approach. In other words, a summer warming of 2 \(^\circ\)C for an initial subzone is essentially a replacement by the climate at the adjacent southern subzone. Prior simulations using ArcVeg have shown increases in shrub biomass and reductions in moss biomass with summer warming of 2 \(^\circ\)C ramped over 50 years. This is consistent with field observations, indicating the applicability of this model for projecting vegetation responses to climate warming (Epstein et al 2004, 2007).

The Yamal Peninsula is a large area of arctic tundra in northwestern Siberia, Russia that encompasses landscape to regional gradients of each of these three environmental factors: climate, soil nutrients, and grazing (Forbes 1999). The Yamal is not only the source of much of Europe’s current and future energy resources, and as a result is of enormous strategic importance to Russia, but it is also the world’s largest area of reindeer husbandry (Stammiller 2005, Forbes and Kumpula 2009). Sustainability of tundra vegetation under changing climate is of special importance to the people who rely on reindeer husbandry for their livelihood (Forbes et al 2001) and requires a good understanding of the interactions among soils, grazing, and warming (Kryazhimskii and Danilov 2000).

In this study, we use ArcVeg to address the effects of climatic subzones, soil organic nitrogen, grazing, and warming on the tundra vegetation of the Yamal Peninsula. We aim to answer the following research questions. (1) How do SON levels affect tundra vegetation in terms of total biomass and net primary productivity (NPP) responses to warming? (2) How does grazing affect tundra vegetation in terms of total biomass and NPP? (3) How do SON, grazing and climate interact to affect tundra vegetation?

2. Methods and materials

2.1. Study area

The study encompasses locations along a bioclimatic transect on the Yamal Peninsula, northwestern Siberia. Figure 1 shows the relative locations of the field sites in this study: two sites near Laborovaya (67°42' N, 68°01' E), three sites near Vaskiny Dachi (70°17' N, 68°54' E), and two sites near Kharasavey (71°19' N, 66°95' E). The most southern site Laborovaya lies about 100 km north of treeline within the southern tundra subzone, dominated by Carex bigelowii, Betula nana, Aulacomnium palustre sedge, moist dwarf-shrub, moss tundra; site 2 is dominated by Carex bigelowii, Vaccinium vitis-idaea, Sphaerophorus globosus, Polystichum strictum, prostrate dwarf-shrub, lichen tundra on more sandy site (site 2). Vaskiny Dachi is to the southeast of the main Bovanenkovo gas field in the central part of the Yamal Peninsula. Soils in each site vary from silt loam (site 1), silt loam and sandy loam (site 2), and sand (site 3) and different soils are associated with different vegetation covers. For site 1, the dominant vegetation is Carex bigelowii, Vaccinium vitis-idaea, Hylcomomum splendens sedge, dwarf-shrub, moss tundra; site 2 is dominated by Betula nana, Calamagrostis holmii, Aulacomnium turgidum dwarf-shrub, graminoid, moss tundra; and site 3 is Vaccinium vitis-idaea, Cladonia arbuscula, Racomitrium lanuginosum prostrate dwarf-shrub, sedge, lichen, tundra. Kharasavey is the most northern region in this study and is located on the northwestern coast of the peninsula. Vegetation in this region includes Carex bigelowii, Calamagrostis holmii, Salix Polaris, Dicranum elongatum, Cladonia spp. graminoid, prostrate dwarf-shrub, and moss tundra on silt loamy soils (site 1) and Carex bigelowii, Salix nummularia, Dicranum sp., Cladonia spp. graminoid, prostrate dwarf-shrub, and moss, lichen tundra on
the sand loamy soils (site 2). These three regions are used as summer and autumn pasture for reindeer. More detailed information on each site can be found in the data report of the 2007 and 2008 Yamal expeditions (Walker et al. 2009a), and studies associated with the sites along the Yamal transect can be found in the following: Goetz et al., 2009, Walker et al. 2009b, 2009c.

2.2. Model description

2.2.1. ArcVeg. ArcVeg is a nutrient-based, transient vegetation dynamics model, which was originally developed with a set of detailed plant functional types (PFT) to simulate how tundra vegetation represented by these PFTs responds to climate change. Since plant-available nitrogen can be a strongly limiting nutrient for tundra plants (Chapin et al. 1995, Shaver et al. 2000), the model functions essentially with nitrogen mass balance, redistributing nitrogen among soil organic matter, plant-available nitrogen, and plant pools. The current version of ArcVeg comprises 12 plant types, including mosses, lichens, forbs, and several categories of graminoids and shrubs (Epstein et al. 2007). ArcVeg has been parameterized for the five arctic bioclimate subzones (Walker et al. 2005) that range from the polar desert (subzone A) to the low arctic tundra at the southern extent of the tundra biome (subzone E). Soil conditions are expressed as different levels of soil organic nitrogen. A key assumption of the model is that with higher temperatures, decomposition rates increase, thus increasing the availability of soil nitrogen, which facilitates plant growth.

In addition, grazing as a major disturbance to tundra vegetation is parameterized as the removal of a specified percentage of plant biomass with different interannual frequencies. In other words, grazing intensity is represented by the combination of frequency and per cent removal. For example, (0.1, 25) indicates that there is a 0.1 annual probability of a grazing herd (i.e. every 10 years frequency) and a maximum of 25% biomass will be removed. One of the model assumptions is that selectivity of grazing is determined by foliage nitrogen concentration.

2.2.2. Model input data and simulation procedures. Soil samples from each of the Yamal field sites have been collected and analyzed for bulk density, soil organic carbon, and soil organic nitrogen to the depth of the active layer. Each of the three field locations had two or three separate sampling grids to capture the variability of soil properties. The soil organic nitrogen data are used to drive the simulations in ArcVeg (table 1).

Other input data include: bioclimate subzone, grazing intensity, and climate warming. Two sites near Laborovaya (LV-1, LV-2) are located in the southern low arctic (subzone E). Three sites at Vaskiny Dachi (VD-1, VD-2 and VD-3) are within bioclimate subzone D, and two sites at Kharasavey (KH-1, KH-2) are in subzone C. The Yamal region is home to the indigenous Nenets people. Reindeer population increases have been documented by various authors (Golovnev and Osherenko 1999, Baskin 2000), and the drivers are quite complex as noted in Forbes and Kumpula (2009). Grazing patterns are quite heterogeneous and have been observed and modeled in various rangelands (Pickup and Chewings 1988, Stammer 2005). For managed reindeer herds on the Yamal, grazing is most intense near migratory Nenets camps and dissipates outward from the camps (Forbes and Kumpula 2009). We conducted a comparison study of grazing and soil effects across sites in different bioclimate subzones within a model simulation. The control grazing regime was set as (0.1, 25), indicating reindeer herds will graze on the same site every ten years and each visit a maximum of 25% of total biomass will be removed. A more frequent grazing regime is set as (0.5, 25), 25% of plant biomass will be removed every two years. These grazing scenarios are within the reasonable ranges that can be typically found in the Yamal region. Model simulations were conducted for 1500 years in total with a ‘spin-up’ to equilibrium conditions for the first 1000 years. A warming scenario was implemented in the model by beginning a temperature increase of 2°C (essentially a shift of one subzone) in year 1000, ramped linearly over a 50 year period. Then the system was simulated under the new warmer climate for another 450 years.

All parameter combinations (including subzone (3), SON (7), grazing regime (2) and warming or non-warming) were simulated with 20 replicate runs. Plant total biomass and NPP were compared and evaluated across all sites on the Yamal Peninsula under the different grazing regimes and one subzone climate warming as discussed above. We calculated the mean total biomass and NPP for 100 years before the warming (year 901 to year 1000) and for 100 years after warming (year 1401 to year 1500).

2.3. Statistical analyses

Simulated total biomass and NPP with 20 replicates were used as dependent variables in ANOVA (analysis of variance). The
3. Results

The statistical analyses show that bioclimatic subzones, SON, warming, and grazing have significant effects on total biomass and NPP individually (see appendix). SON is the most important factor with the highest F value, suggesting the most significant effects on total biomass and NPP. All interactions were also significant.

3.1. Soil organic nitrogen effects on biomass and NPP across climate subzones (figure 2—before warming)

Soil organic N significantly affected plant total biomass and NPP. In each bioclimatic subzone, lower soil organic N supported less vegetation than higher soil organic N (figure 2). In particular, in the high SON site in subzone E (Laborovaya, LV-1), both total biomass and NPP were approximately 148% and 143% higher than those of the low SON site (LV-2) before warming. In LV-1 (SON = 570 g m⁻²), the soil supported nearly 831 g m⁻² biomass while only 336 g m⁻² biomass was simulated in LV-2 (SON = 148 g m⁻²). Effects of SON on total biomass and NPP changed with different climate subzones. With a similar amount of SON, warmer bioclimatic subzones (e.g. subzone E) supported more vegetation and higher plant growth rates than colder subzones (e.g. subzone C) (figure 2). For example, total biomass and NPP at LV-1 were around 831 g m⁻² and 146 g m⁻² year⁻¹ whereas in KH-2 (SON = 599 g m⁻²), total biomass and NPP were 554 g m⁻² and 70 g m⁻² year⁻¹ respectively. With similar amounts of SON (LV-1 versus KH-2), each gram of SON can support nearly 80% more biomass and 0.14 g m⁻² year⁻¹ greater NPP in subzone E than in subzone C.

3.2. Warming effects on total biomass and NPP across sites (figure 2—before and after warming comparison)

Temporal warming from our simulations with low grazing frequency showed an absolute increase in total biomass of 665 g m⁻² (absolute change will be shown following any relative change in parentheses: 80%) in the high SON site (LV-1) and about 298 g m⁻² (89%) in the low SON site (LV-2). The absolute and relative increase in NPP in subzone E was found to be 95 g m⁻² year⁻¹ (65%) in LV-1 and 46 g m⁻² year⁻¹ (77%) in LV-2. For the set of sites in subzone D, the increases in biomass and NPP were 351 g m⁻² (63%) and 57 g m⁻² year⁻¹ (56%) in VD-3, 214 g m⁻² (75%) and 35 g m⁻² year⁻¹ (64%) in VD-2, and 246 g m⁻² (70%) and 40 g m⁻² year⁻¹ (61%) in VD-1 respectively, with higher relative increases in both total biomass and NPP in low SON sites compared to in high SON sites.

3.3. Grazing effects on total biomass and NPP (figure 3)

Grazing generally caused total plant biomass and NPP to decrease. Under the same climate conditions (here we used the data before climate warming), the absolute decline in total biomass caused by increased grazing frequency varied with SON levels. For example, comparing the sites in Vaskiny Dachi (subzone D), declines in biomass were found when grazing frequency increased from every ten to every two years: a decline of 191 g m⁻² in the high SON site (VD-3), 114 g m⁻² in VD-2 (the low SON site) and 135 g m⁻² in VD-1 (figure 3). This was also true for NPP, where we simulated a decrease of 18 g m⁻² year⁻¹ in VD-3, 15 g m⁻² year⁻¹ in VD-1 and 13 g m⁻² year⁻¹ in VD-2.

3.4. Grazing and warming interactions on total biomass and NPP (figure 4)

Grazing also interacted with climate warming, suppressing plant biomass and NPP response to warming. The suppression was stronger in sites with higher SON content than in the sites with lower SON content. The positive response of total biomass to warming was reduced from 665 g m⁻² in LV-1 to 369 g m⁻² due to higher grazing frequency (figure 4). In comparison, the total biomass increase due to warming in LV-2 site was decreased from 298 to 194 g m⁻². The NPP response decreased from 95 to 83 g m⁻² year⁻¹ in LV-1 and from 46 to 41 g m⁻² year⁻¹ in LV-2. Greater response declines in the high SON site (KH-2—8 g m⁻² year⁻¹) than the low SON site (KH-1—6 g m⁻² year⁻¹) were also found in subzone C.

4. Discussion

The results of this study demonstrate how tundra vegetation on the Yamal Peninsula in northwestern Siberia may respond...
to warming and grazing with different soil nutrient levels associated with different soil substrates across a climatic gradient. Climate and soil nutrient levels (especially nitrogen) in arctic soils determine how much vegetation a site can support. Our results of total biomass and NPP being intimately coupled with arctic temperature gradients are consistent with field studies, where above ground biomass increased exponentially or linearly across a temperature gradient (Walker et al. 2003a, Epstein et al. 2008).

Soil organic nitrogen as a major limiting nutrient to arctic vegetation is found to be conspicuously important. High SON levels which tend to occur on clayey soils can facilitate plant growth and have a large impact on tundra vegetation (Chapin 1992). In high SON sites, simulated absolute increases in NPP with warming are greater than those in low SON sites (sandy soil substrates), which is consistent with N fertilization experiments (Chapin and Shaver 1996, Shaver and Jonasson 1999, Shaver et al. 2006). However, with the same grazing regime, nutrient-poor sites generally have higher SON efficiency (defined as model-simulated NPP divided by SON) than nutrient-rich sites. For example, SON efficiency calculated before warming was about 0.26 in LV-1 (SON = 570 g m$^{-2}$) and 0.40 in LV-2 (SON = 148 g m$^{-2}$). With climate warming, SON efficiency increased to 0.42 in LV-1 and to 0.72 in LV-2. The simulation results suggested that plants tend to make better use of SON in nutrient-poor sites than nutrient-rich sites, probably due to more intense resource competition in nutrient limited sites.
One of the assumptions of ArcVeg is that climate warming increases soil organic matter decomposition rates (Epstein et al 2000). In the arctic, growth of tundra vegetation is limited by extreme low temperatures and short growing seasons, which result in low decomposition rates and low nutrient availability to plants (Chapin 1992, Hobbie and Chapin 1998). Increasing temperature may increase nitrogen mineralization rates in the arctic and provide plants with more nutrients, thus increasing plant biomass and productivity (Nadelhoffer et al 1991, Hobbie 1996, Rustad et al 2001, Jonasson et al 2006). A meta-analysis of the results from 32 research sites across the arctic region show an increase of net N mineralization rates by 46% (with a 95% confidence interval of 30–64%), and plant productivity by 19% (with a 95% confidence interval of 15–23%) in response to experimental ecosystem warming in the range 0.3°C for 2–9 years (Rustad et al 2001). Toolik Lake in Alaska was included in the meta-analysis, and the responses of soil respiration to warming were found to be larger than the grand mean of the 32 sites. Some field warming experiments in the arctic can however show an increase in net N immobilization rather than net N mineralization, but this may be due to the short observation period (Aerts et al 2006). The climate gradient and warming scenarios were treated as separate factors that affect vegetation growth in ArcVeg. In both, temperature is positively related to total plant biomass and NPP. Climate warming effects on tundra vegetation communities have been addressed in several field experiments and the effect size of climatic warming is generally the greatest in the southern low arctic (Arft et al 1999). Our model simulations are consistent with these results. The warming stimulation effects decrease for colder subzones. In LV-1 (subzone E), the relative increase in NPP caused by warming is about 65%, while in KH-2 (subzone C, SON = 599 g m⁻²) the increase is only 58%.

Reindeer grazing was evaluated in this study by comparing a control grazing regime (0.1, 25) with an increased grazing frequency (0.5, 25). Soil nutrient conditions interact with grazing to yield complex effects on vegetation (Virtanen 2000, Gough et al 2007, Eskelinen 2008). Sites with high SON levels were generally more affected by disturbance from higher grazing frequency than the low SON sites. For instance, the absolute difference in total biomass between low and high grazing frequency is about 271 g m⁻² in LV-1 (SON = 570 g m⁻²) while only 125 g m⁻² in LV-2 (SON = 148 g m⁻²) in subzone E. The difference in NPP between low and high grazing frequency is 19 g m⁻² year⁻¹ in LV-1 and 12 g m⁻² year⁻¹ in LV-2. The interpretation can be that the site with high SON levels can support more vegetation, and hence more is eaten by grazing herds (Gough et al 2007, Eskelinen 2008, Olofsson et al 2009). A study conducted in northernmost Fennoscandia by Eskelinen (2008) showed that nutrient-rich sites are more intensively grazed than nutrient-poor sites. Gough et al (2007) measured weekly growth of dominant tundra plants under fertilized and unfertilized conditions. In their nine year manipulations, plants with herbivore exclusion grew better than those without exclusion, and plants were more grazed in fertilized sites than ambient sites without fertilization, indicating a negative effect of herbivory in the fertilized sites. Their results also corroborate our findings that absolute decrease in total biomass and NPP due to herbivory is significantly greater in sites with higher SON levels under the same grazing regime (figure 3), in that animals tend to graze more on the abundant vegetation patches. This can also be interpreted as spatial effects of grazing due to soil heterogeneity, and as temporal effects of N fertilization; the fertile sites can support more vegetation and tend to be grazed more often than the control sites (Gough et al 2007).
Increasing grazing frequency caused a greater decline in plant response to climate warming (in terms of total biomass and NPP) in sites with higher SON levels, suggesting again that herbivory generally becomes more important under higher nutrient conditions. This is supported by recent work documenting long-term effects of herbivory on tundra plant growth (Virtanen 2000, Grellmann 2002, Olofsson et al. 2004a, 2004b). A grazing suppression effect is evaluated in our model by comparing the absolute increases in total biomass and NPP between two grazing regimes. In subzone E, the suppression effect in terms of total biomass and NPP was 296 g m\(^{-2}\) and 12 g m\(^{-2}\) year\(^{-1}\) in LV-1 versus 113 g m\(^{-2}\) and 5 g m\(^{-2}\) year\(^{-1}\) in LV-2 respectively. When comparing low grazing to high grazing effects on soil organic nitrogen pools over time (figure 5), higher grazing frequency led to either slower SON accumulation rates or more rapid SON depletion rates. Warming accentuated these differences caused by grazing, suggesting the interaction between grazing and warming may yield greater differences in SON levels across sites.

### 5. Conclusion

This study has offered insights into the interactions among soil nutrients, climate, and grazing on arctic tundra vegetation on the Yamal Peninsula. Soil nutrients are a limiting factor to plant growth, and also limit the plant responses to climate warming. Long-term projections of how SON levels affect tundra vegetation responses to warming and grazing can be assessed using the ArcVeg model. Numerous studies have suggested that climate warming is an essential factor for promoting tree and shrub expansion in arctic tundra, however grazing may limit this response (Olofsson et al. 2009). Research conducted in the neighboring Nenets Autonomous Okrug has shown that shrubs already above the reindeer browsing line have increased their growth significantly in response to current climate warming of the last few decades (Forbes et al. 2009). A better understanding of soil organic nitrogen and grazing effects on tundra vegetation growth is crucial for determination of the rate of shrub expansion in the arctic.

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### Table A.1

Statistics of total biomass and NPP as influenced by subzone, soil organic nitrogen, climate warming and grazing. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) was applied to the simulated datasets, where subzone, warming, grazing are independent categorical variables. DF is the degrees of freedom. Type III sum of squares assesses at the unbalanced data, since our variables are of different DFs. Mean square is the square root of Type III SS. \(F\) values measure the distance between individual distributions; as \(F\) values increase, \(P\) values decrease. \(P\) values < 0.05 indicate a statistically significant effect of that independent variable on the dependent variable.

| Source of variations | DF | Type III SS | Mean square | \(F\) value | \(P > F\) |
|-----------------------|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| **Total biomass**     |    |             |             |             |           |
| Subzone               | 2  | 109 625.712 | 54 812.856  | 471.08      | <0.0001   |
| SON                   | 1  | 3572 898.163| 3572 898.163| 30 706.5    | <0.0001   |
| Warming               | 1  | 28 548.129  | 28 548.129  | 245.35      | <0.0001   |
| Grazing               | 1  | 25 105.281  | 25 105.281  | 215.76      | <0.0001   |
| SON*subzone           | 2  | 531 677.655 | 265 838.828 | 2 284.70    | <0.0001   |
| Subzone*warming       | 2  | 14 999.054  | 7 499.527   | 64.45       | <0.0001   |
| Subzone*grazing       | 2  | 872 427     | 436 213     | 3.75        | 0.0242    |
| SON*warming           | 1  | 178 326.428 | 178 326.428 | 1 532.59    | <0.0001   |
| SON*grazing           | 1  | 124 979.964 | 124 979.964 | 1 074.11    | <0.0001   |
| Warming*grazing       | 1  | 10 964.736  | 10 964.736  | 94.23       | <0.0001   |
| SON*subzone*warming   | 2  | 55 304.044  | 27 652.022  | 237.65      | <0.0001   |
| SON*subzone*grazing   | 2  | 47 219.928  | 23 609.964  | 202.91      | <0.0001   |
| SON*subzone*warming*grazing | 3 | 191 960.578 | 63 986.859  | 549.92      | <0.0001   |
| **NPP**               |    |             |             |             |           |
| Subzone               | 2  | 3112.0345   | 1556.0172   | 1 634.69    | <0.0001   |
| SON                   | 1  | 128 213.428 | 128 213.428 | 134.696     | <0.0001   |
| Warming               | 1  | 1126.0711   | 1126.0711   | 1 183.00    | <0.0001   |
| Grazing               | 1  | 495.3042    | 495.3042    | 520.56      | <0.0001   |
| SON*subzone           | 2  | 1647.3388   | 8 323.6694  | 8744.51     | <0.0001   |
| Subzone*warming       | 2  | 554.2940    | 277.1470    | 291.16      | <0.0001   |
| Subzone*grazing       | 2  | 21.0443     | 10.5222     | 11.05       | <0.0001   |
| SON*warming           | 1  | 5786.5652   | 5786.5652   | 6079.13     | <0.0001   |
| SON*grazing           | 1  | 262.6218    | 262.6218    | 275.90      | <0.0001   |
| Warming*grazing       | 1  | 70.7726     | 70.7726     | 74.35       | <0.0001   |
| SON*subzone*warming   | 2  | 998.1921    | 499.0961    | 524.33      | <0.0001   |
| SON*subzone*grazing   | 2  | 75.8446     | 37.9223     | 39.84       | <0.0001   |
| SON*subzone*warming*grazing | 3 | 157.0791    | 52.3597     | 55.01       | <0.0001   |

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