

## ***Interactive comment on “Topographic changes due to the 2004 Chuetsu thrusting earthquake in low mountain region” by Zhikun Ren et al.***

### **Anonymous Referee #2**

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There are grounds for concern over the handling of canopy effects in this paper. I come to this review late in the process, and can see the notes and discussion between the first reviewer and the authors, which are very useful in providing these comments.

In essence, the discussion of canopy effects should be more central to the paper and not have been tacked on as afterthoughts and reactions to the first review.

So, while the subject is interesting and a lot of work has gone in to the paper, it does not look robust enough for publication in its present form. It would make sense for the authors to have a complete re-think of their analysis, before considering what to do next. Wherever the paper is taken, it is going to meet the same comments at the review stage.

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