

**Re: [EXTERNAL] Be an internal reviewer for a paper?****Michael Koontz** <miko0411@colorado.edu>

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**To:** Fick, Stephen E <sfick@usgs.gov> 2 attachments (5 MB)

FickSyntheticControl - EcoApps - Clean\_mjk.docx; ATT00001.htm;

Hi Steve,

I'm attaching some comments. This is really well done! It feels like ecology is going to start thinking a lot more about causal inference with exactly the kind of data that you highlight in this paper. You've laid out a nice framework and a clear case for why it can be useful. The abstract, in particular, is really excellent and really does a nice job of pitching the approach to a general ecology audience. I think Eco Apps is a great outlet for this work— hopefully they sent it out for review.

Hope you're staying well. Let me know how this moves forward!

Mike

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