TITLE
Forest Response to Stress and Damage (FORSTAD) N-Mineralization Data 1994-2005

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BEGIN DATE
1994

END DATE
2005

LOCATION
In the Cannoo Hills on the property of the Institute of Ecosystem Studies, on the Cary Arboretum, in Millbrook, New York. (41° 47′N, 73° 44′W)

LOCATION DESCRIPTION
Nutrient cycling sites are circular plots, 25.24 meters is diameter (area = 1/20 hectare). Site A is in a sheltered location on Cannoo (Tea House) Hill, elevation 180 meters, and Site B is on the western slope of North Cannoo Hill, elevation 200 meters. The canopy trees on each site are a mix of oak, maple, and pine. Nutrient cycling sites were established in 1992.

ACCESS
Public

DATA LOCATION
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CODES
Year = calendar year
Site = Site A or Site B
Horizon = soil horizon O (organic horizon)
          soil horizon A (mineral horizon)
ngh4n = mean extractable ammonium
ugno3n = mean extractable nitrate
nminn = mean rate of nitrogen mineralization
nitrn = mean rate of nitrification

DATA DESCRIPTION
The data presented here are extractable amounts of ammonium and nitrate (expressed as the concentration of N in micrograms N/gram dry weight soil), and the rates of nitrogen mineralization and
nitrification (expressed as a rate of micrograms N/gram dry weight soil/day). Data are site-wide means for each soil horizon.

SAMPLING DESIGN
In each year that the sampling is performed, soils are collected in late July. Cores are taken with a 2 cm corer to a depth of 10 cm, and the core is split into the O horizon (0-3 cm depth) and the A horizon (3-10 cm depth). Eight samples are taken per plot. Samples are split into two sub-samples: the first is extracted with 2 M KCl, and the second is allowed to incubate in the dark at room temperature for 14 days, at which time it is extracted with 2 M KCl. Potassium chloride extracts are analyzed for NH$_4$-N and NO$_3$-N in mg/L.

NOTES
Although these measurements were also made in 1992, the data from that year are not included in the dataset due to a difference in the incubation method used.

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