

***Interactive comment on “Characterization of coarse particulate matter in the western United States: a comparison between observation and modeling” by R. Li et al.***

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The paper topic is relevant and useful to the modeling community. The paper is well written but very long. It reads more like a report than a research article. In particular, I question the need to include so many details on individual sites in the tables. The overall message is that the model performs poorly at essentially all the sites so the exact details at each site seem excessive for this forum.

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