

Is drought protection possible without compromising flood protection? Estimating the potential dual-use benefit of small flood reservoirs in Southern Germany

The manuscript has been improved by emphasizing potential rather than optimal operation, and the value of the manuscript as a best-case scenario benchmark can be seen.

Minor comments (line numbering according to track changes manuscript):

- Please remain consistent with the spelling of south-western
- Line 129: Only small retention reservoirs (if the authors mean the global context; otherwise, the authors also look at large ones)
- Line 188: “Thus, we focus only on large, medium, or small reservoirs ...” is duplicative of your statement that you exclude very small reservoirs because then there are no other reservoirs left; and “thus” does not fit to the previous sentence.
- Line 210: If you calculate an AF as a medium for the entire simulation period (it would be helpful to specify the years here), please make this clearer.
- Line 211: rate rates
- Line 222f: double selected
- Table 1 (and general): Explanation of abbreviations LF, LM, MF ... is missing.
- Line 515: The sentence is not well structured.
- Figure 11: superscript m^3
- Figure 12: I think the axes in the scatter plots are switched. The first plot would otherwise suggest that for the combined operation model the time under droughts is always around 6×10^4 , and for flood operation model ranging from 0 to 6×10^4 .