Dear Dr. Kettner,

Thank you for your feedback and suggestions. In the attached manuscript the following changes have been.

**Lines 57-59 now read:** "In this paper we evaluate the integrated skill of NWM-HAND for simulating riverine flooding events by comparing NWM-HAND forecasts against an observational dataset at two scales, the floodplain, and the reach-level catchment."

**Line 317:** "that" was removed

Lines 364-365: "order" was added

**Old lines 574-576 now read**: "In every cross-sectional geometry we tested, observed streamflow (NWIS) / stage (USFIMR) relationships could be achieved by varying N except in catchments with zero relief (e.g. Figure 7B)."

We have also added titles to figure 2 and 4 and improved the resolution of all images.

Thank you again,

Mike