To: Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences

Dr. Veit Blauhut, Editor

**Re:** Technical Corrections to Accepted Manuscript (nhess-2021-193)

**Date:** 26-Jan-2022

Dear Dr. Blauhut,

Thank you for noting the issue with line 113 in the tracked changes version of the revised manuscript. The citations "Montecinos et al., 2017; Shortridge et al. 2019." overrunning the margin appears to be an issue with the diff function in LaTeX during the compiling process to create the tracked changes version. I was able to remedy this issue by forcing a newline (see Figure 1 below). The revised and clean (no tracked changes) manuscript looks good with no overrunning (see line 104; Figure 2).

Thank you again for your support throughout the submission and revision process, we greatly appreciate it. Sincerely,

Benjamin Hatchett

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Figure 1: Forced newline fixed the overrunning issue in the tracked changes version.

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Figure 2: Clean version of manuscript compiles correctly and has no overrunning.