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Key Points:

- The editors thank the 2021 peer reviewers
- Co-reviewing protocols are explained and encouraged

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Thank You to Our 2021 Reviewers, and a New Co-Reviewing Protocol

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Abstract The Editors of the *Journal of Geophysical Research—Earth Surface* express their appreciation to those who served as peer reviewers for the journal in 2021, and explain the newly formalized opportunity for early-career scientists to co-review manuscripts.

Plain Language Summary Editors of the *Journal of Geophysical Research—Earth Surface* express their appreciation to those who served as peer reviewers for the journal in 2021, and explain the newly formalized opportunity for early-career scientists to co-review manuscripts. The new co-reviewing functionality allows an invited reviewer to include and recognize one or two early-career co-reviewers who contribute comments on a manuscript. Co-reviewing of manuscripts by students, postdoctoral scholars, and other early-career scientists is encouraged, in order to enhance these scientists' reviewing skills and to broaden the diversity of perspectives in the journal's review process.

The Editors of the *Journal of Geophysical Research—Earth Surface* would like to express thanks and appreciation to all who served as manuscript reviewers during 2021. Maintaining the rigor and efficiency of the review process required recruiting a greater number of reviewers to accommodate the unusually large number of manuscript submissions in 2020 and 2021, as well as increasing the size of our editorial board. We sincerely appreciate the efforts that peer reviewers contributed to *JGR-Earth Surface* in 2021, particularly in light of the unusual circumstances of professional and home life brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021, *JGR-Earth Surface* made a change to its reviewing procedures to allow formal co-reviewing by students, postdoctoral scholars, and other early-career scientists. The co-reviewing functionality was tried on a pilot basis in 2021 by three AGU journals (*GeoHealth*, *JGR-Earth Surface* and *JGR-Planets*). Based on positive responses to the pilot effort, co-reviewing will now become a permanent option. Co-reviewing allows a reviewer to include and recognize early-career co-reviewers who contribute comments on a manuscript. The journal's online manuscript review portal has a space for listing co-reviewers as a review is completed. Co-reviewing involves sharing the manuscript with one or two early-career scientists but not a large group, for confidentiality reasons. The Editors are eager to see the use of co-reviewing expand, in the hope that it provides early-career scientists with valuable experience to enhance their reviewing skills. This process will also broaden the journal's reviewer pool, increasing the diversity of perspectives brought into manuscript evaluation, and will give credit for efforts that have not been tracked formally in the past.

We extend our thanks to the 693 reviewers who provided 975 reviews for *JGR-Earth Surface* in 2021. We recognize that even under the particularly challenging circumstances of the ongoing pandemic, these scientists volunteered ample time and energy to provide constructive, valuable review comments. As always, this community service is critically important to moving science forward and is deeply appreciated.

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