

Interactive comment on “Agricultural sustainability in the semi-arid Near East” by F. Hole

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Editor’s Review of Frank Hole MS Agricultural Sustainability in the Semi-Arid near East

Frank Hole’s paper provides an interesting perspective offering a glimpse at what can be learned of the interactions between societies and the environment. This perspective enhances the normal context of paleoclimate research, especially for the Holocene by using archeological findings to speculate on causality for changes in land use. While natural climate change maybe important, one can not eliminate social factors in the decision making of ancient societies. This paper is included in this PAGES volume because of that perspective in the hope that this insight and way of thinking will reach out to a wider audience, especially those reading only the paleoclimate literature. I have some editorial comments about wording, missing references and the need for

more informative figure captions. These will be sent to the author directly

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