

Table S1. Variance analysis of soil carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus stoichiometry between different forests and soil layers

| Forest | Horizon | SOM (g/kg)       | TN (g/kg)    | TP (g/kg)     | C:N           | C:P             | N:P          |
|--------|---------|------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| BP     | A       | 128.63±3.71Aa    | 6.76±0.75Aa  | 0.77±0.07Aa   | 12.01±0.55Aa  | 106.11±15.72ABa | 8.87±1.56Aa  |
|        | B       | 69.72±12.75Ab    | 3.44±0.74Ab  | 0.72±0.09Aa   | 12.69±0.85Aab | 61.25±13.89ABb  | 4.85±1.20Ab  |
|        | C       | 26.33±8.92Ac     | 1.24±0.48Ac  | 0.48±0.10Ab   | 13.32±0.86Ab  | 33.80±10.67ABc  | 2.57±0.90Ac  |
| L-B1   | A       | 151.05±37.08Aa   | 7.03±0.73ABa | 0.83±0.05ABa  | 12.95±0.93Aa  | 111.29±22.93ABa | 8.55±1.34Aa  |
|        | B       | 74.52±7.73Ab     | 3.91±0.57ABb | 0.79±0.07ABa  | 11.99±0.20Aa  | 59.68±6.27ABb   | 4.98±0.54Ab  |
|        | C       | 23.68±10.49Ac    | 1.16±0.52ABc | 0.71±0.34ABa  | 13.19±4.30Aa  | 26.10±14.75ABc  | 1.87±0.93Ac  |
| L-B2   | A       | 128±5.86Aa       | 6.59±0.67Aa  | 0.79±0.08Aa   | 12.27±0.40Aa  | 102.48±2.72ABa  | 8.36±0.26Aa  |
|        | B       | 68.28±12.07Ab    | 3.47±0.71Ab  | 0.81±0.20Aa   | 12.12±0.40Aa  | 52.37±4.18ABb   | 4.32±0.25Ab  |
|        | C       | 19.2±10.35Ac     | 0.94±0.53Ac  | 0.39±0.14Ab   | 12.83±2.47Aa  | 28.98±6.64ABc   | 2.29±0.48Ac  |
| L-B3   | A       | 431.05±49.50Ba   | 17.68±1.36Ba | 1.18±0.08Ba   | 14.59±1.50Aa  | 219.33±27.64Aa  | 15.01±0.43Aa |
|        | B       | 64.13±9.79Bb     | 3.25±0.51Bb  | 0.73±0.12Bb   | 12.30±0.55Ab  | 55.97±5.51Ab    | 4.46±0.29Ab  |
|        | C       | 25.79±0.96Bb     | 1.17±0.04Bc  | 0.72±0.31Bb   | 13.96±0.93Aa  | 25.23±7.56Ac    | 1.83±0.62Ac  |
| L-B4   | A       | 104.95±21.83Aa   | 5.65±1.02Aa  | 0.88±0.04ABa  | 11.82±0.43Aa  | 75.51±11.33Ba   | 6.38±0.87Aa  |
|        | B       | 60.13±9.41Ab     | 3.16±0.45Ab  | 0.85±0.04ABa  | 11.96±0.28Aa  | 44.43±4.26Bb    | 3.70±0.40Ab  |
|        | C       | 20.63±10.95Ac    | 1.35±0.60Ac  | 0.51±0.14ABb  | 14.91±7.74Aa  | 36.36±17.59Bb   | 2.55±0.45Ac  |
| LP     | A       | 244.55±166.98ABa | 9.98±6.24ABa | 0.96±0.22ABa  | 13.90±1.40Aa  | 137.27±70.67ABa | 9.56±4.52Aa  |
|        | B       | 50.87±13.86ABb   | 2.84±0.71ABb | 0.55±0.30ABb  | 10.94±0.29Aa  | 75.82±41.86ABab | 6.97±3.98Aab |
|        | C       | 30.68±17.79ABb   | 1.85±0.95ABb | 0.65±0.20ABab | 18.81±19.42Aa | 36.87±29.30ABb  | 2.68±0.85Ab  |

Different uppercase letters indicate significant differences between soil types within the same soil layer ( $P < 0.05$ ), and different lowercase letters indicate significant differences among soil layers within the soil types ( $P < 0.05$ ). SOM is the soil organic matter, TN is the soil total nitrogen, TP is the soil total phosphorus.

Table S2. Variance analysis of soil chemical and physical properties between different forests and soil layers

| Forest | Horizon | pH <sub>2</sub> <sup>(H<sub>2</sub>O)</sup> | Bulk density<br>(g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Soil porosity<br>(%) | AHN (mg/kg)      | AP (mg/kg)     |
|--------|---------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| BP     | A       | 5.54±0.34Aba                                | 0.54±0.07Aa                          | 61.65±7.63Aa         | 692.66±224.83Aa  | 25.30±11.20BCa |
|        | B       | 6.51±0.09ABb                                | 0.79±0.07Ab                          | 61.93±4.91Aa         | 248.50±50.86Ab   | 6.90±2.40BCb   |
|        | C       | 6.60±0.12ABb                                | 1.07±0.13Ac                          | 55.32±5.47Aa         | 114.27±29.31Ab   | 3.80±2.40BCb   |
| L-B1   | A       | 5.89±0.28Aba                                | 0.70±0.08Aa                          | 53.34±3.80Aa         | 552.50±83.62Aa   | 5.91±7.12Ca    |
|        | B       | 6.36±0.04ABb                                | 0.91±0.04Ab                          | 60.16±0.98Aa         | 277.33±20.60Ab   | 3.45±0.89Ca    |
|        | C       | 6.67±0.13ABc                                | 1.14±0.23Ac                          | 52.53±9.63Aa         | 87.07±33.00Ac    | 2.37±0.61Ca    |
| L-B2   | A       | 5.85±0.61Ba                                 | 0.41±0.30Aa                          | 31.41±11.99Aa        | 776.00±83.56Aa   | 35.05±7.76ABCa |
|        | B       | 6.18±0.47Bab                                | 0.94±0.04Ab                          | 50.45±2.07Aa         | 345.00±58.36Ab   | 4.12±0.86ABCb  |
|        | C       | 6.36±0.11Bb                                 | 1.01±0.13Ac                          | 50.59±4.97Aa         | 116.63±33.25Ac   | 2.02±0.76ABCb  |
| L-B3   | A       | 6.33±0.18Aba                                | 0.60±0.08Aa                          | 60.50±9.45Ba         | 1257.50±170.75Aa | 66.58±10.05Aba |
|        | B       | 6.18±0.96Aba                                | 0.88±0.03Ab                          | 54.62±8.68Ba         | 241.67±56.13Ab   | 3.26±0.58ABb   |
|        | C       | 6.56±0.85ABb                                | 1.14±0.18Ac                          | 49.40±9.04Ba         | 88.57±4.22Ac     | 3.83±1.00ABb   |
| L-B4   | A       | 6.15±0.57Aba                                | 0.55±0.08Aa                          | 56.39±1.37Aa         | 518.00±70.24Aa   | 17.26±10.25BCa |
|        | B       | 6.49±0.88ABb                                | 0.84±0.06Ab                          | 51.83±1.33Aab        | 287.33±41.30Ab   | 4.28±2.17BCb   |
|        | C       | 6.33±0.35ABb                                | 1.12±0.14Ac                          | 51.41±8.20Ab         | 134.95±40.90Ac   | 2.95±0.63BCb   |
| LP     | A       | 5.79±0.52Aa                                 | 0.21±0.02Aa                          | 61.81±17.12Aba       | 1183.50±176.98Aa | 89.33±18.13Aa  |
|        | B       | 6.39±0.11Ab                                 | 0.87±0.08Ab                          | 55.12±1.34Aba        | 223.67±32.34Ab   | 7.13±1.19Ab    |
|        | C       | 6.96±0.86Ab                                 | 1.08±0.08Ab                          | 53.99±5.05ABa        | 136.15±61.80Ab   | 4.68±2.07Ab    |

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Table S3. The interactive effects and proposed interpretation of vegetation and soil physicochemical properties on soil nutrient stoichiometry [].

| Effect   | Proposed interpretation  | References              |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| Mixed tree species proportions → Soil physicochemical properties | <p>Trees species can create a soil environment that enhances their ability to compete and thus increases their fitness.</p> <p>Mixing tree species can result in a more effectively used soil space, and temporal or spatial niche partitioning in the soil can increase root biomass.</p> <p>The nutrient content of tree species determined leaf-fall decomposition, nutrient return, and nutrient release into the soil in forests, affecting soil fertility.</p> | [63];<br>[22];<br>[64]. |
| Soil physical properties → Soil nutrient stoichiometry           | <p>Soil physical properties have a close relationship with soil moisture, vegetation community, soil texture, organic matter.</p> <p>Increases in bulk weight lead to poorer air permeability and less oxygen in the soil, which limited the activity of soil microorganisms and results in lower SOM and TP concentrations.</p>   | [50];<br>[51].          |
| pH → Soil nutrient stoichiometry                                 | <p>Litter decomposition is a major source of soil nutrients and pH influences litter decomposition through microbial activity.</p>   | [31].                   |
| Soil available nutrients → Soil nutrient stoichiometry           | <p>The degree of control of soil nutrient availability by geochemical and biological processes is inconsistent during ecosystem succession.</p> <p>Decomposition and mineralization by microorganisms through depletion of soil available nutrients.</p>   | [15];<br>[44].          |

Table S4. Characteristics of the study plots.

| Site | <i>Larix principis-rupprechtii</i> proportion(%) | No. of trees | Mean tree DBH (cm) | Mean tree height (m) |
|------|--|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| BP   | 0  | 693          | 17.12±8.25a        | 9.84±2.97a           |
| L-B1 | 8.58   | 3334         | 13.35±3.61d        | 8.02±1.33d           |
| L-B2 | 10.44  | 2203         | 16.97±7.62b        | 10.09±2.93a          |
| L-B3 | 18.62  | 910          | 12.15±4.41b        | 10.00±2.06b          |
| L-B4 | 38.23  | 2137         | 11.91±4.34c        | 7.26±1.50c           |
| LP   | 100  | 1138         | 10.48±3.01b        | 7.77±1.83b           |