4 Things to Remember

1. Understand the model well enough to draw a crude schematic – what drives it (variables), what are the key parts, what output can it provide. Put the Schematic on your wall. Read the provided information. It shouldn’t be a complete black box.

2. Evaluate yourself (or your needs) and then the model. Do this. Don’t wait until you are forced to evaluate the model predictions.

3. If the model is lacking in some regard, use the self-calibration techniques (FVS, ORGANON), or the simple library scalers (FPS).

4. If you need to do more, get some help for the mechanics of calibrating/re-fitting...but understand what is done.
2 More Things

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1. **Inventory** – Design it well, measure species and DBH, subsample Height, Crown Ratio, and other variables that **DRIVE** your model. Measure Site Trees. This is not a one time effort.

2. **Growth Plots** – put a few out. Find some friends, have them put a few out. You’ll will be happy you did at some point.
Supplemental Material

Suggested References

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Even if everything else fails, always we can ensure immortality by making some spectacular mistake. John Gailbrath

Thank you

It is difficult to make predictions, especially about the future. K.K. Steincke