Western Economics Forum (WEF)

Call for Papers

Topical Focus: Renewable Energy Issues for Agricultural Lands in the West

The Western Economics Forum (WEF) focuses on interdisciplinary issues relevant to the Western United States. For the Spring 2024 issue, the WEF welcomes authors to submit papers for peer review addressing matters/areas related to “Renewable Energy Issues for Agricultural Lands in the West.”

Possible areas of focus include but are not limited to:

- Agrivoltaics, issues and case studies for the Western U.S.
- Lease structures and terms for renewable energy on agricultural lands.
- Cost efficiency of solar, wind, hydro, coal, and natural gas for running power grids in the West.
- Agricultural, community, and/or environmental impacts from renewable energy.
- Carbon credits associated with renewable energy.
- Policies in place and challenges for developing renewable energy.
- Disposal and/or recycling of solar panels and wind turbines.
- Externalities associated with renewable energy in the West.
- Production regions and transmission costs to markets for agricultural lands in the West.

Submission, Review and Publishing Timeline:

- Proposal Abstracts (limit 1 page) – Due Friday, September 22, 2023
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance/Denial by Friday, September 29, 2023
- Papers Due for Review: Friday, January 19, 2024
- Publishing Date: mid-May, 2024.

Submission Guidelines:

These papers are intended in general to be 2,500 – 3,500 words in length or 10-20 pages including tables, figures, and references, in final form, following formatting guidelines for the Journal of Resource and Agricultural Economics, http://www.waeaonline.org/publications/jare/submission-guidelines). Authors are required to provide WEF editors with suggestions of 2-3 reviewers for each article submitted. Proposal abstracts can be submitted by email to the special issue editors Greg Torell (gtorell@nmsu.edu) and Shannon Ferrell (shannon.l.ferrell@okstate.edu).

About the Western Economics Forum

The Western Economics Forum organizes peer-reviewed economic research publications on contemporary issues affecting the Western United States. Content is intended to be accessible to economists, professionals, and stakeholders, regionally and nationwide. The forum is emailed to a diverse list of multidisciplinary scientists including agency personnel, policy makers, community practitioners, and/or technical assistance providers.
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