

## **Types of Articles**

**Research Articles/Findings** describe research based work guided by a theoretical foundation that contributes significantly new scholarship by advancing new theory or knowledge for transforming practice on the relationships between society and natural resources. Empirically based articles should have a clearly described sound methodology/research design and a well-developed data analysis section. Articles should not exceed 8,500 words, including all references, notes, tables and figures.

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Practice-Based Knowledge: 5,000 words  
Policy Reviews/Analyses: 5,000 words  
Comments/Rejoinders: 3,000 words  
Research Notes: 3,000 words

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