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Forest and Other Natural Landscapes and Human Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Humans have a long history of interaction with forests and other natural landscapes (FNL), with these environments being progressively more recognized for their contributions to human health. Historically, scientists have considered these settings in terms of supplying a set of ecosystem goods and services, many of which make important contributions to human wellbeing. Increasingly, FNLs have also been recognized for providing less tangible, but often equally important, services.New technologies enable researchers to better articulate the variety of ways that FNLs contribute to a sense of wellbeing and human health. Moreover, outcomes related to time spent in forest environments include improved immune system function and decreased stress hormones, among others. Research also suggests that FNLs may translate to substantial healthcare savings, and carry numerous public policy implications.We encourage submissions from the biological, sociological, and psychological sciences, in order to promote knowledge that contributes to public policy development and FNL management approaches by providing documented linkages between forests and human health.

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