

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING  
MEETING ABSTRACTS (PRESENTATION OR POSTER)  
TO THE  
INTERMOUNTAIN JOURNAL OF SCIENCES (IJS)**

### **Introduction**

The Intermountain Journal of Sciences (IJS) provides the opportunity to publish presentation and poster abstracts of papers or posters presented at annual meetings of the co-sponsoring organizations; the Montana Academy of Sciences, The Montana Chapter of The American Fisheries Society and The Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society. It is the intent of the governing bodies of the co-sponsoring organizations that this journal will replace printed proceedings of the respective annual meetings and/or be accessible to search engines over the internet. Therefore, it is the policy of the editorial board that presenters at the annual meetings of the co-sponsors be given priority in allocation of space and time of publication, although submission of other manuscripts for review and publication without regard to membership is encouraged.

These guidelines provide you with the criteria for preparing your digital files for publication IJS. The final format will change, but following these guidelines makes publishing in IJS more efficient and effective.

**PLEASE NOTE: Abstracts not adhering to these guidelines may not be published in IJS.**

### **File Submission**

1. Please submit Abstracts in digital format.
2. Digital files should be in a recent version of MS Word.
3. Text should be Times New Roman
3. Main body of text in set at 12 pt. regular case, single spaced
4. Do not hyphenate words or justify the text.

### **Style**

1. **Title** should not exceed 15 words. No scientific names in title.
  - Left aligned, 12 pt. bold, Upper and Lower Case
2. **Author(s) name(s)** should be complete:
  - First name, middle initial (or first initial, middle name) and last name.
  - Degree level is unnecessary.
  - **Note:** Including your middle initial enhances Search Engines to find you easier.
3. **Address of each author** should contain:
  - Division, department, field level (e.g. Wildlife Division, School of Pharmacy, Department of Biology, Flathead National Forest, State Office, etc.)
4. **Organization** (e.g. MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks, University of Montana, USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, MPG Ranch)
5. **City, State and Zip**
6. **Abstract** - Left aligned, 12 pt. regular
  - **An Abstract is a brief distillation of the purpose, methods, results and conclusions.** It should express concisely the key information in a single paragraph. Length should not exceed 300 words. Common and scientific names of organisms and/or specific drugs and chemical compounds are appropriate. The geographic location of field studies (e.g. drainage or region, state or province) should be given, if not specified in the title. Abbreviations are permissible, but only if their meaning is spelled out on first mention. Supportive references or literature are not cited. Neither persons, organizations, nor grantors providing funding are acknowledged. Evidence summarized should have a conclusion, but with no inflammatory or judgmental statements. IJS is a scientific journal, not a political forum.