



UPDATED Guide for Preparing Papers and Extended Abstracts for the Proceedings of the 23rd Biennial Southern Silvicultural Research Conference March 18-20, 2025 – Greenville, SC

Oral presenters to the Biennial Southern Silvicultural Research Conference (BSSRC) **must** submit a complete paper or an extended abstract. Poster presenters **may** submit a complete paper or an extended abstract (or they may choose not to submit at all). Papers and extended abstracts from conference proceedings will be published by the Southern Research Station (SRS) as a General Technical Report (GTR) as an electronic-only publication.

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Manuscripts must be submitted as an original paper that is prepared with MS Word software. All manuscripts are due **July 21, 2025**, and should be emailed to proceedings@bssrc.org (non-Forest Service authors) or Nancy Koerth (Nancy.Koerth@usda.gov) for Forest Service authors. Other considerations:

- Authors will be responsible for the content and accuracy of their manuscripts.
- All manuscripts must undergo a minimum of two collegial peer reviews for clarity and content before submission. Name and affiliation of peer reviews must be given in a cover letter with your submission. In addition, all submissions will receive editorial review and will be subject to SRS technical editing for formatting and style.
- The publication process goes much more smoothly and quickly if close attention is paid to Station formatting requirements. In addition to the guidance provided below and on the [SRS authors webpage](#), the [Southern Research Station Authors Guide \(Revised 2015\)](#) available on the SRS website has even more information.

MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION GUIDANCE

Extended abstracts are limited to 1000 words, 1 figure, and 1 table. As they are an extended abstract, no first order headers should be used (i.e., do not include INTRODUCTION, MATERIALS AND METHODS, etc.) with the exception of LITERATURE CITED. Authors of extended abstracts should follow instructions for complete papers (below) for formatting titles, author names, pages, fonts, figures, and tables.

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See example below for how to format these:

TITLE OF THE COMPLETE PAPER OR ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT

- Leave one blank line below the author identification and type flush left the word "Abstract" followed by an em dash.
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- All text should be left justified, ragged right.

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All section headings should be typed in the following format:

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...and this trend continued northward (Personal communication. John Doe. 1991. Silviculturist, Kisatchie National Forest, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA 71360). To the south, however....

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Table 4—Cubic volume of hardwood pulpwood (>4.5 inches d.b.h.) by site at the Sumter National Forest in 2015

Site	Other	Red oaks	White oaks	Total
<i>cubic feet per acre</i>				
Pine Mountain	234.6 a	5.4	64.0	304.1 a
Thrift's Ferry	24.7 b	34.4	29.6	88.9 b
Whetstone	67.0 b	21.0	120.3	263.0 ab

Volume estimates are derived from Clark and Souter (1996) to a 4-inch top.

Means followed by the same letter within a column are not significantly different at the 0.05 level.

d.b.h. = diameter at breast height.



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- Cover letter with names and affiliations of two peers who reviewed paper prior to submission
- Manuscript in MS Word, with tables and figure captions at the end
- Figures as separate files and named sequentially

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- Provide fully signed [Manuscript Approval form](#) (FS-1600-1) with your manuscript submission (the SRS Funds Certification Worksheet is not required for the Proceedings GTR).
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