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Special Issue on Climate Change & Health

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Submission deadline: March 1, 2024

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The effects of climate change have never been more apparent. Climate change is exacerbating existing health threats and creating new public health challenges. Hurricanes, severe storms, sea-level rise, heat waves, wildfires, severe drought, and other climate-responsive hazards are creating escalating health impacts and are directly impacting how people interact with the world around them.

In view of this mounting threat, we are pleased to announce a special issue on Climate Change & Health. The Wilderness Medical Society and Wilderness & Environmental Medicine have long-standing experience working at the intersection of human health and environmental hazards. We are excited to highlight new and innovative perspectives and research at the convergence of climate change and interconnected disciplines including:

- Wilderness Medicine
- Migrant Health
- Travel Medicine
- Emergency Medical Services and Prehospital Medicine
- Toxicology & Toxinology
- Global Health
- Disaster Medicine

Potential topics for this special issue might include:

- Papers examining the interactions of impacts from nature-based recreation and climate change
- The health impacts of climate-related migration
- Examples of new hazards to outdoor recreation and travel as a result of climate change
- Case reports of human exposures to animals that have migrated out of their typical home ranges as a result of climate change
- Best practice guidelines for the safety of prehospital providers when addressing climate-change–related disasters like floods and heat events

As with all work published in WEM, papers are expected to relate to aspects of the wilderness environment, which may include impacts of climate change on remote settings, wilderness-related activities, or other austere
environments, including those that may occur temporarily as a result of the influence of natural hazards in otherwise highly resourced settings.

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