If you are reading this letter, you are a fan of the Native Plants Journal and know the value of communicating our best ideas and research efforts. Often, the most obscure concepts turn out to have the greatest value to the largest audience. Each of us is involved in work that could benefit like-minded researchers and practitioners. We need to share. And the Native Plants Journal is a widely circulated venue—designed specifically for distributing both theoretical and practical information—for doing just that. We will deliver your communications to the people who can best utilize your knowledge.

I find that winter is my best time to sit down in a quiet space and put my finest native plant investigations into words. The seasons of busy fieldwork and hectic meetings slip into the background. I realize that not all of us live in a climate wherein snow and cold send people and plants into dormancy, but no matter where you live, winter tends to be a slower season than summer—and we can use that to advantage.

With that said, I urge you to take some time this winter to put your best ideas and work into words and submit an article to the Native Plants Journal. If you are involved in any aspect of habitat development (urban or wildland), native plant propagation, germplasm development, developing creative seed management or revegetation protocols, wildland restoration projects, or unique conservation efforts, the Native Plants Journal was created specifically for you. We will help you perfect, document, and share your best native plant handiwork. We will even publish your well-considered opinion on any native plant–related topic. So, get out your pen and start putting ideas on paper. Then access the Native Plants Journal manuscript portal online at https://npj.msubmit.net/cgi-bin/main.plex and initiate the publication process.

If you have ideas on a topic (and prospective author names) from which we could develop a special themed issue of the Native Plants Journal, please send an email to me (slove@uidaho.edu) and pass along the information. Our editorial team will follow up and make the appropriate contacts. Also, if you need assistance with any aspect of manuscript development or submission, please feel free to contact me.
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