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In the reporting period from July 2005 to June 2006 the NATURAL RESOURCES JOURNAL published four issues, volume 45, numbers 1 through 4. Each issue followed the format now established for the JOURNAL, opening with an essay, followed by several substantive academic pieces, and ending with reviews of natural resource literature of various lengths. Despite the regular format, the issues varied greatly. Volume 45, number 3, for example, was primarily devoted to an exhaustive article summarizing and integrating the law governing an oilfield operator's fiduciary duty to other interested parties. By contrast, volume 45, number 4 contained seven extremely diverse articles ranging from a religious writer's essay on Irish wells to a literary critic's analysis of a New Mexico Supreme Court decision.

In the reporting period, the JOURNAL continued the recently established pattern of sponsoring one conference per period. This period the JOURNAL, in conjunction with The Utton Center, sponsored a conference that looked at issues regarding the Rio Grande and its reservoirs. Experts in river and reservoir management came to Albuquerque from around New Mexico and neighboring Texas and presented papers before a substantial audience. These papers, which address issues of water storage and usage, have been edited and will be combined in a NATURAL RESOURCES JOURNAL issue to be published in the next publishing period.

In addition, the NATURAL RESOURCES JOURNAL continues to move forward in re-establishing and maintaining its longstanding tradition of excellence among academic natural resource publications. Working with many authors across numerous disciplines, the JOURNAL is now assembling a wide range of essays on subjects as diverse as forestry and the role of science in water management and formal articles ranging from a history of the 1916 National Park Service organic act to the future of TMDL programs.

The JOURNAL continues to reassess its place in a rapidly changing world of academic publications with an eye toward shaping its content to an appropriate niche.