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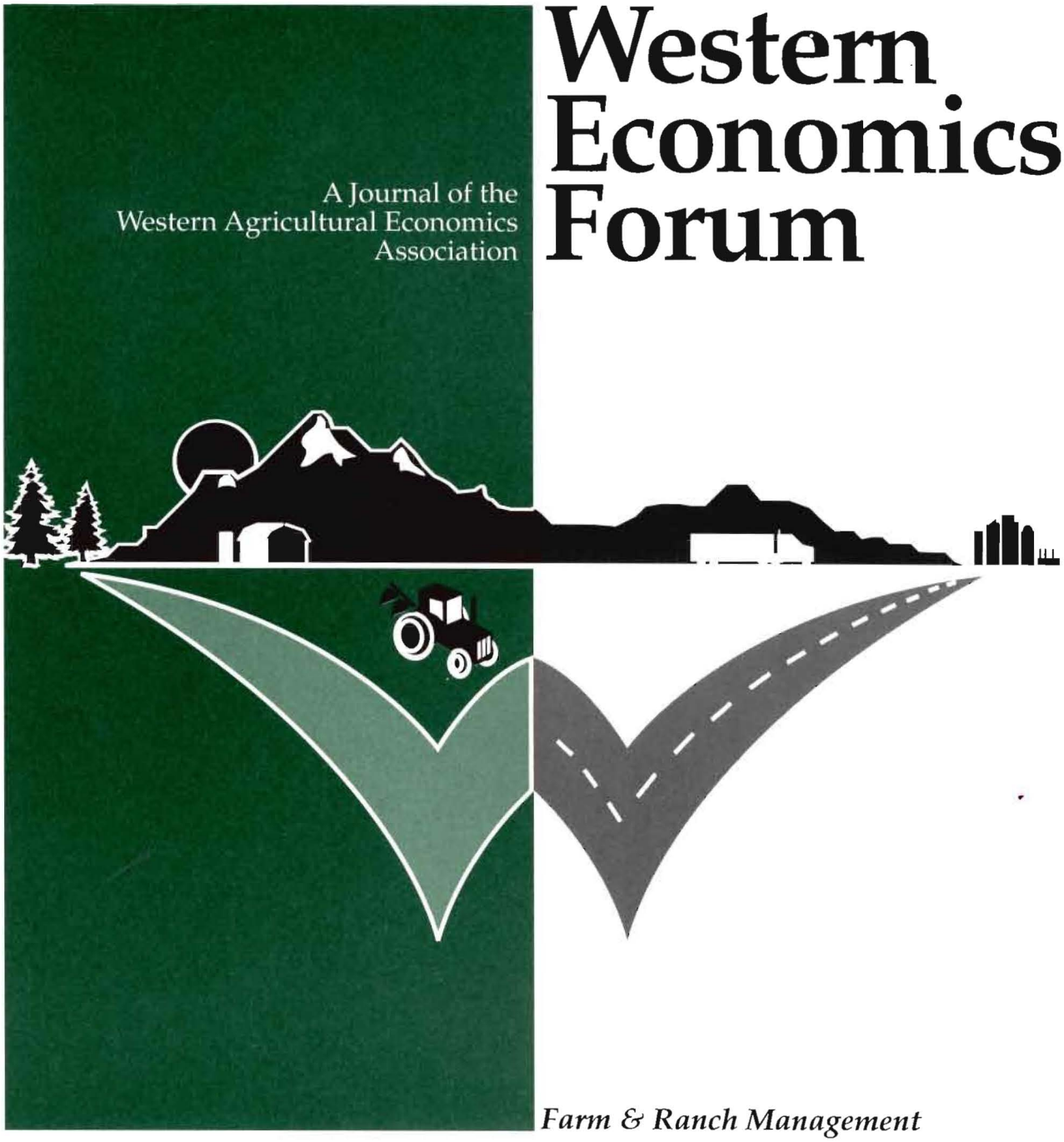

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The Western Economic Forum is in our third publication year. We are looking for new editors to take over at the end of the coming fall to publish your first issue in Spring 2005. There are two issues every year with 4-6 articles in each issue. The articles are reviewed. Our primary source for articles is the annual meeting (e.g. thesis award winners, presented papers, and special speakers). We complement these by diversifying each issue across disciplines and geographical representation, and emphasize writers focusing on contemporary issues. There is a stipend for secretarial assistance and publishing expenses. The effort level on the faculty is minimal, especially if editorship is shared. Please go to our website (http://dare.agsci.colostate.edu/thilmany/waea.htm) for more information about the journal and contact Dana Hoag or Dawn Thilmany if you are interested.

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One of the consequences of regional associations nationalizing their journals is that professional agricultural economists in each region have lost one of their best forums for exchanging ideas unique to their area of the country. The purpose of this publication is to provide a forum for western issues.

Audience

The target audience is professional agricultural economists with a Masters degree, Ph.D. or equivalent understanding of the field that are working on agricultural and resource economic, business or policy issues in the West.

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This publication is specifically targeted at informing professionals in the West about issues, methods, data, or other content addressing the following objectives:

- Summarize knowledge about issues of interest to Western professionals
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