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Mikhail Semenov & Nils Stenseth, Editors-in-Chief

Dear Drs. Semenov and Stenseth,

I am writing to submit our manuscript entitled “A tree-ring based reconstruction of early summer precipitation in southwestern Virginia (1750-1981)” for consideration for publication as a Research Article in Climate Research. This work uses new and existing tree-ring records and gridded climate data to reconstruct early summer precipitation, extending the meteorological record by 150 years.

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We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. All authors have approved the manuscript and in support of submission to Climate Research.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Please address all correspondence to andria.dawson@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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