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We would like to submit an original research article “**Intentions of Landowners towards Active Management of Ecosystem in South-central USA for Deer Habitat Management**” for publication in the Forest Policy and Economics.

We believe that our manuscript will make a significant contribution to the literature because it studied the landowners’ intentions towards the actively managing land for deer hunting using theory of reasoned action and theory of planned behavior and expanded theories by adding moral norms. This paper compared two theories and expanded them which is a noble approach in the human dimension of natural resource management research. Also, the intentions towards active management were also not studied in past literatures which is done by this research. We believe that these novelty in the research and the focus of research in the management of natural resource makes this paper a fit into the scope of your journal.

This research was used to fulfill a requirement of Ph.D. in Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Oklahoma State University by the first author. This manuscript has not been published elsewhere in part or in its entirety and is not under consideration by any other journal submission. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

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Sincerely,

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