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Dear Editorial Board at *Journal of Ecology*,

Please find our manuscript titled “The cost of resource use for photosynthesis drives variance in leaf nitrogen content in grasslands of Texas, USA” for consideration as a Full Research Article at the *Journal of Ecology*. The manuscript contains six tables and five figures, accompanied by two tables and two figures as supplemental material.

[brief intro to study objectives and novelty]

[brief summary of findings]

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the e-mail address listed above over any comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Evan A. Perkowski, Ph.D.

*On behalf of coauthors Helen G. Scott and Nicholas G. Smith*