



The National Forest Foundation is looking for a reported, solutions-focused story for its Summer/Fall 2025 issue of *Light & Seed* magazine, which will focus on the economic impact of National Forests and Grasslands.

Specifically, we're seeking pitches for The Response, a department that uses the four pillars of solutions journalism to investigate how people are responding to an issue of national importance. The solution should be on the cusp of real-world application: it's shown promise, is actively working through its limitations, and could very soon have an impact.

Maybe it's a story about how a new workforce program is trying to address staffing shortages in the U.S. Forest Service. Or a look at how a National Forest gateway community is trying to navigate seasonal housing challenges. Or an analysis of a new technology that could make a forestry process more cost-effective. Stories can feature or mention the work of other entities beyond the U.S. Forest Service and National Forest Foundation but should have a clear connection to National Forests and Grasslands.

Pitches should cover:

- A brief overview of the solution, where we are within its timeline, the data gathered thus far, and the solution's current limitations
- The narrative thruline that will tie these elements together
- Sources

Past issues can be found on our [website](#), and past examples of The Response features are [here](#) and [here](#).

Specs: 1,000 words, pay is \$1,000, pitches due Wednesday, November 20. Send to Erin Vivid Riley at erinvriley@gmail.com