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Abstract Session 1.1 – Comparison of media discourse on forest ecosystem services provision in two national parks in Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The provision of ecosystem services in national parks is subject to conflicting views depending on the importance of the ecosystem service assigned by various actors. This article focuses on media discourse analysis and evaluates the opinions about public requirements for forest ecosystem services on the territory of two national parks – Šumava in Czech Republic and National Park High Tatras in Slovakia. Articles published in professional forestry and nature conservation journals between the years 2009-2019 were analysed using selected criteria. All together 35 (10 from Slovakia, 25 from Czech Republic) articles dealing with ecosystem services provision in these national parks were subject to the analysis. The results show that the discourse is framed around logging and conflicting views on how to balance silvicultural operations, non-intervention and recreation in national parks. Most of the actors agree that the problem is political and should be solved using public policy instruments.

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