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Key Point:

- Thank you to the reviewers of articles submitted to *AGU Advances* in its inaugural year of publication

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Thank You to Our 2019 Reviewers

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Abstract Members of the editorial board of *AGU Advances* express their appreciation to those who served as peer reviewers for the journal in its inaugural year.

Plain Language Summary The editorial board of *AGU Advances* thanks those who served as peer reviewers for the journal in 2019.

We would like to thank those who have already served as reviewers for *AGU Advances* and helped get our journal off to a great start. Given that we are still relatively unknown, and experimenting with some new approaches, we greatly appreciate those reviewers in 2019 who were willing to help us decide which papers are reporting advances in the Earth and space sciences. As an editorial board, we pre-screen papers and only send those to review that we think represent novel and ultimately publishable science. In addition to their normal peer review tasks, we also ask that reviewers express their judgment as to whether these papers represent true scientific advances – results that change the way people are doing their science, are relevant across several Earth and space science disciplines, or are impacting public policy. To improve transparency, we are experimenting with two new approaches that impact reviewers. The first is **cross-review**, where all reviews (anonymous by default) are sent to reviewers so they can comment or amend their recommendations prior to an editorial decision. The second, **transparent review**, publishes the paper's history, including reviews (again, anonymous unless the reviewer chooses to self-identify) and author responses. These are included as a PDF file that is available when a paper is published. We welcome input from reviewers on both practices. We feel that both of these measures are important steps for making the peer review and editorial process more transparent, while preserving the anonymity of reviewers.

So, to those who have already generously agreed to review for *AGU Advances* in 2019, our sincere thanks. To those we will approach in 2020, we hope you will choose to join us in our goal to publish science that has impact across the Earth and space science disciplines.

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