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Articles for the first part of this issue were solicited from the authors and represent papers delivered in the symposium entitled "Case Studies in Lithic Technology of Western North America" for the Forty-third Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference (held in March 1990), hosted by the Willamette National Forest in Eugene, Oregon. Although there is a common focus on lithic technology, diverse perspectives are represented. The articles are presented under three topical categories to illustrate the thematic relationships that exemplify processual approaches to lithic technology.

The papers were submitted to the *Journal* as a package. They were subjected to the review process, revised, and accepted for publication by Phil Wilke, then the Editor. Although it is not our usual practice to devote issues to single topics, the papers herein contribute substantially to our understanding of lithic technology, and the *Journal* is pleased to present them.

Editor