

Improved Water Management is Team Effort Aim

A diversified water resources team, capable of responding to NPS park problems and to Congressional and Executive mandates to protect water and related land resources has been established at Fort Collins, CO. The new Water Resources Field Support Laboratory occupies space and enjoys support services under the existing CPSU arrangement with Colorado State University.

The staff of seven, headed by Ray Herrmann, was assembled to develop, coordinate and assist in interagency efforts to improve Park Water Resources Management. Staffing of the unit represents a redirection of the Washington office and incorporates a variety of specialties — hydrology, geology, engineering, water allocation, and ecology.

Fort Collins has become an active center for Federal and state laboratories developing answers to resource management questions. The combined expertise of five special offices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including a national computer center, two cooperative Department of the Interior study teams, the Natural Resources Ecology Lab, and Colorado State University act as a magnet for other high caliber resources study labs. Many of the new NPS lab's responsibilities, such as improvement of NPS water resources data analysis, will be accomplished in close cooperation with the other Federal and state agencies at Fort Collins.

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