

The distinguished and much-honored career of Jack Major, with special emphasis on his many contributions to the research and input needed to manage the National Parks of the Sierra Nevada are detailed in an article by David J. Parsons in the Oct. 12, 1982 issue of *Madrono*, Vol. 29, No. 4, pp. 220 - 6.

"The Role of Plant Ecological Research in Sierran Park Management: A Tribute to Jack Major," is the title of the piece, by the Kings Canyon/Sequoia NP research scientist. "His (Major's) interest, as well as that of his students and associates, in the plant ecology of the Sierra Nevada has contributed to a basic understanding of the vegetation, which in turn provides a basis for effective resources management throughout the Sierra," Parsons wrote.

Examples of Major's research contributions include impacts of fire suppression and grazing, and subalpine and alpine vegetation studies. Parsons points out the NPS asset (eventually formalized through establishment of a Cooperative Park Studies Unit at the University of California, Davis, where Major taught) that Major represented — "valuable consultation and inspiration to countless undergraduate as well as graduate students of his colleagues both at U.C. Davis and elsewhere."

Major retired in 1981.