

Three New Reserves Accepted by MAB

Three new nominations for World Biosphere Reserves in the United States have been accepted by the Man and the Biosphere Bureau, UNESCO Paris, according to Bill Gregg, Co-chairman of the U.S. Biosphere Reserve Directorate, Washington, D.C.

The new Reserves followed the multiple site approach, whereby ecologically and functionally complementary sites are included within a biosphere reserve which bears the name of a biogeographic region. The sites and their components are:

California Coast Ranges Biosphere Reserve (Oregonian Biogeographic Province), comprised of Redwoods NP, three California state parks (Jedediah Smith, Del Norte Coast, and Prairie Creek Redwoods), the U.S.F.S. Redwood Experimental Forest

and Western Slopes of Cone Peak, The Nature Conservancy's Northern California Coast Range Preserve, the BLM Northern California Coast Range Preserve Research Natural Area, the BLM Elkhorn Ridge-/Brush Mountain area, and the University of California's Landels-Hill Big Creek Preserve;

South Atlantic Coastal Plain Biosphere Reserve (Austroriparian Biogeographic Province), comprised of Pinelands National Reserve in the New Jersey Pine Barrens and the Congaree Swamp National Monument; and

Central Gulf Coastal Plain Biosphere Reserve (Austroriparian Biogeographic Province), consisting of the Lower Apalachicola River Basin in Florida.