

Natural Landmarks Information System

The Natural Landmarks Information System is a user-friendly means of maintaining and accessing an automated data base on designated, potential and delisted National Natural Landmarks (NNL's), which are significant examples of geological features and ecological communities. Data storage is by location, status, condition, ownership/management and resource type.

The WASO Interagency Resources Division uses the system to add, update and delete natural landmark records, to prepare reports in response to public request and to carry out analyses to aid management decisions on where to direct program resources from site study and nomination. It is also used to provide information for the annual report to Congress on threatened and damaged Landmarks.

Regional offices use the system to provide information to the public and to companies and agencies with management responsibility, planning, review or implementation activities related to potential or designated sites; and for analysis to assist in program administration. For example, the Pacific Northwest Region has used the data base to provide lists of designated and potential NNL's located on Federal land to each of the Federal land-managing agencies in the Region, to provide reports of designated NNL's by county to a private energy developer locating an oil pipeline, and to share natural landmark information with NPS regional environmental review staff and state heritage program offices for use when commenting on public and private development proposals requiring permits.

The system runs on the NPS Hewlett-Packard 3000 minicomputer. Reports may be obtained by untrained users through a user-friendly menu system. The Hewlett-Packard language, QUERY, may be used to manipulate data and to produce ad hoc reports tailored to specific information requests.

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