

Mount Rainier Hosts Research Symposium

Approximately 50 men and women concerned with scientific research and resource management in the Pacific Northwest gathered on their own time at Mount Rainier National Park on the weekend of January 21-22 to exchange research findings and ideas for their application to park management.

Nearly a score of presentations were made in the course of the tightly programmed weekend. Most of them dealt with research in the host park, but they included two presentations from Olympic NP as well as reports on the general topic of air quality and sulfur baseline monitoring . . . concerns that cannot be compartmentalized or handled on a single park basis.

Subject matter ran the gamut from spotted owl habitat and goat surveys to rates and patterns of tree bole decay and included a lively discussion of the NPS mission to conserve and its relationship to basic research.

William Briggie, then superintendent of Mount Rainier NP and now Deputy Director of the Pacific Northwest Region, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. Abstracts of all the presentations were collected and compiled by Robert Dunnagan, Assistant Superintendent of Mount Rainier and host for the conference. Abstracts of many of the papers are available in duplicated form from Dunnagan, Mount Rainier NP, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, WA 98304.