

Integrated Planning For Resource Uses Is Workshop Focus

An intensive three-week Coastal Zone Management workshop for the training of trainers will be held in Bangkok, Thailand beginning the second week in March, 1985, under the auspices of the NPS Office of International Park Affairs, (IPA) according to Hugh Muller, program manager.

Joanne Michalovic, one of two NPS permanent staff members in the Washington IPA office, will participate in the workshop in Thailand. Dan Creeden, a former chief of training for AID (Agency for International Development), is acting as consultant on the project, through a cooperative agreement between NPS and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).

Jeff Tschirley, the other permanent NPS staff member on the project, in December attended with Michalovic an Arizona meeting with range management experts to plan a similar workshop on Arid and Semi-Arid Range Management for three weeks in June 1985 at Harare, Zimbabwe.

The two workshops are part of the NPS/AID Expanded Information Base Project now underway, intended to disseminate resource management information to developing countries. The project takes an integrated planning approach to design and implementation of development processes, incorporating the sociological processes (economic, institutional, regulatory, etc.) within the framework of the natural ecological systems.

Workshop attendees will range from students and professors to planners and government officials. The focus will put both the basic natural resource picture and the social-governmental picture into a single context, within which the workshop can seek ways of arriving at the best management plans that have a realistic chance of being carried out under a given set of social and governmental circumstances.

A fuller story on this project will be carried in the Spring issue of *Park Science*.