

First NPS Conference on Fossil Resources

The first NPS Conference on Fossil Resources in the National Park System will be held in October 1986 at Dinosaur National Monument, Utah. This 40-hour conference will *not* be a meeting of paleontologists, but rather will serve as an interface between the scientific community and managers and interpreters. Topics will include legal protection of fossils, threats to fossils (both human and non-human) and how to mitigate them, addressing fossils in a Natural Resources Management Plan, basic data necessary for the successful management of fossils in the field, how to use outside researchers to develop and implement a management program, fossils as museum objects, interpreting fossils and ancient environments, training seasonals, and technical expertise and facilities available within the Service.

The conference is an outgrowth of concerns about this resource service-wide (see Superintendent's Corner, *Park Science*, Fall 1984 5(1):9). "We firmly believe that such a meeting is long overdue, and it will be a major step towards upgrading our care of this fragile and valuable resource," said Dinosaur NM Superintendent Joe Kennedy.

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