

Natural Resources Goes to the Movies

Two videotapes on important natural resource topics have recently been developed for use as training materials for field personnel.

Integrated Pest Management in the National Parks is the subject of a 15 minute training videotape prepared by the Biological Resources Division and the Albright Training Center. The video discusses key IPM principles and techniques, including setting threshold levels, monitoring, and using natural parasites, predators, or pathogens to control the pest population. The video then highlights various NPS units which have successfully implemented IPM programs.

The IPM video is part of a natural resources training program being developed by Doug Morris and Sue Toole at Albright Training Center. This program will provide orientation to NPS employees on resource management topics including ecological principles, laws and policy, research, monitoring, and communications. The program is designed for use at the park and is presented through a variety of media including film, video, and workbook. The program will be available for park use in Spring or Summer 1986.

The NPS Geographic Information Systems Field Unit and the WASO Training Division recently collaborated on a 25-minute training videotape on the Service's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program. The video provides a basic introduction to the GIS technology; reviews how a GIS can typically be used to support park management, planning, and operations activities; and outlines the services the GIS Field Unit can provide to parks in developing and implementing their GIS. The video also focuses on four "real-life" examples of parks where a GIS already is in use.

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For more information about the IPM videotape, contact your Regional IPM Coordinator or Gary Johnston, Servicewide IPM Coordinator at FTS 343-8130.

For more information on the GIS videotape, contact Phil Wondra, Geographic Information Systems Field Unit, FTS 776-7939.