

Book Examines Threats To Parks of the World

The State of the World's Parks, an international assessment for resource management, policy, and research, by Gary E. Machlis and David L. Tichnell, was published in October 1985 by Westview Press (5550 Central Ave., Boulder, CO 80301) in cooperation with the World Wildlife Fund and the National Park Service.

The book examines two questions: What are the threats to national parks worldwide, and what can be done about them? This is the first systematic, international study of the pressures faced by the more than 1,000 national parks around the world.

The authors borrow from the disciplines of ecology, anthropology, and sociology, as well as from the applied fields of wildlife management, park management, and environmental science. Their arguments are based on data collected from a survey of 135 parks in more than 50 countries; the voices of park managers, conservation officers, and game wardens are heard throughout the book.

Recommendations, some controversial, are made for resource management, policy, and research. With an Introduction by Hal Eidsvik, *Threats* has 147 pages with tables, figures, notes, bibliography, appendixes, and index. An introductory 20% discount offer puts the price at \$23.