

Forestry Research West, in its October 1985 issue, carries two articles of interest to park managers. "Beavers: Biologists 'Rediscover' a Natural Resource," explores the pivotal role of the beaver as "a skilled, hardworking assistant in the repair and stewardship of riparian ecosystems." Based primarily on the work done by Ecologist Jim Sedell of the Pacific Northwest Forestry Sciences Lab in Corvallis, Ore., the article examines new information about the effect of beaver activities on nutrient cycling.

"We're looking at fish habitat in ways that don't stop at the water's edge," Sedell says. "We're finding that beavers have dramatic effects on streamside vegetation that benefit a whole range of creatures besides fish."

Mike Prouty of the USDA Intermountain Station, examines the research of Forest Service Scientist L. Jack Lyon and asks the question: "Are (Rocky Mountain) elk and modern man compatible?" The article is entitled "Wildlife Research: Separating Fact from Fiction," and describes the history and findings of 15 years of cooperative elk research by six different organizations. Publication of the study findings is titled "Coordinating Elk and Timber Management. Final Report of the Montana Cooperative Elk-Logging Study 1970-1985; the report is available from the USDA/FS Forestry Sciences Lab, PO Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807.