

NPS Scientists Involved In Wilderness Congress

Two of the six major topic areas to be covered in the Fourth World Wilderness Congress Sept. 11-18, 1987 in Fort Collins, Colo., are co-chaired by National Park Service scientists. Dave Parsons, research biologist at Sequoia-Kings Canyon NPs is co-leader of the Acid Rain Impacts on Wilderness, Parks and Nature Reserves section. Bill Gregg, co-chairman of the US-Man and the Biosphere project for the U.S. Department of the Interior, will serve with Stanley Krugman of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to head up the section on the MAB Program: Conservation in Sustaining Society.

The other four areas to be addressed are Population and Environmental Stress, Management and Protection of Oceanic-Marine Resources, Use of Wilderness for Personal Growth, Therapy and Education, and Management of Park and Wilderness Reserves.

Speakers from many countries will be heard; workshops will provide for detailed discussion of such issues as non-governmental organizations, ethics and philosophy, environmental finance and development, conservation policy and law, and "Alaska: A Conservation Case Study," among others. As chairman of the World Commission on Environment and Development, the Prime Minister of Norway will present the Commission's final report prior to its debate in the UN General Assembly. Agenda topics include biological diversity, the role of multinational corporations, endangered species, wildlife and wildlands research and management, and the role of indigenous peoples.

Pre-Congress educational opportunities are available in August and September through the International School of Forestry and Natural Resources, Colorado State University.