

Task Force Coordinating Science Pubs

A cohesive, Servicewide science and natural resources publication program is the goal of a new project headed by NPS Natural Resources Publication Coordinator Donna O'Leary and based on a proposal she presented to the Regional Chief Scientists at their August 1987 meeting at Glacier NP.

A publication task force, chaired by O'Leary, is reviewing and evaluating all current publications. The group met in Denver on Nov. 18 and 19 to determine what publications should be included in the overall program; to develop peer and management review

procedures; to standardize report formats, series names, and numbering; to determine essential editorial and printing services; to create a publication editorial board; to provide document distribution services, and to create and maintain a bibliographic database.

Task force recommendations growing out of the November workshop will be circulated to the field, O'Leary said, "to insure their applicability and acceptance, and to enable field personnel to remedy any sins of omission or commission."

In addition to O'Leary, task force members are Dr.

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