

For a discussion of the usefulness of a national restoration association (announced in *Information Crossfile, Park Science*, Vol. 8, No. 2, p. 12), see the winter 1987 issue of *Restoration & Management Notes* (5:2, p. 57). John P. Rieger, district biologist with the California

Department of Transportation, San Diego Environmental Analysis Branch B (PO Box 85406, San Diego, CA 92138-5406), in a guest editorial, decries the lack of a national organization that serves the field of biological management. He argues that rising interest in, and need for, restoration and the numerous approaches taken, calls for "more dialogue and record keeping" in this rapidly expanding field.

In addition, he says, "there is simply no substitute for one on one communication," and annual meetings would provide the current projects forum that begets such communication.

An additional service of the organization would be to encourage and co-sponsor local or regional meetings that would concentrate on target problems and their solutions. Rieger describes one function as "encouraging the development of a network that would serve the needs of smaller groups."

For an update on the organization of the Society for Ecological Restoration and Management, see p. 17 this issue.