

"Case Studies in Protecting Parks" is the title of NPS Natural Resources Report 87-2, issued in December 1987 by the NPS Natural Resources Office in Washington, D.C. The accomplishments of 16 NPS areas in protecting parks from adjacent land and resource development impacts was written by Warren Lee Brown, program analyst with the Division of Planning and Special Studies.

Park managers who have been able to protect their parks' resources are credited with outstanding ability in six key areas:

- (1) establishment of clear objectives
- (2) anticipation of potential impacts on park values
- (3) ability to build support for park interests
- (4) understanding of planning and regulatory processes
- (5) a talent for compromises consistent with park purposes
- (6) effective communication that maintains credibility

Twelve "protection strategies" are described, followed by 16 case studies in which the issues range from commercial and residential development to oil and gas operations, power plants, and dams. The problems include historic preservation, air and water quality, trails and public access.

The illustrated 30-page report is available from Donna O'Leary, editor, NPS Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287.