
regional highlights

Midwest Region

Regional Chief Scientist Michael Ruggiero opened a three-year aquatic resource inventory of seven prairie parks by visiting Wilson's Creek National Battlefield with a representative from the Missouri Dept. of Conservation. Several sample sites were identified in the creek and a suite of chemical constituents was selected for measurements. The program was discussed with park management and staff in the light of their expected needs.

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The Midwest Region will hold an Inventorying and Monitoring Workshop at Northland College and Apostle Islands National Lakeshore June 13-17, featuring planning exercises, problem-solving with monitoring data, and training sessions on monitoring design.

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Plans are underway to present a symposium on national parks at the 32nd Conference of the International Association of Great Lakes Research, May 1989. We will be contacting researchers at other large lakes in the NP System for possible involvement.

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For the second year Homestead National Monument of America will transplant native prairie sod to restore an area of the park where reseeding has not been successful. The sod is being transplanted from a local prairie which is threatened by agricultural development. The first year effort was labor intensive but highly successful.