

Invasive Exotic Plants And Their Management

Exotic pest plants, their biological and ecological implications, their social and economic impacts, and management initiatives for dealing with them are the subjects of a symposium slated for Nov. 2-4, 1988 at the Marine Sciences Center, University of Miami, Florida.

Word of the symposium comes from Robert F. Doren, Everglades NP Supervisory Botanist, who will welcome NPS registration forms mailed to Symposium Registrar, Exotic Pest Plant Council, Dan Beard Center, Everglades NP, P.O. Box 279, Homestead, FL 33030. Registration fee is \$45.

Plenary speakers will be Nathaniel P. Reed, former Asst. Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior, and Dr. Peter M. Vitousek of the Stanford University Department of Biological

Sciences. Dr. Vitousek will address "Biological invasion and ecosystem alterations" and Reed will speak on "A last ditch effort."

Speakers at the session on biology and ecology of invasive exotic plants will be from Florida, California, Hawaii, and New Mexico. Dominic Dottavio, who will chair the session on exotic plant management, has 12 papers scheduled that cover the subject in a variety of National Parks and from a wide range of strategies. Ronald L. Myers, Tall Timbers Research Station, The Nature Conservancy, will summarize the conference.

The symposium is being sponsored by the National Park Service, the Exotic Plant Council, the University of Miami, Florida's Division of Forestry, Fairchild Tropical Garden, The Nature Conservancy, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.