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A National Park Service bibliographic database proposal, developed by Pacific Northwest Regional Librarian Ellen Traxel at the request of the NPS Information Management Division in Washington, D.C., has been submitted to the NPS Director by PNR Director Charles H. Odegard.

A standard format in COMMON was devised to combine three existing database sources into one computer-accessible "BIBNET" containing input from the Denver Service Center, the Washington Office Cultural Resources Division, and NP libraries. The database would be further enriched by citations from a variety of sources by an "Other Sources Manager," whose work would be on-going as new information becomes available.

Benefits would include potential for increased efficiency of managers and planning staffs Servicewide. Implementation would be in three phases, over two fiscal years, at an estimated Servicewide cost of \$244,000, with recurring annual operating costs of \$80,000. Basic requirement for hooking into the system is an IBM compatible PC with hard disk at the park level, and a 286 AT-type computer with a large hard disk at the Regional office level. The required software already has been programmed by Richard Arokhaar of the PNRO Library staff, to accommodate a variety of local-option park computer operations.

The basic ingredients and strategies were formulated by Traxel and Glenn Hinsdale, PNRO Interpretive Specialist. Principal project participants in addition, are Edie Ramey, DSC Technical Information Center; Alicia Weber, WASO Cultural Resources Management Bibliography, and Kevin Killeen, WASO Information and Data Systems Division. Susan Smith (WASO), David Nathanson (Harpers Ferry Center), Jeff Marion (Delaware Water Gap), Patti Dienna (Mid-Atlantic Region), and Anne Frondorf (WASO) complete the task force.