

## Mid-Atlantic Region

Shenandoah NP hosted the Chief Scientists' Annual Meeting (April 24-28) this year, which was combined with the NPPP fund allocation. Resource Management staff presented an overview of their Long-term Ecological Monitoring program to the august group and demonstrated how the park GIS was used to aid in locating appropriate vegetation plots. This was followed by a field trip to view permanent vegetation plots and data collection procedures.

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A one-day Research Workshop was held in March at the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River to present research findings from the nearly completed River Recreation Program. A report titled "Summary of Research Objectives, Accomplishments, and Future Needs for the Study of Appropriate River Recreation Use on the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, New River Gorge National River, and Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River" has been prepared and is available from the Chief Scientist John Karish (address inside front cover). The report includes a listing of all publications produced by the research program along with the names and addresses of all researchers involved.

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Jeff Marion attended the first annual Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium to present a summary of the River Recreation Research Program and a paper on his work at the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.