

region and a 1-week visitor "pulse," a short-term intensive survey of Great Basin visitors using survey instruments developed for the 1988 summer visitor survey. The goal is to monitor changes in the activities and preferences of the Great Basin visitor population and will include continued analysis of the 1988 visitor survey data.

Managers and researchers have a unique opportunity at Great Basin NP to study visitation and recreation from the Park's inception. Managing indigenous flora and fauna poses a challenging job for park managers, who must balance increased visitation and development with traditional uses such as grazing and mining. Ecological and social science research currently underway at Great Basin is providing valuable data for planning and management efforts as researchers continue to monitor the evolution of the nation's newest national park.

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Oldest living things on earth are the bristlecone pines. This ancient relic still sends out tiny green signs of on-going life.