

For readers interested in the whole question of climate change and greenhouse effects and who are overwhelmed by the enormity of the research involved and the conflicting predictions stemming from that research, Reid Allen Bryson offers a measured word of caution, based on his own personal reservations.

Writing as a guest commentator in *Environmental Conservation*, (16:2, 97-99), Bryson applauds the modeling approach to increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere but cautions against accepting the results as providing "answers," rather than steps toward answers.

Bryson is emeritus professor of meteorology, geography, and environmental studies at U/WI Center for Climatic Research. He notes that "teachers and real scientists try to avoid 'only,' 'all,' 'never,' and 'always.' Having studied climate for half a century, I am very skeptical of a model of future climates which is based on only one variable, and when that variable is one which has not been shown to be dominant in the base of past climatic variations!"

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Former NPS Director George B. Hartzog's address to the October 1989 Ranger Rendezvous XIII in Hot Springs, Ark., is covered in the ranger association's journal, *Ranger*, (6:1, 10-16). The following excerpts provide the flavor:

"The National Park Service was anesthetized in 1973. While in this deep and dreamless sleep, its once great Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation was dismantled; its scientists were intimidated and dispersed; the Land and Water Conservation Fund was 'gutted,' and the National Park Service was rendered lifeless by pyramiding layers of bureaucracy stuffed with unknowing partisan political 'must hires.' Shamefully, only about five percent of the employees in the Washington office of the National Park Service today have ever pulled a day's duty in a national park...

"Your director is a qualified park professional, a graduate of the University of Indiana's School of Park and Recreation Management, which his uncle, Dr. Epply, now in his nineties, built into one of the premier schools in America. Moreover, as a friend and ally of the vice president, Jim's political credentials are impeccable. With that connection he should have the clout to get the job done."

At the same meeting, Director Ridenour (as quoted in the same issue of *Ranger*), told the assemblage:

"I've been traveling about 50 percent of the time.... I know that the real action is out there in the field and that it's very difficult to understand conditions in the field unless you've been out there.... When you look at maps back in the office, it's never the same as when you stand out there and look around."

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