

NPS Biogeographical Research Areas



This map illustrates the location of the 11 biogeographic areas selected for inclusion in the FY 1991 Global Change Research Program. They are numbered as follows: 1, Colorado Rockies; 2, Florida Keys; 3, Glacier National Park Area; 4, Great Basin; 5, Northwest Alaska; 6, Olympic Peninsula; 7, Ozark Highlands; 8, Sonoran Desert; 9, Southern Blue Ridge; 10, Southern and Central Sierra Nevada; 11, Western Lake Forest. Number 12 indicates the location of the coastal barrier thematic program.

Because we are a management agency and must manage in a biogeographic context, the NPS has adopted a biogeographic approach to its global change research tasks. Each of the biogeographic areas selected to prepare Global Change Operations and Conceptual Research Plans will build a program that addresses the basic scientific questions posed by the U.S. Global Change Research Program while also providing the basic understanding needed to develop adaptive management policies and programs.

Each of these programs will encourage interdisciplinary and interagency cooperation within the biogeographic area, as well as cooperation with research programs in other biogeographical areas and internationally on particular research themes. The thematic initiatives, which will be identified as the long-term program matures, will provide the basis for NPS scientific leadership.

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