

Mid-Atlantic Region

Gary Machlis, Sociology Project leader at the U/ID NPS/CPSU; Dick Ring, superintendent at Delaware Water Gap NRA; and Jeff Marion, CPSU unit leader at Virginia Tech presented a social science plan developed by Machlis for the Delaware Water Gap to the Northeastern Recreation Research Conference. The plan reviewed previous social science research relevant to the Water Gap, evaluated and summarized needed research, and outlined a four-stage action plan for obtaining the needed research. Copies of the plan are available from Beth Johnson, Delaware Water Gap NRA, Star Route 38, Milford, PA 18337, (717) 296-6952. An article describing the plan is being prepared for **Park Science**.

Also at the Northeastern Recreation Research Conference, Malcolm Ross, Resource Management Specialist at the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, presented a paper titled "Environmental Glasnost: Protecting a Resource You Do Not Own," describing the challenges faced by managers at the Upper Delaware in achieving agency objectives through work with local governments, state and federal agencies, and area residents.

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Shenandoah NP recently held a second meeting of its Science Advisory Board, at which board members reviewed the park's Long-term Ecological Monitoring program, a new Resource Management plan, and discussed prospects and application procedures for nominating the park as a new Biosphere Reserve. This year marks the third and final year of Peregrine falcon releases.

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The Mid-Atlantic Region welcomes new resource management staff and says farewell to some migrating friends. Welcome to Pat Lynch, GIS Program manager at Shenandoah NP; Keith High, GIS Specialist shared by Delaware Water Gap and the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, and John Perez, Resource Manager at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Battlefields. Farewell to Kathy Jope, Regional Resource manager, to the same position for the Pacific North-

west Region; Rick Potts, Shenandoah Resource manager to the same position at Katmai NP, and Meg Weesner, New River Gorge National River Resource manager to the same position at Saguaro National Monument.

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Delaware Water Gap NRA recently hosted a 25th Anniversary Symposium. Topics included natural science, public policy, park administrative history, and regional cultural history. Copies of the Symposium Proceedings are available from the Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap NRA, Bushkill, PA 18324.

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Jeff Marion, Virginia Tech CPSU unit leader, reports completion of a cooperative USFS/NPS study titled "Results from the Application of a Campsite Inventory and Impact Monitoring System in Eleven Wilderness Areas of the Jefferson National Forest." Significant improvements in impact assessment procedures, including a more accurate and precise Variable Radial Transect method for measuring campsite size, a comprehensive manual of monitoring protocols, and menu-driven dBASE IV databases also are featured in the report.

Marion is working on a servicewide I&M manual for managers seeking to develop recreation site impact monitoring systems. The Jefferson NF report is available from Marion at the NPS/CPSU, Virginia Tech, Dept. of Forestry, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0324 (703) 231-6603.