

Park Paleontology is the title of a newsletter that first appeared in January 1991, edited by Vincent L. Santucci (now paleontologist/curator at Petrified Forest NP) and aimed at furnishing paleontological information to the many NPS units with such resources. Santucci explains that paleontological resource management, protection, and interpretation strategies have developed rapidly over the last decade, with only a handful of paleontolo-

gists employed by the NPS to assist the many parks that lack staff trained in paleontology and in developing fossil management strategies.

Five issues later, **Park Paleontology** now is a quarterly, serving 70 NPS units with recognized fossil resources. Overwhelming interest has widened the focus to include any federal, state, or other agency that manages, protects, and interprets paleontological resources, and whose personnel are interested in sharing ideas and techniques for management of fossils on public lands.

Scope of the newsletter includes (1) announcement of new fossil discoveries; (2) description of paleontological research and management of this research at NPS and other sites; (3) tools and techniques for interpretation of fossils and related topics such as geologic time, evolution, etc.; (4) new exhibits or displays related to fossils; (5) ideas related to use of professional paleontologists for training park staff, providing curatorial assistance, identifying sensitive resource areas, etc.; (6) curatorial techniques related to fossil collections, and (7) law enforcement concerns regarding protection from vandals or theft of paleontological resources. Contact: Vincent Santucci, P.O. Box 2266, Petrified Forest, AZ 86028.

