

Fossil Butte To Host Paleontological Meeting

Fossil Butte National Monument will celebrate its 20th anniversary by hosting a 4-day Paleontological Resources Conference in September 1992 (specific dates to be determined). The conference will be directed toward managers, resource specialists, and interpreters, but will involve researchers as well. Paleontological resources are a relatively new issue within the NPS and periodic conferences have proven valuable to park managers and interpreters. BLM, USFS, and several Western state park managers also will be invited.

Major topics will cover development and encouragement of paleontological research on federal lands, interagency cooperative agreements, care and maintenance of paleontological collections, creative alternatives to interpreting fossil resources, recent developments in legislation dealing with such resources on federal lands, state permit systems, pertinent law enforcement issues, the challenge of exhibiting fossils in situ, and unique paleontological management programs at selected state parks.

If you have suggestions at this planning stage, the conference committee would like to hear from you. Questions, suggestions, and requests to be on our mailing list should go to Rachel Benton at Fossil Butte (307) 877-4455.