

New Natural Resources Directory Available on Discs

A new Natural Resources directory, in disc form, is now available, providing the latest (and easily updatable) information on all National Park System sites identified by the Regions as having significant natural resource activity (the approximately 250 "I&M" parks). A software manual that comes with the disc describes the system, its rationale, its components, its maintenance, its various uses, and how to submit changes in the system's information as such changes are needed.

The manual is in WP5.1 and contains information on all natural resource-connected personnel by Regions. Abby Miller, Program Coordinator for the NPS Associate Director of Natural Resources, notes that "there are a few missing persons due to nonresponsiveness to requests for information." She further notes that "researchers seem to be disproportionately among the missing."

Field personnel who wish to be listed and have not yet responded may remedy this situation by contacting their Regional Re-

source Management Chiefs and providing the information needed. Washington Office (WASO) personnel and organizations who are not presently listed may contact Jon Paynter in Miller's office [(202) 208-4640] for inclusion.

The NPS Natural Resource Personnel Directory Software is a dBase III+ data base system (Clipper-compiled) that allows a user to produce the NPS Directory on his or her local PC. The user can run a series of reports, either to the screen or as a hardcopy paper output. Many of the paper reports can be quite lengthy. It is hoped that in most cases the screen reports will provide the needed information, thereby saving paper and space on a shelf.

In addition to running the "canned" reports that come with the software, users are able to create their own formatted reports using the STAFF.DBF file and a copy of dBase III Plus.