

Meetings of Interest

OCTOBER 25-28

Gathering near Mitchell, Indiana, at Spring Mill State Park, the twelfth national cave management symposium, "Quality Cave Management Involves Everyone," will emphasize the importance of cooperative efforts in dealing with cave management issues. Field trips will focus on local cave management practices and problems related to urbanization and road construction in karst areas. For more information, contact Keith Dunlap, Indiana Karst Conservancy, P.O. Box 2401, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206; (317) 242-2505; e-mail "kdunlap@atd.gmeds.com".

OCTOBER 26-28

An international conference and training workshop on "Conservation and Ecology of Grassland Birds" will team up with the 1995 annual meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Areas and issues to be discussed include, landscape ecology, grazing and burning, agriculture, farmland structure, residential and commercial development, grassland management, and regional planning. Contact Dan Reinking or Ron Rohrbaugh, Sutton Avian Research Center (918) 336-7778, e-mail "gmsare@aol.com", for more information.

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NOVEMBER 7-8

The Canadian Council on Ecological Areas is sponsoring a brief conference on protected areas in resource-based economies. Entitled, "Sustaining Biodiversity and Ecological Integrity," the miniconference will be held in Calgary, Alberta. For more information, contact Robyn Usher, Conference Registrar, 1122 4th Street SW, Suite 200, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1M1; (403) 269-9466.

NOVEMBER 13-15

The International Association of Wildland Fire is sponsoring, "Fire Effects on Threatened and Endangered Species and Habitats," to be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The session seeks to improve our understanding of fire in habitat dynamics and has the goal of bringing together policy makers, public land managers, and conservation groups to promote dialog about the interactions of fire and imperiled species and habitats. For more information, contact the Association of Wildland Fire, P.O. Box 328, Fairfield, Washington 99012; (509) 283-2397.

NOVEMBER 16-17

Tufts University, the American Farmland Trust, and the Henry A. Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture are sponsoring the "Conference on Environmental Enhancement Through Agriculture," to be held in Boston, Massachusetts. The meeting is intended to foster creative thinking about agriculture that can serve both pure agricultural and environmental interests. For more information, contact William Lockeretz, School of Nutrition, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts 02155; (617) 627-3223; e-mail "wlockeretz@infonet.tufts.edu".

NOVEMBER 16-19

Reno, Nevada, will host the 27th Annual Meeting of the Desert Fishes Council. The conclave will consist of technical and agency reports, posters, and the symposium, "Translocation as a Conservation Tool for Preserving Native Fishes," which will be followed by a translocation workshop. For more information, contact E. Phil Pister, Desert Fishes Council, P.O. Box 337, Bishop, California 93515; (619) 872-8751.

JANUARY 21-25,

The Third International Conference and Workshop on Integrating GIS and Environmental Modeling will take place in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Participants will emphasize the development of environmental models and the near future improved integration of geographic information technologies, especially GIS, and modeling. For more information, contact the National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, Phelps Hall 3510, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-4060; (805) 893-8224; fax (805) 893-8617; e-mail "sandi@ncgia.ucsb.edu".

MAY 7-10

The 20th Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Conference will get under way next spring in Boise, Idaho. Entitled, "Fire in Ecosystem Management: Shifting the Paradigm from Suppression to Prescription," the conference aims to discuss specific prescribed fire regime alternatives in the context of modern natural resource management and policy. Many sessions will adopt a case study approach and will link the use of prescribed fire with long-term management objectives to achieve specific future forest, shrub, or grassland ecosystem conditions. Contact Leonard Brennan, Director of Research, Tall Timbers Research Station, Route 1, Box 678, Tallahassee, Florida 32312; FAX (904) 668-7781 for more information.