

Meetings of Interest

FEBRUARY 5-8

The 33rd annual meeting of the Western Section of the Wildlife Society will take place at the Bahia Hotel in San Diego, California. The session is entitled, "Monitoring Our Wildlife Heritage: What do we have? How do we know?" For further details, contact Dr. Reginald H. Barrett, 145 Mulford Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-3114; (510) 642-7261; FAX (510) 643-5438; e-mail: rbarrett@nature.berkeley.edu.

FEBRUARY 16-23

"West Mexico for Land Managers" is being offered as a field workshop by the Colorado Bird Observatory as a way to promote international conservation initiatives. Western Mexico provides winter habitat for a majority of North American migratory songbirds and many Mexican endemic species, and is a global conservation priority. The week-long field trip with Mexican biologists will provide hands-on experience with the birds, habitats, management areas, and land managers of western Mexico. Cost is \$1,200 (room and board), and airfare is between \$350 and \$650. Contact Chuck Aid of the Colorado Bird Observatory for further information at 13401 Piccadilly Road, Brighton, CO 80601; (303) 659-4348; FAX (303) 659-5489; e-mail: cobirdob@aol.com.

MARCH 14-18

The 62nd North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference will take place at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. This premier annual meeting of North American natural resource managers, scientists, administrators, and educators will explore the theme, "seeking common ground in uncommon times." Contact the Wildlife Management Institute for further information at 1101 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005; (202) 371-1808; FAX (202) 408-5059.

MARCH 17-21

Albuquerque, New Mexico, is the venue for the Ninth Conference on Research and Resource Management in Parks and on Public Lands, the George Wright Society Biennial Conference. While the bedrock assumption underlying the creation of parks and reserves is that they will be

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protected in perpetuity, today's world is characterized by the dizzying pace of technological change, rapid human population growth, large-scale alteration of ecosystems, the disintegration of shared cultural views of history, declining government budgets, and an increasingly fragmented and volatile political climate. The theme of the conference, "Making Protection Work: Parks and Reserves in a Crowded, Changing World," acknowledges the rapidity of change and the difficulty of protecting cultural and natural attributes in parks over the long term and stresses the importance of innovative and flexible thinking to achieve preservation. Cosponsors are the National Park Service, Eastern National Park and Monument Association, and the USGS Biological Resource Division. Contact Bob Linn or Dave Harmon for further information at (906) 487-9722; FAX (906) 487-9405; e-mail: gws@mail.portup.com; or web site: <http://www.portup.com/~gws/gws97.html>.

APRIL 8-10

The U.S. Forest Service is sponsoring the conference, "Exotic Pests of Eastern Forests," which takes place this spring at the Club House Inn and Conference Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Organizers hope to increase awareness of existing and potential exotic pest problems in the eastern United States, discuss best management practices, and identify gaps in knowledge and technology. Sessions and posters will address mile-a-minute, honeysuckle, fire ants, chestnut blight, gypsy moth, purple loosestrife, and several other species. During a half-day field trip, experts from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and Tennessee Exotic Pest Plant Council will discuss biodiversity and exotics, strategies for prevention and control, introduction and spread, public awareness and education, use of pesticides, and economic impacts on land values. Registration is \$125. For more information, contact Dan Brown at (404) 347-7193 or Kerry Britton at (706) 546-2455.

MAY 12-16

SAMPA III, the Science and Management of Protected Areas Association conference, will take place in Calgary, Alberta, and will address the theme, "linking protected areas with working landscapes and conserving biodiversity." Five environments (marine, prairie, mountain, boreal forest, and the North) will be profiled. Abstracts are due January 17. Contact Patricia Benson, SAMPA III Secretariat, #552, 220 4th Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2G 4X3; (403) 292-4404; FAX (403) 292-4404; e-mail: sampa3@pch.gc.ca; WWW: <http://www.worldweb.com/ParksCanada-Banff>.

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Reno, Nevada, plays host to the Fifth National Watershed Conference, "Living in Your Watershed." Contact John Peterson for further information; FAX (703) 455-4387.

JULY 14-15

The Natural Resource Program Center, Geologic Resources Division, is cosponsoring the Rocky Mountain Symposium on Environmental Issues in Oil and Gas Operations, now in its fourth year. To be held at the Colorado School of Mines, the conference will address pollution prevention, ecosystem management, air and water quality, visual impacts, road and pad siting, and reclamation. Registration is \$295 by June 16, \$345 thereafter. The January 3 deadline for papers or posters is fast approaching. Contact Bruce Heise (NPS cc:Mail, e-mail: bruce_heise@nps.gov, or (303) 969-2017) for additional information.