

Meetings of Interest

1998
MAY 5-7

Researchers and partners in land stewardship may be interested in "A Century of Parks in Southern Arizona: The Second Conference on Research and Resource Management in Southern Arizona National Park Areas." The three-day conference will explore the areas of archeology, historic preservation, ecosystems, physical sciences, and both plant and wildlife ecology and management. A closing session will address publicizing research results. Contact Kathy Hiett of the USGS Cooperative Park Studies Unit at the University of Arizona in Tucson for registration information: (520) 670-6896, ext. 3; katherine_hiett@nps.gov.

MAY 27-31

The University of Missouri is sponsoring the Seventh International Symposium: "Society and Resource Management" to be held on the Columbia, Missouri, campus. The biennial symposium focuses on the contributions of the social sciences and humanities to a better understanding of the environment and resource management. The goal is to foster increased dialogue among natural resource managers, social scientists, policy makers, and researchers. A commitment to understanding the links between culture, environment, and society will be the guiding theme at the 1998 event. This thrust is based on the notion that complex resource issues are societal problems grounded in cultural systems and can be addressed by multidisciplinary perspectives. Presentations will explore natural resources and local communities, cultural diversity and gender issues in natural resource management, the social and cultural dimensions of environmental conflicts, social science perspectives on land-use issues, international issues in resource management, biodiversity management, and public participation in natural resource planning, among others. For more information, visit the website <http://www.ssu.missouri.edu/SSU/issrm/default.htm> or contact Sandy Rikoon at (573) 882-0861; ssrsjsr@muccmail.missouri.edu.

OCTOBER 13-16

Still a year away, the Seventh Annual Watchable Wildlife Conference is now accepting proposals for papers. The conference promises to explore innovative ways to appreciate wildlife, and will bring together people from government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the business community. Conference tracks include conservation education, recreation and tourism, expanding the Watchable Wildlife program, and others. Visit the Watchable Wildlife website <http://sturgeon.irm1.r2.fws.gov/u2/refuges/watchwil/main.html> or contact Jill Simmons at (505) 248-6635; jill_simmons@mail.fws.gov.

MAY 23-27, 1999

Dates have changed for the conference, "Wilderness Science in a Time of Change," to be held in Missoula, Montana. Originally scheduled for May 17-22, 1999, the meeting will now take place May 23-27. A description of the conference appeared in *Park Science* 17(1):16. For additional information, contact the Center for Continuing Education at (406) 243-4623; ckelly@selway.umn.edu.