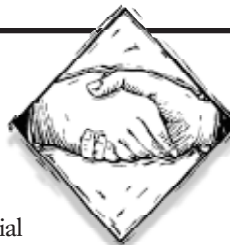


Meetings of Interest



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March 22-26

The 10th George Wright Society Conference on Research and Resource Management in Parks and on Public Lands is quickly approaching. This biennial gathering of researchers and resource managers will be held in Asheville, North Carolina, near Blue Ridge Parkway and Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Entitled *On the Frontiers of Conservation: Discovery, Reappraisal, and Innovation*, the conference is organized around concurrent sessions with tracks on management, analysis and synthesis, and Appalachian issues. Details of the conference, its program, and session abstracts are now posted online at www.portup.com/~gzvs/gzvs99.html, or contact the Society at gzvs@mail.portup.com or 906-487-9722.

May 23-27

To convene in Missoula, Montana, the conference *Wilderness Science in a Time of Change* is fast upon us. Since the first National Wilderness Research Conference in 1985, interest in wilderness has increased, international and societal definitions of wilderness have evolved, and wilderness science has improved. The science gathering will feature research results and knowledge synthesis and its management implications. Three symposia are planned: (1) *Science for understanding wilderness in the context of larger systems*; (2) *Wilderness for science: A place for inquiry*; and (3) *Science for wilderness: Improving management*. Plenary sessions will explore the interface of science and wilderness. Details of the conference including the agenda are posted on the Web at www.umt.edu/wildscience/default2.htm. For program information contact David Cole, Cole_David/rmrs_missoula@fs.fed.us; registration information is available from Clare Kelly, ckelly@sekway.umt.edu or call 888-254-2544.

September 23-25

The Society for Ecological Restoration is planning the international conference *Reweaving the World: Restoration, Community, Culture*, to be held at the Presidio in San Francisco, California. Three symposia are planned: *Restoration of Public Lands*; *Watershed Politics and Management*; and *Community, Connection, and Stewardship*. The conference will explore ecological restoration from numerous perspectives and scales: large, small, and personal. Workshops, field trips, and presentations will explore current practice and science as it relates to the growing field of ecological restoration. The Society is accepting abstracts and posters until March 15 on the following topics: ethics, research, mining reclamation, wildlife, wetlands, forests, marine, grasslands, fire ecology and management, monitoring, resource education, among others. Conference information can be found at www.sercal.org/ser99.htm, or contact the program chair at amshoff@earthlink.net; 805-634-9228.

October 11-13

The Fifth Biennial Scientific Conference on the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is now in the works and accepting proposals for papers and panel sessions. Entitled *Exotic Organisms in Greater Yellowstone: Native Biodiversity Under Siege*, the conference will explore the conservation of wild biological resources, which is increasingly a matter of protecting native plant and animal assemblages from the threat of nonnative invasions. Topics for discussion include defining "nonnative," the use of biocontrols, ethical considerations for nonnatives, related socioeconomic issues, research and management of numerous nonnative species, and the effects of nonnatives on resources and the human experience in greater Yellowstone. One-page, double-spaced abstracts should be transmitted electronically to joy_perius@nps.gov by March 1. The conference will be held at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel; registration information is available by calling 307-344-2209.

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