

Meetings of Interest*



May 16-18

The Third Conference on Research and Resource Management in the Southwestern Deserts will convene in May in Tucson, Arizona, to discuss *Creative Cooperation in Resource Management*. Sponsored by five federal bureaus (including the National Park Service), two state agencies, and a cooperating association, the sessions will focus on creative collaboration in land use, research, and resource management. Specific topics include: ecological research and management; conservation collaboration in the upper Gulf of California region; physical science; species recovery and conservation; cultural resources; conservation and monitoring of southwestern herpetofauna; and Sonoran Desert conservation plan partnerships. A poster session is also planned. For more information about registration contact Lee Benson at lee_benson@nps.gov; program information is available from Bill Halvorson at halvor@snr.arizona.edu. Further details about the conference are available at www.snr.arizona.edu/nbs/meetings.html.

October 16-20

The Natural Areas Association is planning its 27th annual conference, *Managing the Mosaic: Connecting People and Natural Diversity in the 21st Century*, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri. Celebrating the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the banquet address will explore the historical and future implications of their trip, while plenary and concurrent sessions will focus on different aspects of biodiversity and how humans fit into the new century of management. Session topics planned include: insects in natural communities; economic values of natural diversity; monitoring; ecoregional planning; conserving caves, streams, and urban lands; partnerships; and many others. Further information is available from the Natural Areas website at www.natareas.org ("conferences" link) or from conference coordinator Kate Leary (573-751-4115, x183; learyk@mail.conservation.state.mo.us).

October 18-22

The Eleventh International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology will meet in Jackson, Wyoming, to discuss *Democracy and Sustainability: Adaptive Planning and Management*. The meeting will build on discussions about adaptive planning and management decisions, introduced at the tenth conference, by focusing on the interrelationship between democratic institutions and ecosystem sustainability. The conference will bring together researchers from around the world whose concerns are the enrichment of human well-being and the concomitant protection of environmental quality. These scholars are working on issues such as: (1) the relationships between human activities and environmental change; (2) the effects of environmental changes on human health and well-being; (3) the dynamics of human adaptation to societal, technological, and environmental change; and (4) methods by which environmental planning and decision making can be improved. Jonathan Taylor, whose article appears in this issue on page 14, is the program contact (jonathan_taylor@usgs.gov). Forms for submitting abstracts are available on-line at www.societyforhumanecology.org/conference.htm.

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