

Meetings of Interest*

January 24, 2002

The Sixth Symposium of Biological Research in the Jemez Mountains, New Mexico, will be held in Santa Fe. The goal of the symposium is to exchange results of ongoing biological research in the Jemez Mountains. For more information contact Stephen M. Fettig, Bandelier National Monument (505-672-3861, ext. 546; stephen_fettig@nps.gov).

March 18-22

The NPS Pacific West and Alaska Regions are sponsoring the West by Northwest 2001 Workshop in Seattle, Washington. Titled "Navigating the Future: Protecting and Sharing the Legacy," the workshop will have three themes: (1) walking the talk of the Organic Act: prohibition on impairment of park resources and values; (2) demonstrating results and accountability: an examination of performance management strategies for protection of resources; and (3) rising to the challenge: meeting planning and compliance needs. This training workshop provides NPS staff and partners an opportunity to share information, network, and learn about programs, policies, and standards. For more information, visit www.pwr.nps.gov/prog/natres/wxnw2002/wnwindex.htm.

May 15-17



The National Park Service along with eleven other federal and state agencies and non-profit groups are sponsoring the Fourth Conference on Research and Resource Management in the Southwestern Deserts, to be held in Tucson, Arizona. The theme of the conference, "Meeting Resource Management Information Needs," acknowledges the importance of and increasing need for data to support decision making. Conference sponsors hope to improve the preservation of natural and cultural resources by increasing understanding of current research and resource management challenges, and to achieve more collaboration through discussion of current research and future research needs. Among the invited speakers are Karen Wade, NPS Intermountain Regional Director, who will speak about the Natural Resource Challenge Program, and Nancy Kaufman, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 2 Director, who will discuss how that bureau is planning to meet its information needs. Additional information on the conference can be found at www.werc.usgs.gov/sdfs/meetings.html.

August 4-9

The Ecological Society of America (ESA) and the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) will be meeting jointly next summer in Tucson, Arizona. The theme of the meeting is "A Convocation: Understanding and Restoring Ecosystems." The organizers are calling this conference a convocation, because it is the coming together of two organizations, ESA and SER, that share the common purpose of using basic ecological knowledge to solve practical environmental problems. The meeting will include practitioners, managers, regulators, academic scientists, agency researchers, educators, and interested citizens. The organizers also are encouraging ecologists and restorationists in Mexico and Latin America to attend. Esteemed Harvard biologist E. O. Wilson will be giving the keynote address to the conference. For further information on the conference, consult www.esa.org/tucson, or contact the program chair: Paul H. Zedler, Institute for Environmental Studies and Arboretum, University of Wisconsin-Madison (608-265-8018; esa@mail.ies.wisc.edu).

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