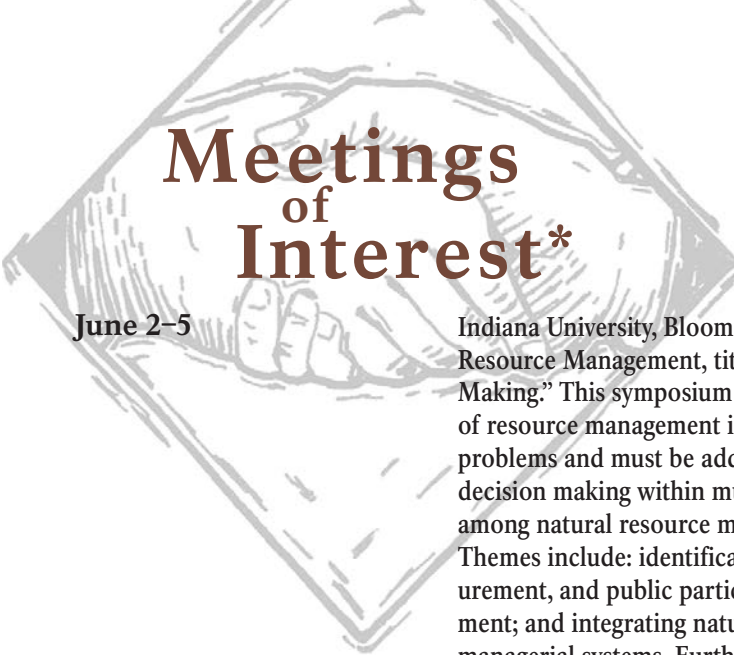




Meetings of Interest*

June 2–5

Indiana University, Bloomington, is the venue for the Ninth International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, titled “Choices and Consequences: Natural Resources and Societal Decision Making.” This symposium centers on the contributions of the social sciences to a better understanding of resource management issues. A major premise is that complex natural resource issues are societal problems and must be addressed through an interdisciplinary social science perspective that includes decision making within multidimensional social and cultural frameworks. Dialogue and interaction among natural resource managers, social scientists, policy makers, and the public is anticipated. Themes include: identification, management, and resolution of natural resource conflict; models, measurement, and public participation in capacity management; emerging natural resource issues management; and integrating natural resource management in a context of public norms, expectations, and managerial systems. Further information can be found on the Web: www.indiana.edu/~issrm/.

June 2–7

The Society of Wetland Scientists is hosting its 23rd annual meeting in Lake Placid, New York, focused on “Wetland Linkages: A Watershed Approach.” Scientific dialogue will explore how wetlands are being integrated into watershed management initiatives and how they are linked to issues about economics, ecology, and energy. A technical program will examine wetland issues making news today. Visit www.sws.org/lakeplacid/ for further information.

August 4–9

The Ecological Society of America (ESA) and the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) will be meeting jointly 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).

September 30–October 2

The symposium “Innovations in Species Conservation: Integrative Approaches to Address Rarity and Risk” will convene in Portland at the Oregon Convention Center. Focusing on the conservation of rare and poorly known species, invited speakers and audience participants will discuss the ecological, social, and legal contexts for various conservation strategies and the risks and uncertainties associated with each species. Target audiences include public and private resource managers, scientists, policy makers, conservation organizations, and the public. The symposium is sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State University, Society for Conservation Biology, The Nature Conservancy, and others. The registration fee is \$150. More information is available at <http://outreach.cof.orst.edu/species/>.

October 2–5

The 29th annual conference of the Natural Areas Association will take place in Asheville, North Carolina, exploring the “Power of Nature and the Empowerment of Natural Areas.” Participants will be challenged by new information and new ways of thinking about the conservation and management of natural areas. Organizers hope to raise awareness and optimism among attendees who can make a difference in the conservation of natural lands and biodiversity. Several session tracks revolve around the concept of adaptive management and include: adaptive management and climate change, adaptive management in fire-dependent communities, prioritizing invasive species management in an adaptive context, and hydrologic alteration and adaptive management. Additional information is available at www.natareas.org.

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