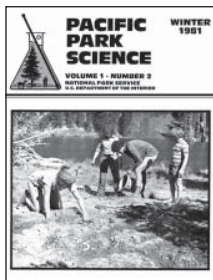




From the Editor



1981



1995



2000



2008

Colorful content

PARK SCIENCE HAS UNDERGONE several redesigns since its inception in 1980, but never before have these changes embraced full color. I am excited by this opportunity to present the findings and applications of science to park management in this engaging format. This update facilitates better use of photography, maps, graphs, and other illustrations to impart relevant information. It strengthens our National Park Service identity and reflects the progression of science applications in national park management over the past few decades.

The new format also incorporates editorial improvements: magazine- and journal-style articles, such as “Science Features” and “Research Reports,” within new and revised departments. Introduced in this issue, “Profile” presents interviews and career reflections of resource professionals. “20 Years Ago in *Park Science*” reprises past perspectives on NPS science and resource management, provoking reflection on progress (or inaction). “Field Moment” shares a researcher’s or resource manager’s personal, scientific field experience in a national park. “Tribute” recognizes the contributions of active, recently retired, or deceased resource professionals. Other departments will debut in future editions.

An important part of the redesign is making a concerted effort toward content planning. In the year ahead we will report on climate change, the integration of inventory and monitoring processes in park planning, and effective roles for Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units. In addition to expanding our information sources within the National Park Service, we will continue to rely on guest editors to help develop theme issues. In the near future we plan to publish theme editions on soundscape management and the Canon National Park Science Scholars program.

The transition to the new format has taken more than a year, and I hope you find it worth the wait. We encourage your participation as a contributor and look forward to bringing you colorful reports of science in parks for years to come.