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James K. Agee, research biologist and CPSU leader for the NPS at the University of Washington, has resigned from the Park Service after 15 years to accept a position as professor and chairman of the U/WA Forest Resources Management Division in the College of Forest Resources. His current research projects in the PNR national parks will continue, as will the liaison role he has had with park and wilderness issues.

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Doug Houston served as the NPS scientist on a 5-member U.S. delegation to a joint workshop on park planning and management held in Poland, Oct. 21-31, 1988. Poland has 15 national parks concerned primarily with the consequences of nature. The total combined area of these parks is about 1,400 km², about 40 percent of the area of Olympic NP. The sizes, locations, and levels of human use in and out of the Polish parks limit options for management. Additionally, the rate of environmental degradation from air pollution/acid rain is frightening.

Houston reports that the trip was a real educational experience, and that his education extended well beyond the management of parks. The U.S. delegation will write a report for *Park Science* on their perceptions of park management in Poland.