

editorial

The Natural Resources Publication Program is on track and running! Its coordinator, Donna O'Leary, describes it in an article beginning on this page. It provides the means for achieving order and retrievability in a science program that is rapidly coming of age within the Service. Scientific research, its reflections in natural resource management, and its interpretation to the visiting public are undergoing perhaps the most exciting changes of depth and direction in the history of the Service. The knowledge that is proliferating at this time is bringing powerful new options to light, providing our stewardship with insights and tools it never had before – and never needed so desperately.

The trick is how to keep this information current Servicewide – how to inform the field about what is going on so that discoveries need be made only once, mistakes need not be repeated, and the enthusiasm of local triumphs can spread through the System like friendly wildfire.

The publication program is an essential process for keeping track of what we are learning and putting this knowledge to its best and widest use. The new handbook is recommended reading for all and required reading for those who wish to make their imprint on NPS resource management history.