

# Water Resources

WRD professionals attended several meetings this fall and presented the following papers:

"Community metrics to detect community stress," (T. Boyle); "Methods to assess toxicity in three Rocky Mountain streams." (D. Nimmo); "Evaluation of non-point sources of pollution at Ft. Darling unit, Richmond National Battlefield park, (Nimmo/T. Craig); results of research on the effect of old logging dams on the ecology of the Namekagon River and the use of tributary mouths as sites to deter non-point source pollution on the St. Croix mainstem (Boyle).

Two poster sessions were presented by Boyle and Nancy Hoefs: one on the interim results of the inventory and monitoring program on the St. Croix and one on new statistical applications of the Index of Biological Integrity applied at Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

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The WRD took part in the Desert Parks Workshop in Tucson, AZ in October to identify desert park management issues and suggest approaches for dealing with them. The workshop was coordinated through the Albright Training Center and attended by personnel from most desert parks, three Regions (RMR, SWR, and WR) and several WASO offices.

*Outstanding National Resource Waters: A Resource Management Tool*, explains how park personnel can use State antidegradation policies and programs to protect park resources. The report, a WRD publication, includes a State-by-State analysis of anti-degradation and Outstanding National Resource Waters program provisions, and is available from the WR Division, NPS, Colorado State Univ., Aylesworth Hall, Fort Collins, CO 80523.