
letters

To the Editor:

As coordinator of research at TVA's Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, I find *Park Science* very informative . . . As you may know, National Recreation Areas are spread across three federal agencies. The U.S. Forest Service manages 11 NRAs, TVA manages one, and NPS manages 17. An additional one is managed jointly by NPS and the USFS. It seems there is a need for sharing information among NRAs. I would be interested in knowing how many of the 11 Forest Service NRAs are on the mailing list for *Park Science* and I am enclosing a list of them in case you may wish to add them to your subscription list.

If you have any suggestions for the sharing of information among NRAs, let me know. I think NRAs are as important to the nation as national parks. A case in point is that in 1985, national parks received 50 million visitors in 48 parks on 45 million acres, while NRAs received 49 million visitors in 17 parks on only 3 million acres (NPS statistical abstracts - 1985, Denver Service Center). This equates to nearly three times as many visitors per park and 15 times as many per acre in NRAs compared to national parks.

Certainly this presents enormous problems for NRA park managers, researchers, and planners. For this reason, I think it behooves NRAs in some ways to come together to share ideas and information. It may even be worthwhile to consider calling a national meeting of NRA administrators to discuss this matter. What do you and your readers think?

Also, I am interested in submitting a one-page article to *Park Science* on research at LBL, provided you think it is an appropriate place to publish such an article.

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