
revegetation notes

A "revegetation working group" composed of several park and natural resource managers and park and university researchers emerged informally and spontaneously at the July NPS-George Wright Society science conference in Fort Collins, Colo. Their objective is to form a nucleus that will increase communication among park staff members working in revegetation.

The issues that brought the group together include concern over the lack of field consensus on how best to relate work in these areas to management objectives, the need for a more formal network than currently exists among field personnel with experience in these areas, and the difficulties that various participants experience while trying to locate appropriate sources of plant materials for use in revegetation. Other common concerns include the specifications for revegetation work in contracts and the selection of appropriate revegetation techniques.

Participants agreed that the working group's first step should be to form a "revegetation network" by circulating to interested field staff members a list of field personnel involved in revegetation, vegetation rehabilitation, and vegetation restoration work,

together with the personnel's specific areas of expertise.

Anyone involved in park revegetation work and interested in receiving such a list may write to Mary Hektner, Resources Management Division, Redwood National Park, 1111 Second Street, Crescent City, CA 95531. Please include the following information: (1) Your name, mailing address, and phone number; (2) a list of the vegetation types you are working with; (3) a list of the revegetation techniques you have used; (4) a description of the types of revegetation information you currently are most in need of; and (5) a description of what information on techniques of how-to-develop-reveg programs you feel the Service should publish for Servicewide distribution as part of the Natural Resources Report Series.

Hektner must receive your information by Dec. 1, 1986, if you are to appear on the list.

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At Olympic NP, preliminary work is underway on the Soleduck Road revegetation project, with Nancy Dunkle, DSC environmental specialist, in charge. At this stage, the work consists primarily of identifying native plants along the old roadway and establishing them in a nursery so that they can be used in replanting roadsides after work on the roadway is completed in 1987. A story on the project, by Candy Moger, management assistant in the Pacific Northwest Region, is slated for the November issue of *The Courier*.

For those interested in vegetation management elsewhere in the world, the most recent issue of *Australian Ranger Bulletin* (Vol. 3, No. 4, 1986) is devoted to this broad topic. Control of several weed species such as mimosa, bitou bush, and prickly pear is highlighted, including techniques such as the Bradley method of bush regeneration, planting out, and direct seeding. An example of vegetation management for wildlife conservation is provided by the work being carried out in the Tanami Desert.

Approaches to vegetation management covered in the issue include weed control, revegetation of degraded areas, and the use of fire to produce a plant mosaic. Also called for is longer term vegetation monitoring to see if current conservation practices are achieving their objectives.