

Western Region

Dr. Bruce Kilgore has been selected as the Chief, Division of Natural Resources and Research, Western Region. Kilgore reported for duty on June 10, and is responsible for the Region's recently merged natural science and resource management programs. He will be returning to the NPS after 3½ years with the Inter-mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, Missoula, Mont., where he was in charge of determining effects of fire and fire exclusion on natural ecosystems and of synthesizing information on fire effects and fire behavior. Prior to November, 1981, Kilgore served as the Associate Regional Director for Resource Management and Planning, Western Region.

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The California Air Resources Board has approved funding for eight studies to be carried out in Sequoia National Park: Vegetation process studies, fish and amphibian studies, hydrologic mass balance, paleolimnology of Emerald Lake (diatoms), particulate monitoring, nitric acid and ammonia in the air, atmospheric tracer experiments, and aerosol transport.

David Parsons and David Graber, research scientists with Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs, provided interviews to various newspapers regarding acid rain in the west: Graber authored an article for the *Los Angeles Times* on the subject, and Parsons appeared on NBC Nightly News and KMPH-TV Visalia to discuss California's acid rain problems.

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Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area continues its outstanding public information program with a 16-page calendar, *Springtime in the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore*. Fifteen co-sponsors are listed, together with the National Park Service, for the April through June activities. Descriptions are fairly detailed and in each case a "contact" is given, with phone number for more information. Activities requiring fees are marked with an "F" and those requiring reservations, with an "R." Degree of strenuousness, appropriate apparel, information content, and group leaders are indicated.