

Western Region

A 93-page Annual Report, No. 8, is available now from the NPS Cooperative Park Studies Unit, Institute of Ecology, University of California at Davis 95616. Report No. 8 represents the first time that research activities at the Davis campus CPSU have been reported on a calendar year basis. Formerly, research in California and CPSU activities in California were reported each year in June and December. The report summarizes CPSU activities, researched by NPS research scientists and by investigators on NPS contract, and project titles and investigators for independent (non-NPS funded) research and study projects conducted within the California National Parks served by the Davis CPSU.



"Living in the Chaparral: An Integrated Approach to Public Safety and Enjoyment" is the title of a symposium and public workshop held Oct. 20, 1984, at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. The all-day workshop, for homeowners and residents of the wildland/urban interlace "who want to live more safely in the chaparral environment and who want to protect themselves more effectively from natural or manmade disasters," was co-sponsored by the National Park Service and the National Foundation for Environmental Safety.

Among the more than 20 experts who addressed or moderated conference sessions were Daniel R. Kuehn, Superintendent of Santa Monica Mountains NRA, and his Resource Manager, Kheryn Klubnikin.



During FY 85 Western Region will sponsor and co-host three Interregional Resources Management In-

terpretation Workshops. These training workshops will focus on the mutual ecosystem/resource management concerns that "cross over" regional boundaries. A primary emphasis will be how park interpretation can be more effective in providing for public understanding and support for park research and resources management programs. Participants will include park managers, research scientists, resources management specialists and park interpreters. There will also be participants from State parks, other Federal agencies, universities, and conservation organizations.

The three workshops will be: Pacific Coastal Parks, Southwest Desert Parks, and Pacific Mountain Parks. The first workshop (Pacific Coastal Parks) will be held February 11-15, 1985, at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Parks from Western, Pacific Northwest, and Alaska Regions will participate. For more information contact: Dick Cunningham, Regional Chief of Interpretation, Western Region, (415) 556-3184.