

It has been brought to my attention that NPS scientists who publish the results of their research in the Servicewide Scientific Monograph Series may not be receiving proper consideration for such publication in their research Grade Evaluations.

I would like to stress that the Scientific Monograph Series is an important publication outlet of the National Park Service. Manuscripts published in the Scientific Monograph Series can have multi-regional, national, and international appeal. They can be valuable in informing the public of the important resource management concerns of the Service and of the "problem-solving" scientific research undertaken to guide the Service in fulfilling its mission.

I recommend that your scientists give consideration, as appropriate, to publications in the Scientific Monograph Series when evaluating individuals under the Research Grade Evaluation Program. The weighting applied to such publications must depend on the quality of the work as measured in terms of its scientific value and contribution, and as judged by the level of scientific peer review and acceptance that the publication has received.

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