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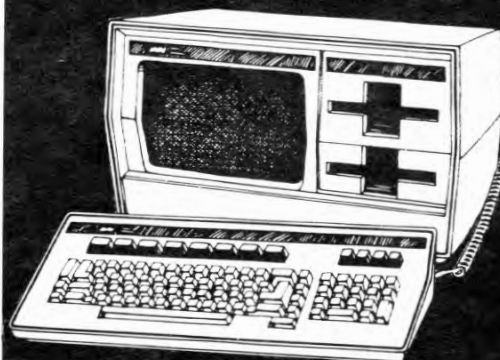
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Guest Editorial

This special issue of *Park Science* is focusing on "Information Management and Natural Resources in the National Park Service." Our intent is to provide users — and potential users — of computers, word processors, and the entire spectrum of information management technology with a forum in which to exchange ideas and compare notes on the application of this technology to resource management and research issues.

Items describing current or anticipated information management activities relating generally to natural resource management and research are included from every Region and more than two dozen park units. Wherever possible, the name of a contact person has been given so interested readers can find out more about a particular type of equipment, program or software package, or application.

This is anything but a static field and it is important that we all continue to look for opportunities to communicate what we are doing or plan to do. Two such communication opportunities are described in this issue: the "Software Clearinghouse," being developed by the WASO Office of Information Management, and the Servicewide electronic "Bulletin Board System," accessible to anyone with a terminal and telecommunications capability.

In coordinating this special issue I have been tremendously impressed with the energy, enthusiasm, and initiative displayed throughout the Service on this topic. I am grateful to all who contributed to this issue, as well as to Jean Matthews for her efforts in bringing it all together.

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