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The NPS has its own electronic Bulletin Board System, available (free of charge) as a communications/message exchange system to anyone, Servicewide. To use the system, all that is required is a terminal, microcomputer, word processor, etc. with asynchronous telecommunications capability (i.e., a modem). The system runs on the Hewlett-Packard 3000 minicomputer in Washington.

Users may read, write, and exchange messages with other users throughout the Service. Messages are "posted" under various topics. Users can create

new topic areas as the need arises.

The WASO Natural Resources Office is interested in promoting the use of the Bulletin Board as a communications medium for park and Regional Office natural resources staff to share ideas and compare notes on various natural resource subject areas. Some initial natural resource topics now on the Bulletin Board include Pest Management, Natural Resources Training Opportunities, Exotic Plants, Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Fire Ecology, Man and the Biosphere, and Energy, Mining and Minerals.

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