

A paper entitled "Rationalizing Management of Natural Areas in National Parks" by Dave Graber, NPS research scientist at Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs, is scheduled for publication in the George Wright Society *FORUM's* Fall issue. In essence, Graber proposes "a small extension of the policy evolution process that has been taking place for decades" toward replacing the "scene management" concept in park policy. Specifically, he proposes that any exceptions to the basic resource management goal for natural and wilderness areas of unimpeded interaction of native ecosystem processes and structural elements "be explicitly stated and justified for each resource management plan."

Graber argues that a world coping with radiation, acid rain, air pollution, deforestation and desertification there is urgent need for "sites where what remains of natural ecosystem functioning may be studied and where baseline values for system elements and their interactions can be established and monitored." He traces the evolution of NPS policy in this regard and suggests that "for many systems in this country only national parks are sufficiently large and undisturbed to serve the purpose."