

*Sometimes it's hard to see the moving shape of change – especially if it involves a system you, yourself, are part of. Several items in this issue, if they are viewed as one whole piece of information, offer some interesting insights into the changing nature of resource management in the National Park Service.*

*The Resource Management Trainee program is the subject of three separate submissions that floated into the editorial office this quarter from center field. One of these items came from the Western Region and can be found in Letters to the Editor, signed by the Region's Chief of the Natural Resources Management Division, an air quality specialist, an aquatic ecologist and a plant/fire ecologist.*

*The other two came from Bruce L. Freet, a Resource Management Specialist at Big Cypress National Preserve in the Southeast Region. The longer of Freet's two submissions appears on p. 7 and deals with a DSC training session on remote sensing and mapping and the tremendous management advantages these tools afford. Beyond Freet's description of these benefits is the obvious exhilaration he feels over the opportunity to perform more effectively.*

*The third item (this one might almost be said to have come from left, rather than center field, since it was forwarded from another publication that could not use it) is addressed specifically to Resource Management trainees. We run it here because it offers another insight into a very positive, almost revolutionary movement that goes even beyond bringing park management into the mainstream of the computerized information age. It tells us that the Service is peculiarly blessed with a group of young men and women earnest, eager, dedicated, enthusiastic, and "in touch" – with one another and with their jobs.*

*They are definitely on the move and the Service will never again be quite the same. Here is the item:*