

Southeast Region

The Southeast Region is conducting five science/resource management conferences this Spring and Summer. On April 29-30, the second annual Chattahoochee River Research/Resource Management Conference was held at the park's Island Ford Center; a Workshop on Biosphere Reserves and Other Protected Areas for Sustainable Development of Small Caribbean Islands took place May 10-12 at Caneel Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands (Virgin Islands National Park); the Ninth Annual Scientific Research Meeting for the upland parks of the Southeast Region convened at Great Smoky Mountains National Park on May 19-20; the Northern Gulf of Mexico Estuaries and Barrier Islands Research Conference was held June 13-14 at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Biloxi, Miss.; and a science/resource management symposium is planned for late summer or early fall at Cumberland Island National Seashore. The proceedings for all five conferences will be published by the Science Division, Southeast Regional Office.

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A "Sea Turtle Monitoring Handbook" has been published by the Southeast Region Science Division for in-house field use at Cape Lookout, Cumberland Island, and Canaveral National Seashores to serve as a guide for NPS personnel and volunteers who monitor the nesting activities of sea turtles there. The handbook outlines survey methods, data collection procedures, and equipment necessary to conduct the surveys. It is hoped the handbook will result in improved, uniform and standardized procedures for monitoring the sea turtles at the three seashores, and thus result in useful site comparisons.

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Ro Wauer, most recently chief of the WASO Division of Natural Resource Management, moved on April 17 to Great Smoky Mountains NP and into a newly created position — assistant superintendent for science and resource management. Wauer has been a ranger and/or naturalist at Crater Lake, Death Valley, Zion and Big Bend NPs, and he served as chief scientist and chief of resource management for the Southwest Region when John Cook, the new superintendent at Great Smokies, was Regional Director.