

Western Region

An article describing significant inaccuracies in reporting wilderness permit data appeared in *Environmental Management*, Vol. 6, No. 4, pp. 329-335, under the by-lines of David J. Parsons and Thomas J. Stohlgren of Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs and James M. Kraushaar of the University of Vermont School of Business. Data from Sequoia & Kings Canyon show that changes in visitor plans resulted in an over-reporting of total persons by 8 percent and of visitor nights by 23 percent.

Parsons also authored a summary synthesis of "Fire Management and Vegetation Effects in Mediterranean-Type Ecosystems as part of the Proceedings of a Symposium on Dynamics and Management of such ecosystems. The latter is carried in the USDA General

Technical Report PSW-58, Berkeley, CA available from the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station Forest Service.

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The biannual report (#16) of the NPS/Cooperative Park Resources Studies Unit at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, covering the period from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1982, is now available from Charles L. Douglas, senior research scientist and Unit leader. Six studies at Death Valley NM are described, two at Lake Mead NRA, one at Joshua Tree NM, and one at the San Gabriel Mountains, California. Subject matter includes several aspects of bighorn sheep ecology and behavior, burro-small vertebrate interactions, and floristics and vegetation of the Black Mountains.