

## **Southeast Region**

Great Smoky Mountains NP held its Eight Annual Scientific Research meeting at the Park's Tremont Environmental Education Center Near Townsend, Tenn., on June 24 - 25. More than 70 attended, including agency and institutional officials from the Tennessee Valley Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (operated by Union Carbide Corp.), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and EG&G Idaho, Inc. (Idaho National Engineering Laboratory). Academic representatives came from the universities of Tennessee, Maryland, Rochester, North Carolina State, Cornell, Georgia, Clemson, Ohio State,

Pennsylvania, Bowling Green, Tennessee Tech and Western Carolina.

Forty-six research papers were given, covering the ecological spectrum from vegetation, wildlife, air quality and water quality to geology, soils, and atmospheric precipitation. Several social science papers also were given. Most of the Presentations centered on current research within the Great Smokies and the immediate surrounding area, but seven other parks, (Buffalo River, Shenandoah, Blue Ridge Parkway, Big South Fork, Cumberland Gao, Obed Wild and Scenic River, and Acadia), also were covered.

Discussions on black bear research, air and water quality monitoring activities, and acid precipitation effects research allowed participants to exchange information and to familiarize themselves with research, monitoring, and development needs of the southern Appalachian region. Supt. Dave Beal's welcoming address dealt with the application of scientific information to park management.

The proceedings will be published by the Southwest Regional Office in August.

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**A Workshop of National Diversity in Forest Ecosystems** will be held at the University of Georgia's Center for Continuing Education in Athens, Nov. 29 through Dec. 1, 1982, according to Jay Gogue, Regional Chief Scientist for the Southeast Region. Gogue will moderate the panel on Forest Recreation and Cultural Resources on Nov. 30. Appearing on the panel will be Peter S. White, research botanist, Great Smoky Mountains NP.