

To the Editor:

I find your excerpts in **Park Science** Vol. 2 (4):17, of Norman L. Christensen's review of the NPS Scientific Monograph Series that appeared in *Ecology* (Vol. 63(2):601-602), most interesting and worthy of further comment.

Christensen points out the worthiness of these publications to the scientific community and their impact on shaping and interpreting Park policy on resources management matters. His final statement, "these volumes represent an appropriate vehicle for synthesis of that research and deserve more attention than they have received," is a gem and should be called to the attention of those persons managing the Research Grade Evaluation Program.

It is my understanding that during research grade evaluation NPS scientists receive higher point values for papers published in professional journals than those published in Servicewide, Regional, and Park publications. I hope that Christensen has set a trend for more periodic reviews by the scientific community of Service publications on research/resources management matters. In many instances, these latter publications can have as great, if not greater, an impact on the development and implementation of NPS resources management policy as that resulting from professional journal publication.

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