

Southwest Region

Biologist Robert A. King is replacing Biologist Jim Woods at Padre Island National Seashore (PAIS), as Jim transfers to Big Thicket. King comes from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Fishery Research Center in Seattle, Wash. He formerly served four years with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, on east coast oceanographic surveys aboard the ship Ferrel. King's main responsibilities at PAIS will be "enhancement and restoration of Kemp's Ridley sea turtle population, Rancho Nuevo, Mexico and Padre Island, Texas, and environmental management of oil and gas development within the national seashore."

Jane Tate also is leaving her PAIS position, to be replaced by park technician (resources management) Anne Anderson, formerly stationed at Great Smoky Mountains NP. Tate is transferring to White Sands NM in New Mexico. Anderson will be involved in law enforcement from October to March, and will assist biologists on resources management projects from May to September.

A fire symposium, jointly sponsored by the NPS and the SW Fire Council at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in October 1981, explored four years of data col-

lected following the man-caused wildfire that ignited in the Santa Fe National Forest near Los Alamos, N.M. on June 16, 1977. The fire ultimately burned about 15,000 acres of Bandelier NM, Santa Fe NF and Los Alamos laboratory land. Before the fire, much of this area had been subject to ecological studies, which provided baseline data for post-fire studies, related to the effects of wildfire on vegetation and animal life. Other studies after the fire investigated its effects on soils, water quality, archeology, and geomorphism.

Copies of the Symposium Proceedings are available from Milford Fletcher, Chief, Natural Resources Management, NPS, P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, NM 87501.