

Pacific Northwest Region

Carl Key, research technician stationed at Glacier NP, is mapping the riparian plant communities and different land uses along the North Fork and mainstem of the Flathead River. The effort involves production of mylar maps – five different nested overlays for each of the 1:24,000 topographic maps. The information includes: 1) river and floodplain boundaries; 2) forest and natural non-forest areas; 3) roads, cabins, tributary streams and water bodies; 4) forest clearings, clearcuts, select cuts, agricultural areas, residential areas and mines; and 5) a differentiation of forest and non-forest habitat.

The entire program, covering four topographic maps of the North Fork and six covering the mainstem were slated for January 1982 completion. Information is available from R. Gerald Wright, NPS research biologist with the University of Idaho NPS/CPSU, Moscow, ID 83843.

A final report dealing with pocket gopher activity at Whitman Mission National Historic Site and potential measures to control them is now available as CPSU B-81-6. Authors are R. Gerald Wright and Phil Grabmiller.

Wildlife Biologist Leonard Ruggiero has been named manager for the new research and development program, Old-Growth Forest Wildlife Habitats, headquartered at the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Olympia Lab in Washington. The new program will coordinate research and administrative studies on old-growth ecology and wildlife habitat west of the Cascades in Washington, Oregon, and northern California. Other federal and state agencies, universities, private conservation groups and forestry associations and companies will participate through cooperative agreements.