

From the Editor,

With this issue, Volume II, No. 1, *Park Science* drops its regional designation and becomes what indeed it has been from the beginning – a truly national bulletin.

The change will not be in presentation or subject matter, but in emphasis – shifting from a Pacific-oriented view of the National Park System to one that gives equal consideration to all regions.

The focus will remain on field activities – the information developed through research and the applications of that information to the field management of park resources and sites. Natural, cultural and historic research as it relates to management, maintenance, planning and interpretation are welcome in these pages, and the application of research findings are most important of all. Pure research has its own outlets in the various refereed journals of the scientific community – an extremely important activity. This bulletin has another purpose: to keep managers and research personnel in touch through a communication process that closely parallels the research/management application process.

Because the success of this venture depends so much on lively input from the field – scientists and managers alike – it was decided to start off this first issue with the piece by Jim Thompson (page 1). The editorial staff feels that this article, developed over a period of half a decade, speaks directly to the opportunity presented by *Park Science*. Thompson winds up with “find the vehicles for that dialogue, use them, and make sure that they continue to serve that purpose.”

This is the challenge we echo. Let us hear your response.