

Pacific Northwest

A workshop on "Ecosystems Management in Parks and Wilderness", sponsored by NPS, USFS, and University of Washington, is being held at the College of Forest Resources' Pack Forest near Mount Rainier April 6-10. The workshop, limited in attendance to 30 participants, is designed to identify major issues associated with ecosystem management: likely impacts related to insularity, the role of planning and the legal system, and opportunities for mitigation via cooperative ventures. Outputs from the workshop will include a synthesis report, available in early 1988, and a technical proceedings. Attendees are experts in a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary fields, including managers of park and wilderness areas. Park Service coordination is being provided by Jim Agee and Darryl Johnson of the NPS/CPSU at the University of Washington.

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A multidisciplinary peer review of Crater Lake stream research was conducted in Corvallis, OR, on Feb. 26, to determine whether there exists any obvious alternative natural source that might account for the elevated nitrate levels found in a caldera wall spring that empties into Crater Lake below Rim Village. The high nitrate levels were found by Stan Gregory of the Oregon State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife during research contracted by the National Park Service. The verdict of the review group was that no such natural source exists. The group recommended that all sewage be removed from the Crater Lake Rim.