

Mid-Atlantic Region

The New River Gorge National River is sponsoring the Sixth Annual New River Symposium, April 9-11, at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. Papers will be presented on current scientific research and on the natural and cultural history of the New River Region.

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Assateague Island National Seashore is sponsoring a Research Symposium, April 3, at the University of Maryland East Shore Campus, Princess Anne, MD. Papers will be presented on a variety of natural history research topics.

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The first two reports from a Regional River Recreation research program are now available from Chief Scientist John Karish. The reports are "New River Gorge National River: Analysis of Legislation and Legal Foundations for Establishing Carrying Capacity" and "New River Gorge National River: A Narrative History of its Designation as part of the National Park System." Both are by University of Minnesota researchers Steve Simpson and Leo McAvoy. Also available from John is a report titled "A Rare Vascular Plant Survey of the New River Gorge National River" by the West Virginia Natural Heritage Program

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Regional Scientist Jeff Marion reports the availability of two new publications. "Environmental Impact Management in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness" by Marion and Toivo Sober, describes the history of management actions implemented by the Forest Service to reduce resource impacts in the nation's most highly used wilderness. Also described is a new campsite rehabilitation program for campsites currently in use to restore natural conditions and prevent impacts from reaching unacceptable levels. This paper will appear in the March issue of the *Northern Journal of Applied Forestry*. "Recreational Impact Assessment and Monitoring Systems:

Past, Present, and Future" by Marion and Dave Cole, traces the history of impact monitoring systems, describes the systems currently available, and discusses areas of current refinement. Copies of both papers are available from Jeff Marion, Star Route 38, Milford, PA 18337.