

Mid-Atlantic Region

NEWS FLASH! PRESENTATION BY CHIEF SCIENTIST INCITES RIOT!

Four individuals were arrested for disruptive behavior during a presentation at a public meeting by Mid-Atlantic Region Chief Scientist John Karish at the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. Karish was presenting an overview of recent research accomplishments and results when the disorderly behavior began. Repeated efforts to restore order were unsuccessful. Karish was later presented an award for "Grace Under Pressure" by Supt. John Hutzky.



Gene Hester (left), NPS Assoc. Director, Natural Resources, attended a recent Mid-Atlantic Regional Resources Monitoring Course, where he discussed NRAAP – the Natural Resource Assessment and Action Program, the new Inventory and Monitoring Program initiative, and other matters. The tennis shoes at far left belong to Regional Chief Scientist John Karish.

Regional Biologist Jeff Marion and USFS Research Ecologist Dave Cole announce availability of three new Regional Research/Resources Management Reports: Report 27 – Ecological impacts on recreational sites at New River Gorge National River, W VA; Report 28 – Ecological impacts on recreational sites at the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, PA-NY; and Report 29 – Ecological impacts on recreational sites at the Delaware Water Gap NRA, PA-NJ.

The final River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River has been signed by the Secretary of Interior and will take effect in January barring changes by Congress. The Plan's approval is a significant step in what has been a long and controversial process for initiating management of the new "greenline" park. The Plan calls for the formation of an Upper Delaware Council, representatives from 15 towns and townships, two states, and the NPS, to be responsible for coordinating the management plan implementation.