

Midwest Region

The Midwest Region's Science and Research Division has been reorganized to include additional natural resource management functions. The name of the division has therefore been changed to Natural Resources Division. The division will continue to administer all natural and social science research; natural resource management planning; water, air, and GIS programs; endangered species management; science publications; etc., as before. Additional functions transferred from the Division of Ranger Activities are: Integrated Pest Management, Mining and Minerals, Park Threats, and Review of natural resource management action plans.

A Resource Management Specialist position has been added to the division to coordinate the resource management activities in the Region.

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Terence P. Boyle, research ecologist with the NPS Water Resources Division at Colorado State University, attended the Midwest Region's Research/Resource Management Conference in Scott's Bluff, Neb., recently and presented "The use of ecoregion strategies to derive guidelines for resource inventory and monitoring program" and "Strategies to develop an aquatic resource monitoring program for seven prairie parks."