

David Parsons (SEKI) participated as the NPS representative to the U/Cal Workshop on Global Climate Change and Its Effects on California. The workshop, held at UC Davis July 10-12, brought together scientists and policy makers in an effort to begin to make projections as to the potential effects of a changing global climate on natural ecosystems, agriculture, water, soil and cultural resources. UC Press will publish a proceedings of the workshop.

Parsons' presentation, "Restoring natural fire to the sequoia-mixed conifer forest: should intense fire play a role" at the Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Conference on High Intensity Fire in Wildlands: Management Challenges and Options (Tallahassee, May 18-21) was extremely well received (including a favorable review in the July, 1989 Newsletter of the Vegetation Section of the Ecological Society of America). The paper (co-authored by Nate Stephenson of SEKI and Tom Swetnam of U/AZ), which raises the question of whether locally intense fire may not have played an important role in perpetuating giant sequoia groves, will be published as part of the Conference Proceedings.

Arrangements have been completed for establishment of a new CPSU at Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff. Charles van Riper, III has been named Unit Leader and his position is being transferred from CPSU/UCD to CPSU/NAU in October, 1989. This latest CPSU, the fifth such unit established in Western Region, will primarily serve Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Walnut Canyon, Montezuma Castle, and Tuzigoot.