

David Parsons, together with Norm Christensen of Duke University, has organized a special symposium titled "Climate, Fire and Forests: Understanding Vegetation Dynamics of Western Conifer Forests." to be presented at the July 30-Aug. 2 Ecological Society of America meetings in Snowbird, UT. Talks will be presented by leading scientists in the fields of climate reconstruction, paleoecology, and forest dynamics.

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Vegetation and Floristics of Pinnacles National Monument is the title of a 113-page publication, Tech. Report No. 34 from the CPSU at U/Cal Davis. Authors William Halverson and Ronilee Clark surveyed 87 seits for physical features of habitat and the composition and structure of vegetatoin, describe 13 plant communities, and analyze the amount of ground disturbance caused by pig rooting. (The California buckeye woodland (67%) and blue oak woodland (39%) were the most disturbed.)

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The Hawaii Environmental Education Assn. (HEEA), to foster increased effectiveness of EE in Hawaii, has elected officers, is incorporating and applying for non-profit status. Chief Interpreter Kim Sikoryak (HALE) and Research Scientist Chuck Stone (HAVO) are Directors; Stone is President. A catalog of EE programs in the State has been prepared, and breakfast meetings to encourage networking were held on four islands in October.

Roy Johnson, Senior Research Ecologist with the CPSU at U/AZ in Tucson, was selected to participate in the Arizona Rivers Assessment and is serving on the project's Riparian Vegetation committee. Johnson met recently with 20 participants from eight state and federal agencies to discuss riparian vegetation, geology, and hydrology. The working groups began standardizing a system for inventory and monitoring of riparian ecosystems, part of a statewide effort to inventory and evaluate the significant river, stream, and riparian resources of Arizona.

This cooperative project is being undertaken by state and federal agencies in conjunction with the Governor's Task Force on Streams and Riparian Resources.

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Dave Parsons, Research Scientist at Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs, presented an invited talk titled "Horses, Helicopters, and Hi-Tech: Managing Science in Wilderness" at the Society of American Foresters conference, "Preparing to Manage Wilderness in the 21st Century," in Athens GA, April 4-6. The paper will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

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