

The 1988 Annual Science Report for the Region, now available, lists the research and monitoring projects for natural and social sciences conducted in the Region in 1988. It also lists issues that face the Region in the next five years. Reference copies are kept at the Regional office Omaha.

A 2½ year study to develop management recommendations for the federally endangered plant, *Lesquerelia filiformia*, has been completed by staff at Missouri Southern State College. The report discusses strategies that will be useful in achieving long-term management goals. Reference copies are kept at the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and the Midwest Regional office.

The Midwest Region and Lincoln University, a historically black university in Jefferson City, MO, signed a cooperative research agreement on March 15. As a land grant institution, the university has an active extension and cooperative research program, an established natural resources department, and excellent plant and soil science research facilities. Under the agreement, the university will conduct a 2-year evaluation of the open-field management program at Ozark NSR. The university also will provide assistance in large prairie restorations at Wilson's Creek NB and several prairie parks, beginning next October.