

Western Region

The Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs Second Century Conference was held in Giant Forest Oct. 5-7, 1990, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Sequoia NP and the 50th anniversary of Kings Canyon NP. Designed to address issues facing these parks in the coming century, the conference brought together people from conservation groups, concessionaires, special interest user groups, park management, and the general public. RD Stan Albright, Supt. Tom Ritter, and Conference Coordinator Bill Tweed welcomed the conferees, who then heard keynote addresses by Dale Crane (NPCA), Boyd Evison (AK RD and former SEKI superintendent), Jerry Franklin (USFS ecologist), and Norman Livermore (retired packer and conservationist).

Special workshops were held on Purpose of the Parks, Limits to Frontcountry Growth and Use, Backcountry Use, Adjoining Lands, and Regional and Global Issues. A proceedings, including the principal addresses and working group recommendations will be prepared.

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David Parsons presented an invited paper at the UC/Davis Landscape Ecology Conference (Oct. 3-5) in Sacramento, CA. His topic was "Managing the Greater Sierran Ecosystem: The Landscape Dimension." This presentation, together with one given later in the month

at the Yosemite Centennial Symposium and Natural Areas Assn. annual meeting, addressed the growing importance and interest in a regional, interagency approach to science and management in the Sierra Nevada.

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Five technical reports and one special report have been completed by CPSU at U/AZ. They are:

Baisan, Christopher H. Fire History of the Rincon Mountain Wilderness. Saguaro NM. Tech. Report #29.

Duncan, Douglas K. Small Mammal Inventory of Chiricahua NM, Cochise County, AZ. Tech. Report #30

Reichhardt, Karen. Autecology of Arizona Sycamore (*Platanus wrightii* Wats.), A Critically Important Species in South-Central Arizona. Tech. Report #33.

Despain, D.W. and J.C. Mosley. Fire History and Stand Structure of a Pinyon-Juniper Woodland at Walnut Canyon NM, AZ. Tech. Report #34.

Bennett, P.S., R.R. Johnson, and M.M. McCarthy. Assessment of Scientific Information and Activities at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument Biosphere Reserve. Special Report #10.

Copies of these reports may be had by contacting the CPSU at Tucson, (602) 670-6885.

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Mary Ann Madej, Geologist at Redwood National Park, and Dr. Thomas Lisle of the U.S. Forest Service presented an invited talk titled "Spatial variation in armoring in a channel with high sediment supply" at the Third International Workshop on Gravel Bed Rivers held in Florence, Italy September 23-28, 1990. The paper will be published by John Wiley and Sons in a book entitled "Gravel Bed Rivers." Mary Ann Madej received an award from the Horace M. Albright Employee Development Fund to attend this meeting.