

Glen Canyon NRA recently hosted the annual Colorado Plateau Workshop, held late in January at the Wahweap Lodge near Page, AZ. Over 50 resource managers, superintendents, scientists, rangers, interpreters, planners, and public information staff from the Rocky Mountain, Southwest, and Western Regions attended, together with representatives of CPSUs, contractors, and private organizations such as the Grand Canyon Trust.

The conference included updates on park research, reptile and small mammal populations studies, and NRPP projects concerning peregrine falcons, desert bighorn, insular populations, and Quaternary studies. CPSU activities at both U.WY and Northern AZ/U were presented. Briefings were provided on the 1989 Clean Air amendment, the Navajo Generating Station, the status of EISs for Glen Canyon Dam and Western Area Power Administration, and the reclamation of abandoned mineral lands. Collections management and ethnographic responsibilities were discussed and an overview of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act was presented.

Natural Resource personnel from the Region's Great Plains parks, the U/WY CPSU, and the USFS Experimental Station in Rapid City met at Wind Cave NP February 26-27 for a first annual Great Plains Resource Management Workshop. Included were updates on park research, bighorn sheep, the regional GIS plan, the Global Warming proposal for Prairie Parks, IPM (Canadian thistle, Japanese brome, and other alien species), prairie restoration, insular population studies, resource management plans, NRPP funding, and the on-going I&M program. Representatives of the USGS Experimental Station and the Wyoming CPSU discussed their programs; Boise Interagency Fire Center Prescribed Fire Specialists discussed fire management issues.