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NEW STUDY OF SPS NATURAL RESOURCE THREATS

by Bruce Kennedy

Smoggy air, impure water, excessive soil erosion, exotic plant encroachment, and intrusive urbanization. Noise and overuse, as well as insufficient knowledge, money, and staff. All these factors, and many others, today threaten the natural and scenic resources of the State Park System.

Such are the conclusions of the Department's newly published study, Stewardship-1983. Based on detailed questionnaires completed for every unit of the State Park System, this report provides quantitative data on the number, nature, and estimated severity of such threats. The same questionnaires, completed by Area Managers and their staff, also provide a wide range of recommendations for policies, programs, and actions by which the Department can deal with the problems which were identified. All survey results, problems and solutions alike, are summarized in this new document.

The Area Managers considered the status of each unit relative to 73 categories of potential threats which might be found there. Two-thirds of these threat categories impacted the five basic natural systems--air, water, soil, vegetation, and animal life. The other third were threats to esthetic values or to the Department's ability to properly administer and manage its lands.

Of the maximum number of threats possible, a full 39% were reported as either known or suspected. The "average unit" reported the presence of nearly 29 different categories of threats. Most such threats were caused by human activity and were located totally or partially within our units. Among natural systems, soil and vegetation were most impacted. But, in terms of both sheer number and esti-

\$2,300. REWARD



SHAUN FAHEY

24 YEARS OLD, BROWN EYES, LIGHT
BROWN HAIR, 5' 6" TALL, 140
POUNDS.

11/26/83 Left work at Big
Basin Redwoods State Park.

3/10/84 Her body was found
north of Big Sur (Palo Colorado
Canyon).

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) in conjunction with the Monterey Kiwanis Club will pay a reward of TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED (\$2,300.00) DOLLARS for information which leads to the filing of a formal complaint against the person(s) responsible for the murder of Shaun Fahey. The reward may be claimed by providing information to either Monterey Secret Witness (375-4486) or the Santa Cruz Sheriff's TIPLINE (425-2081). Caller confidentiality is guaranteed.

Persons desiring total anonymity should call Monterey Secret Witness to obtain a code name and to arrange a mutually agreeable method of payment.

Reward offer expires March 1, 1985 unless extended by CSPRA.

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\$2300 Reward in Fahey Murder

Posters are going up throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey counties publicizing a \$2,300 reward being offered for information leading to the filing of a formal complaint against the killer(s) of Shaun Fahey. The 24-year State Park employee disappeared in late November. Hikers found the body March 10 in Palo Colorado canyon north of Big Sur.

The California State Park Rangers Association in conjunction with the Monterey Secret Witness program is offering the \$2,300 reward, which was donated by people throughout California.

In order to qualify for the reward people with important information should call Monterey Secret Witness (375-4486) or the Santa Cruz Sheriff's TIPLINE (425-2081). All calls will be kept strictly confidential. People desiring total anonymity should call Monterey Secret Witness to obtain a code name and arrange a mutually agreeable method of payment.

CSPRA's Reward Fund coordinator John Mott is confident the reward will break the murder investigation's current stalemate. "I am sure there are people in Santa Cruz and Monterey county who have the information we need," Mott asserted, "The \$2,300 should motivate at least one of these people to come forward."

Environmental Studies Program

The Environmental Studies Program of California State University at Fullerton is interested in receiving applications from a wide variety of students who would like to obtain a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies.

The program is over ten years old, and many of the graduates hold responsible positions in public agencies and private companies, as educators, environmental scientists and environmental planners. Recent graduates have had diverse academic and professional backgrounds with degrees in the physical, natural and social science to experienced public administrators and private consultants.

Most of the program's coursework is offered at night, making it possible to pursue academic interests without disrupting one's career.

Fall applicants should apply by July 15, 1984.

For further information, contact the Director of the Environmental Studies Program, J. Vincent Buck, Ph.D. at 714-773-3521, or write: Director, Environmental Studies Program, California State University, Fullerton, CA 92634.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

SUZANNE L. KNAPP
THOUSAND OAKS



ON BEING A FOSTER PARENT
By Michael Stalder

It's that time of year again. As I am now writing, many birds are just beginning their annual courtship and mating rituals. In the near future, eggs will be laid and chicks hatched; and just as soon, many will perish in the hands of loving foster parents needlessly. The intent of this article is to give direction to anyone who should stumble upon a baby bird and wonder what to do with it.

The young of all species are constantly exposed to harsh environmental factors, least of which is the wind. Many times the chick is simply blown out of the nest and appears to be abandoned to the observer. In the same line, a fledgling trying out its newly acquired powers of flight may seem to be forsaken by its parents. Because these things have occurred since time immemorial, most parents have adapted to feed their young wherever they are.

So, there you are, walking along, and spy a young bird cowering under a bush not more than five feet from you. What do you do? Well, the first thing is to step back and observe. Unless there are cats around, or the young has no feathers, it's in no real danger. Most parents will come and feed the chick wherever it is if they don't sense danger, so find a place of concealment and just observe. Most young are fed at least once an hour, so before taking any action, wait and watch. (A short investment of time at this point could save you hours upon hours of work caring for a chick later.)

In the case that the young has few feathers, or a real danger is present, simply look for a nest, pick up the chick, and put it into it. There is a myth going around that if you touch a wild baby the parents will abandon it. With mammals there is some credence to that, but with birds there is not. Through the course of evolution avifauna had to shed weight to gain the ability to fly and smell wasn't needed, so it was done away with.

The above should only be undertaken as a last resort (for unfeathered chicks only) because once put back into the nest you leave a scent for predators (cats, weasels, racoons, etc.) to follow. But in some cases this is the only alternative. Human care is not an alternative--a bird in the hand is really better off back in the bush.

But let's say you have a chick (or chicks) and you know with certainty that the parents will not return. Should you take care of it? Here are a few things to consider: 1) Constant care and attention; 2) Proper resources and facilities; 3) Imprinting; and 4) Legal ramifications of keeping wild birds (and mammals).

Newly hatched young must be fed about every half hour for the first two or three weeks of their lives, thereafter about hourly, and just before they are self-feeding about every one-and-a-half to two hours. Also the diet must be right. Insect-eaters, seed-eaters, and high-energy birds (i.e., swallows, swifts, hummingbirds, etc.) all require special formulas. Although the preparation of food is not too hard, trying to figure out what type of bird you have is, when they are so young. Keeping the bird warm is also essential; most young will tolerate only about 10 degree difference with the lowest temperature 80 degrees.

To prepare a bird for release it must be able to find food on its own and cannot be oriented toward humans. To get the bird to eat on its own is not too hard; a large 5' x 5' outside aviary with native vegetation and the proper amount of insects should do just fine. Once the bird is totally self-feeding and acclimatized, it can be placed in this and observed for a few weeks and, if doing good, then released.

The hard part of the whole process is not orienting the bird to you, not speaking to it, not handling it gently, not perching it on your finger to see how "cute" it is, etc. If the bird likes one human, it likes them all and cannot distinguish between a bird-lover and a bird-hater. This one point cannot be stressed enough when rehabilitating any wild animal with the intent of release.

The last point to consider when caring for any wild animal, whether bird, mammal, reptile, baby or adult, is that almost every wild animal is protected. Federal and/or State permits are required to care for and keep them. This is extremely important because legal action can be taken against anyone who keeps a wild animal, no matter how good the intentions are. To obtain a permit you must have a basic knowledge of rehabilitation, proper facilities, and time to devote to it.

Hopefully, it is apparent that raising young birds is an extremely long and arduous job with constant demands on time, money, and space. So, if you come upon a fledgling, resist the temptation to take it home and care for it. If you don't have the time to wait and see if it is actually abandoned, you don't have the time to care for it.

LEGISLATIVE MONITOR

AS A FINAL CATCHUP TO THE MULTITUDE OF BILLS INTRODUCED AT THE 17 FEB 84 DEADLINE FOR THIS SESSION, I'VE ATTEMPTED TO LIST AS MANY AS POSSIBLE IN A SHORTENED DESCRIPTION. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE OR THE LEGISLATIVE BILL ROOM, STATE CAPITOL, ROOM B-32, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION. NOTE: THE BILLS' CHOICES AND INTERPRETATIONS ARE MINE, AND DUE TO NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DEADLINES BILLS MAY HAVE BEEN AMENDED, KILLED, OR THE INTENT OTHERWISE CHANGED.

THE LATEST ONE-LINERS AS FOLLOWS:

- AB 2516 (BATES)-EAST BAY REGIONAL/DPR: EXCHANGES 80 AC ADJACENT TO CLAREMONT CANYON REGIONAL PARK FOR 350 AC (E. BAY LAND) ADJACENT TO MT. DIABLO SP. IF NO EXCHANGE, LEASES THE 80 AC TO E. BAY.
- AB 2608 (SEASTRAND)-TIDELANDS: MAKES DPR RULES/REGS APPLICABLE TO TIDELANDS ABUTTING DPR PROPERTY IF THAT AREA IS USED BY PUBLIC FOR RECREATION AND DOESN'T COMPROMISE OTHER AGENCY REGS FOR THAT LAND.
- AB 2627 (MOORE)-RECLASSIFICATION: CHANGES BALDWIN HILLS SRA TO BALDWIN HILLS STATE PARK (GOES AROUND THE COMMISSION???)
- AB 3113 (CONDIT et al)-GOLDEN BEAR PASS: REDUCES AGE FROM 65 TO 62 AND DELETES LOW-INCOME REQUIREMENT. ANYONE 62 OR OVER...
- AB 3319 (BATES)-STATE AGENCY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS: REQUIRES PER. BOARD TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS WHICH ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY EMPLOYEES IN AGENCY OPERATIONS TO ACCOMPLISH SPECIFIED OBJECTIVES.
- AB 3325 (WATERS)-STATE GRASS: (NO,NO,NO) DESIGNATES CALIFORNIA NEEDLEGRASS (*Stipa pulchra*) AS OFFICIAL STATE GRASS.
- AB 3347 (MOORHEAD)- STATE PARKS/COUNTY USE FEES: AUTHORIZES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY TO IMPOSE A FEE FOR USE OF STATE PARK UNITS IN THAT COUNTY BASED UPON ADVERSE IMPACT OF THE UNIT UPON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNTY (NOT TO EXCEED 25% OF STATE FEE). THE FEE TO BE USED FOR CAPITOL OUTLAY PROJECTS TO MITIGATE ADVERSE IMPACT.
- AB 3381 (MARGOLIN)-RIVER REC AREAS: ESTABLISHES RIVER RECREATION AREAS AND PROHIBITS NEW CONSTRUCTION WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF RIVER. DESIGNATES A PORTION OF THE MOKELUMNE RIVER AS RRA.
- AB 3469 (WATERS)-PRESTON CASTLE: ADDS \$50,000 TO REPAIR AND REHABILITATE FUND OF PRESTON CASTLE IN CITY OF IONE. \$200,000 ALREADY SPENT FROM 1964 BOND.
- AB 3501 (STIRLING)-STATE CAPITOL COMMUNICATIONS: ESTABLISHES TV COVERAGE FOR LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS TO PRODUCE ONGOING BROADCASTS.
- AB 3507 (GOGGIN)-WETLANDS TASK FORCE: CREATES INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON WETLANDS TO STUDY, PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, AND ENHANCEMENT OF WETLANDS. DPR NOT A MEMBER.
- AB 3608 (LaFOLLETTE)-HIGHWAY LETTER: ADDS \$1.00 TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE TO BE USED IN REMOVAL OF HIGHWAY LITTER AND TRASH PROGRAM. DPR COULD GET MONEY THIS WAY TOO, YOU KNOW! HAS ANYONE LOOKED AT THIS AVENUE FOR DPR FINANCING?
- AB 3637 (FLOYD)-STATE HOLIDAYS: SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR PERSONAL HOLIDAY EACH YEAR AND TAKE THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING OFF INSTEAD.
- AB 3715 (JOHNSON, et al)-BOATING AND WATERWAYS LOANS: PROHIBITS DBW LOANS FOR MARINA FACILITY CONSTRUCTION LOANS IF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE CAN DO A FAIR AND REASONABLE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE SAME AREA.
- AB 3744 (BRADLEY)-MOVING COASTAL ZONE BOUNDARY: MOVES TOWARD THE OCEAN, OUT OF 1976 COASTAL ACT CONSIDERATION, PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF CARLSBAD AND NEAR TORREY PINES (1,400 AC). LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT?
- AB 3972 (ISENBERG)-LOS BANOS: EXISTING LAW SAYS STATE CAN CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE FACILITIES OF THE STATE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM. THIS ADDS THE LOS BANOS GRANDES RESERVOIR TO THE SYSTEM.
- AB 3856 (McCLINTOCK)-STATE PARK GENERAL PLANS: PROVIDES THAT GENERAL PLAN IN REGARDS TO AN OPERATING AGREEMENT (OTHER AGENCY CARE, OPERATIONS AND CONTROL OF DPR PROPERTY) DELETE THE REQUIREMENTS OF ADHERING TO STANDARD ST PK GENERAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING PROPOSED OPERATION. ALSO CHANGES REVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATING AGREEMENTS REV FROM COMMISSION TO DIRECTOR.
- AB 3898 (NAYLOR)-DPR/COUNTY OF SAN MATEO/PESCADERO: UNDER 1964 BOND ACT, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO ACQUIRED FUNDS TO PURCHASE PESCADERO WATERSHED CREEK PARK. THIS BILL AUTHORIZES COUNTY TO LEASE GAS AND OIL RIGHTS UNDER THE PARK.
- AB 3934 (BATES)-SINKYONE WILDERNESS PROJECT: REQUIRES REVISIONS IN PROPERTY EXCHANGE (DPR/PRIVATE/GEORGIA PACIFIC LUMBER); REQUIRES PROTECTION OF PARK AS PRESENT/FUTURE WILDERNESS, PROVIDED FOR EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS (RECENTLY AMENDED OUT); PROHIBITS TIMBER HARVEST UNTIL LAND EXCHANGE, REAPPROPRIATES FUNDS, ETC.
- AB 3952 (FARR)-HISTORIC RESOURCES: REQUIRES DPR/OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER GRANTS TO LOCAL HISTORIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS.
- AB 4012 (WATERS)-TAHOE LAND ACQUISITION: APPROPRIATES STUDY MONEY FOR ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 860 ACRES ACIN THE UPPER TRUCKEE MARSH/MEADOW AREA.
- SB 1673 (HART, et al)-OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF: REQUIRES SEC. OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS TO ASSUME GOVERNOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER FED. OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT. ESTABLISHES LOCAL GOVERNMENT OCS ENERGY ADVISORY COMM. FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF COASTAL AREAS.

- SB 1750 (ROBBINS)-R.V.'S: PROHIBITS CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM LIMITING DURATION OF OCCUPANCY WITH RESPECT TO USE OF SPACES AUTHORIZED FOR RV'S. ALSO PROHIBITS COUNTIES FROM LEVYING TAX ON MOBILEHOMES OUTSIDE OF MH PARKS.
- SB 1812 (MELLO)-PACIFIC GROVE MARINE GARDENS FISH REFUGE: EXTENDS REFUGE SOUTH, AROUND POINT PINOS, WITH APPLICABLE REGS FOR TAKING OF ANIMALS.
- SB 1834 (ROBERTI)-HISTORIC RESOURCES PRESERVATION PROJECT ASSISTANCE: AUTHORIZES ROBERTI-Z'BERG ACT (ADMINISTERED BY DPR) FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FOR HISTORICAL RESOURCE PRESERVATION PROJECTS.
- SB 1887 (ROYCE)-OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES: AUTHORIZES DESIGNATED STATE HIGHWAYS FOR USE BY LICENSED (GREEN STICKER) OFF-ROAD VEHICLES FOR UP TO FIVE MILES TRANSIT TO PERMIT CONTINUITY OF TRAILS, ACCESS TO SERVICES, SUPPLIES AND CAMPGROUNDS.
- SB 1898 (GARAMENDI)-WILD/SCENIC RIVERS: ADDS MIDDLE FORK OF FEATHER RIVER TO CALIFORNIA WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SYSTEM.
- SB 2146 (DOOLITTLE)-STATE DANCE: MORE OFFICIAL STATE THINGS, THIS MAKING SQUAREDANCING THE OFFICIAL STATE DANCE.
- SB 2173 (ROBERTI)-OPEN SPACE GRANTS: ROBERTI-Z'BERG ACT PROVIDES GRANTS TO LOCAL AGENCIES FOR RECREATIONAL AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES. THIS WOULD PROHIBIT GRANTS TO AGENCY THAT WANTS TO LOCATE OR EXPAND A WASTE DISPOSAL SITE WITHIN ANY PARK WITH THAT AGENCY.
- SB 2187 (JOHNSON)-DUCK STAMPS: UPS DUCK STAMP FEE FROM \$5 TO \$7.50. WOULD AUTHORIZE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR PROTECTION, RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT, AND ACQUISITION OF MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HABITAT IN CALIFORNIA.
- SB 2267 (MARKS)-ANGEL ISLAND: DPR MAY IMPLEMENT A DEMONSTRATION "ADOPT-A-BUILDING" PROGRAM AT ANGEL ISLAND STATE PARK. PERMITS USE OF HISTORIC FACILITIES BY PERSONS WHO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE RESTORATION AND REPAIR OF THOSE FACILITIES.
- SB 2287 (SEYMOUR)-OFFICE OF TOURISM: AUTHORIZES OFFICE OF TOURISM TO MAKE VARIOUS FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS RELATING TO BENEFITS OF CALIF. TOURISM. SPEAKS OF TOURISM PROMOTION AND AUTHORIZES STATE DEPTS. TO TEMPORARILY ASSIGN EMPLOYEES TO THE CALIF. OFFICE OF TOURISM.

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ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE CSPRA.

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OR

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Ten Commandments of Leadership

1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway.
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway.
3. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.
4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.
6. The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men with the smallest minds. Think big anyway.
7. People favor underdogs, but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.
9. People really need help, but may attack you if you do help them. Help them anyway.
10. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway.

Save-the-Redwoods League

Save-the-Redwoods League has issued a statement to the media strongly opposing the sale of redwood and Douglas-fir timber in the Myrtle Creek watershed area located in the Six Rivers National Forest in Del Norte County, California. The area proposed for sale is situated in a highly scenic area near the junction of the forks of the Smith River immediately adjacent to Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park and Redwood National Park.

The League states that the Myrtle Creek area is a scenic area of natural beauty and has great ecological and recreational value. The area is botanically significant, for it lies in the transition zone between the cool, moist climate of the Redwood belt, and the warm, dry mixed-conifer forest located to the east.

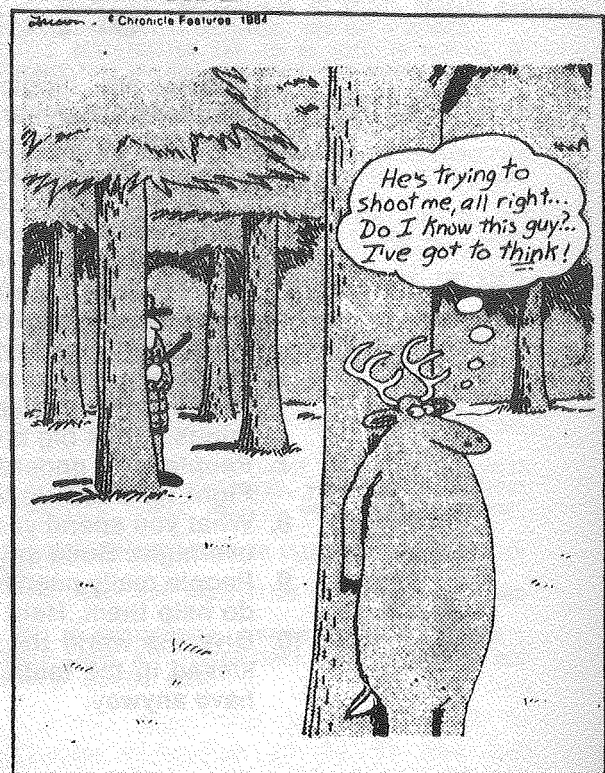
The Forest Service has already enhanced recreational use of the area by constructing an excellent hiking trail that follows Myrtle Creek. It has long been the desire of Park planners and many members of the public to create a cross-link trail connecting Myrtle Creek with Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park. The League feels the proposed timber sale would destroy the scenic beauty of this fragile watershed and is urging the Forest Service to abandon its plans to sell trees for logging in Rock Creek and Myrtle Creek.

The League has long been an ardent and active supporter of California State Parks System. An example of their superlative efforts on

behalf of state parks is their recent purchase of a beautiful 149 acre parcel of redwood land for addition to Portola Redwoods State Park in San Mateo County, California. This redwood land has many old-growth redwoods, as well as many fine Douglas fir trees and California live oaks. The property borders the existing Park for approximately a mile, and serves as an important buffer for the beautiful Dean Witter Grove established in 1979.

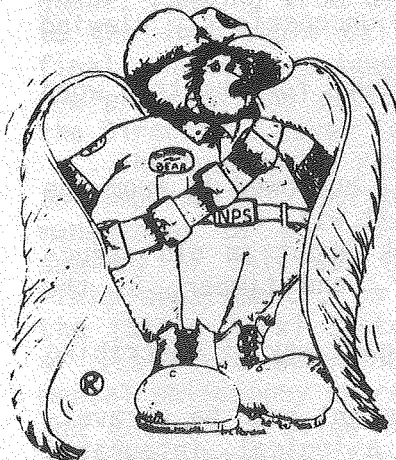
Over the past 66 years, the League has contributed over 41 million dollars to help establish and protect the 31 California Redwood State Parks and the Redwood National Park for public enjoyment.

THE FAR SIDE



THUNDERBEAR

AN ALTERNATIVE NPS NEWSLETTER



Resources and Mr. Lopez

BY P.J. RYAN

On March 15, 1984, I had the distinct honor of hearing Barry Lopez speak on parks. Mr. Lopez was the keynote speaker at the New Frontiers Conference at Santa Cruz.

He speaks as well as he writes, which is, as you know if you have read Desert Notes, of Wolves and Men, very, very good.

Your crusty old editor's comment on "wanting to meet a writer because you like his writing is like wanting to meet an Angora goat because you like Cashmere sweaters" does not apply to Barry Lopez. He is not only charismatic, he makes sense the next day, which is not always the case with every spellbinding speaker.

One of the refreshing things about Lopez is that he does not appear to be a conspiracy buff. He does not believe that the environmental and social ills of the world are orchestrated by 25 old billionaires meeting once a year in some Swiss castle.

We all seemed to have wandered into environmental deadends with at least the best of intentions for everyone, particularly ourselves.

Mr. Lopez brought up the interesting idea that much of our environmental problems in parks stem from improper use of the English language by the early park professionals. According to Mr. Lopez, "The language that you have given us is not the language we would choose to defend the parks."

Mr. Lopez is right, the current Park Service jargon is the language of the miner, the saw log forester, the developer. The particular word that sticks in Mr. Lopez's craw is PARK RESOURCE, that handy interchangeable word that can be used to describe the desert flora of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument or that elusive lode of copper that certain corporations believe lies somewhere in the monument.

A resource is something almost begging to be used. It is almost a sin to ignore a resource.

The term "resource" is applied to everything from trees to rocks to scenic views, to historic houses and clothing, to stories and legends, to, Lord help us, human beings as when an Indian basket maker becomes a park "resource."

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Can we get out of the "resource" business?

Yes, we can, the same way the Park Service got out of the hunting business in the 1930's when some forceful biologist substituted the word "wildlife" for "game" and we stopped unconsciously viewing everything with four feet as a potential target.

Then does your kindly editor have a substitute for the trip word "resource"?

Well, buckaroos, I guess I do.

Not an original word, mind you; in fact, I borrowed it from the historic preservation people, but I think that it will do.

When the historic preservation folks talk about an old structure, they sum up the nails, bricks, mortar, and timber, as the "fabric" of the house.

I think the park fabric is a much more elegant way of describing a national treasure than park resource.

A fabric might have some holes in it, it might even be unraveling and need some reknitting, but it is still a logical, integrated system of interrelated parts, some parts perhaps more appealing to us, but all important to the fabric.

Look at it this way. Would you prefer to regard your liver as a "resource" through which you can strain 4,372 fifths of bourbon before your "resource" finally gives up the ghost, or would you prefer to treat your liver as part of the fabric of your body?

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YES FOLKS, NAME THE NEWSLETTER AND WIN, WIN, WIN !!

All entries should be received by June 1, 1984 so they can be presented at the June 9, 1984 CSPRA Board meeting. Send your winning name to: CSPRA NAME THE NEWSLETTER, 95 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

DON'T DELAY! The author of the winning name will WIN: the admiration of the CSPRA editors, enormous peer recognition when their name is printed in the July issue, a verifiable accomplishment to write in on the "Awards and Accomplishments" section of job applications and numerous other prizes that money could never buy.

(W.L.ED. I've been thinking of the CSPRA SUPPORTER. Then I can say, "Hi! I'm a reporter from the SUPPORTER" or write "The SUPPORTER holds that...". Enter now or I MAY WIN !)

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ated severity, threats to esthetics and to the Department's management ability were most critical.

Recommendations for dealing with these problems runs the full gamut, ranging from a restructuring of priorities and responsibility to the inevitable call for more training, staff, and funding. The final chapter provides a wide range of detailed recommendations for new programs and actions, recommendations implicitly endorsed through the Director's cover letter.

The open-ended responses permitted in the questionnaire revealed an impressive reservoir of field staff support for the improved management of our natural and scenic resources. Perhaps the best summary of this was conveyed by the comments of one Area Manager. "This department", he wrote, "needs to reaffirm its commitments to the (State Park) System's natural resources through proper training of its field personnel, reorganization of priorities, its departmental philosophy on resource protection/preservation. It is all well and good to provide an 'experience' for the public in the natural outdoors--however, first we need to have a 'natural outdoor habitat' before we can interpret it to them. This is done through proper evaluations, understanding, maintenance of our resources--and entrusting them to properly and adequately trained personnel who have the dedication, desire, and authority to 'protect and preserve' our park resources."

A copy of Stewardship-1983 will be available in each Area and Regional office. Individual copies may be purchased for \$3 (post-paid) from the Department's Distribution and Reproduction Center in Sacramento.

Notes from the Iron Ranger

We're hearing from our iron ranger poets less and less as more park aids are temporarily putting them out of work for the summer season. Still we find that...

...the iron ranger system has given visitors the freedom to employ the barter system: "To Whom it May Concern: I am only paying one dollar because I was only parked 15 minutes. I was unaware of the 10 minute limit."

...iron rangers can be used by the public as a means of venting anger: "Dear Ranger, Get a real job! Why should I put money in a metal pipe? Get serious! - General Public."

If you have any unusual poets depositing their art in your iron rangers, send their works to: CSPRA Editors, 95 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

A EUROPEAN VIEW OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

One of the most interesting aspects of international travel is often not the exotic scenery or foods, but the different attitudes of the peoples of other countries. We become so accustomed to the "American way" that is often very surprising when, as travelers, we come across some very "un-American" systems and traditions that function as well or better than their American equivalents. The success of these systems is mainly due to the cultural traditions inherent in frame of reference of the country's citizenry.

Ted Reinhardt, Operations Division, was sent information regarding Public Access to Private Land in Sweden, by Mr. Howard Allred of Sacramento. The following information is supplied by the National Swedish Environmental Protection Board and is printed in English for foreign visitors.

THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE

In Sweden, everybody has a right to move freely in the countryside. This right is called "The Right of Common Access". This right implies that we may wander about the woods and fields, pick mushrooms, berries, and flowers that are not placed under protection, bathe in and boat on lakes and watercourses. But it also implies obligations. We must respect people, animals, and the natural environment; we must be specially prudent in spring and summer, when the animals have young ones.

What are you allowed to do and what not when staying in the open country? The following simple rules are easy to remember.

Passing privately owned land

Walking or skiing across privately owned land is allowed--if you don't do damage to the crops, afforestations, or the like. But you may not cross or remain on private grounds unless you have a special errand. The grounds, not always enclosed, are the land attached to the dwelling-house and where the owner of the house, or the user, has an entitled interest to be left in peace--"the zone of privacy".

You may cross enclosed areas as long as you do not pull down or destroy fences.

Special access prohibitions, for instance with regard to defence or to protect the fauna, apply to certain areas. Signboards inform of such prohibitions.

If you ride across privately owned land, you must be exceptionally careful as the risk of damaging the ground is specially high when riding.

It is forbidden to drive motor-vehicles in the open country or on a road closed to motor traffic.

Sign-boards like "Tilltrade forbjudet" (No admittance) and "Privat område" (Private grounds) are not to be put up without a permission issued by the local building committee.

Staying on privately owned land

Putting up single tents for a day and night, or so, is allowed on land that is not used for agriculture and that is distant from dwelling-houses. Near a habitation, you should always ask the land-owner for permission before putting up your tent. In less populated areas, for instance in many places in the mountains, you may stay longer than a day and night. As for camping in a group, the land-owner should always be consulted.

Still more caution is demanded if you use a caravan. As it is forbidden to drive a motor vehicle in open country, the parking of a caravan can only be made in connection with a road. Mind putting the car and the caravan so that nobody is prevented from passing or so that the traffic is not exposed to danger.

Bathing and boating

You may swim, temporarily moor your boat and go ashore everywhere except on grounds near a private house or where the authorities have specially prohibited admittance to protect the bird-life or the seals, etc.

Rowing, sailing, paddling, or motor-boating on private waters is allowed.

Picking berries, flowers, and other products of nature

You may pick wild berries, flowers, mushrooms, fallen boughs and dry twigs on the ground.

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Fifth NAAEE Film Festival

The North American Association for Environmental Education is holding its Fifth Annual Film Festival October 5-9, 1984, at Banff, Alberta Canada. Producers and distributors of recently produced films dealing with environmental and energy issues are encouraged to enter their films.

This annual environmental film festival offers producers and distributors the opportunity to have their films reviewed by a wide array of interested environmental educators. Teachers and administrators from elementary through college, interpretive naturalists and environmental agency education specialists look to the NAAEE Film Festival as an opportunity to see the latest environmental films.

Entry forms for the competition are now available from Festival Chairperson, Dr. Lillabelle Holt, The Ohio State University Newark, Newark, Ohio 43055. Entry forms must be returned by August 15, 1984 and films must be received by September 5, 1984.

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The Office of Interpretive Services recently reorganized some of its work space, and State Park Interpreter, Dorene Clement (CSPRA member) had to give up her office to State Park Interpreter III, Tony Knapp, Supervisor of Collections. Dorene wrote this poem on the occasion of losing her office.

ODE TO AN OFFICE

Won not by force but by power,
For a III has more clout than a I,
My office has gone to another
With never a shot from a gun.

O once in this room I was happy;
Here all of my words came out fine.
The solitude sharpened my senses;
In spaciousness wisdom could shine.

But now I am shoved in a closet;
Only words that are cramped can I find.
Crotchety, cranky, and ornery--
Good thoughts have been flushed
from my mind.

But what is now here in this office?
What beautiful sights do I see?
From whence come these glittering
objects?
And whose office now must this be?

Artifacts, treasures, and trophies,
Saved from the trash heap, and trapped
In the famous Black Hole of Collections;
Not lost, strayed, or stolen
--just Knapped.

For Tony now lives in this office
As he did once before long ago.
But my spirit still skulks
in the hallway,
In case a "For Rent" sign should show.

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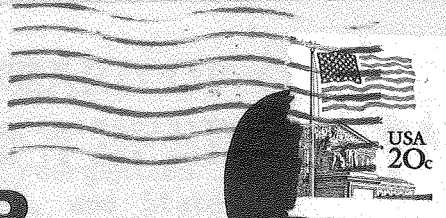
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You are not allowed to take growing trees, bushes, or twigs, boughs, barks of any kind, leaves, acorns, nuts, or resin from growing trees. It is considered damage or theft.

You may fish if you have a fishing permit or other permission.

Hunting is not included in the Right of Common Access, nor is the taking of birds' nests and birds' eggs.

Making a fire

Making a fire is allowed if there is no risk of the fire spreading. Mind putting out the fire carefully before leaving the place.

Never make a fire directly on flat rocks. They may crack, which inflicts ugly wounds upon the environment.

