

## 1 Editor's introduction

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"Crossing Boundaries in Park Management: On the Ground, In the Mind, Among Disciplines," the George Wright Society's biennial conference, was held in Denver, Colorado, April 16-20, 2001. This was the 11th in a series of conferences dating back to 1976. They have been organized since 1982 by the GWS. The next (12th) conference will be in San Diego in April 2003.

The Denver meeting drew over 730 people, the largest attendance since the 2nd conference in 1979. To judge from the comments received on the conference evaluation questionnaire, it was an extremely productive and rewarding week for the participants. There were four plenary sessions, 70 concurrent sessions, a poster and computer demo session that drew 60 presenters, and numerous side meetings and special events. In all, over 300 presentations were made during the week. The GWS conference has grown over the years to become the USA's largest interdisciplinary professional meeting on protected areas.

This proceedings volume contains the 71 papers that were received before the submission deadline. I think they give a good idea of the range of conference. My role as editor has been to set the order of the papers and copyedit them.

By prior arrangement, the papers presented in the conference's concurrent session #50, titled "Passport to the Future: Crossing Boundaries in Managing Recreational Use of National Parks and Related Areas," were published in the Society's quarterly journal, THE GEORGE WRIGHT FORUM (Volume 18, Number 3, September 2001). The concurrent session was organized by Robert Manning, and he guest-edited the theme issue of the journal. The papers included are:

- Introduction: crossing boundaries in managing recreational use of national parks and related areas / **Robert Manning**
- Crossing experiential boundaries: visitor preferences regarding tradeoffs among social, resource, and managerial attributes of the Denali wilderness experience / **Steven Lawson and Robert Manning**
- Integrating resource, social, and managerial indicators of quality into carrying capacity decision-making / **Peter Newman, Jeffrey L. Marion, and Kerri Cahill**
- Managing national parks in a multicultural society: searching for common ground / **Myron F. Floyd**
- Integrating subsistence use and users into park and wilderness management / **Daniel Laven, Robert Manning, Darryll Johnson, and Mark Vande Kamp**
- Norm stability: a longitudinal analysis of crowding and related norms in the wilderness of Denali National Park and Preserve / **James Bacon, Robert Manning, Darryll Johnson, and Mark Vande Kamp**
- Crossing methodological boundaries: assessing visitor motivations and support for management actions at Yellowstone National Park using quantitative and qualitative research approaches / **William Borrie, Wayne Freimund, Mae Davenport, and Robert Manning**
- Thinking and acting regionally: toward better decisions about appropriate conditions, standards, and restrictions on recreation use / **Steven F. McCool and David N. Cole**

- Diversity in outdoor recreation: planning and managing a spectrum of visitor opportunities in and among parks / *Cynthia Warzecha, Robert Manning, David Lime, and Wayne Freimund*
- Conserving recreation diversity: collaborating across boundaries / *Glenn E. Haas*
- Crossing programmatic boundaries: integrative approaches to managing the quality of the visitor experience / *Megha Budruk, Daniel Laven, Robert Manning, William Valliere, and Marilyn Hof*

As with all back issues of THE GEORGE WRIGHT FORUM, this one is available to download from the GWS Web site ([www.georgewright.org](http://www.georgewright.org)) as a series of PDF files. Hard copies and CD editions are also available for purchase from the Society. The same goes for this proceedings volume. Orders can be placed over the Web site using a secure order form.

Without volunteers working with the GWS, these conferences could not take place, and we are indebted to many people for their help in Denver. We had invaluable assistance from many National Park Service employees there, but no one was more helpful than Bruce Heise, who assisted with most of the local arrangements and field trips. We also would like to mention the following people who volunteered to help with field trips, the registration desk, and A-V equipment: Leslie Armstrong, Jeff Connor, Tim Connors, Karl Cordova, Theresa Ely, Mark Flora, Larry Gamble, Judy Geniac, Joe Gregson, Roy Irwin, Therese Johnson, Pat Kenney, Ryan Monello, Bruce Nash, Anne Poole, Jean Rodeck, Dave Shaver, David Vana-Miller, Judy Visty, and Ted Weasma. Chuck Rafkind was once again our conference photographer *par excellence*. Others, too numerous to mention, gave help in planning and carrying out the conference. Our thanks go out to them all.

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