

Science is Stirring!*Jean Matthews*

Three conferences are slated in the West, all three with an objective to improve the communications link between science and management, and at least one with the further goal of extending scientific information about the park to the movers and shakers in the surrounding region.

★ The first of these conferences will be held June 2-4 at the Hawaii Field Research Center at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, co-sponsored by the US National Park Service, the University of Hawaii Cooperative Park Studies Unit, and the Hawaii Natural History Association. Stated purpose is "to bring together scientists and managers studying Hawaii's natural systems, flora and fauna, for exchange of information and presentation of papers. Dr. Chuck Stone, research biologist at the park, is receiving papers. His phone number is [808] 967-7368.

★ On June 22-24, at Kalispell, Montana, an international symposium will help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Water-Glacier International Peace Park. Bob Haraden, Superintendent of Glacier National Park, and Bernie Lief, Superintendent of Waterton Lakes National Park, announced the title: *"Towards the Biosphere Reserve: Exploring Relationships Between Parks and Adjacent Lands."* Presentations from land managers, resource specialists, and scientists from throughout Canada and the US will be heard by an invited audience of Chamber of Commerce members, county commissioners, industry representatives, and others. Both superintendents expressed enthusiasm about the symposium, jointly sponsored by Parks Canada and the US National Park Service: "the concept of regional management is with us and it seems appropriate now to explore means of making it a successful idea," Haraden said. Lief added that the goal is "to make it a working session of value to managers in and around national parks."

★ On September 9-10, the First Biennial Conference on Research in California's National Parks will be held at the University of California, Davis. Charles van Riper, III, leader of the Cooperative Research Studies Unit at Davis, has announced the purpose as "the presentation and discussion of research related to the biological and sociological resources of California's National Parks." Two days of paper presentations will be held, with keynote speakers; evenings will be devoted to paper poster sessions. The invitation is extended to "anyone who has conducted research in or is interested in National Park research and resource management, including administrators, scientists, students, and laypersons.

