

# **R-MAP**

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Subject: Transmittal of the R-MAP Prototype

We are pleased to provide you with the final prototype of the Resources Management Assessment Program (R-MAP). This process for assessing and justifying a comprehensive, base-funded natural resources management and research program has been tested and refined using 41 Western Region parks and a total of 26 parks from the other nine regions. Fourteen meetings were held by the Working Group, which included 67 parks, 2 area offices, and 4 CPSU's and a total of 118 individuals. Each session provided unique information which allowed the R-MAP process to evolve in response to the professional input of the participants. A total of 17 major natural resource programs and 72 subprograms are identified in R-MAP. We are confident that the R-MAP analysis addresses the full spectrum of base staffing needs necessary to conduct a professional management effort to preserve and protect the natural resources of the National Park System.

R-MAP has several inherent qualities which make it a good tool for analyzing natural resource program needs: (1) R-MAP has universal application for parks, whether they are big or small; (2) R-MAP is resource based, relying on the characteristics of each individual park to determine program needs; (3) R-MAP is a program approach versus a project approach to natural resources management, protection, and research; and (4) R-MAP is a comprehensive process which identifies not only natural resource program base staffing needs; but also the infrastructure; program support funds; and administrative, maintenance, and Regional Office staff needed to support this staffing level.

The R-MAP prototype has been tested and refined using input from the 67 parks. A computer program was used to fine-tune the allocations in the R-MAP tables. R-MAP is now ready for implementation Servicewide.

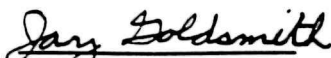
We believe this tool will be exceptionally useful in providing the necessary staffing and support to preserve the natural resources of the National Park System.

  
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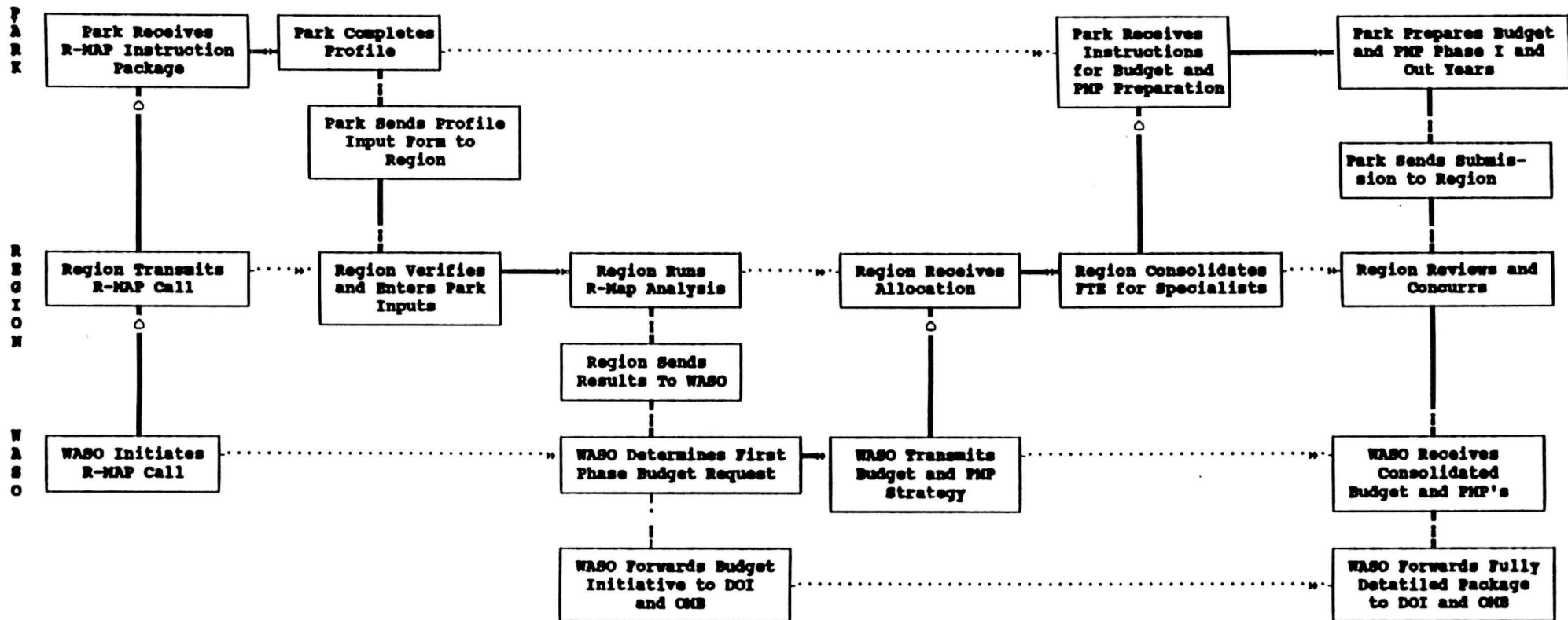
  
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