

TELECONFERENCE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1995

AGENDA

FYI/UPDATES

YELLOWSTONE WORLD HERITAGE SITE AND THE NEW WORLD MINE Water Resources and Geologic Resources Divisions were represented at Yellowstone during a meeting of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) convened last week to examine whether the mine proposal would damage the World Heritage site. There were over 100 people in attendance, from locals to Birch Bayh - and lots of press, including McNeil-Lehrer, which plans to air a report on Tuesday night (Sept. 12).

IPM PROGRAM UPDATE - The IPM reengineering effort, aiming to streamline the pesticide use approval process without sacrificing our ability to safeguard the environment, is still underway. Last month the draft recommendations were circulated to each of the Field Area Directors for comment prior to finalizing the recommendations to the Director. We received comments from Seattle, elements of the Washington Office, and several individuals in parks, but not from Field Area Offices. The deadline was August 24th. We have slowed the process down to await comments from other Field Area Directors and their staffs. IPM Coordinator personnel in the various offices have been contacted to remind the offices that comments from them are important and requesting them by the end of September 1995. A recent incident involving the unauthorized use of highly toxic sodium cyanide in an unsafe manner has underscored the need to assure that a viable process for pesticide approval is in place. (May)

NATIONAL PARK WEEK-1996 - In April 1996, the National Park Week celebrations are to be "kicked off" with a Resources Management theme day. Natural Resource staff have been working closely with Laurie Lee Jenkins who is coordinating much of the organizing for upcoming festivities to identify projects that would be well-suited for National Park Foundation fundraising on NPS behalf. It is hoped that 10-20 projects of a cultural and natural resource focus can be helped by National Park Foundation and donor assistance. A one-week old call sent out to Field Area and Systems Support Offices yielded suggestions for more than 130 projects by noon 9/8/95.

The goal now is to screen the prospective projects, with assistance from National Park Foundation personnel, to identify a trimmed list of around 10 cultural and 10 natural resource projects that respond to needs of the National Park Service for "enhancement," but that also have the highest potential for donor support for specific fundraising. It is hoped that successful fundraising by the National Park Foundation can be acknowledged on National Park Week's "resources management" day. (May)