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The staff of the Natural Resource Information Division invites the public and the colleagues in NPS and other agencies to make suggestions for the improvement of the Division's services.







Mission


Generation and dissemination of information that advances the management, protection, and understanding of natural resources in the national parks and in associated ecological communities.



Roles and Functions

-  Formulation and evaluation of inventory and monitoring programs throughout the National Park Service; development of guidelines and technical procedures for using and managing GIS, remote sensing, and other natural-resource data in parks.
-  Maintenance and analyses of servicewide databases for broad sharing and application of natural resource and programmatic data.
-  Production of *Natural Resource Year in Review*, *Park Science*, and miscellaneous natural resource publications.
-  Development and dissemination of accurate, interesting, and timely information for the public, NPS managers and interpreters, students, teachers and the media.



-  Global distribution and exchange of natural resource information on NatureNet and the Natural Resources Intranet.

Organization

The Natural Resource Information Division is part of the Natural Resource Program Center, administered by the Associate Director for Natural Resource Stewardship and Science. It maintains offices in Fort Collins and Denver, Colorado, and Washington, D.C., and consists of three branches.

The Inventory and Monitoring Branch documents the status and trends of natural resources in America's national parks. As such, the branch oversees inventory and monitoring programs throughout the National Park Service, including assisting parks, regions and other NPS offices in the acquisition of natural resource inventory and monitoring information and its application in management decision-making and resource protection.

The Systems Management Branch provides and administers servicewide databases to meet the needs of natural resource program managers. It also develops and maintains data processing tools and procedures to help park staffs manage natural resource information consistently.

The Information Services Branch develops and communicates information for the preservation, management, and understanding of park natural resources. Informational materials and services are geared to reach the public, park staffs, and NPS partners, which includes education, interpretation and public outreach programs.