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For anyone interested in attending the upcoming NAA conference, please see information below. Note, Call for Papers is open.

### 33RD ANNUAL NATURAL AREAS CONFERENCE

Stewards of the Old and New West  
September 20-23, 2006  
Flagstaff, Arizona

The Natural Areas Association and the National Park Service will co-host the 33rd Annual Natural Areas Conference which will be held on the mountain campus of Northern Arizona University ([www.nau.edu](http://www.nau.edu)) in beautiful Flagstaff, Arizona (<http://www.flagstaffarizona.org>). The program will include keynote speakers, symposia, contributed papers, and posters covering a broad range of natural area and biodiversity preservation issues. Pre, post and mid conference field trips will expose participants to the beauty, traditions, and conservation issues of the spectacular Colorado Plateau. The conference will address the possible conflicts between the Old West traditions of Native Americans and ranchers and the New West views of new full-and part-time residents. Can traditional use and ranching activities be sustained while preserving natural areas and native biodiversity in the face of population growth and development?

#### Keynote speakers:

Thomas Sisk, Professor of Ecology at Northern Arizona University and authority on conservation biology issues facing the American West  
Ed Marston, Publisher Emeritus of High Country News, the American West's foremost newspaper on natural resources, public lands, and changing communities.  
Charles Wilkinson, Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Colorado and author of several books on history and society in the American West.

#### Expected Symposia:

New Genetic Tools for Conservation Biology, organized by Paul Keim, Northern Arizona University  
Ecological Monitoring and Assessment, organized by Lisa Thomas and Chris Lauver, National Park Service  
Corporate Contributions to Natural Areas Protection, organized by Steve Carothers, SWCA Environmental Consultants  
Invasive Species Management in Parks and Reserves, organized by Linda Drees, National Park Service  
Climate Change and Natural Areas Management, organized by Kenneth Cole  
U.S. Geological Survey Natural Areas on Federal Lands, organized by Steve Shelly  
U.S. Forest Service Cultural Landscapes, Traditional Use and Biodiversity Conservation, organized by Gary Paul Nabhan, Northern Arizona University and A. Trinkle Jones, National Park Service

#### Examples of Possible Contributed Paper Sessions:

- Cultural Resources - Ecological Monitoring
- Ecological Restoration - Education and Outreach
- Fire Ecology - Geology
- Invasive Species - Land Ethics
- Natural Areas Planning and Management - Wildlife
- Riparian Ecology and Preservation - Traditional Use of Natural Areas

#### Special Events:

- Conference opening reception
- National Park Service Director's Awards Presentations
- Banquet with silent and live auction and presentation by photographer, Tom Brownold
- Expected Field Trips:

#### Pre Conference:

- Canyonlands and Arches National Parks - Navajo and Hopi Country

Post Conference:

- Ecology of the North Rim Region of Grand Canyon National Park

Mid Conference Friday day trips include:

- San Francisco Peaks (Merriam Life Zones) - Hart Prairie
- Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon Ecology - Ponderosa Pine Forest Restoration
- Volcanology of the Colorado Plateau - South Rim of the Grand Canyon
- Fossil Creek/Beaver Creek Restoration - Springs and Riparian Restoration
- Pinyon-Juniper Ecology and Research
- Sunset Crater and Wupatki National Monuments

Registration Information:

Registration materials will be sent to the mailing list and posted on the web site in May (<http://www.cpcesu.anu.edu/NAC2006>). Secure on-line registration and payment by credit card will be available. Registration fees will be as follows:

NAA Member, NEW Member, Student:

Before August 4 \$220 \$250 \$125

August 5 - September 1 \$260 \$290 \$150

After September 1 \$310 \$340 \$150

Daily Rate \$100 \$125 \$ 50

Registration covers the opening reception, refreshments at breaks and poster night, box lunches on most Friday field trips and the banquet. No other lunches or meals will be provided.

Conference Contacts:

If you wish to support the conference through financial or in-kind services please contact Conference Chair Ron Hiebert at [ron.hiebert@nau.edu](mailto:ron.hiebert@nau.edu).

If you have suggestions for symposia or other program matters, please contact Program Chair John Vankat at [vankatjl@muohio.edu](mailto:vankatjl@muohio.edu).

To contribute silent or live auction items, please contact Angie Evenden at [Angela\\_Evenden@nps.gov](mailto:Angela_Evenden@nps.gov).

The best way to keep abreast of conference details is by visiting the web site. When registering, please provide us with your e-mail address. The conference web site is:

<http://www.cpcesu.nau.edu/NAC2006/>

Call for Papers:

Deadline to submit abstract: May 1, 2006

Format of abstract: to be posted on [www.cpcesu.nau.edu/NAC2006](http://www.cpcesu.nau.edu/NAC2006) by late February 2006 (submissions must be electronic)

Appropriate topics: All subjects pertaining to natural areas and preservation of biodiversity

Presentation formats: oral and poster

Questions: please send to Program Chair John Vankat at [vankatjl@muohio.edu](mailto:vankatjl@muohio.edu)

Natural Areas Conference

Northern Arizona University

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