

Climate change

ON FEB. 10, 1988, INTERIOR DEPUTY Undersecretary Becky Norton Dunlap appointed a 12-person Departmental Working Group on Climate Change (DWGCC) . . . to look into potential impacts of climate change on [Department of the Interior] bureaus and to come up with short[-] and long[-]term options as possible responses and mitigation measures. . . . In the face of such possibilities [i.e., certain animal and plant communities being stressed beyond their abilities to survive], the NPS science program must ask itself if the inventory and monitoring guidelines now under consideration will give the baseline information needed against which to measure future climate-induced changes. In other words, are we ready to do our part in assessing the natural responses that seem to be taking place? And as we find the answers, can we set up [an] intra-System strategy for dealing with these changes?

Reference

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