

**PARK STEWARDSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY  
CONFERENCE CALL  
Resources**

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Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ 8P-P3T: Region 8 P2 Team working with parks in Wyoming and North Dakota to provide examples for the toolkit. Participating in an on-going assistance project with the national parks.
- ◆ CO DOPHE: No specific work with state parks (Department of Natural Resources) at this time but new greening government executive order may change that. Have other projects happening in the state that address green buildings, recycling, water conservations, etc.

Future Interest:

- ◆ CO DOPHE: Broad areas of interest for greening government such as energy efficiency, water conservation, environmentally preferred purchasing, environmental compliance, transportation, waste reduction/recycling and natural resource use.

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Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ Green Buildings: two “green” buildings currently under construction – seeking Silver LEED certification when complete.
  - Blue Ball Dairy Barn – adaptive reuse of a historic dairy barn that will house Delaware’s Folk Art exhibit, a dairy museum, state park office, and a conference center. Features a rain-water harvesting system, radiant heating system, low energy lighting, low volume toilets and waterless urinals.
  - Killens Pond Nature Center – new construction featuring many of the same environmentally friendly systems as the Blue Ball Barn.
- ◆ Recycling/Composting: Christmas tree recycling program, public recycling drop-off bins in six state parks and in campground areas, office paper recycling units in offices, waste reduction and recycling policies in place for caterers and vendors at special use facilities, leaf and wood chip composting plus composting education centers.
- ◆ Purchasing: product purchasing recommendations, bio-diesel fuel used at all state park facilities and marinas.

- ◆ Product Management: chemical dispenser units installed in custodial areas, hazardous waste cleanout program.
- ◆ Renewable Energy: Bio-Sun Port-A-Potty units in remote park areas.
- ◆ Other: meadow management areas in parks, invasive species management programs and native species planting requirements.

Future Interest:

- ◆ Alternative/renewable energy opportunities for parks and public lands.
- ◆ Carry-in-carry-out (CICO) trash policies: currently have a CICO policy but are experiencing problems at marina and fishing pier sites with improper disposal of waste from fishing activities. Looking for communications tools that will help deliver the message to park users.
- ◆ Ideas for reducing the amount of overall trash generated in daily park operations. This includes maintenance, administration, and interpretive operations.

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Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ Have worked with GA State Parks for several years with a focus on green lodging (7 parks have lodges). This has been very successful.
- ◆ Now getting requests from traditional parks for assistance with water/energy efficiency, EPP, recycling.
- ◆ GA parks are national leader in green building design/construction with (I believe) more LEED-registered construction projects than any other state park agency.

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Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ Container/Fiber recycling in state parks and lodges, tire recycling, hazardous waste recycling; spent oil recycling, environmentally friendly purchasing; energy efficient lighting; regional purchasing.

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Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ Discussing departmental or park EMS and state government sustainability plan.

Future Interest:

- ◆ A list of other states that have an EMS and the extent of the EMS.

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Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ Involved in Pollution Prevention Resource Conservation (P2RC).
- ◆ Initiated number of 'green' initiatives examples include photovoltaics, composting toilets, recycling, CNG vehicles etc.

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Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ State Parks: Fall 2004, Michigan State Parks developed a Green Initiatives Committee to identify environmentally preferred management practices for implementation. Five pilots were introduced during the summer of 2005 - green cleaning products, in-house recycling, biodiesel, cleaning product metering, and a 'grow-not-mow' program. Working on P2/regulatory guidebook for parks.
- ◆ Pictured Rock National Lakeshore: Long standing Environmental Leadership Program with experience in photovoltaics, green procurement, bio-diesel, bio-lubricants/fluids substitution,

sustainable practices, environmental leadership workshops/presentations/publicity, low toxicity cleaning/maintenance products, green maintenance practices, and HAZMAT compliance assistance.

Future Interest:

- ◆ Interested in testimonial from other park system regarding “green” programs.
- ◆ Interested in park resources – toolkits, fact sheets, contract language, green building design concepts, solar applications, etc.
- ◆ Interested in EMS models for parks.

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Stewardship Activities:

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Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ EPA Region 8 initiative to work with state and local parks to integrate pollution prevention. Created a survey to determine state and local park interest and knowledge of P2.
- ◆ Created a P2Rx Topic Hub™ providing background information and on-line resources dealing with pollution prevention on public lands:  
[www.peakstoprairies.org/topichub/toc.cfm?hub=803&subsec=7&nav=7](http://www.peakstoprairies.org/topichub/toc.cfm?hub=803&subsec=7&nav=7)
- ◆ Draft “Green Parks” toolkit (currently in review). Intended use: either by parks agencies or by P2 assistance providers. Includes major operations and waste streams, points out regulatory issues, and offers best management practices. “Where To Go For Help” section points to local and national contacts. Will be offered in hard-copy, CD and on-line formats.
- ◆ Conducted several environmental assessments and sponsored a booth at last fall’s Montana Recreation and Parks Association annual conference.

Future Interest:

- ◆ State and local parks using SEP money for p2 projects.
- ◆ Green purchasing for parks
- ◆ Creating awards (or rewards) for parks adopting p2 practices
- ◆ Providing a forum where parks and p2 programs can share what has worked and where more work is needed.
- ◆ Training for Montana parks personnel

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### Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ EMS - recently conducted environmental assessments on three state parks.
- ◆ As a whole parks working on using less toxic cleaning products and drought resistant native plants; on an individual basis parks are using electric patrol cars, bikes for patrolling purposes and solar power. Parks are also remodeling with more insulation and low maintenance siding.

### Future Interest:

- ◆ ND parks are all looking for ways to reduce their impact upon the environment and they recognize the example they set for others. Eager to hear what others are doing.

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### Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ Implementing Sustainability Action Plan for 03-05 Biennium (full text on web site). This Action Plan calls for: incorporating sustainability into grant programs managed by the department, eliminating two cycle engines from field operations (9 year cycle), creating an EMS for department operations, and reducing/eliminating hazardous and toxic substances from operations.

### Future Interest:

- ◆ Any/all park stewardship practices.

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Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ Beginning work on EMS for Parks April 2005.
- ◆ Recycling and waste reduction-ongoing.
- ◆ Alternative fuels – biodiesel- looking at feasibility.
- ◆ Managing energy use through a meter monitoring service at one park.
- ◆ EPP – ongoing.
- ◆ Purchase of Green Power (wind, solar, landfill methane) starting April 2005.
- ◆ Use of recycled tires for landscaping, athletic areas – 2006 pilot project if funded.
- ◆ Audubon Certification at a Tennessee State Park Golf Course – one complete, others in various stages of completion.

Future Interest:

- ◆ Interested in what other states are doing in these areas – no need to “reinvent the wheel”.
- ◆ Look at possibilities of expanding current, ongoing projects with ideas from other states.
- ◆ Sharing Tennessee experiences with others.
- ◆ Assistance with alternative fuels, issues, concerns, problems.
- ◆ P2 money possibilities!!

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Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ Website for mountain recreation area best management practices <http://utmtngroup.utah.gov>
- ◆ Hosted last year’s land management agency national conference (on this years planning committee) Information for this initiative may be viewed at <http://www.deq.utah.gov/zionsummit/>.
- ◆ Work with EPA and National Park Service on EMS implementation at parks.

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Current Resource Activities <http://www.parks.wa.gov/stewardact.asp>  
Recycling Case Studies <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/litter/who.html#a7>

Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is moving forward with the Centennial 2013 Plan it approve in October 2003 (<http://www.parks.wa.gov/public.asp#centennial>). The plan outlines improvements the agency will complete with the help of partners, volunteers and policy makers, by 2013 when the park system celebrates its 100th anniversary. The 2013

Plan evolves from the Commission's Centennial Vision: "In 2013, Washington's state parks will be premier destinations of uncommon quality, including state and regionally significant natural, historic and recreation resources that are outstanding for public experience, health, enjoyment and learning." The Agency's Sustainability Program is tied to the Centennial 2013 Plan both in goals and timelines.

- ◆ State Parks are working on an internal Sustainability Plan.

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### Stewardship Activities:

- ◆ Part of EMS Development Team working with Yellowstone National Park to develop comprehensive plans that will address solid waste/recycling , alternative fuels, energy conservation, water conservation and treatment, green lodging, mass transportation, hazardous materials compliance and reduction efforts, and air quality issues.
- ◆ Part of EPA Region 8 Parks/Public Land Regional P2 Initiative. Have conducted on site P2 inspections, co-developed case study, reviewer of Green Parks Toolkit being compiled by Peaks to Prairies P2 Information Center.
- ◆ Participate in Greater Yellowstone Clean Cities Coalition that promotes alternative fuels and transportation such as ethanol/biodiesel and mass transportation in Yellowstone National Park and surrounding gateway communities.

### Future Interest:

- ◆ How to actually and efficiently implement and fund EMS/P2 Planning/P2 Practices at state and local park levels.