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Examination of natural resources often leaves out one important component—the human element. To enable resource managers and researchers to exchange information and ideas about the human dimensions of natural resources, the second Symposium on Social Aspects and Recreation Research was held February 23-25, 1994, in San Diego, California. The format of the symposium offered various opportunities for interactive communication among attendees. The proceedings contain abbreviated versions of 29 oral presentations, and summaries of sessions covering poster presentations, simulated field trips, and round table discussions. Issues addressed include these: conflicts, ecosystem management, multicultural groups, land ethics, protection and safety, partnership and service delivery, pilot project and new paradigms, economic issues and resource management case studies.

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Preface

The second Social Aspects and Recreation Research (SARR) Symposium was held February 23-25, 1994 in San Diego, California. The theme was the human dimensions of natural resources. Sponsors were the Pacific Southwest Research Station of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; the Social Aspects of Resource Management Institute at California State Polytechnic University at Pomona; the California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior; and the Society of American Foresters.

The idea for the symposium was first proposed in a meeting of the Wildland Recreation and Urban Culture Research Work Unit of the USDA Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station in late 1990. In several meetings we refined what we wanted to get out of the symposium and what we wanted others to get from it. The first SARR Symposium was held February 19-22, 1992, in Ontario, California.

Our vision for the SARR Symposiums was interaction. We viewed them as a golden opportunity for communication between and among resource managers and researchers. We expected participants to gather social and recreational information and share their thoughts about that information. We offered many ways for this communication to take place, including these: (1) keynote addresses on the human dimensions of natural resources; (2) concurrent sessions of extended length allowing for questions and responses; (3) an educational poster session; (4) round table sessions where up to 10 participants could discuss a topic of mutual interest; (5) simulated field trips where resource managers could describe their resource area to participants and answer questions about that area; and (6) an actual field trip where participants could visit one of two natural resource areas to learn about it directly from the site resource managers.

Keynote addresses at the second SARR symposium were given by Anne Fege, USDA Forest Service, and Mark Nechodom, University of California at Davis. There were 52 concurrent session speakers and session topics included these: social issues and conflicts in multiple use; human dimensions of ecosystem management; land ethics; protection, safety, and use issues; partnership and service delivery strategies; pilot projects and new paradigms; economic issues in policy formation; and resource management case studies. In these Proceedings you will find copies of the presentations made available to us by the keynote and concurrent session presenters.

Summaries of presentations at the educational poster, round table, and simulated field trip sessions are also included. Educational posters were presented by 19 people, 9 people presided over round table discussions and 5 people gave simulated field trips.

The volume of abstracts including all of the symposium sessions are available from the Wildland Recreation and Urban Culture Research Work Unit, Pacific Southwest Research Station, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.

Two groups were responsible for planning and running the symposium. From the Wildland Recreation and Urban Culture Research Work Unit of the Pacific Southwest Research Station, Project Leader Deborah J. Chavez served as Program Chair, and unit staff members Victor Caro, Sarah Ellinger, Arthur Magill, Robert Pfister, Steven Sanchez, Linda Tocco, and Patricia Winter provided valuable support. Special thanks go to Technical Editors Laurie Dunn and B Shimon Schwarzschild, Editorial Assistant Lola Thomas, Visual Information Specialists Kathy Stewart and Esther Kerkmann, Photo Scientific Technician Anthony Gomez, and Maintenance crew member Warren Hannall from the Pacific Southwest Research Station and Anthony Martinez of the Angeles National Forest. Special thanks also go to the Cleveland National Forest for its support, in particular Anne Fege, Forest Supervisor. The Department of Social Science, California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, Professor Sidney Blummer and staff of the Social Aspects of Resource Management Institute, Lisa Caro, K.C. Cheung, and Bruce Hoffman all provided technical assistance before and at the symposium. We also thank Robert Chin, graduate student at San Francisco State University for volunteering his services at the Symposium.

Most importantly, thanks go to every presenter and attendee at the SARR Symposium. The 130 attendees represented the the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior; the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the Department of Fish and Game; and various state offices, regional parks and open spaces. The attendees also represented the following universities and colleges: Arizona State University; Auburn University; California State University at Chico, Pomona, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Luis Obispo; Colorado State University; Indiana University; Metro State College; Northern Arizona University; Ohio State University; Oregon State University; Pennsylvania State University; San Francisco State University; Southwest Texas State University; University of Alabama; University of Alaska; University of Arizona; University of Calgary; University of California at Berkeley and San Diego; Utah State University; Virginia Polytechnic Institute; and West Virginia University.

We hope to see you again in 1997, when the third SARR Symposium is planned.

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I Live in a City and I Like to Recreate Outdoors¹

Anne S. Fege²

Welcome to San Diego! We are delighted to share our sunshine and warm weather, our beaches and mountains and deserts with you. Tomorrow the Cleveland National Forest is proud to invite you out of this hotel room on two field trips to the mountains and to places along the ocean. On behalf of all 200 Cleveland National Forest employees, I welcome you and invite you to stay and enjoy the 1/2 million acres of chaparral and forest land we manage in urban Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties.

Today we begin 3 days of learning about and experiencing the social aspects of recreation. I invite you to look at these from a personal perspective, and to think about your values about outdoor recreation in the urban setting. I invite you to recognize different values between yourself and others as you learn more about recreation this week.

Yesterday was Thinking Day, a day when Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world recognize their international connections and community. The Girl Scouts of San Diego-Imperial Counties, where I'm an active volunteer-asked girls and adults to celebrate it by wearing different shoes to demonstrate differences. I'm celebrating it today with two different shoes and I offer the following agreement for Thinking Day to value differences:

To those who are different from me, I promise: to learn about you, to understand you, to befriend you, to value you and your differences, and to appreciate that our similarities are larger than our differences.

In the next 20 minutes, I invite you to participate in valuing differences in our interests in outdoor recreation. And then I invite you to connect personally to your outdoor recreation experiences.

For the following questions, I ask you to stand up to answer them, and look around you to see who answered the same and who answered differently, so you can value similarities and differences.

Our values and interests are shaped by where we were raised and where we live. Please stand up if you were raised in a city or town of 100,000 or more. You have many urban values, and your colleagues who remained seated have many rural values from their upbringings.

Now, please stand up if you live in a city of 1,000,000 including suburbs. Also stand up, if you live in the city limits of a city of 100,000. You have urban values and

needs, and your colleagues who remain seated have more rural needs. Most of us here at this conference are urban residents. We live in cities. This conference relates personally to us.

Our values are expressed in how we choose to spend our time. Think about how you spend time in the outdoors, within an hour of your home. Do not include your daily exercise, jogging, bicycling to work, etc. Stand up, if you spend most of your outdoor time alone. Stand up, if you spend most of it with one other person. Stand up, if you spend most of it with two or more people. Look around, see who has similar values about outdoor recreation time, and who has different values.

We also express our values in the activities we choose. What activities have you enjoyed in the outdoors in the past 2 years, within an hour of your home? Stand up, to answer each question, then sit down again.

Did you hike or walk?

Ride a bicycle?

Ride an off-highway vehicle?

Ride a horse?

Go on a picnic?

Go target shooting?

Go skiing?

Camp overnight?

Drive for pleasure with out-of-town guests?

Go with international or non-English speaking guests?

Stand up if you have enjoyed any other activities, and stay standing. Please tell us what these activities were.

Now I'm inviting you to recall a recent personal outdoor recreation experience. I am inviting you to bring the outdoors into this room. Please close your eyes. Sit comfortably, relax your arms, relax your legs, relax your neck. Breathe deeply.

You're going to go to your favorite outdoor recreation place within an hour of home. Decide on the destination. Put on the clothes you need for the activities there. Decide who will be going with you. Pack your lunch and any gear and equipment. Get all the gear and people together outside your home. Get in your car or bicycle or walk to the bus stop. Now you are traveling to this destination. Enjoy the scenery along the way.

You are now at your favorite nearby recreation spot. Get out of the vehicle and get all the gear and supplies you packed for the excursion. Start doing the outdoor activity. You're having a good time. You're enjoying yourself. Now notice the people around you, others enjoying the same place. Notice how they are dressed and how they talk within

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their group. Notice those doing the same activities. Notice those doing something different.

If you've been enjoying the activity in a group, go off by yourself for a minute, back to a quiet place or down a trail. Take a look around you. Breathe deeply. Remember the last time you were here. Smell the air and plants and soil. See the bright colors, the greens and blues and browns, maybe some small flowers next to where you're sitting. Reach out and touch the plants. Feel the sand or rock or soil. Listen. Do you hear wind in the trees or the surf, or birds singing, or water rushing? Or do you hear complete silence? Breathe deeply. The outdoors is speaking to you.

Go back to your group. Finish your activity and pack up to go home. Get back in your car or on your bicycle or the bus. Drive back home. Listen to others talking about the day

and the activities. Enjoy the scenery and the late afternoon sunlight. Now you are home. Slowly open your eyes and look around you. You are back in San Diego. You are back at a conference on Social Aspects and Recreation Research.

As we share the papers, posters, field trip, other experiences and hallway talk this week, let us remember that outdoor recreation is a very personal experience. It is one of the activities that gives our lives a sense of quality and joy.

In choosing recreational activities, we reflect our individual values. Let us honor and celebrate the differences among us here, but more importantly among recreation visitors and the public. Please join me in the spirit of the Girl Scout agreement to value these differences. I'm delighted to welcome you to San Diego, and learn with you this week.