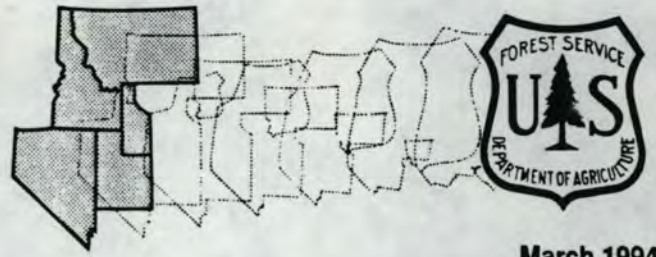
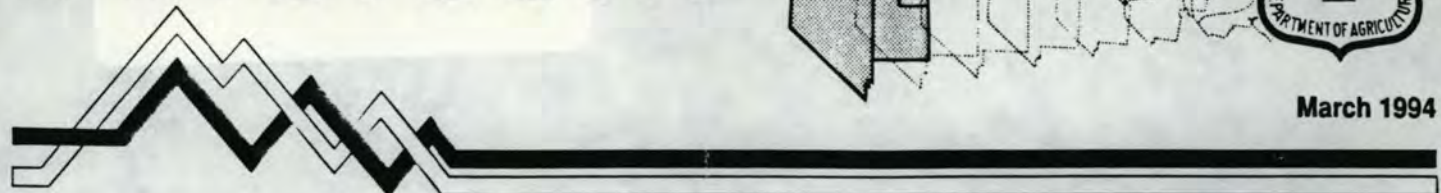


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★ Parsons chosen as director of the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute



WASHINGTON DC—Deputy Chief for Research, Jerry SESCO, announced that David Parsons has been appointed as Director of the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, based in Missoula, MT. Parsons is currently a research scientist with the National Biological Survey and is located at the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Field Station in Three Rivers, CA.

Parsons assumes the post currently held by the Acting Director, Alan Watson, and will report on May 16, 1994.

During his 20-plus year career as a research biologist with the National Park Service, Parsons has carried out research on wilderness impacts, fire ecology, giant sequoia forest ecology, and air
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pollution effects. He has coordinated several interdisciplinary teams of scientists and managers in developing research initiatives on understanding the effects of fire suppression, acidic deposition, and climatic change on the ecosystems of the southern Sierra Nevada. In 1992, he was awarded the National Park Service Western Regional Director's Natural Resources Award as the Research Scientist of the Year.

Dr. Parsons has published over 90 research papers on topics relating to wilderness, fire ecology, plant ecology, and applications of science to natural area policy and management. He currently serves as a member of the Ecological Society of America's Editorial Board for the journal Ecological Applications and as the Coordinator of the Sierra Nevada Global Change Research Program. In addition, he is a Science Team member of

the Congressionally mandated Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project.

The Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute was formally dedicated in August of 1993 and is an interagency research organization. The mandate of this institute is to conduct and expand research into the use and management of wilderness, integrate and coordinate research efforts among government agencies, universities, and other research

organizations, develop and implement innovative technology transfer methods, and provide technical assistance in national and international wilderness-related issues.

