

Situation

1. The library receives numerous publications from government agencies and other sources that are outside the standard bibliographic control.
 - a. not in national union catalog and not in monthly catalog of government printing office
 - b. these publications are limited printings by district and regional offices and are of regional interest but not national interest therefore the national catalogs do not pick them up
2. The U of I library has a comprehensive collection numbering several thousand items currently not cataloged.
3. Knowledge of their existence quickly fades after they are issued since they get placed on a shelf with no reference control.
 - a. unless you know they were issued you do not know what to ask for
 - b. and if you ask for it, it may require an extensive search since they are not catalogued
4. Presently no one is trying to provide shared cataloging data for this type of material
5. A system exists, Washington Library Network (WLN), to share this information on a wide regional basis through an on-line computer cataloging system
 - a. Over 50 libraries in the PNW currently utilize this WLN and will be sharing their data base with other library networks throughout the West
6. Other indexing and cataloging systems exist, such as WESTFORNET, but they do not include the cataloging and sharing of the publications identified in this special collection
 - a. WESTFORNET is an indexing rather than a cataloging system and does not include most of the publications addressed by this proposal

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Objectives:

1. To obtain and provide bibliographical control over wilderness and recreation related literature currently outside standard bibliographic control.
2. To share and provide or make available the bibliographic information to others by or through
 - a. the Washington Library network
 - b. a periodically published bibliography
3. To continue to acquire and catalog this material