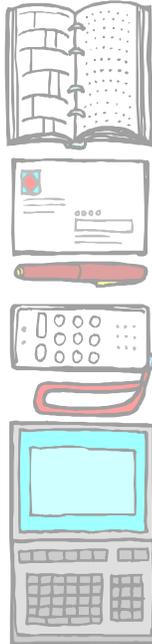


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NEW RELEASE **NATURAL AND CULTURAL** **RESOURCES MANAGERS** **DIRECTORY!!**

We have developed a database of the Natural and Cultural Resource Managers throughout the AF; in addition to other useful contacts, e.g. the Air Force Museum and AFCESA. Since this directory is in a database format, it will be very easy to update - one simple e-mail or phone call to anyone in ECC and the corrected information can be inputted immediately. The directory is attached.



Revisions of Air Force Instructions 32-7064 (*Integrated Natural Resources Management*) and 32-7065 (*Cultural Resources Management*):

The revisions to the Air Force Conservation Program instructions that were initiated in the AFCEE conservation conference in April 2000 are nearly ready for coordination with the major commands. We anticipate sending AFI 32-7064 and 32-7065 to the MAJCOMS for coordination early next year. Thanks to much hard work from the MAJCOM and installation natural and cultural resources managers, the instructions have been revised, updated, and expanded. (Kevin Porteck POC for 32-7064 at DSN 240-5631 or Dr. Jim Wilde for 32-7065 at DSN 540-6546)

Conservation Programming and Budgeting Policy Memo: AF/ILE issued an updated memo on conservation programming and budget guidance on 11 Sep 2000. Continuing shortfalls for the entire Air Force Civil Engineering budget have resulted in much more detailed reviews of all environmental budgets. The new memo provides more specific guidance to help program managers in the preparation of their individual budgets. Much of the guidance will be incorporated into the new conservation Air Force Instructions. (Dr. Doug Ripley at DSN 662-0632)

New DoD Instruction Addresses Wildland Fire

For the first time ever, DODI 6055.6 - *DoD Fire and Emergency Services Program* addresses wildland fire preparation and response. The policy states that DoD shall prepare and respond to wildland fires in accordance with The Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program Review of 1995 (<http://www.fs.fed.us/land/wdfire.htm>). The new language also calls for DoD to maintain a voting membership in the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (<http://www.nwcg.gov/>) and to establish a position at the National Interagency Fire Center (<http://www.nifc.gov>) to represent DoD wildland fire requirements. Although the instruction states that the NIFC position will "manage the wildland fire qualification system for the Department of Defense", the Director of Military Support (DOMS) at the Pentagon made a recent statement that the DoD billet will not track "red card" certifications and will not maintain training records. Those tasks will be left up to the individual Service to determine.

HQ AFCEE/EC is currently facilitating an effort to include a new Wildland Fire Management chapter within the next update of AFI 32-7064 - *Integrated Natural Resources Management* which, in its current draft, does not include specifics on how training and certification would be tracked. Anyone with ideas or comments on the new chapter may contact Kevin Porteck, DSN 240-5631/ kevin.porteck@hqafcee.brooks.af.mil.

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In February of this year the US FWS ruled that the Black-tailed Prairie Dog (BTPD) warranted listing as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), but because of other listing priorities, no action was taken. Yearly reviews of the BTPD will determine whether it will be maintained as a candidate for listing or whether it will actually be listed. The general consensus is that sufficient conservation measures can be taken to prevent the need for listing. Federal, state, NWF, and other organizations have been loosely working together to coordinate conservation of the BTPD since 1998. Recently, representatives of eleven states and eight federal agencies (including Air Force and Army) met in Rapid City, SD, many issues were discussed and some goals established.

Agreement was reached that federal agencies should work directly with states in developing state BTPD plans. (Dan Friese, DSN 240-3823)

Colorado Butterfly plant listed

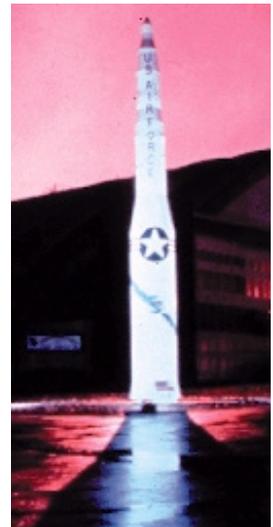
In the 18 Oct 2000 Federal Register, the USFWS listed the Colorado Butterfly Plant (*Gaura neomexicana* ssp. *coloradensis*) from Southeastern Wyoming, Northcentral Colorado, and extreme Western Nebraska as THREATENED. Effective date 17 Nov 2000. <http://frwebgate2.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate.cgi?WAISdocID=2108323476+0+0+0&WAISaction=retrieve>

New Law:

Public Law 106-115 was passed 29 Nov 1999. It establishes Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in South Dakota. Full text is available at

<http://www.currentlegislation.com/LegalNews/uspl1998/106-115.html>

or to visit the park <http://www.nps.gov/mini/index.htm>



Have you ever wondered . . . What are historic buildings worth? Are there good economic reasons to preserve historic buildings? Find out in *The Economics of Historic Preservation*, by Donovan Rypkema, published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. From the catalog blurb: "This book provides sound economic arguments to convince property owners, bankers, [base commanders], and city officials to save and rehabilitate...[historic] structures. Citing examples from around the country, this book makes the case for preservation from a variety of perspectives." Order it and other good preservation books at www.mainst.org

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CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS:

16-20 Mar 2001 – 66th National Military Fish and Wildlife Annual Meeting, Washington DC. Check out their website for more details:

<http://www.nmfwa.org/>

13-17 Sep 01 – Society of American Foresters, Denver CO.

17-21 Sep 01 – DoD Forestry Workshop, AF Academy CO.

13-15 Mar 01 -- *Historic Preservation Law and Section 106 Compliance*, Annapolis, MD

12-15 June 01 -- *Natural Resources Compliance*, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD

28-30 Aug 01 -- *Introduction to Cultural Resource Management Laws and Regulations*, Anchorage, AK

Native American Traditions and Cultures, date/location to be determined.

The Air Force will be official host for the 2001 DoD Forestry Workshop, tentatively scheduled to be held 17-21 September at the Air Force Academy. If desired, attendees will have the opportunity to also attend the Society of American Foresters convention in Denver from 13-17 September. Contact Kevin Porteck, DSN 240-5631 if you would like to volunteer ideas or services to the workshop.

DoD Conservation Training Courses: The Naval School, Civil Engineer Corps Officers (CECOS) continues to offer DoD-approved natural and cultural resources courses. These tuition free courses have been approved by the InterService Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB) and are the primary source for DoD conservation training. They should be used to meet both initial and refresher Air Force conservation training as required in AFI 32-7064 and 65. Although numerous commercial courses are available that partly fulfill the Air Force training requirement, **the ISEERB-approved courses not only save considerable tuition costs but also specifically address military natural and cultural resources issues**

(most of these courses are tuition FREE to DoD employees, with the attendee picking up the per diem costs). They should be the primary source of the required initial and refresher Air Force conservation training. Please consult the CECOS web site: <http://www.cecos.navy.mil> for updated schedules, course descriptions, and on-line registration.

Good-bye to Russell Scott, Wildlife Biologist.

Many of you knew him as the crusty old guy at AFCEE who could answer your Natural Resources question, or who could find you some contract support before you could whistle Dixie, or the guy you could unload on about some frustrating situation. Wildlife biologist **Russell Scott** of the Environmental Planning Division, Environmental Conservation and Planning Directorate retired in November. He had been in federal service for almost 28 years. He joined AFCEE in 1992.

Russell managed numerous projects dealing with wildlife biology and natural resources protection and conservation.

I know we here at AFCEE will miss Russell. His quick wit and sense of humor was something else. All I can say is "When you're sittin' out on your porch in the Texas Hill Country, tip one back for us, would ya Russell"