

From the Editor

Back to basics

After a very busy 2011 and early 2012 in which we published three thematic issues, we return to the seasonal fare that is our staple. I want to thank the many authors who waited patiently to have their work published in this edition as we bypassed a planned seasonal issue late last year in order to devote a second theme edition to the topic of climate change science, which was overflowing with good material. Along with the recent issue on wilderness science and management, those three thematic issues were among our most popular editions ever. We are beginning to plan for a thematic issue to be published about a year from now in which we will explore biodiversity discovery work in national parks. In the interim we will be getting back to basics and publishing several seasonal issues that strive to share useful and interesting examples of applied park research.

I invite your participation in filling out the pages of the upcoming fall, winter, and spring (2013) editions with pertinent reports of science applications to national parks. I encourage you to share research summaries, case studies, features, international and domestic park fieldwork experiences, and other types of articles with our readers. Please see the *Park Science* Web site for article type descriptions and page 4 of this issue for contributor deadlines. You can also e-mail or call me with any questions or ideas you have regarding preparing an article for *Park Science*. I look forward to hearing from you.

This issue explores a wide variety of topics and issues that I think you will find enlivening and influential. As editor I feel especially satisfied when an issue not only explains the research process and findings that form the foundation of usable knowledge, but also shares the personal side of the story, whether it be through descriptions of field survey experiences, park exploration, laboratory work, photography, project management, school programs, or consultative teamwork. These articles reflect a broad network of highly motivated, creative, and smart individuals who are hard at work on behalf of our national park conservation goals.

—Jeff Selleck, Editor