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Western National Parks Association Announces Scientific Research Grant Awards for 2007

Western National Parks Association is pleased to announce the award of its annual grants to support scientific research in national parks. Seventeen separate proposals were approved, for a total of over \$112,000 in funded projects. A diverse array of topics was represented, ranging from radiocarbon dating of Channel Islands National Park archeological sites to climate change studies at Great Basin National Park. A complete list of funded projects can be found at www.wnpa.org/pressroom.asp.

Western National Parks Association (WNPA) has regularly supported the acquisition of knowledge through scientific research grants benefiting the management, preservation, and interpretation of park resources since 1974. WNPA annually considers funding well-justified proposals in the natural and social sciences, giving priority to park areas served by the Association. More information about WNPA's research program, including past projects and complete research criteria, can be found at www.wnpa.org/research_currentprojects.asp.

A complete list of funded projects and the associated national park location follows:

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area: Aquatic Invertebrate Inventory – Springs and Seeps

Western National Parks Association was founded in 1938 to aid and promote the educational and scientific activities of the National Park Service. A nonprofit organization authorized by Congress, it makes interpretive material available to park visitors by sale or free distribution. All net proceeds support the interpretive and research programs of the National Park Service.

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Casa Grande Ruins National Monument: Ground-Penetrating Radar Survey of Compound A at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

Chaco Culture National Historical Park: Chetro Ketl and Talus Unit Data Collection

Channel Islands National Park: Radiocarbon Dating and Interpretation of Santa Rosa Island Archeological Sites

Fort Scott National Monument: Forgotten Casualties of War: A Historical Research Prospectus for Fort Scott

Great Basin National Park: Contemporary Climate History and Climate Change Impacts in Great Basin National Park

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park: Visitor Voices: Testing Interpretive Theory, Assessing Interpretive Outcomes & Improving Interpretive Practice in the Intermountain Region of the National Park Service

Montezuma Castle National Monument: Monitoring the removal of the non-native slider turtle (*Trachemys scripta*) and evaluating its effects on the native Sonoran mud turtle (*Kinosternon sonoriense*) at Montezuma Well

Navajo National Monument: Footprints of the Ancestors: Community Based Research at Keet Seel

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument: Population structure and individual growth rates of organ pipe cactus (*Stenocereus thurberi*), Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Pinnacles National Monument: Stable Isotopic Fingerprinting of Lead Sources to California Condors in Pinnacles National Monument

Saguaro National Park: Protecting Riparian Resources through Hydrological Monitoring

Saguaro National Park: Determining an Acceptable Gate Configuration for a Colony of Cave Myotis in Wildhorse Mine, Saguaro National Park

Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument: Salinas Contribution to the Study of Long-Term Coupled Socioecological Change in the Southwest and Northern Mexico

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area: Measuring prevalence of anticoagulant poisons in small mammal populations in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

Tumacacori National Historical Park: Mission 2000

Wupatki National Monument: Age Determination of Lava Flows at Wupatki National Monument

Western National Parks Association, a non-profit partner of the National Park Service, was founded in 1938 to promote the preservation of the national park system and its resources by creating greater public appreciation through education, interpretation, and research. WNPA operates bookstores in 65 national park visitor centers across the West. More information about WNPA can be found at www.wnpa.org.