

Performance Objectives

Problem Oriented Policing in Conservation Agencies

I. Natural And Cultural Resources Are Protected Against Man-Caused Degradation

- a. Proactive analysis of resource risks, conducted in cooperation with science specialists and other resource preservation agencies, results in identification of resources at present risk. Prescriptive strategies engage all appropriate NPS assets in biome level preservation efforts. NPS exerts leadership in the conservation community. Protection employees lead the development of solutions that bring all Park disciplines to bear to restore desired standards.
- b. Proactive strategies ensure that significant theft or purposeful depredation of natural or cultural resources is a rare event. When they occur law enforcement response is rapid, vigorous and unremitting. Thorough investigations lead to arrests far above the national norms for resource crimes. The response restores the resource and a sense of Parks as sanctuary.
- c. Resources are never lost permanently to degradation resulting from overuse or uneducated misuse. Resource decline is detected early by cooperation with science specialists.
- d. Resource degradation due to human use is within acceptable limits of change identified in cooperation with science specialists. Deteriorating conditions are observed early. Regulatory and public use changes are developed in consultation with user groups. Enforcement efforts are education and compliance based as a preferred tool, with more aggressive enforcement techniques applied as required to protect the resource.