

U.S.—Chile Environmental Cooperation on Biodiversity Governance

Successful environmental cooperation achieves the twin goals of increased prosperity and improved protection of natural resources. Chile's establishment of a new Ministry of the Environment signals a renewed commitment to natural resource protection. Under the U.S.-Chile Environmental Cooperation Agreement, DOI is working with Chile to strengthen the institutions responsible for managing protected areas and biodiversity. With support from the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI-ITAP) is:



The Director of the Chilean National Park System and other participants at Lily Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park

- **Improving Executive-level Organizational Management** through interaction with DOI high level officials at the headquarters, region, and field levels
- **Strengthening Protected Area Leadership**, through a seminar for park managers focused on the principles of accurate fidelity to the law and policy, the best available science, and the long-term public interest.
- **Focusing on Research and Resource Management**, improving the ties between government agencies and academic experts to advance science-based decision making.
- **Sharing Model Laws and Policies**, to provide the new Ministry of the Environment and other agencies with examples of legal and regulatory tools to help them accomplish their mission.



Participants meet with NPS Intermountain Region Director John

Through this partnership, DOI ITAP and its partner agencies coordinate and implement training events, workshops, exchanges, and other activities to strengthen the institutions responsible for managing biodiversity and protected areas.

Project Achievements

- **Executive Study Tour:** The Director of the Chilean National Park System and other senior officials of CONAF and the Ministry of the Environment and DOI leadership exchanged best practices for managing biodiversity and protected areas at Rocky Mountain National Park, regional offices, and in Washington DC. 100% of participants reported that they intend to apply the concepts and lessons learned in their future work.



The delegation views wildlife with Deputy Refuge Manager Bruce Hastings



Study tour participants at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center



Participants review alpine ecosystem management techniques at Rocky Mountain National Park