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With this issue *Restoration & Management Notes* ceases to be occasional and becomes a twice yearly journal with publication scheduled for summer and winter. While this seems like a good move (and one we are ready for), it will mean a little more deadline pressure. You can help us in the time consuming task of soliciting contributions by sending us notes and suggestions for articles. Remember, we are trying to provide a bulletin board for the posting of information that might otherwise get lost in files, desk drawers, or in people's minds. *R&MN* is not refereed. If we think a contribution is pertinent, and if it is clearly written, we print it. We are finding there is plenty of information out there, but it takes time for us to find the people who have it. Please keep this in mind.

The deadline for contributions for the summer 1983 issue is March 1, and it's nice to receive notes ahead of time when possible.

Please notice, too, that we are enclosing a combined subscription card and reader reply card in this issue. The subscription card is for friends and colleagues who may be interested in subscribing. (Subscription *renewal* cards will be included in the upcoming summer issue.) The reader reply card is included because we want your views on what we are doing in *Notes*, what you like and don't like, what you'd like to see in the future, and so forth. The journal has been extremely well received, but we want to be sure we know why as we make decisions and plan future issues. We are experimenting, as you will see in this issue. But we won't know how our experiments are working unless you let us know how you feel. Please take a minute to fill out the card and drop it in the mail. We look forward to hearing from you.

To the Editor

Keep up the good work on *R&MN*! It's proving very useful to us. We're now in touch with other people doing work of this kind. Several groups and agencies about to start projects have also contacted us.—Steve Bracker, Fermilab, Batavia, Illinois

Congratulations on your new journal "Restoration and Management Notes," the first issue of which I have just seen.

Amenity land management, as a discipline covering exactly the same field covered by your journal, is a new and rapidly developing subject here. We have the very same problems in crystalizing the subject area and bringing together practitioners from a wide range of more traditional disciplines like ecology, geography, forestry, landscape architecture, etc., that you detail in your first editorial.

I am currently involved in planning a joint meeting of the British Ecological Society and Landscape Institute on this subject, which will be held in 1983.—B.H. Green, Wye College, England

I think that terminology applied to various "created" and "restored" habitats is perhaps confusing and misleading. In my opinion, a *restoration* is in progress when an originally native, though degraded, community is being restored to its presettlement condition; by contrast, a *reconstruction* is in progress when a site lacking any trace of the community in mind is planted with species comprising the bulk of the community planned for the site—a community is not restored, but rather reconstructed to approximate the real thing on an original site.—Kim Alan Chapman, Western Michigan University

I have just read volume I, number 2 and am very pleased to say that the results equal or exceed my expectations. . . . One of the things I like best about the publication is that it brings together autecologists and synecologists. . . . It is potentially a very good meeting ground for plant conservationists, ecosystem managers, wild-lifers, endangered species conservationists, etc. It is about time for a thorough-going conservation biology (or biological conservation) synthesis, and your journal can play an important role in bringing this about. Keep up the good work.—Robert E. Jenkins, Jr., The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia