

## **SBSC Weekly Highlights July 7, 2006**

**NASA Biodiversity and Disturbance Review Panel:** USGS scientist Pamela Nagler was selected as a reviewer for NASA's Biodiversity and Disturbance Proposals, sponsored by the NASA Research and Education Support Services (NRESS). The review panel meeting will be held in Crystal City, VA, July 25-27. (Pamela Nagler, SBSC SDRS, Tucson, AZ 520-626-2113)

**University of Montana, Numerical and Terrestrial Statistics Group (NTSG):** USGS scientist Pamela Nagler will be presenting a poster on evapo-transpiration rates estimated from coarse resolution MODIS imagery for three salt cedar sites at Cibola National Wildlife Refuge at the MODIS Specialty Group Meeting in Missoula, MT, followed by the NTSG-hosted Global Vegetation Workshop, August 7-10.  
<http://www.ntsug.umt.edu/VEGMTG> (Pamela Nagler, SBSC SDRS, Tucson, AZ 520-626-2113)

**USGS WRD in Carson City, NV:** USGS scientist Pamela Nagler will be meeting with J. Larue Smith, a remote sensing specialist in Carson City, to learn specialized image processing software (Feature Analyst Professional) before attending the Visual Imaging Systems Training in Missoula, MT, August 3-4. (Pamela Nagler, SBSC SDRS, Tucson, AZ 520-626-2113)

**USGS Open File Report Released:** Cecilia Schmidt, Brian Powell, and USGS scientist Bill Halvorson have released *Vascular Plant and Vertebrate Inventory of Tuzigoot National Monument*, Open File Report 2005-1347. The report was cooperatively produced with the University of Arizona, School of Natural Resources, and the National Park Service. (Bill Halvorson, SBSC SDRS, 520-670-6886).

**Invited Presentation:** SBSC Research Ecologist Kenneth Cole has been invited to give a lecture on July 20th at Kyoto Prefectural University in Kyoto, Japan. The presentation is titled: *Quaternary paleoecology of the Grand Canyon, United States, as Determined From Plant Macrofossils From Packrat Middens*, and will feature images of the US southwest and some translation by USGS volunteer William Cole. (Kenneth Cole, SBSC, [ken\\_cole@usgs.gov](mailto:ken_cole@usgs.gov))

**Press Contact:** SBSC Research Ecologist Kenneth Cole has been contacted regarding a possible interview by a reporter from the New York Times. They are interested in his research on ancient climate change and packrat middens, although arranging an interview time may be difficult.