

SBSC Weekly Highlights February 9, 2007

SBSC Scientist Presents at Workshop: Canyonlands Research Station scientist Tim Graham is attending a workshop entitled "Understanding Agriculture's Effects on Amphibians and Reptiles in a Changing World," sponsored by the USGS Amphibian Research and Monitoring Initiative (ARMI), along with at least 9 other state, federal, Canadian, and international agencies and organizations. Graham will be presenting a poster titled "Toad population dynamics in altered semi-arid riparian systems: differences in size class distribution as an indication of chronic riparian/aquatic ecosystem disturbance." The workshop runs February 5-8 and will include presentations and discussions about the issues facing amphibians related to agricultural practices, and possible solutions to these problems. For more information, see this link: http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/ag_effects_workshop/workshop.html Contact: Tim Graham, Canyonlands Research Station, tim_graham@usgs.gov

SBSC Researcher Kenneth Cole gave two presentations January 29 and 30, 2007 regarding the likely effects of Global Warming on vegetation of the Colorado Plateau and Mojave Desert. The invited presentations were at a training course on Continuing Education in Resource Management for Department of Interior and USFS employees and at Joshua Tree National Park. Contact: Ken Cole, USGS Southwest Biological Sciences Center, Colorado Plateau Field Station, Flagstaff, AZ; telephone (928) 556-7466 ext 230; email ken_cole@usgs.gov