

The Natural Resource Publication Series

Information on Two Report Series: the National NRR and NRTR

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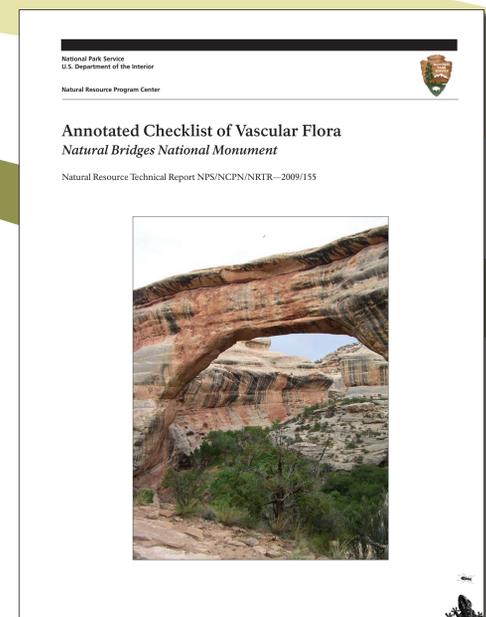
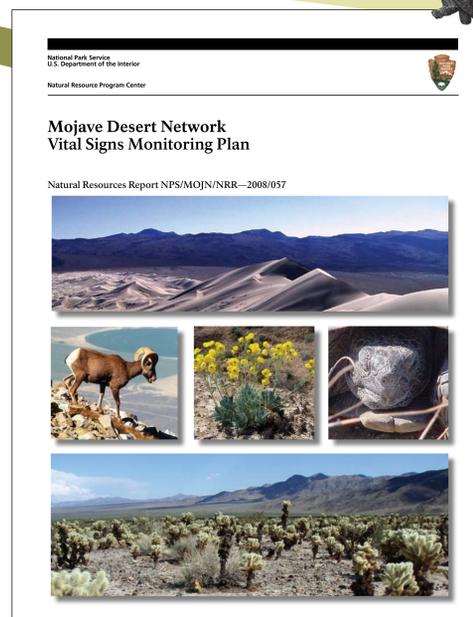
What are the NRR and NRTR?

The Natural Resource Report (NRR) and the Natural Resource Technical Report (NRTR) are two of five series within the NPS Natural Resource Publications Series.

Natural Resource Reports are the designated medium for disseminating high priority, current natural resource management information and are often organized into chapters. Examples of the diverse array of reports published in this series include: vital signs monitoring plans, data management plans, monitoring protocols, natural resource condition assessments, and annual reports of resource programs or divisions of the Natural Resource Program Center.

Natural Resource Technical Reports disseminate peer reviewed results of scientific studies in the physical, biological, and social sciences for both the advancement of science and the achievement of the National Park Service's mission. The NRTR typically follows the "Introduction - Methods - Results - Discussion" type organization that is standard for many scientific journal publications and technical reports. Current examples include: annual data summaries, inventory reports, monitoring reports, and species status reports.

Manuscripts must adhere to a set of minimum standards and are peer-reviewed to ensure that information is scientifically credible, technically accurate, appropriately written for the intended audience, and designed and published in a professional manner.

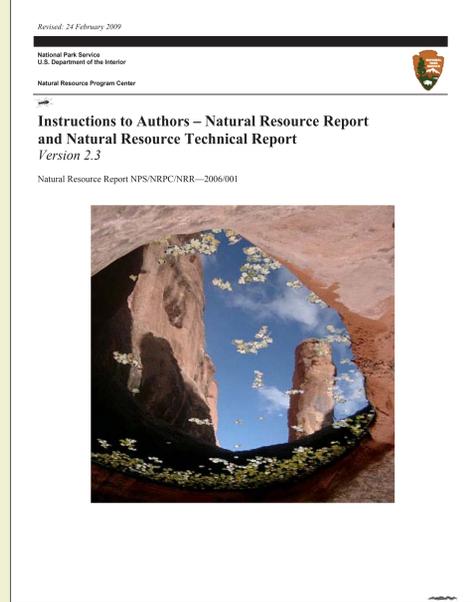
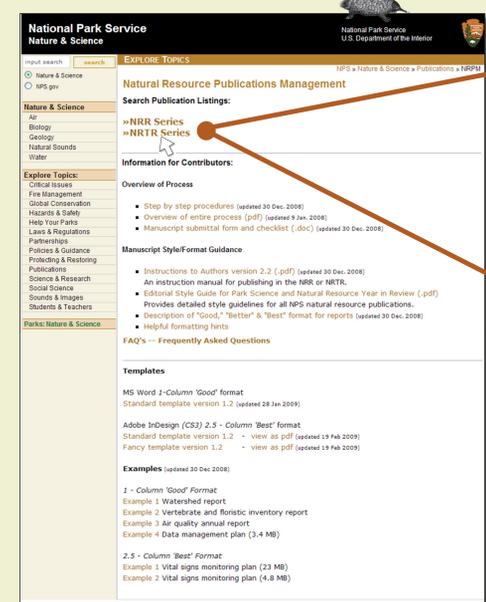


How do I publish a report in the series?

1. Prepare your manuscript using style/formatting standards, templates and examples found on the NRPM home page. Contributors (authors) are responsible for using the correct format and style as well as incorporating comments from peer reviewers. The NPS does not have the funding to hire editors for these series.
2. Submit draft manuscript and the NRPM Manuscript Submittal Form to an NPS key official who will oversee the publication and peer review process. For I&M funded reports, the Regional I&M Coordinator usually serves as the key official or delegates this responsibility.
3. Once comments by peer reviewers are incorporated and the report has been approved for publication by the key official, submit a draft of the report to the Natural Resource Program Center (NRPC) in Fort Collins and request a series number.
4. The report will be reviewed by NRPC staff for formatting standards. Comments will be returned along with the series number. Incorporate comments made by reviewer.
5. Enter report citation in NatureBib and upload report as a PDF to NatureBib. Write the NatureBib bibkey and NatureBib URL in the submittal form and submit to the NRPC. Your report will be added to the series listing webpage.

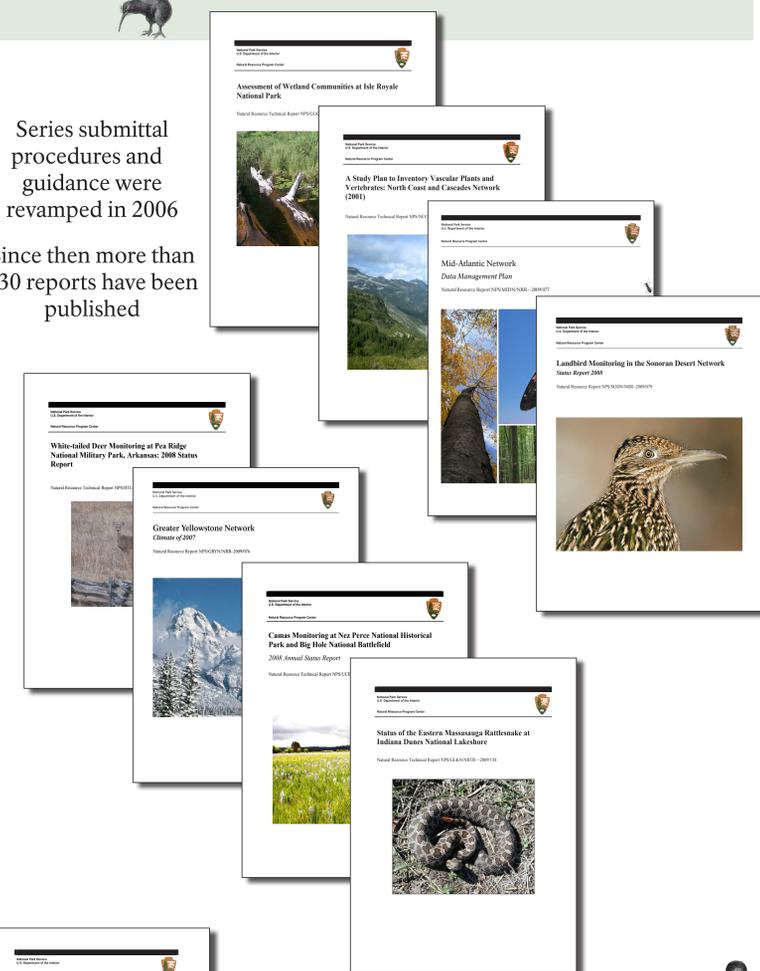
The Natural Resource Publications Management Website

Step-by-step instructions, examples, and templates for preparing, submitting, and publishing reports in these two series are available on the Natural Resource Publications Management website at: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/publications/NRPM/>

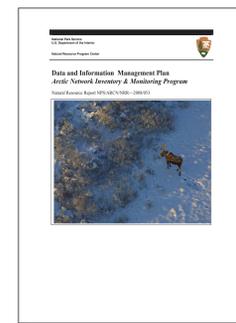
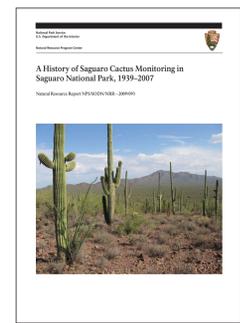
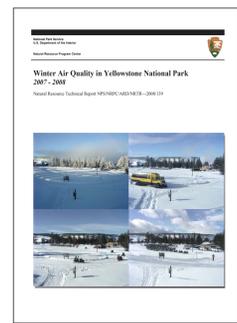
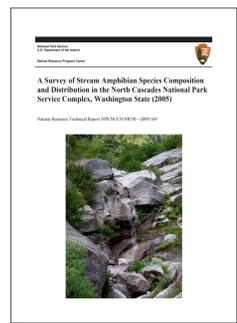


Series submittal procedures and guidance were revamped in 2006

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