

Beverly L. Driver

"The Leisure Profession: Where We Have Been and Where We Need to Go"

Dr. Beverly Driver retired from a research position with the USDA Forest Service on August 3, 1997, but remains active professionally. His latest research interest centered on identifying and quantifying consequences of leisure activities deemed desirable and beneficial by individual participants and by society. His previous research focused upon developing psychometric instruments, such as the Recreation Experience Preference scales, to evaluate motivational bases of leisure choices. He has devoted much attention to the practical application of research results, and in the process has either lead, or played a lead role in the development of three of the four amenity resource management systems now used by the USDA Forest Service and by many other agencies in the United States and several foreign countries.

Driver served on the faculty of Michigan's School of Natural Resources for six years and as a lecturer in Yale's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies of Yale for 18 months. He has received the National Recreation and Park Association's Roosevelt Award for his research, the US Department of Agriculture's Superior Service Award, the USDA Forest Service's Superior and Distinguished Science Awards, awards from five universities, the Outstanding Leadership Award from the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners, and many other yearly performance awards from the USDA Forest Service. He is a past President of the Academy of Leisure Sciences, and has authored over 140 scientific publications.

Driver has held faculty positions at The University of Michigan (with tenure), Yale University, Colorado State University, and the University of Wyoming. He has chaired or co-chaired at least 20 doctoral and 20 master's level committees and served actively on many more. He has worked

collaboratively with over 100 different scientists in at least 50 different universities, and through extramural research contracts has helped fund over 60 graduate students since joining the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in 1973. He has visited 36 different countries for professional reasons.