Scientists are increasingly being asked to archive their research data in openly accessible repositories – particularly when their research is funded by public monies, or conducted on public land. National Parks are critically important sites of scientific data collection, and yet there are few measures in place to ensure that data collected on them is shared with NPS personnel, other researchers, or even the general public. Further, it’s unclear how aware researchers are of existing data sharing requests or requirements.

In this talk we present the results of a survey exploring researchers’ motivations in, and willingness to, share data collected on national lands - both with the NPS and with one another. We seek to understand researchers’ willingness to deposit data in an NPS-specific repository, and their awareness of existing data sharing or archiving policies, both within the NPS and their own institutions. We hope that the results of our survey may be critical to future data deposit policy development within the NPS, and may inform future repository-building efforts.