

National Park Service
2002 Environmental Achievement Awards
Honorable Mention

Don Durbin
Facility Manager, Dinosaur National Monument

While maintaining a complex infrastructure and supervising the maintenance program at Dinosaur National Monument, Facility Manager Don Durbin has promoted a multitude of environmental initiatives. Fulfilling one of his collateral duties of serving as the Park's Hazardous Materials Coordinator, Don helped implement the Intermountain Region's Hazardous Communication (HazCom) training program, which included traveling to other Parks to help them set up their own HazCom programs, and training staff from other local and Federal government agencies.

Promoting and increasing renewable energy has been another one of Don's priorities. Solar power now runs the Headquarters parking lot, several buildings, and two towers within the Park. The public can view some of these solar panels, and an interpretive program to explain the systems is currently being developed.

Don also played a major role in developing and implementing the Park's Green Procurement program. Improved accountability through annual inventories and an annual hazardous materials collection has allowed Dinosaur National Monument to reduce its hazardous materials inventory to just a small percentage of what it once was. Other notable green procurement achievements include:

- Purchasing recycled plastic lumber picnic tables which can now be found in most picnic areas throughout the Park.
- Implementing the use of reusable oil filters for the Park's vehicle fleet.
- Procuring re-chargeable spray cans; this has allowed the Park to phase out some cleaning products containing aerosol propellants.
- Substituting solvent-based cleaners used in the auto shop with a state of the art hot water parts cleaner. Don makes this cleaner available to other Parks in order to help them decide if they want to adopt this technology.

Clearly, Don demonstrates strong environmental stewardship and serves as an example of how one individual can help the National Park Service achieve its mission of preserving and protecting our natural resources.