

Other Activities

2005 marked the 25th Anniversary of the May 18 eruption of Mount St. Helens. To commemorate this event, the US Forest Service sponsored a field meeting July 31 to August 5. During that time, researchers active at Mount St. Helens during this period met at Tower Rock Camp ground for evening meetings and planning for future work on the mountain. During the day, we scattered to our respective field sites. This meeting highlighted the many interactive studies on this mountain and how our studies have altered the traditional views of ecosystem recovery.

The anniversary was also marked by the May publication of *Ecological responses to the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens*, a comprehensive summary of the research and lessons from over 2 decades of study. This volume was sparked by a meeting marking the 20th Anniversary similar to the one described above. Kudos to Virginia Dale, Fred Swanson and Charlie Crisafulli who did a fine job editing this volume.

I attended the International Botanical Congress in Vienna, where I gave an invited symposium address concerning the importance of protected natural sites for research and conservation.

