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**Proposed Special Session**

**Post-data collection uses of visitor monitoring data.**

Visitor use monitoring should only take place if resource managers or researchers will use the data in management decisions. However, this is not always the case. For a variety of reasons, many outside a manager’s control, resource agencies do not make use of data that have been reported and interpreted. This session will focus on how resource managers/researchers have used data to make decisions in a variety of scenarios. We will use case studies from various locations around the world (US, Austria, Brazil) as outlined below.

**Chair**: Dr. Robert C. Burns, West Virginia University, US (Improving protected area access using visitor monitoring data: Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Case Study, USA)