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NANPA Environmental Statement

The mission of the North American Nature Photography Association, adopted by the board of directors in 1995, includes the charge "...to promote nature photography ... as a medium of communication for the sciences, nature appreciation and environmental protection."

NANPA believes that the following attributes of the concerned nature photographer will advance and encourage the use of photography for science, nature appreciation and environmental protection:

1. Educating oneself in the natural sciences and issues that affect the environment and landscape.
2. Communicating knowledge of natural sciences and environmental issues to NANPA members, other photographers and citizens.
3. Advocating environmental protection through the use of photography.
4. Participating in forums on ideas and issues in natural science, land use and the environment.
5. Imparting knowledge and experience of nature to children and adults through nature photography.
6. Seeking ways to communicate through publications, electronic media and public presentations.
7. Being an active and informed citizen in matters of public policy that affect land use and environmental protection.
8. Becoming involved in appropriate environmental coalitions
9. Working with scientists and research centers to illustrate and further their work.
10. Always following an honest path as a nature photographer, communicator and citizen.

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Committed to Photography of Our Environment

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