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## INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FILM WINS NATIONAL INFORMATION SCIENCE AWARD

A movie produced by two Interior Department agencies, exploring the conflicts of protection-vs-development in managing natural resources, has been selected as the "Outstanding Information Science Film of 1978" by the American Society for Information Science.

The Society is an association of more than 4,000 information specialists that publishes books, journals, and other materials in the field of information science.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Water Research and Technology collaborated on the winning motion picture.

"Where Do We Go From Here?", a 15-minute color 16 mm film, received the award at the Society's annual meeting in New York City November 15th.

The film explains some of the basic issues involved in protecting the environment while carrying out the necessary development of natural resources, particularly energy development. Emphasis is placed on the organization and management of the vast amounts of scientific and technical information required for better understanding of the ecological consequences of development. Some of the innovative techniques being developed by the Interior Department to enable decisionmakers to obtain and apply this information are demonstrated.

Information on the film's availability may be obtained from the Natural Resources Library, Information Services Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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