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MONTHLY REPORT

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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*Director.*

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July 5, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Following is the report of activities in Yellowstone National Park for the month of June 1945.

Weather Conditions. June was exceptionally cold and wet most of the month. Total precipitation was 5.79 inches as compared to 3.20 inches in June of 1944, and 2.85 inches in June 1943. The average precipitation for June was about 1.79 inches. Maximum temperature for the month was 83° on the twenty-first and the minimum was 25° on the fourteenth. This compares with 81° and 32°, respectively, for June 1944. There were 5 clear days, 12 partly cloudy, and 13 cloudy. Several snow storms occurred during the month.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers made two trips to Bozeman, on June 1 and June 14, to secure Yellowstone legislative history from the Bozeman library. He also went to Big Hole Battlefield National Monument with Regional Director Harriam and Chief Ranger Barrows on an inspection trip, June 22 to 25.

Mrs. Alice M. Quist, Accounting Clerk, [illegible]-6, received an Award of Honorable Mention certificate from the Department of the Interior for her suggestion concerning an attachment to a Government voucher form. If the suggestion is adopted by the General Accounting Office, she may receive a cash award later.

Roger "Smoke" Miller, USN, Seabees, (Foreman-mechanic, [illegible]), arrived on June 5 for a visit in the Park during his convalescent furlough, and left on June 11.

RM-1/c Frank Hirst, (Park Ranger, [illegible]), arrived in the Park to spend several days leave en route to his new station in New Orleans.

Lloyd and Ruth Holman returned to the Park on June 3, after Lloyd's discharge from the U. S. Army. Lloyd is now back on his old job as Checkmaster.

Edna Mae Allison entered on duty as Clerk-stenographer, [illegible]-4, on June 1. Miss Allison was formerly employed by the Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Walter Stebbins resigned her position as Ration Board Clerk on June 15, and Mrs. Lloyd Holman accepted the job on June 18.

Ernest R. I. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson arrived from Mount Rainier National Park on June 20. Mr. Anderson entered on duty as Chief Clerk on June 21.

The power plants at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge started operating on June 13.

7th War Loan Drive. Yellowstone went over the top again in the 7th War Loan Drive by 294 per cent. The State of Wyoming gave the Park a quota of $22,000 to meet, and at the end of the drive we had been credited with $64,164.50 in sales.

Inspections. Clifford Presnall, F & W S, Chicago, in June 2, out June 6; Olaus and Adolph Murie, Biologists, F & W S, in June 2, out June 6; Weldon W. Robinson and Robert W. Sears, Biologists, F & W S, Denver, Colorado, in June 2 out June 9, to do coyote tagging work; Lucille E. Meinzer, Clerk-Stenographer, from Rocky Mountain NP, stopped June 3 en route to her new position at Glacier; Jack Emmert, Jr., son of J. W. Emmert, Superintendent, Glacier NP, visited in the Park for a few days, leaving June 3; Stillman Wright, Biologist, F & W S, Logan, Utah, in office June 7; C. H. Chapman, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, arrived June 13 to assist in Blister Rust Control work for two or three weeks; Herbert Evison, Associate Regional Director, Region One, now detailed to the Director's Office, and son Boyd, visited Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, and Teton, during period June 14 to 24; Regional Director and Mrs. Merriam in June 18 from Teton NP. Stayed until June 24, then to Glacier via Big Hole; Parke Soule, Administrative Assistant, Region Two Office, arrived for several weeks detail June 18; W. O. Rowan, Office of Internal Revenue, Helena, in June 19; Major James F. Hanson, U. S. Medical Corps, and family in June 20, and taken to Old Faithful by Superintendent Rogers, left Park June 23; Robert Kirkpatrick, Fire Weather Meteorologist, Weather Bureau, Boise, Idaho, in June 16; R. N. Franz, Regional Director, CCC, Dallas, Oregon, in June 16, and out June 18; M. C. Riley, Division of Plant Disease Control, Spokane, in June 17; F. A. Butler, Supervisor, Farm Census, Department of Commerce, Casper, Wyoming, in June 20, to secure data on land used for farming purposes; John C. Gatlin, and Charles Fuqua, F & W S, in June 20; Edward C. Trilety, Examiner, Department of Justice, in June 21; Joureid Lewitzen, Field Representative for Secretary of Interior, in west and out south June 21; Charles Shevlin, Forester, Region Two, in June 21 and out June 28, in connection with blister rust control and other forestry matters; Jack Chipman, William H. Hagan, Stillman Wright, and H. A. Dunn, F & W S, in June 22; W. S. Kubichek, Photographer, F & W S, in June 22; Clyde Erskine, Manager, Grand Canyon-Boulder Dam, Inc., in June 29.

Plans, Maps, and Surveys. Help was given in working up specifications for a proposed drilled well at Custer Battlefield National Cemetery.

Most of the foot paths in Yellowstone Park were checked over and considerable reconstruction is found necessary.

General Publicity. The Accommodations and Services circular, issued under date of May 16, was re-issued with the necessary revisions under date of June 5. A copy is attached.

Road Maintenance. An inspection trip was made as far as Beartooth Lake on the Cooke to Red Lodge road on June 23. No maintenance has been done on this section this year. There was one wash down the center of the road at Fox Creek and quite a few rocks were on the shoulder and in the road ditches. The section from Northeast Entrance to Cooke needs much patching.

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General publicity. [illegible] date of May [illegible] copy is attached.

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Maintenance crews were organized and in operation at Mammoth, Madison, Inumo, Canyon, Tower Falls, East Entrance, Gallatin, and South Forest, as well as a special crew for the repair of bridges, guard rails, etc.

The labor situation is somewhat better than in 1944, but we are still handicapped by lack of truck drivers and patrol grader operators. With an exceptionally wet June, we have more than the usual amount of erosion and filling of gutters. Two major wash-outs occurred on the Norris to Canyon section near Virginia Cascades. The road is temporarily closed and repairs are being rushed by three maintenance crews.

The small timber bridge on the foot trail at Dragons Mouth Spring was replaced. Ditches were cleaned and drains opened on the foot paths in the Old Faithful area.

Several miles of the road shoulders and ditches were cleared of the numerous pine seedlings that had started growing there.

Building Maintenance. This consisted of routine repair and painting. An additional temporary painter was hired during the month, bringing the painting crew to four. We have been unable to secure any chrome green for use in preparing roof stain.

Park Operators. Pryor's Coffee Shop started serving meals June 1. The Yellowstone Park Company established offices in the Cottage Hotel at Mammoth on June 10, and started taking guests June 13. Haynes' Old Faithful shop opened on June 11. Cabins at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge opened for guests June 17. Nurses entered on duty at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge June 20. William M. Nichols visited the Park June 21 to 23.

Museum Activities and Exhibits - Research and Observations. The Mammoth museum was opened June 10 and kept open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 M., and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Attendance was not large, but averaged near 50 persons per day. Total visitors for the time open this year - 941; last year-510.

Reports on geyser activities indicate that many of the large geysers are more active than usual. For example, Grand Geyser, which usually has an interval of 20 to 30 hours, erupted three times in 24 hours early in June. Last season Giant Geyser started off with only one eruption in June; this year there were two. Castle Geyser's eruptions are strong this season, and it has been playing about twice every 24 hours.

The main spring of Mammoth Hot Spring Terraces, which was formerly known as Jupiter, is very active, and covers a large area. Orange Spring is pretty well covered with algae again due to increased activity in two spots on the mound.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Five thousand eight hundred sixty-seven cars entered Yellowstone National Park during the month of June as compared with 4,201 cars for the same month in 1944, showing an increase of 38.7 per cent.

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Nineteen thousand six hundred forty-four visitors entered the park during the month as compared to 14,261 visitors last June, an increase of 37.7 per cent. The total number of visitors for the travel year to date is 2[illegible],815 for the current travel year, or an increase of 37.9 per cent over the 1944 travel year.

Ranger Service. Transfer of permanent rangers to their summer stations was completed on June 4. The full quota of fifteen seasonal rangers was on duty by the end of the month with the last man reporting for duty on June 28.

Collection of fees at the entrance stations commenced on June 15 and, from that date on, the entrances were open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Nine of the fifteen seasonal rangers are assigned to checking stations.

Maintenance of trails and telephone lines, patrol of fishing waters and park roads, fish planting, supervision of dump grounds, building fire hazard inspections, and other routine work occupied the attention of rangers during June.

Buffalo Herder James Kimberlin and Watchman-Janitor Francis Coy resigned their positions with the National Park Service at the end of the month. Packmaster Lloyd K. Holman, who has received a discharge from the Army, returned to his position on June 13.

Law Enforcement. Eight cases were presented to the United States Commissioner during June. Two cases involved traffic violations, and six were concerned with possession of more than the limit of fish. Fines were assessed, and collections totaled $101.00.

Accidents. Two automobile accidents were reported in June.

On June 23, Ross Johnson, Fire Guard, suffered a fractured bone in the ankle as the result of a fall while doing trail maintenance work in the Lower Falls District.

Wildlife Administration.

BEARS. Two young black bears were trapped and shipped to Salt Lake City, Utah, for the municipal park.

One bear incident, resulting in minor loss of property to a park operator, was recorded. The offending bear was trapped and transported to an area well removed from places of human habitation and released.

COYOTES. Weldon B. Robinson and Robert T. Sears, Biologists, from the Fish and Wildlife Research Laboratory, at Denver, arrived in the Park on June 2, and left on June 9. They tagged 25 coyote pups in connection with the coyote migration studies which will be continued next fall.

FISH. The Fish and Wildlife Service Station at Yellowstone Lake took approximately 14,000,000 eggs by the end of June, and during the period from June 4 to 9, they took 1,787,000 Montana grayling eggs at Grebe Lake. The grayling eggs will be shipped to fill outside requests, as no grayling will be planted in Park waters this year.

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Maintenance of trails and campground lines, [illegible] along park roads, tree planting, [illegible] of camp grounds, [illegible] inspections, and other routine work occupied the attention of rangers during June.

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Fish. The Fish and Wildlife Service station at [illegible] took approximately [illegible] eggs by the end of June, and during the period June [illegible] to [illegible], they took [illegible] grayling eggs at [illegible] Lake. The grayling eggs will be shipped to fill outside requests, as no grayling will be planted in park waters this year.

Following is a record of fish planted in Park waters during June:

| Species | Size | Number | Waters Planted | Source of Fish |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rainbow trout | #3 | 5,000 | Goose Lake | F&WS, Ennis, Mont. |
| Rainbow trout | #3 | 2,500 | Feather Lake | F&WS, " " |
| Rainbow trout | #3 | 10,000 | Firehole River | F&WS, " " |
| Rainbow trout | #3 | 10,500 | Madison River | F&WS, " " |
| Rainbow trout | #3 | 5,000 | Nez Perce | F&WS, " " |
| Rainbow trout | #8 | 2,000 | Trout Lake | F&WS, " " |
| Loch Leven trout | #3 | 40,000 | Firehole River | F&WS, Bozeman, " |
| Loch Leven trout | #3 | 30,000 | Madison River | F&WS, Bozeman, " |
| Loch Leven trout | #2 | 40,000 | Gardiner, River | Montana Fish & Game Dept., Emigrant, Mont. |

Building Fire Protection. One fire drill, for members of the fire engine crew, was held during the month, and some additional time was devoted to instructing other personnel in the operation of the fire truck and pumper equipment.

Building fire inspections were completed in the Mammoth, Old Faithful, Lake, and West Yellowstone districts, and inspection reports were received in the Chief Ranger's Office.

Forest Fire Protection. Fire Guard Tom Ellis was on duty at the Mammoth fire cache during the entire month. On June 14, eighteen of the twenty-six Fire Guard positions were filled. A Fire Guard training school was conducted in Mammoth by Assistant Chief Ranger Peyton and Park Ranger Murphy beginning June 14 and continuing through the 16th. Declinations were received from a number of applicants that had previously agreed to report on the 14th.

Difficulty in placing the Fire Guards in the field was caused by lack of suitable rations. It was necessary to make a trip to Bozeman, Billings, and Livingston to obtain cured meats for the rations. Two Guards were assigned to Bechler River District and have been used to maintain telephone lines and trails. Other guards have been hired and now the number of men in the Fire Guard force is 24.

All equipment at the fire caches at West Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Lake, Canyon, and Tower Falls has been brought to Mammoth and rechecked. All unserviceable tools were replaced. All portable pumps have been checked by the mechanical department and all fire hose was tested and unserviceable sections replaced.

Weather throughout the month has been favorable and no fires occurred.

Trails. Fire Guards reporting before the 14th were used as trail men, and all trails in the lower levels have been maintained. Snow conditions and high water on some of the streams have made it impossible to reach all trails in the Park. These sections will be opened as soon as conditions permit.

Following is a record of the planes in fire season during 1950:

| Planes | Use | Owner | Where Stationed | Number of Hours |
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| Rainbow 4-0-5 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Rainbow Grand | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
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| Rainbow Grand | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Rock Island Grand | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Rock Island Grand | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Rock Island Grand | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

Building Fire Protection. [illegible] Building Fire Inspections were conducted [illegible] and that fulfillment directives, and inspect [illegible] Chief Inspector's Office.

Forest Fire Protection. [illegible] fire season during the waning month. [illegible] the County penalties were filled. [illegible] Department by Fairbanks Chief Ranger [illegible] from 19 men assisting through the line. [illegible] number of applicants that had previously [illegible] [illegible].

Difficulty in placing the fire [illegible] available stations. [illegible] interested in obtaining camp posts for the [illegible] Smoker River District and have been [illegible] other posts have been filled [illegible] [illegible].

Air equipment at the fire [illegible] Fairbanks, [illegible] Bryson, and Lower Trail are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] mechanical departures and a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Smoker burgeons [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

Trail. The [illegible] and all trails in the lower [illegible] [illegible] high water in some of the streams have made it impossible to [illegible] in the [illegible]. These conditions will be [illegible] [illegible].

Blister Rust Control. The CCC side camp, from Glacier National Park, arrived in Yellowstone National Park on June 14. Most of the remainder of the week was devoted to maintenance of buildings and grounds. The first actual blister rust control work was started on June 1[illegible]. Approximately 220 acres were covered, for initial working, during the month. The progress of the project was handicapped by adverse weather conditions and by lack of chemicals for treating rock bound ribes. The first few days of project work were devoted mainly to training and organization of crews.

Edmund B. Rogers,
Superintendent.

In Sextuplicate.

cc: Region Two ( In Dupl.)

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Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Yellowstone National Park

June 5, 1945

# ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
## SEASON OF 1945

Yellowstone National Park will be open during the 1945 season to take care of ich visitors as may be able to visit it with their own transportation. None of ie hotels or lodges will be in operation during the season. None of the railroads erving the Park will deliver passengers to the various gateways with the exception f the Northern Pacific, which will run daily bus service, except Sundays, from the ain line at Livingston, Montana, to Gardiner, Montana, the north entrance. Bus ervice is also available to the west gate.

No buses will be operated in the Park, so that travel will be confined entirely o persons having their own transportation.

### ROADS

All entrances and roads within the Park now open. Road from Red Lodge to Cooke, ontana, open early in July.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS - Pryor general store and gasoline filling station; Pryor offee Shop (meals) now open; Cottage Hotel (lodging) beginning June 20.

OLD FAITHFUL - Hamilton general store and gasoline filling station; garage ervice; meals and lodgings and fountain service in general store. (This service ow available.) Tourist cabins (furnished and unfurnished) and lunch room (begin- ing June 20). No lodging or meals at Hamilton store after June 20, but fountain ervice available.

FISHING BRIDGE - Hamilton general store and gasoline filling station; garage ervice; meals and lodgings and fountain service in general store. (This service ow available.) Boats for hire beginning June 10. Tourist cabins (furnished and nfurnished) and lunch room, beginning June 20. No lodging or meals at Hamilton tore after June 20, but fountain service available.

### RATES

Meals at Pryor Coffee Shop at Mammoth Hot Springs and Hamilton general stores t Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge: breakfast 75¢; lunch $1.00; dinner $1.00. Fountain service available at Old Faithful, Fishing Bridge and Mammoth.

Lodging at Cottage Hotel at Mammoth (after June 20) and Hamilton general stores at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge: $1.50 per night single; $2.50 per night double.

Tourist cabins at Fishing Bridge and Old Faithful (after June 20): furnished cabins (not including cooking utensils), one person, per night $2.00; two persons, per night, $3.25. Partially furnished cabins: $1.25 for one person, per night; $1.50 to $2.50 for two to four persons, per night.

### HAYNES PICTURE SHOPS

Haynes Picture Shops at Mammoth Hot Springs (now open), and Old Faithful (beginning June 10). Postcards, Haynes Guide, etc., available at Fishing Bridge at Hamilton general store.

### BATHING

Neither the swimming pool at Mammoth Hot Springs nor the swimming pool at Old Faithful will be open. Public baths at Fishing Bridge and Old Faithful tourist cabins (after June 20) - shower baths 25¢.

### SADDLE HORSES

No saddle horses for hire in the Park.

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## MAIL

Only the main post office at Mammoth Hot Springs, the Park headquarters, will be open. Mail must be called for at this post office.

## TELEPHONE SERVICE

Telephone booths for long distance and Park service available at the Haynes Picture Shop at Mammoth, Hamilton general stores at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge and tourist cabins at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge (after June 20).

## TELEGRAPH SERVICE

No telegraph stations will be operated in the Park. Incoming telegrams for the Park will be received at the Northern Pacific Depot at Gardiner and 'phoned in to the Park. Outgoing telegrams from the Park will be 'phoned to the telegraph office in the depot at Gardiner.

## MEDICAL SERVICE

The Mammoth hospital will not be operated. Nurse available at Mammoth.

## LAUNDRY

No laundry service will be available in the Park.

## CHURCH SERVICES

No regularly scheduled church services in the Park.

## FISHING

Fishing Season: May 30 to October 15, except in special areas. NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED. Boats for rent at Fishing Bridge (beginning June 10). Fishing regulations available at ranger stations.

## MUSEUMS

The museum at Mammoth Hot Springs will be open beginning June 10 on scheduled hours. No guide or lecture service. Self-guiding trails at Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful.

## HOURS FOR GATES

The Park gates will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. until June 14. Gate hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning June 15.

## CAMPGROUNDS

The following campgrounds will be open for campers: Madison Junction; Lewis Lake; Pebble Creek; Mammoth; Indian Creek; Lava Creek; Old Faithful; Fishing Bridge; West Thumb.

The following campgrounds will not be open: Snake River; Canyon; Tower Falls Yellowstone Cascades; Specimen Creek; Norris.

## LITERATURE

As funds are not available for the publication of a Government folder for the 1945 season and due to changing conditions, the 1942 folder for the Park, containing a good map, general regulations, and information on the Park features, will be available at all entrance and ranger stations.

## FIREWOOD

For sale at tourist cabins at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge beginning June 2

## ENTRANCE FEE

The regular $3.00 motor vehicle license fee and $1.00 house trailer fee will be charged beginning June 15.

HELP US PRESERVE THE PARK AND AVOID INJURY TO VISITORS BY: (1) PROTECTING THE GEYSERS, HOT SPRINGS AND SCENIC ATTRACTIONS; (2) NOT FEEDING THE BEARS; (3) PREVENTING FOREST FIRES; (4) OBSERVING THE 35-MILE SPEED LIMIT.

Edmund B. Rogers,
Superintendent.