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Summary of the October 1959 Monthly Narrative Report
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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| EATHER: | Cool with sunny days. Some snow storms. Beartooth Highway closed for season October 15. Maximum 65°, minimum 15°. Precipitation 1.02 inches | 1 |
| RAVEL: | 48% loss for month. Visitation for month 14,635 | 1 |
| NSPECTIONS: | Forester Barrows in Oct. 13-14; Messrs. Axline and Karr returned to WODC Oct. 30 | 1 |
| PECIAL VISITORS: | Listed | 1-2 |
| PECIAL ACTIVITIES: | Supt. to Dude Ranchers Assn. Oct. 7-10; Herkenham returned to WASO, Oct. 13; Sylvester to Grand Teton Oct. 21; Davis to Jackson, Oct. 5. NPS Canyon Mess closed Oct. 13; Staff meetings Oct. 1 & 29; Fishing closed Oct. 15. Earthquake tremors continuing | 2 |
| ERSONNEL: | Brown, transferred out; Card, reassignment; Everhart, promoted in; Meagher, car-cond'l appt; Blackburn, promotion; Clark, reassignment; Kimberlin, retirement; Biastoch, reassignment | 2-3 |
| I SERVICE TRAINING: | Reynolds in Fiscal Office | 3 |
| ISCELLANEOUS: | NFFE meeting Oct. 5; AFGE meeting Oct. 12: | 3 |
| IRTHS: | 1 son to NPS employee; 2 daughters to NPS employees | 3 |
| ARRIAGES: | Abbie and Daw | 3 |
| CCIDENTS & PUBLIC SAFETY: | 10 motor vehicle accidents | 3 |
| UBLICITY: | Weekly News issued; three press releases | 3 |
| ELIGIOUS & CHAPEL USE: | Regular Protestant Sunday school and services held | 4 |

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| INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: | Canyon and Old Faithful Visitor Centers closed, Mammoth Visitor Center open | 4 |
| MUSEUM ACTIVITIES & EXHIBITS: | Inventory of Exhibited and stored items; buffalo skull to Sequoia | 4 |
| RESEARCH & OBSERVATION: | Dr. Dee Taylor and Jacob Hoffman visit Molly Island | 4 |
| NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION: | Two employees part-time | 4 |
| CONCESSIONERS: | Supt. approved 1¢ increase in gasoline price; all facilities closed except Mess at Old Faithful | 4 |
| MAINTENANCE: | Work on East, South and West Entrance roads; Snow plowing; Fountain Paint Pots parking area restored | 4 |
| CONTRACTS: | O'Malley Lumber Company for lumber, $18,374.15; Mannix Electric, $27,816.30 | 4 |
| COMPLAINTS: | 1 | 5 |
| PROTECTION & RANGER SERVICE: | Boundary patrols; Cabins rationed; Assistance to visitors | 5 |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT: | 2 cases heard before U. S. Commissioner | 5 |
| BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION: | 1 small fire at Canyon | 5 |
| ANTELOPE: | Band observed near North entrance | 5 |
| BEAR: | 6 grizzlies at Gardiner dump | 5 |
| BIGHORN: | 6 observed on the 23rd, several on Mt. Everts, Ram at Silver Gate | 5 |
| BISON: | Herd of 260 in Hayden Valley | 5 |
| DEER: | Several at Park Headquarters | 5 |
| DUCKS: | Several observed on Yellowstone River | 5 |
| ELK: | Observed on Fountain Flats, Madison Meadows, Antelope Creek, herds from 40 to 300 | 5 |
| FOX: | Red Fox observed near Dunraven Pass | 5 |

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| PORCUPINE: | Large animal observed at Black Dragon's Caldron | [illegible] |
| SWANS: | 24 observed on Swan Lake | [illegible] |
| WOLVERINES: | 2 observed on Bechler Meadows | [illegible] |

BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

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| General: | Monument closed October 11 | 6 |
| Travel: | 83 Visitors during October. Yearly visitation 9,133 | 6 |

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November 23, 1959

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Acting Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for October, 1959

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of October, 1959:

## General

Weather. The weather for the month of October was cool with sunny days. There was some snow at the higher elevations. Snow closed the Red Lodge-Cooke City road October 15. At headquarters the maximum temperature was 65 degrees on October 15 and 19, and the minimum was 15 degrees on October 10 and 30. Precipitation was 1.02 inches.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travel was determined by self-registry forms and actual count. Visitors to the Park during October totaled 14,635, as against 27,986 for 1958, a loss of 48 per cent. Total travel for the year through October 31 was 1,406,831, as against 1,437,856 through October 1958, a loss of 2.2 per cent.

Inspections. Forester Barrows of Grand Teton National Park visited Yellowstone on October 13-14 to study forest damage resulting from rock slides caused by earthquakes.

Messrs. Edwin J. Axline and Gene Karr from the Western Office of Design and Construction, who have been stationed in Yellowstone since May, returned to San Francisco on October 30.

Special Visitors. Mr. Lawrence Davies, New York Times correspondent departed from the Park on October 1 to attend the Dude Ranchers" Convention at Sun Valley.

Dr. A. Steiner, USGS Collaborator from New Zealand was in the Park on October 8 and 9. Special interpretive services was provided by the Interpretive Division.

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November 15, 1939

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Acting Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for October, 1939

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of October, 1939:

General

Weather. The weather for the month of October was cool with many days. There was some snow on the higher elevations. Lake closed the 2nd Lodge-Canyon City road November 12. At headquarters, the maximum temperature was 65 degrees on October 13 and 14, and the minimum was 15 degrees on October 19 and 20. Precipitation was 1.22 inches.

Persons or Vehicles in Transit. Travel not determined by self-registry lanes and actual count. Visitors to the park during October totaled 14,481, as against 27,[illegible] for 1938, a loss of 49 per cent. Total travel for the year through October 31 was 1,[illegible], as against 1,437,[illegible] through October 1938, a loss of 3.2 per cent.

Inspections. Yellowstone Canyon at Grand Teton National Park visited Yellowstone on October 13-14 to study latest danger resulting from rock slides caused by earthquakes.

Donors. Edwin L. Carter and Jane Carr from the Department's Office of Design and Construction, who have been stationed in Yellowstone since May, returned to San Francisco on October 31.

Special Visitors. Mr. Lawrence Davies, New York Times correspondent departed from the park on October 1 in company with "Business" Connection at Gardiner.

Mr. A. Brahmer, [illegible] collaborator from San Francisco was in the park on October 4 and 5. Special interpretive material was provided by the interpretive division.

Life Photographer Hal Fardman and Mr. Don Hatkins, Yellowstone Park Company Publicity Director were in the Park October 10-12 obtaining material for a story on post-earthquake conditions.

Mr. Dick Meak, Sports Illustrated, New York, and John O'Reilly, Nature Editor, arrived in the Park on October 14 for a few days to obtain material for a story on geysers.

Special Activities. Superintendent Garrison attended the 34th Annual Convention the Dude Ranchers Association held in Sun Valley, Idaho, October 7-10.

Mr. Norman Herkenham, Interpretive Specialist from the Washington Office, who was on special assignment on geyser activities after the earthquake, returned to Washington on October 13.

Acting Chief Park Ranger Sylvester conferred with officials at Grand Teton National Park on October 21, on winter assignments.

At a Rotary Club meeting in Jackson, Wyoming, October 5, West District Ranger Davis showed slides of the earthquake.

National Park Service mess at Canyon closed October 13.

Staff meetings were held October 1 and 29.

Fishing season closed in Yellowstone National Park at sunset on October 15.

Yellowstone continued to experience slight tremors during the month. These tremors are made of record only when two or more persons experience the shake at the same time. No personal injuries or damage were reported.

## Administration

Personnel. Mr. Otto M. Brown, Chief Park Ranger, reassignment, transfer, to Crater Lake National Park, effective October 4.

Mr. John W. Card, reassignment, Janitor, Position No. 81, effective October 4.

Mr. Jack C. Everhart, promotion, Personnel Assistant, GS-7, from Tumacacori National Monument, effective September 20, but reported for work, October 5.

Miss M. Mary Meagher, Career-Conditional appointment, Museum Curator, GS-5, effective October 10.

Mrs. Verna F. Blackburn, promotion from Accounts Maintenance Clerk, GS-3, to same, GS-4, effective October 19.

Mr. Frank E. Clarke, reassignment, Operator General, Heavy Duty, Position No. 85, effective October 21.

Mr. James C. Kimberlin, retirement, Agricultural Aid, effective October 30.

Mr. William H. Biastoch, reassignment, Procurement Assistant, GS-7, effective September 30.

In-Service Training. District Ranger Harry V. Reynolds reported for In-Service Training in the Fiscal Office, October 26.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees was held October 5.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees was held October 12.

Births. A son, Eugene Phillip, was born to Leroy and Shirley Wohlbrandt, on October 7, at the Memorial Hospital in Livingston, Montana. Mr. Wohlbrandt is employed by the Service as Foreman III, Mixed Gang.

A daughter, Jane Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. Riley McClelland, on October 10, at the Memorial Hospital, Livingston. Mr. McClelland is a ranger at the Snake River Ranger Station.

A daughter, Janine Bell, born to James and Carol Hepburn on October 15, at the Memorial Hospital in Livingston. Mr. Hepburn is employed as a mechanic helper at the National Park Service equipment repair building at Mammoth.

Marriages. Mr. Jerry Abbie and Miss Delia Daw of Darby, Montana, were married on October 29 at the Presbyterian Church in Billings. Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Abbie of Yellowstone National Park.

Accidents and Public Safety. A total of 10 motor vehicle accidents were reported during the month: 2 Class Minor, 7 Class A, and 1 Class B.

## Cooperative Activities

Publicity. On each Thursday, the Yellowstone Weekly news was issued to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed of Park happenings.

Three press releases were issued: October 6: Closing of Fishing Season in Yellowstone; October 6: Access through Park to new hunting area in the Gallatin not granted; October 21: Red Lodge-Cooke City road closed for season.

Religious and Chapel Use. The Chapel was used every Sunday for regular Protestant Sunday School and Services.

Interpretive Services. Canyon Visitor Center closed September 30, Old Faithful Visitor Center was manned through October 10, and unattended with periodic checks made during the remainder of the month. Mammoth Visitor Center remained open every day through October 9, and for the rest of the month five days a week, being closed Saturdays and Sundays.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. Museum Curator Meagher began a complete inventory of all exhibited and stored items in the Museum collections, converting the old museum records to the new system.

A buffalo skull was shipped to the Superintendent of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks for use by their Boy Scout Troop.

Research and Observation. Dr. Dee Taylor and Jacob Hoffman of Montana State University visited Molly Island and other islands in Yellowstone Lake as part of the Archeological reconnaissance they are performing under a contract with the Region Two Office. Results were largely negative.

Natural History Association. The Association had two employees working part-time during the month.

Concessioners. Superintendent Garrison approved the increase in the price of Gasoline on October 1, from 36.8¢ to 37.8¢ for regular, and 40.8¢ to 41.8¢ for Ethyl. This was due to increase of one cent in Federal Tax.

All facilities at Lake and Old Faithful were closed by the end of the month except the mess at Old Faithful which will continue to feed visitors.

Maintenance. Heavy road maintenance included road work on the East Entrance and South Entrance roads. Snow storms required plowing and sanding of roads. Snow removal equipment is ready for winter use. Much of the maintenance was the repair of damage on the west side of the Park which was caused by the earthquake. The parking area at Fountain Paint Pots was restored.

Contracts. The O'Malley Lumber Company, Billings, Montana, was awarded a contract for 160,600 feet of lumber at a cost of $18,374.15. This material will be used for constructing board walks.

A contract for $27,815.30 was awarded to Mannix Electric of Bozeman, Montana, for the Mammoth electrical system extension.

Complaints. One complaint investigated and answered.

Protection and Ranger Service. Boundary patrols were made and patrol cabins were rationed for the winter. Assistance was given to visitors necessitated by bad weather and icy roads.

Law Enforcement. Two violation cases were taken before U. S. Commissioner Brown. One was for fishing out of season, the other for failure to report a motor vehicle accident. Fines amounted to $35 with $10 suspended.

Building Fire Protection. A small building fire occurred on the roof of the old Hotel Dormitory at Canyon on October 2[illegible]. Damage was slight.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. ANTELOPE. Can be seen almost every day around the North Entrance. Seventy-five were counted between Stevens Creek and the Gardner River on the 28th.

BEAR. On the 22nd, six grizzlies were counted at the Gardiner dump.

BIGHORN. Six of these animals were observed on the 23rd along the north boundary, and several were observed on Mt. Everts on the 8th. A ram was seen near Silver Gate on the 10th.

BISON. A herd of 260 was counted in the Hayden Valley on October 3.

BEER. Several have moved down around Park headquarters and can be observed.

DUCKS. The first Buffle-head were seen on the Yellowstone River on October 20. Many Mallard, Golden-Eye, Teal and Baldpate were also observed.

ELK. Elk have been observed at several locations in the Park, with concentrations on Fountain Flats, Madison Meadows, Antelope Creek drainage where 200-300 were observed. Herds of 40-110 have been observed at the Northeast Entrance. A herd of 137 was observed.

FOX. A Red Fox was observed on the 6th near Dunraven Pass.

PORCUPINE. A 35-lb. animal was observed at the Black Dragon's Caldron on October 7.

WHISTLING SWANS. Twenty-four were observed on Swan Lake on October 28.

WOLVERINES. Two adult animals foraging for food on Bechler Meadows were observed on October 30.

BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT.

The Monument officially closed on October 11. The Management Assistant returned to Mammoth Headquarters for the winter. Plans are to open the Monument in May, 1960.

Travel. During October there were 83 visitors to the Monument, bringing the yearly total to 9,133.

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Acting Superintendent

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