



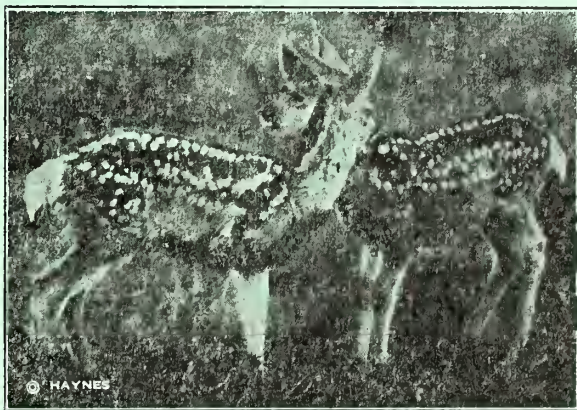
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Edmund B. Rogers, Superintendent

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MONTHLY REPORT

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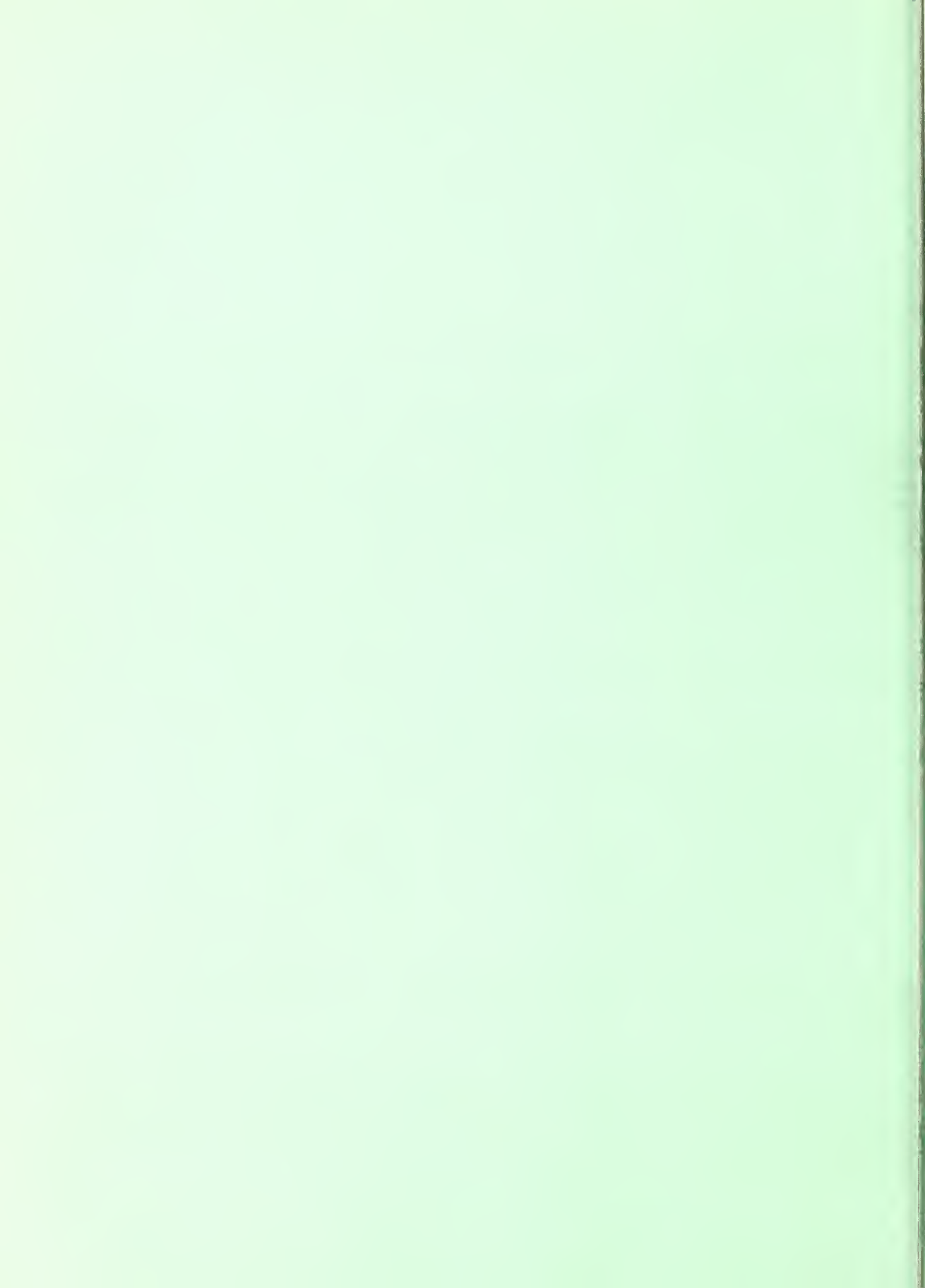
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ARNO B. CAMMERER,
Director.



February 7, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park for the month of January 1946.

Weather Conditions. Frequent light snow storms accompanied by considerable wind and followed by low temperatures occurred throughout the park. At Mammoth headquarters snowfall totaled 26 inches, precipitation 1.13 inches. (The mean precipitation for January is 1.22 inches). Sub-zero temperatures occurred at Mammoth on several dates, the lowest being -4° on the 30th. Maximum temperature of 43° was recorded on the 3rd. At Mammoth there were 11 clear days, 10 cloudy and 10 partly cloudy.

Lowest temperature in the Park, -26° , was recorded at West Yellowstone on the 11th.

Snow depths at the end of January were considerably higher than for the past two years. Some comparative measurements are given below:

	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942
Cascade Creek.....	80"	52"	36"	-	-
Gallatin	26	14	10	34"	20"
Lamar	16	13.5	4	30	19
Madison Junction	29	16	13	30	-
Mammoth	22.5	5	5	36	6
Northeast Entrance.....	46	20.7	13.9	54	29
Snake River	52	35	25	-	29.7
Tower Falls	21.5	13.5	11	36	13
West Yellowstone.....	37	22	12	33	29

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers was away from the Park during the entire month on official business at Denver. On the 18th he showed a reel of Yellowstone pictures at the Colorado Museum of Natural History to more than 1,000 people.

Assistant Superintendent Johnston was acting Superintendent during Mr. Rogers' absence from the Park. Mr. Johnston was on duty all during the month, making only one trip out of the Park on January 5-6 with Messrs. Barrows, Bauer, and Joffe to attend the Tenth annual Meeting of the Montana Wildlife Federation in Bozeman, Montana.

Four employees returned to their old jobs here after completion of military service: Frank P. Kowski, Park Ranger, returned to duty on January 2, having served with the Coast Guard since October 2, 1942; Almon E. Sewing, Mechanic, returned on January 9, having served with the Navy since July 27, 1944; Curtis A. Skinner, Asst. Chief Ranger, returned on January 9, having served with the Coast Guard since October 6, 1942; and Ruben O. Hart, Park Ranger, returned on Jan. 15, after having served with the Air Corps since June 23, 1943.

Park Ranger Russel B. Noah resigned at the close of January 7.

The U.S.S. Yellowstone, destroyer-tender, was commissioned at Todd Pacific Shipyard, Inc., Seattle, Washington, on January 14, 1946. This ship is of 13,000 tons displacement, is 514 feet long, and built to maintain a speed of 18 knots. It was launched on April 12, 1945, at a special ceremony held by the Coast Guard. Six Yellowstone employees on duty with the Coast Guard attended the launching ceremony.

The Yellowstone Park Safety Committee for 1946 was appointed by acting Superintendent Johnston on January 14, consisting of Curtis A. Skinner, Chairman, Edna Mae Allison, Clerk, William A. Wright, and Leate F. White, members.

The Yellowstone Board of Survey was also appointed by Mr. Johnston on January 14, consisting of Philip H. Kohlbrandt, Chairman, John M. Banfield, Clerk, Roger H. Miller, and Maynard Barrows. Lloyd W. Seasholtz and Joseph Joffe were appointed as alternate members.

On January 18, the final Victory Loan figures showed Yellowstone with sales totaling \$58,252 against a quota of \$13,000, or 448 per cent. The Yellowstone finished first in percentage of quota over all Wyoming counties and units.

Effective with the pay period beginning January 27, we discontinued the use of the Time and Attendance Report and began using the new Time Sheet (Form 10-42 Revised) for recording leave for both permanent and per diem employees.

In connection with the anticipated heavy visitation next season, we should like to mention that during January more than 200 of the 1942 Park folder were mailed to people writing in for information concerning the Park and its operations. The number of inquiries concerning summer employment continued to increase and a total of 304 form letters referring them to various park operators was mailed to applicants. Also considerable time was spent in answering letters of applicants whose inquiries could not properly be replied to by use of our form letter.

Inspections. Dr. Don H. Coburn, In Charge, Wildlife Disease Investigation, FWS, came in January 7 to conduct pathological investigations during the buffalo reduction program, and departed on the 25th. Cecil A. Thomas, Assistant Engineer, U. S. Geological Survey, Boise, in January 17 for stream gauge measurements.

Plans, Maps, and Surveys. A good deal of time was spent on the preparation of data for quarters evaluation report. Further study was made of methods of keeping cost records for the new Roads and Trails program.

General Publicity. The Naturalist Division began the publication of Yellowstone Nature Notes again, starting with the January-February 1946 issue, after having discontinued them with the May-June 1942 number. The possibility of reproducing them with multilith equipment is being investigated, but no conclusion reached at this time.

A number of park pictures were sent out for use in connection with Yellowstone articles.

Road Maintenance. The roads remained icy throughout the month, being the worst ice condition in a good many years. Snowfall has been rather regular and between plowing and sanding, two and three men have been kept busy the entire month. Snow in the Cooke area is near the four-foot level. All plowing to date has been with blade plows.

Concessioners. Mr. J. S. Haynes, Park photographer, was in for the day on January 5.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. The Chief Park Naturalist prepared a short paper on "How Old is Old Faithful?" and assisted in the editing and preparation of Yellowstone Nature Notes.

Park Naturalist Brodrick gave one lecture with slide illustrations to the Gardiner Parent-Teacher Association.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Three hundred sixty-six motor vehicles entered the Park during January as compared to 142 in January 1945, an increase of 258 per cent. Five thousand nine hundred fifty-nine motor vehicles have entered the Park this travel year, as compared with 1,518 for last travel year, an increase of 292 per cent.

One thousand thirty-seven persons entered the Park in January as against 289 for January 1945, an increase of 259 per cent. The number of persons entering the park this travel year (16,322) compared to 4,606 to January 31, 1945, shows an increase of 11,716, or 254 per cent.

Ranger Service. Assistant Chief Ranger W. Leon Evans left for Washington, D. C., on January 2 to attend the F.B.I. school.

Protection patrols via skis and snowshoes were made along park boundaries and to some interior areas by rangers stationed outside of headquarters. Patrols along the northern boundary in the vicinity of Gardiner, Gardiner, and Reese Creek were made via horseback and automobile. Regular automobile patrols were maintained on the West Yellowstone-Gallatin highway.

Rangers stationed at headquarters and at stations in the northern area of the park were largely occupied with elk shipments and buffalo reduction operations.

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Police Protection. Three hunters from Buffalo, Montana, who were apprehended on December 28, 1945, when evidence indicated that they had unlawfully killed an elk in the Grevice area, were brought to trial on January 28, following the return of U. S. Commissioner T. Paul Wilcox from annual leave. The defendants pleaded guilty to possession of unsealed firearms and hunting and killing an elk within the park and each was assessed a fine of \$50.

Wildlife Activities. HUNTING SEASON. Elk hunting conditions remained rather poor throughout the month and the total hunters' kills reported from the Montana Fish and Game Department checking station at Manigan through the 26th was 280. This figure does not include the early season kill in the Laugh Creek, Buffalo, and Hellihoaring areas or local kill in the Jardine and Gardiner areas. These figures will be submitted by the local game warden at a later date when they will be included in total figures.

LIVE ELK SHIPMENTS. A total of 36 live elk shipments was made during the month, 56 head being shipped to the Idaho Fish and Game Department for restocking purposes near Murphy, Idaho, and a pair of elk being expressed to the Salt Lake City Park.

BUFFALO REDUCTION. The buffalo reduction was begun on January 7, and completed on the 24th. Final shipment of buffalo carcasses was made on the 31st and record of shipment is given below:

<u>Receiving Agency.</u>	<u>No. of Carcasses</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Date Shipped</u>	<u>Shipped by</u>
Fort Totten	8	4,290	1-11-46	Express
Tongue River	4	2,730	1-11-46	Express Collect
Flathead Agency	10	4,810	1-14-46	Express
Turtle Mountain	20		1-15-46	Agency Trucks
Crow Creek	15	7,700	1-17-46	Express
Cheyenne River	26	15,080	1-21-46	
"			1-22-46	Express Collect
Wind River	50	26,520	1-24-46	Freight
Blackfoot	67	34,550	1-31-46	Freight
Total	200			

Dr. Don K. Coburn, of the Fish and Wildlife Service, arrived January 7 to conduct pathological studies during the slaughter and departed on the 24th for Ogden, Utah, and other points before returning to the east. He plans to submit a report on his findings, copies of which will be furnished to interested branches of the National Park Service.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the Federal Employees Union, Local No. 455, was held in the canteen on January 7. Officials elected for the ensuing year were: Roger M. Miller, President, Francis J. Loylance, Vice President, Edwin E. Bird, Secretary-Treasurer, Charles E. Hector, Guardian. Directors: Albert E. Elliott, Chairman, Mary E. Mason, William E. Wright, Harold J. Rodrick, and Arnold G. Quist.

Word was received of the death of William C. Gregg, Yellowstone and National Park enthusiast and friend, at his home in Hackensack, New Jersey, on January 22. Funeral services were held on January 23. In 1920 Mr. Gregg conducted explorations in the Cascade corner of the Park (in the Bechler River country) between Fitchstone Plateau and the Fall River Basin. In 1930 the Gregg Fork of the Bechler River was named for him in honor of his explorations.

Mr. Parley White, father of Arvilla Jay, wife of Park Ranger John W. Jay, died at Salt Lake City on January 27.

Fred T. Johnston,
Acting Superintendent.

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