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MEMORANDUM for the Director:

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park for the month of September, 1941.

Weather Conditions. The rainy weather which was prevalent throughout June, July and August continued in September, so that throughout the entire summer season the weather was not favorable for travel, but was very beneficial in keeping down forest fires. No fires of any serious proportions occurred throughout the season. The cold, damp weather was particularly undesirable from the standpoint of campers and September travel was below that of last year. Several snow storms occurred during the month, making some of the roads impassable for short periods. The Mount Washburn road was closed on September 7 and was not reopened. The Red Lodge - Cooke road was closed from the seventh to the tenth, while travel over the east entrance road was impossible without chains on September 15.

The following weather data were recorded at Mammoth during the month: maximum temperature, 72 degrees on the seventeenth; minimum temperature, 23 degrees on the twenty-second and twenty-eighth; precipitation, 2.02 inches; days clear, 6; days partly cloudy, 9; days cloudy, 14.

A very severe wind of a twister type damaged a considerable number of trees in the vicinity of the Yellowstone Cascades on September 6.

Special Activities. The Superintendent made trips outside the park on September 2 and 3 to Big Hole Battlefield National Monument and Missoula with Associate Director Damaray and on September 7, 8 and 9 to Glacier National Park with Dr. Frederick M. Davenport, Chairman of the Council of Personnel Administration for the government.

The park set a new all-time record for travel during the travel year, which closed on September 30, there being 581,761 visitors as against 526,437 in 1940, an increase of 10.5%. However, September travel was below September of 1940, 14,534 visitors having been recorded as against 16,009, the previous September. The travel fell off after Labor Day and the decreases continued throughout almost the entire month. Rail travel for the season showed an increase, 18,954 visitors as against 17,781 for 1940.

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The business of the operators continued satisfactorily in September and by the end of the season the Yellowstone Park Company had showed an increase of 13.81% over last year, which was a larger increase than that of the travel. Haynes, Incorporated, showed an increase of 14.8% and the Pryor Stores an increase of 5%.

The Mammoth school reopened on September 2 with two new teachers, Mrs. Edward Lind and Mrs. Delphis Kennedy. These teachers are selected by the Mammoth School Board and their salaries paid by residents of the park having children in school.

Authority was received from Washington to discontinue the collection of the motor vehicle license fee on September 22, which was somewhat earlier than in previous years but which was desirable due to the limited accommodations and the cutting down of the various services available for visitors. Checking station hours were reduced to 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. until September 22, when the gates were open between the hours of 8 A.M. to 7 P.M. for the balance of the month.

The Nez Perce CCC Camp which had been used as a recreational camp throughout the summer by personnel from Fort Douglas was abandoned on September 6.

Inspections. The following MPS and other government officials visited the park during the month: M. F. McCoy, Senior Highway Engineer, PRA, San Francisco, F. B. Lessman, Highway Engineer, PRA, San Francisco, and R. M. Schwegler, Associate Highway Engineer, PRA, Portland, September 5; Major General Ernest Dichmann Peek, Commander 9th Corps Area, San Francisco, September 6; Martin Cannon, Senior Accountant, Park Operators Division, Region II, Omaha, September 16.

Status of Private Lands. There has been no change in the status of alienated lands in the park during the month. Telephone communications were had with Assistant to the U. S. Attorney Buntin in an endeavor to expedite the condemnation proceedings now in progress.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Engineering activities were carried on at the Fishing Bridge and Lake Cabin Areas. Running road alignment and profile in new cabin area at West Thumb has been done.

General Publicity. The Publicity Director for the season, A. Tyler Upham, departed on September 2 and but few releases were sent out following his departure.

General Complaints. Some written complaints were received during the month, mostly with regard to accommodations in the lodges and tourist cabins and meals at the cafeterias, all of which were referred to the operators for the necessary action, a copy of each communication having been sent the Washington office.

Maintenance. Snow fence and snow stakes were set at all necessary points in the park. Five hundred signs made at Lake station were placed in the Lake and Thorofare areas at trail junctions, creek crossings and other places; fifty-one of that number were delivered to the Canyon district for use on trails in that area.

Two bridges were constructed on the Lamar River Trail near Cold Creek cabin, using trail funds. An inspection of the trails in the Pelican Creek area found them all cleared of timber and passable.

New Construction. Brick laying on the Canyon power house was nearly completed. The comfort station at the Mammoth Museum was started with the digging of the ditch for the outside sewer connections.

Special Improvement Activities. Only two CCC camps remained in the park, these being permanent camps at Mammoth hot Springs. Due to the difficulty in enrolling, the combined enrollment strength of the two permanent camps is about equal to the strength of one full company. The opportunities offered for employment by National Defense agencies and enrollment in the military forces of the country has resulted in a scarcity of enrollees for the CCC.

Mr. Cook, Staff Officer of the 9th Corps Area, visited the park to discuss new enrollment procedure with the CCC officers and the park superintendent. It is now possible for men to enroll in the camps without regard to corps areas. This should enable the CCC camps in Yellowstone to build up larger companies because of the availability of Montana and Wyoming boys. Colonel Harold H. Galliett, the new District Commander for the District, inspected the Mammoth camps during the month.

The main jobs for the two Mammoth camps consisted of preparation of material, Mammoth cottage, Nursery, Game Ranch, Water System at Canyon, Contact Work at North Entrance, Surveys, Campground maintenance, and Sewer and water disposal. During September the spike camp at Canyon continued work on the dam and another side camp was sent to Old Faithful to complete work left from the summer. No jobs were completed during the month of September.

Park Operators. By the end of the month all park operations had closed with the exception of the general stores at Old Faithful and Lake, which provided meals and lodgings for late visitors and the general store at Mammoth, which will remain open throughout the winter to accommodate Mammoth residents. The Camp Roosevelt Lodge and tourist cabins closed on September 4; Old Faithful, Lake and Canyon lodges, Mammoth and Thumb cafeterias and Thumb tourist cabins on September 8; Mammoth, Old Faithful and Canyon hotels on September 12; Canyon cafeteria on September 16 and Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge cafeterias and the Mammoth, Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge tourist cabins on the twenty-third. The Haynes Tower Falls store was closed on the twenty-seventh and Fryor Coffee Shop at

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In both the Lake and Fishing Bridge Cabin Areas, the Yellowstone Park Company worked on cabins, grading of roads, utilities and storm drains.

Cooperating Governmental Agencies. Weather has retarded progress on all projects. The Old Faithful - Isa Lake work during September centered on fine grading of subgrade and placing of heavy base course. The West Thumb work has continued with construction of telephone, power and sewer systems as well as construction of curbs and gutters. The Cascade Creek culvert has been completed during the latter part of September and fill over same has been started. Very little work was accomplished on the east entrance approach road. Major work remaining is surfacing, for which weather has been unfavorable.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travel for the month of September was less than last year for the same month by 9.2%. A total of 13,755 people entered the park during the month and 14,534 motor vehicles, in comparison with 50,564 people and 16,009 motor vehicles last year. On Labor Day, September 1, 4,038 people entered the park in comparison with 8,364 on the first of last year. No doubt the amount of travel for the month is low because of the bad weather conditions throughout the park, as well as the fact that Labor Day was a week earlier this season.

Visitors. Dr. Frederick M. Devenport, Chairman, Council of Personnel Administration, U. S. Government, September 5; John A. Haessler, photographer, "March of Time", September 15.

Ranger Service. Continued storms with resultant adverse road conditions at times made intensive highway patrols necessary to protect park visitors. After September 15, rangers resumed regular patrols of the park boundaries adjacent to open hunting areas in adjacent states. Patrol cabins were rationed and prepared for winter, telephone lines repaired and much other field work done in preparation for fall and winter patrols. Only six seasonal rangers remained on duty at the close of the month.

Police Protection. Six cases were presented before the United States Commissioner as follows:

<u>Offense</u>	<u>No. Cases</u>	<u>Fines</u>	<u>Jail Sent.</u>	<u>No. Persons Involved</u>
Speeding	2	\$20.00	--	2
Petty Larceny	1	--	2 days	2
Driving While Intoxicated	1	25.00	--	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	--	20 days	2
Reckless Driving	1	10.00	--	1
TOTALS	6	\$ 55.00	22 days	8

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Accidents. A total of twenty automobile accidents were investigated during September. An army truck was the only government owned vehicle involved in a mishap. Three accidents resulted in more than minor injuries to the occupants of the car.

Wildlife Protection and Fish Cultural Activities. Bears: A comparative table of bear injuries and damages to and including September 30 is given below:

Year	SEPTEMBER		TOTAL FOR SEASON		Bears Killed for Control
	Injuries	Damages	Injuries	Damages	
1941	7	7	90	97	26
1940	2	15	41	75	12
Eleven Year Average			59	131	32

A large black male bear was secured on September 17 and the hide and skeleton prepared by Mr. K. Abegg, taxidermist for the University of Kansas, for a mounted specimen at the University Museum.

A male grizzly bear, 5 to 6 years old, was trapped on September 10 and will be shipped to the Zardin Zoologico, Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 4.

Fish Planting. Fish planting in the park was completed for the 1941 season on September 23.

Forest Fire Protection. All fire lookouts were released by the first of September, with the exception of the one at Mount Washburn. This lookout station was manned until the road closed on the seventh.

The trail from Blacktail Lake to Washburn Ridge was cleared and reconstructed as a fire protection measure. This enables a crew to get into this area in two hours from Mammoth headquarters and makes possible early action on fires in this area.

Miscellaneous. The local Civil Service Board held an examination for junior stenographer on September 13, there being only one competitor.

Foremen Deane T. White and Veneta Frank, of Rupert, Idaho, were married in Rupert on September 15.

Acting Superintendent.

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