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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 83020

January 10, 1965

Summary of December 1965 Monthly Narrative Report

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WEATHER

Dry and mild

Maximum temp. 51° at headquarters, 12/22

Minimum temp. -5° " 12/13

Snow depth " 7.5 inches

TRAVEL

1,580 visitors, compared to 403 in Dec. 1964 2,062,476 visitors for year 1965 Road from West to O.F. & Mammoth reopened SNOWMOBILES. Two Special Use Permits issued: Harold Young and Howard T. Kelsey of W. Yell. First trip, Dec. 27 with 19 passengers; 11 trips and 92 passengers during mo.

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SNOW COURSE

Data for month

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INSPECTIONS

Assoc. Reg. Dir. Baggley in Park Dec. 12

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Supt. McLaughlin to Idaho Falls Rotary Club, Dec. 1 Supt. & Biologist Howe to Great Falls, 12/11-12 participated in Mont. Wilderness Assoc.meeting

Chief Ranger Howe rep. Park at Mont. Outfitters & Guides Assoc. Conv. 12/2-4 at West Yell. Biologist Howe to Wyoming Outfitters & Guides annual meeting, Dubois, 12/3-4-3

Ch.Pk.Naturalist Good to Omana, attend. Interpretive Planning Conf. Dec. 6-10 Farewell Party for Reg. Dir. Garrison 12/11

Inventory & current evaluation of Mont. Power conducted 12/6-10

Forestry Tech. Reeves to USFS meeting, Coeur d'Alene 12/6-11

Asst. Supt. Martinek to Cody, proposals for Sunlight Basin road

Supt. Staff Meetings 12/3-17-30

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PERSONNEL	Gary N. Brown, eod Dec. 5 Gordon H. Yerigan to Career-Condl (sub.furlough)	
Promotion Reassignment	William J. Barmore to Park Ranger (Wildlife Mgmt.) James W. Godbolt to Supt. Bandelier, 1/30/66 Robert E. Howe to Supt. Glacier Bay, 2/27/66 William T. Rush, Accting Tech. to Western Reg. Off.	
Promotion Retirement	Miss DeAnn Butler, secretary, to Petrified Forest Walter W. Stebbins, Foreman II, Roadways, 12/30	4
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT	Asst. Supt. James M. Carpenter to Washington Office, approx. 3 mos., departed Park 12/30	5
IN-SERVICE TRAINING	Rangers Court, Danforth and P.Thompson completed session at Horace M. Albright Training Center 12/10	5
AWARDS	10-year Emblem to John W. Card, Dec. 1 30-year Emblem to James M. Carpenter, Dec. 3 Meritorious Service to Clarence E. Scoyen, Dec. 3 Unit Citation to John N. Reeves	5
BIRTH	Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson, Personnel Officer Richard C. and Mrs. Miller, maternal grandparents	5
STATISTICS	Asst.Supt. and Mrs. Julius A. Martinek adopted baby girl, Dec. 23	5
DEATH	Mr. Frank Clancy, Dec. 3	5
ILL	Park Geologist George Marler	5
MISCELANEOUS	NFFE monthly meeting 12/6 Mammoth Schools closed 12/23	5
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES	Mammoth Museum closed Dec. 1 Draft completed for Mud Volcan Trail self-guiding booklet; work began on revision Manual of General Information on Yellowstone Park	5 6
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RESEARCH AND OBSERVATION	Madison Jct.seismograph serviced 12/14	6
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	389 motor vehicle accidents during 1965 Class listed	6
BUILDINGS AND UTILITIES	10 KVW standby power plant installed at 0.F.	6
ROADS & TRAILS	Snowmobile operations started 12/27	6
WILDLIFE	Biologist Howe discussed findings in antelope, bison and elk with veterianarians	6
Antelope	4 buck, 5 doe taken for research study	7
Bison	Group trapped , neckbands recorded, 4 calves survived	7
Eagle	Bald eagles seen in O.F. area	7
Elk	Biological control info gathered 12/6 for Mont, Fish & Game, and University 8 cows operated on for future study	
	2 students at U. of Mont., Msla, participating in elk migration studies; one now at Lamar	7
Otter	2 otter seen swimming in Lamar River 12/27	7
Reduction Pro	Statistics on elk, bison, antelope	
	Live Shipped) Live Trapped) Listed Hunter Kill) Biological Collection)	8
PUBLICITY	Yellowstone Weekly News issued each Thursday	8
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Memorandum

To:

Director

Superintendent, Yellowstone

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Narrative Report, December 1965

GENERAL

Weather Conditions.

The weather was generally dry and mild through December. Daytime temperatures were near freezing or above during most of this period. Maximum temperatures at headquarters were 51 degrees on December 22, and the minimum was 5 degrees below zero on the 13th. The dry weather ended with the first snowstorm on December 24, with wind and some snow continuing the remainder of the mouth. Temperatures and snow depths around the Park were:

		Maximum			Minisus		Snow Depth 12/31
Manmoth	51	degrees	12/22	-5	degrees	12/13	7.5 inches
Lamer	47	9.6	3	-11	**		
Tower Fall	45	29	3	-13	9.0		
Northeast	41	24	3	-15	# #		

Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 1,580 visitors entered the Park during December as compared to 403 in 1964.

Travel for the year totaled 2.062,476, as compared to 1,929,316 in 1964, an increase of 133,160.

The road from West Entrance to Old Faithful and Maumoth was reopened on December 1 and remained open until Christmas Eve when it was closed by snow.

SHOWNDBILES. Special Use Permits were issued to Harold Young and to Howard T. Kelsey, owner of Stage Coach Inn. West Yellowstone, to operate Snowaobiles from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful this winter.



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Snowmobiles of West Yellowstone, operated by Harold Young, made the first trip on December 27, carrying 19 passengers. During the month 11 trips were made, with 92 passengers.

SNOW COURSE DATA - DECEMBER 1965

Course	Date Taken	Snow Depth	Water Content	15-Year Average Water Content	Percent of Average	Section of Park
Northeast	1/ 1/66	12.35	1.85	3.9	47	N.
Lupine	my my www			4.4		23
Norris	1/ 4/66	23.1	3.8	4.3	33	14
Now Lake \$2	12/30/65	23	2.8	4.0	70	\$
old Lake #1	12/30/65	26	3.1	*	-	S
Canyon	12/30/65	28.3	4.6	6.0	77	
Sylvan Pass	12/29/65	22,14	3.71	5.5	67	1000 pm
East Entrance	12/30/65	26.40	4.70	4.4	107	S
Lawis Divide	12/31/65	66	14.8	18.4	80	S
Aster Creek	12/31/65	62	12.4	13.3	93	5
West Thumb				8.9		
Coulter Creek						\$
Snake River	12/30/65	35	6.3	8.6	73	3.27 Ma col
Precipitat	ion Totals		Avera	se Water	Content	
Snake Rive	K	2.25	North	58 pet		
Tower Fall		1.30	South			
Lamer		.75	PARK	77		
Lake		1.77				
Marenoth		1.00				

Inspections. Associate Regional Director George F. Bassley came to the Park on December 12 with the Superintendant when he returned from the Annual Meeting of the Montana Wilderness Association. He remained until early December 15 when he returned to Omaha. While here he looked over the area where prescribed burning was given a trial in an aspen stand on the Northern elk winter range. With the Superintendent Mr. Baggley went to the Upper Geyser Basin by car on the 13th. They were able to get around over most of the area althouth snow did prevent an inspection of the Nez Perce wildlife corral and trap. We were glad to have Mr. Baggley see Park operations at this time of the year.

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Special Activities. Superintendent McLaughlin talked to the Idaho Falls Rotary Club regarding the Park and the Service on December 1. About 79 Rotarians and guests were in attendance. After the meeting an informal question and answer period was held with the Superintendent "fielding" a variety of questions in Park development. The Associate Editor of the Idaho Falls Post-Register interviewed the Superintendent later on travel to the Park and plans for the future.

In company with Park Biologist Robert E. Howe, the Superintendent attended the annual meeting of the Montana Wilderness Association in Great Falls on the 11th and 12th. He participated in a panel discussion on policies and problems of administering Wilderness Areas. Associate Regional Director Baggley was the feature speaker at the Association's Banquet on the 11th and he made a talk that was well received.

Chief Park Ranger Wayns R. Howe represented Yellowstone National Park at the Montana Outfitters and Guides Association's 16th annual Convention held December 2-4 in West Yellowstone, Montana

Biologist Robert S. Howe strended the Wyoming Outfitters and Guidas annual meeting in Bubois, Wyoming, December 3, 4, 5. A presentation of Yellowstone's bear and elk management was made, and questions answered.

Chief Park Naturalist John M. Good departed Yellowstone on December 5 for the Midwest Regional Office to attend the Interpretive Planning Conference December 6 through 10. At the Conference, plans for the Norris, Madison, Old Faithful and Lake prospectuses were discussed with Washington Office interpreters and the first two above-mentioned were recommended for approval. Approved copies were received at the naturalist office December 20. Mr. Good attended the Farewell Party for Regional Director Lemuel A. Garrison on the 11th, who will transfer to the Northeast Regional Office, Philadelphia, as Regional Director. Superintendent Fred C. Fagergren of Grand Teton National Park will become Regional Director, Midwest Region.

A committee appointed by the Regional Director, composed of Messrs. Relph McFadden, Western Office, Design and Construction, David Johns, Montana Power Company, and Frank Elliott, Chief of Maintenance, conducted a survey December 6 through 10 to establish an inventory and current evaluation of the Montana Power distribution system for use in contract negotiations with the Montana Power Company.

Forestry Technician John N. Reeves attended the United States Service White Pine Blister Rust Contro. Zone meeting at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on December 7-11; a U. S. Forest Service meeting.

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Assistant Superintendent Julius A. Hartinek attended a meeting in Cody, Wyoming regarding proposals for a new Sumlight Basin road which would be an all-weather highway connecting with the Beartooth Mighway, eight miles north of Cooks City.

Superintendent's Staff Meetings were held December 3, 17 and 30.

Visitors. Associate Regional Director Saggley, Midwest Region was in the Park December 12-13; Engineer Ralph McFadden from Western Office, Design and Comstruction, was in the Park December 7-11 to participate in an appraisal of the electric power system serving Manmoth.

Hr. Carl Lamb arrived December 21 to discuss possible subjects for an H. S. in Resource Administration at Michigan State University.

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Payroll for the period ending December 4 assumted to \$49,662.99. Payroll for the period ending December 18 amounted to \$45,923.53. There were 197 on the payroll ending December 4, compared to 204 a year ago. There were 171 on the payroll ending December 18, compared to 173 a year ago.

Personnel. Gary N. Brown, Ranger, from Yosemite Baticael Park, to Supervisory Park Ranger (Lamar Sub-District) effective Becomber 5.

Gordon R. Ferigan, Supply Clerk, GS-3, to Cereer-Gonditional, Subject to Furlough), effective December 5.

Propotion. William J. Barmore, to Park Ranger (Wildlife Manage-ment), GS-II, effective December 19.

Reassignment. James W. Gorbolt, Management Assistant to Superintendent, to Superintendent, Bandelier Mational Monament, New Mexico, effective January 30 Millian T. Bush, Accounting Technician, to Western Regional Office, effective January 30.

Robert E. House, Riologist, to Superintendent, Sitka-Clacier Bay National Monament, effective February 27. (Juneau, Alaska)

A Transfer. Hiss DeAnn Butler, to Secretary CS-5, to Petrified Forest National Fark, Arizona, effective December 5.

Retirement. Walter W. Stebbins, Foremen II, Rosdways, retired December 30, with approximately 30 years of Government service.

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Special Assignment. Assistant Superintendent James M. Carpenter has been assigned to the Washington Office for approximately three months. He daparted Yellowstone December 30.

In-Service Training. Rangers James V. Court, Richard T. Danforth and Peter Thompson completed their training session at the Horace M. Albright Training Center, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, on December 10 and have returned to the Park.

Awards. A 10-year Length-of-Service Rablem was presented to John W. Card, Janitor, December 1.

Assistant Superintendent James M. Carpenter was presented with a 30-year Length-of-Service Rublem on December 3.

A Citation for Meritorious Service was presented to Clarence E. Scoyen on December 3. Mr. Scoyen retired last March.

Forestry Technician John N. Reeves was presented with a Unit Citation Award from the Department for outstanding work on the Mountain Pine Beetle Control in the Grand Teton National Park area.

Birth. A daughter was born to Hr. and Mrs. James Patterson, on December 14 in San Mateo, California. Personnel Officer Richard C. and Hrs. Miller are the maternal grandparents.

Statistics. Assistant Superintendent and Mrs. Julius A. Martinek adopted a baby girl on December 23. Lisa Linda was born December 4, 1965. Lisa joins Steven West whom they adopted January 23, 1964.

Death. Mr. Frank Clancy, Buffalo, New York, died December 3. He was the father of Edward J. Clancy, Landscape Architect.

Ill. Park Geologist George Marler was a surgical patient in the Idabe Falls hospital, where he had an operation for a stemach ulcer. His condition has been complicated due to difficulties with his esophagus and he was operated on again late in the month to correct these conditions. His recovery has been slow but progress is evident.

Miscellaneous. The National Federation of Federal Employees held its regular monthly meeting December 6.

Manmoth Schools closed December 23 until January 3.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Services. The Manmoth Museum was closed December 1 and will remain closed until next Spring.

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South District Naturalist Johnsson completed work on the draft for the Mud Volcano Trail self-guiding booklet and the draft materials were given to Bill Chapman of Gardiner for preparation of the art work.

Work began during the month on researching material for a revision of the Manual of General Information on Yellowstone Park.

Research and Observation. EEEHIVE GEYSEE erupted on December 22. Madison Junction seismograph was serviced on December 14.

Ranger Activities. Sub-District Ranger Raymond L. Ives participated in the lost hunter search for Mr. Tom Garofalo, Wyoming Game and Fish employee stationed at Laramie, Wyoming. The search was conducted in the northeastern section of Grand Taton National Park, an area of approximately 3,000 acres. On the afternoon of Decamber 2, a 9-man search crow of Rangers came upon the body of Mr. Garofalo under a large spruce tree just off the south shore of Earne Matilda Lake, approximately 1/4 mile from its outlet. Death was caused by exposure.

Law Enforcement. No incidents occurred during the month; however, the preliminary total of reported incidents for 1965 is 586.

Safety and Health. Three motor vehicle accidents were reported and investigated by Ranger personnel during December.

The total number of motor vehicle accidents for calendar year 1965 is 389, the highest yet recorded. This total represents the following "class" totals:

Class	M	Accidents	213
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Building and Utilities. A new 10 KVW standby power plant was installed at Old Faithful for emergency use this winter.

Roads and Trails. Snowmobile operations started from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful on December 27.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. On December 2, Biologist Robert E. Howe spent several hours with Biologist Greer, Montana Fish and Game Department, and Drs. Hawkins and Cottin of the Veterinarian Research Division of Montana State University at Bozeman, discussing parasitalogical findings in antelope, bison, and elk; and finalizing plans for this season's biological control studies.

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- Antelope. In cooperation with Mr. Bart O'Care of the University of Montona, North District personnel assisted in the antelope research study program by taking four back and five doe antelope on December 6 and 7, respectively.
- Bigon. The Lamar buffalo herd group was trapped by helicopter at Crystal Trap. A check of the group abound a raturn of six out of 12 neckbanded animals with bands intact; two returned without bands. Of the remaining four animals not accounted for, only two might be expected to be with the herd. Total ealf crop for the year was four with 100% eurylval. Mortality from all causes has been greater than increase. After being released from the trap, the entire group returned to the Cache-Calfee ridge.
- Eagle. Bald cogles were observed in the Old Faithful area on Docember 21 and 25.
- Elk. The first work of this year relative to gathering information on methods of biological control of alk populations was done on December 6. The work is being carried out in cooperation with the Montana Fish and Came Department and the Veterinarian Research Laboratory of Montana State University. Hr. Kenneth Oreer, Drs. Deskins and Cottin were involved. Eight adult cous (4 adults and 4 yearlings) were operated on, removing their overies. These amissis were then confined in the Massmoth elk trap for future study.

Mesers. Merlin Shoesalth and Richard Blott, students at the University of Montana at Missoula, are participating in the Morthern Yelloustone alk migration studies. Blott is now living at Lanar and will be involved with winter migration studies. Shoesaith will work winter and sugmer on elk behavior and observations related to migration.

Otter. Two otter were seen ewisming in open water on the Lamer River between Cache and Calfee Greek, December 27.

The following big game trend counts were taken December 16 and 30 along the standard route between Hammorth and Reese Creek:

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12/30	None		14	29

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Lack of snow minimized success in our winter reduction program, which activity started December 3. Following are the statistics as of December 31:

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Live Shipped	9	164
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Biological Collection	0	45
Trap Loss	1	ADMINISTRA .
Total Reduction	151	268
Live Trapped	165	
Neckbanded and Released	156	11
Retrapped Elk	5	73
Escaped Elk	3	18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 1
Trap Loss		9
Bison	Lenst	Barden Velley-Rez Perce
Live Shipped	0	22
Trap Loss	0	Arit p
Total Reduction	0	0
Live Trapped	31	Ü
Seckbanded or Eartagued	4	0
Retrapped Bison	25	0
Escaped Bison	1	0
Antelope		
Biological Collection	74	
Total Reduction	74	

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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

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Religious and Chapel Use. Protestant services were held throughout the month.

A special Christmas Eve service was held December 24 at 7:00 p.m., conducted by the Rev. John Lee.

Contracts

Wallace Diteman, Inc. Bozeman, Montana

\$219,657.30

Construction of Smokejumpers' Facilities (Interegency Fire Control Center) at Yellowstone Airport, West Yellowstone, Montana

Awarded by U. S. Forest Service

Of this amount the National Park Service share is 33% or \$72,492.85.

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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION NARRATIVE

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Plans, Hope and Surveys

The following plane were reviewed or approved as indicated:

Concessioner Working Brawing MF-YEL-3252, LP Gas Installations in 34 campers' cabins, Old Faithful (Yellowstone Park Company). Recommended by Superintendent 12/3/65.

Preliminary Drawing NP-TEL-6222, Site Plan, Apartment Building, Campon. Concurred by Superintendent 12/15/65.

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12/7/65: Floating Breakwaters, Grant Village. Six bids received. Low bidder: Wallace Ditemen, Inc., Boseman, Hontana, \$59,650. Award pending.

Contracts Awarded

By U. S. Forest Service, Missoula - to Wallace Diteman, Inc., Boseman, Montana for construction of Smokejumpars' Facilities (Interagency Fire Control Center) at Yellowstone Airport, West Yellowstone, Montana \$219,675.30. Of this amount the Mational Park Service share is 33% or \$72,492.85. Some work expected to be accomplished before winter shutdown.

Plans-in-Rand Inspection

North Entrance Road, northerly section. Art Eaclawski of the WODC Office arrived December 14 for this inspection.

Mesers. McLaughlin, Carpenter, Elliott and Muss met with Bureau of Fublic Roads Project Engineer Mike Doud to clarify requirements regarding burning on the Morris By-pass project. It was agreed that the subcontractor could continue to do clearing and burning in this areasas long as roadplowing was continued for the bison reduction program.

As Chairman of the Safety Committee, Assistant Superintendent Martinek presided at a meeting of the Safety Committee on December 21.

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- 11/10/65 Cave Construction, Project 160 (Artist Point Road), contract NPS-WASO-YELL-V-65/38
- 11/12/65 Morell Construction, contract 14-10-0243-660, Utilities, West Entrance
- 11/18/65 Wallace Diteman, Inc. contract 14-10-0243-641, Uncle Tom's Trail
- 11/12/65 Elliott Construction, contract 14-10-0243-610, Reployee Apartments (12 units), Grant Village
- 11/29/65 Ditemen, contract 14-10-0243-616, Boat Repair and Rental Building, Bridge Bay

Assistant Superintendent Martinck attended the following seetings:

11/2 and 3 - to Butte and Big Hole with Superintendent McLaughlin regarding BIRO land acquisition and inspection of construction projects.

11/5 and 18 - staff mostings

11/22 - Safety Committee Meeting

11/30 - in Cody - Meeting on new Clarks Fork Highway (Sumlight Bosin).

11/17/65 - with Superintendent McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent Carpenter, Chief of Park Maintenance Elliott, as well as Jon Larson and Ed Clancy of WODC, regarding 1968 and 1972 programs and priority lists.

The only projects on which work is still being done and the Cast Entrance Road, Project 5(1) and the Norris By-Pass, Project 1-A(1), B(1), and 12(1).

