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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Summary of the October 1946 Monthly Narrative Report

WEATHER:	Warm days, cool nights. Precipitation below normal. Maximum 72 <sup>o</sup> , minimum 11 <sup>o</sup> . Snowfall in higher altitudes; passes closed by snow.	1
TRAVEL:	Increase over same month last year. 14th last day of summer station operation.	1
SPECIAL VEHICLES:	Listed	1
FOREIGN VISITORS:	Dr. R. G. Seeliger of German Embassy and Dr. U. Von Rhann of German Consulate, October 23.	1
INSPECTIONS:	Parke W. Soule, Region Two, October 24, 25, on administrative matters; Auditor Weber and Corrick, ASU, on base-air; Dr. Low-vell, geologist, October 26, inspected Uncle Tom's Trail.	2
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Region Two Superintendents' Conference October 2 through 7; two teams, John Coiters and Jim Bridgers; horseback and boat trip; social hour October 6; Associate Director entertains community with pictures of European trip; Committee appointed to develop district guidelines; Park Ranger Homer gives talk in lobby, 10:00am; Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent on vacations; Duns daily in from Big Lake; Latta-field 24; WPA office at Lake closed.	1-1
PERSONNEL:	Federal Service Increase Exam given October 15; Ernest Berreson conversion to Career Commission; W. F. Jump convert to Career; Joan Goodfellow to Joan Winters; Leroy F. Bonham transfers IN; Robert F. Wood promotion; Jess A. Cividin promotion; Carl W. Glass promotion; Duane H. Graf transfers to Olympic; Thomas J. Somerville, Jr. transfer out; Flora A. House, seasonal, termination; John H. Clay appointed Assistant Executive Secretary to local Civil Service Board.	3-4

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<b>IN-SERVICE TRAINING:</b>	GATC attended by Personnel Officer Miller, Rangers Nuss and Williams, South District Ranger Reynolds; Personnel Management Conference attended by Chief Park Ranger, Personnel Officer, Acting North District Manager.	1
<b>SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT:</b>	Ranger Clyde A. Henny completes recreational study of BLM lands in Montana.	4
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>	NFFE monthly meeting October 3; AFOC meeting October 10; Mammoth Library Board elects officers; Boots and Galico Square Dance Club first dance session October 25.	4
<b>WINTER MINISTRY:</b>	First fall meeting of Winter Ministry held October 4; Mammoth Sunday School started October 2; first fall meeting of Youth Fellowship October 2.	4
<b>BIRTHS:</b>	Kenneth Ross to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Overhult on October 26.	5
<b>DEATHS:</b>	Mr. K. Bratton, October 9, father of Miss Ellen Bratton, South District secretary.	5
<b>ACCIDENTS &amp; PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>	Coyote attacks 15 month old Martha Ann Binstock; 1960 fishing season closed October 15; all entrance stations cease selling permits October 13; Lince and Thumb mess halls closed for repairs; West District office moved to Mammoth; Superintendent's staff meeting October 14.	5
<b>PUBLICITY:</b>	Yellowstone Weekly News issued each Thursday; three press releases issued.	5
<b>RELIGIOUS &amp; CHAPEL USE:</b>	Regular Sunday School and Protestant church services held each Sunday.	5
<b>INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:</b>	Interpretive service at Old Faithful curtailed October 31; Mammoth Museum open seven days a week.	5
<b>RESEARCH &amp; OBSERVATION:</b>	Collecting permit issued to Dr. Armitage for 1961 season; Dr. Schaefer and party to spend 10 days in Park to study atmospheric phenomena; Sapphire Geyser very active.	5-6

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GRIZZLY BEAR STUDIES:	Dr. Frank Craighead leaves Park October 30 after summer Grizzly Bear studies.	6
CONCRETE WORK:	YPCo. closed Gardiner shops October 24; Hamilton Stores office at West Yellowstone closed October 24; campers cabins, Hamilton's Store, service station at Old Faithful closed October 31; concessionaires and MP3 monthly meeting October 12.	6
MAINTENANCE:	Lewis Lake campground roads completed; 95% of water system completed; condemned build- ings demolished.	6
ROADS:	Red Lodge-Boote City road closed October 15; other Park roads kept plowed; snow studies set throughout Park; final inspection of Gardiner River slide project with acceptance recommended.	6-7
PROTECTION & RANGER SERVICE:	Tree maintenance work needs reviewed; costs submitted October 12.	7
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	Five traffic violations, one hunting; fines of \$165, with \$25 suspended.	7
INSECT & TREE DISEASE:	Forestry Aid Reeves reports on Blister Rust Control to U. S. Forest Service; survey made of Washburn area for Mountain Pine Beetle infestation.	7
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION:	Pitchstone Plateau fire out October 1.	7
WILDLIFE & FISH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:	Personal injury from bear--66, property damage \$58; Craighead brothers complete work for year; two beaver observed in Middle Creek; 119 bison seen in Lamar Valley; requests for elk received; elk move to lower elevations; elk trap at Black- tail Deer Creek taken down; small band of Frong- horn in Lamar area; antelope bucks observed near headquarters.	7-8
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION:	Listed.	8-9
BIG HOLE BATTLE- FIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT:	Attached.	

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

November 23, 1960

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for October 1960

General

Weather. October was a beautiful month with warm days and cool nights. Precipitation was below normal. The maximum temperature at headquarters was 72 degrees on October 4, 5, and 6. Minimum temperature was 11 degrees on the 30th. Precipitation was only .57 inches. There was snowfall in the higher altitudes. The Passes in the Park were closed by snow October 9, 13, 29, 30 and 31.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travelers to the Park during October showed an increase over the same month a year ago. Visitors totaled 28,756 as against 14,635 for 1959.

October 13 was the last day of Entrance Station operation. As the result of a travel survey it was recommended that the figure of 3.70 average per car be used beginning January 1, 1961.

Special Visitors. District Park Ranger, James A. Randall, Lassen Volcanic National Park visited Yellowstone October 8-11.

Miss Mildred Ericson, formerly a Ranger Naturalist in Yellowstone and now with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Seattle, visited the Park a few days. Chief Park Naturalist McIntyre accompanied her to the Firehole and Hobgen areas to review the earthquake changes.

Foreign Visitors. Dr. K. G. Seeliger of the German Embassy in Washington and Mr. U. Von Rhamm of the German Consulate in New York visited Yellowstone on October 22. Messrs. Seeliger and Von Rhamm had planned to spend only the day in Yellowstone and then go on to Grand Teton National Park. They were so fortunate in seeing many species of wildlife that they decided to stay overnight at Old Faithful.



Inspections. Parke W. Soule, Regional Finance Officer, Region Two, was in the Park October 24 and 25 to discuss administrative matters and methods of payment of the Montana Power contract.

Auditors Weber and Corrick from Washington Office were in the Park October 24 and 25 to study the Land-Air contract, bills, percentage basis payments, liquidated damages, etc. They will advise of their findings.

On October 10, Mr. Lendvalh, U.S.G.S. geologist, inspected the rock structure of the canyon walls in the vicinity of Uncle Tom's Trail. As a result of the inspection, it was decided that a qualified structural geologist be retained and utilized during the layout of the trail so as to make certain that sections of the rock ledges are not overloaded in the reconstruction of the trail.

Special Activities. The 1960 Region Two Superintendents' Conference of all park superintendents, assistant superintendents, and key officials from the Regional and Washington Offices convened at Lake, October 2 through 7.

The conference group was divided into two teams known as the John Colters and the Jim Bridgers, with a Team Captain and a Team Recorder. The primary theme of the conference was national park wilderness preservation and use. Conferees spent three days and nights at Trail Creek in the Southeast Arm of the Lake, touring the most important points in the Trail Creek area and the proposed Yellowstone Lake zoning areas.

From Trail Creek one group took a horseback trip to Trapper Creek and return and the other group took a boat trip to the delta of the Yellowstone River, South Arm, Flat Mountain Arm and Eagle Bay. On the following day, the groups reversed the trips. There were discussions on trails, wilderness campgrounds, patrols and protection. At the end of the conference the captains wrote a report on their observations.

On the evening of October 6 the conferees and wives were entertained at a social hour at Superintendent Garrison's residence, with the Park concessioners as hosts. Dinner was served in the Mammoth Employees Dining Hall.

On October 9, Associate Director Eivind T. Scoyen entertained members of the community by showing pictures he had taken while in Europe this summer. One trip was to Denmark and Norway and the other was to Poland and Czechoslovakia. Conservation was the theme of Mr. Scoyen's talk.

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On October 13, Superintendent Garrison appointed a committee consisting of Chief Ranger Mirdock, Acting North District Manager Good and Assistant Superintendent Luis A. Castellum to develop guidelines for future District Manager Operations.

Park Ranger Lloyd Hoener presented illustrated talks in Libby, Montana, October 19 on ranger activities to the Lions Club, and at the Masonic Lodge on October 24.

Superintendent and Mrs. Garrison vacationed in Alaska, October 15 to 28, visiting Mrs. Garrison's mother.

Assistant Superintendent and Mrs. Castellum were on vacation October 26 through November 14. They visited their son Edward and relatives in Tucson.

Management Assistant Robert G. Burns brought his wife and family to Mammoth from Big Hole Battlefield National Monument on the 24th, but Mr. Burns will remain at the Monument until the hunting season is over.

The Western Office of Design and Construction office at Lake closed October 22 and everyone departed except for a skeleton crew. One engineer will be at Grant Village, one at Bridge Bay, and two men will finish the BPR work on Bridge Bay bridge and marina and Madison Junction. Wayland Fairchild will remain as Acting Project Supervisor.

#### Administration

Personnel. The Federal Service Entrance Examination was given on October 15 to three examinees.

Ernest Borresen, Operator General (H.D.), Maintenance - Conversion to Career (Subject to Furlough), effective 10/1/60.

William T. Jump, Foreman II Roads, North District - Conversion to Career (Subject to Furlough), effective 10/7/60.

Joan Queckborner, name changed to Joan Winters, effective 10/20/60.

Leroy F. Donahue, Supervisory Accountant, GS-9, transferred in effective October 23.

Robert F. Wood, Promotion to Park Ranger GS-7, (Career-Conditional) West District, effective October 2.

Jess A. Rivera, Promotion to Park Ranger GS-5, Career Conditional (Excepted Appointment), effective October 10.

On October 11, 1941, the following information was received from the  
Office of the Chief of Police, New York City, regarding the  
case of the missing person, J. Edgar Hoover, who is reported to  
have been seen in New York City on October 11, 1941.

The above information was received from the New York City  
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available to the Bureau regarding the case of the missing person,  
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Carl W. Glass, Promotion to Accounts Maintenance Clerk, GS-5, Career Conditional (Subject to Furlough), effective October 16.

Duane N. Graf, Park Ranger GS-7, transferred out, Olympic National Park as Supervisory Park Ranger GS-9, effective October 16.

Thomas J. Somerville, Jr., Supervisory Accountant GS-9, transferred out effective October 9, as Supervisory Accountant GS-11, Rocky Mountain National Park.

Flora A. House, Seasonal Time, Leave and Payroll Clerk, GS-4, termination effective October 21.

John H. Clay was appointed Assistant Executive Secretary of the local Civil Service Board by the Tenth U. S. Civil Service Commission.

In-Service Training. Yellowstone Park was represented at the General Administration Training Course in Omaha, October 24 through November 4 by Personnel Officer Richard C. Miller, Supervisory Park Rangers Dale H. Nuss and Jack Williams, and South District Ranger Harry V. Reynolds.

Chief Park Ranger Murdock, Personnel Officer Miller and Acting North District Manager Good attended a Personnel Management Conference in Denver, October 17-22, sponsored by the Tenth Civil Service Region Office.

Special Assignment. Supervisory Park Ranger Clyde A. Maxey returned to the Park October 21 after completing his portion of a recreational study of Bureau of Land Management lands in Montana.

Miscellaneous. The National Federation of Federal Employees held their monthly meeting October 3. A film, "Yellowstone's Seasons" was shown.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees was held October 10.

The Mammoth Library Board held its annual meeting October 25. Officers elected for a two year term are: Chairman, Mamie McIntyre; Vice-Chairman, Vivienne Everett; Secretary, Alice Fisher; Treasurer, Barbara Maxey.

The Boots and Calico Square Dance Club held their first dance session of the season on October 25 in the canteen.

Winter Ministry. The first fall meeting of the Winter Ministry was held October 4. Reverend Allen Line reported the Mammoth Sunday School started on October 2. Reverend and Mrs. Line will be on vacation October 23 through November 8.

The first fall meeting of the Youth Fellowship group was October 2.

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Births. A son, Kenneth Ross, born October 26, at Memorial Hospital, Livingston, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Everhart. Mr. Everhart is Assistant Personnel Officer.

Deaths. Kristian Bratlien, 85 years of age, passed away at his home in Noonan, North Dakota, on October 9. Miss Ellen Bratlien, his daughter, is employed as secretary for the South District.

Accidents and Public Safety. On October 21, Martha Ann Biastoch, age 16 months, suffered severe facial cuts and puncture wounds necessitating several stitches by Dr. Carr. This attack by the coyote occurred on the Biastoch house doorstep. The animal was killed and the brain removed for a rabies check. The State Laboratory reported the analysis of the brain of the coyote proved negative.

The 1960 fishing season closed in Yellowstone National Park at sunset on October 15.

All Park entrance stations ceased the selling of automobile permits for the 1960 season at the close of business on October 13.

The Lake and Thumb mess halls closed October 21 for repairs and improvements.

The West District Office was moved to Mammoth on October 17 for the winter.

A Superintendent's staff meeting was held October 14.

#### Cooperative Activities

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

There were three press releases issued: one on fishing in Yellowstone Lake; one on defacing natural features in Yellowstone; and one on fall road conditions.

Religious and Chapel Use. The Chapel was used every Sunday for the regular Sunday School and Protestant Church services.

Interpretive Services. All interpretive services at Old Faithful were curtailed on October 31.

The Mammoth Museum was open seven days a week during October.

Research and Observation. A collecting permit was issued to Dr. Kenneth B. Armitage, Collaborator, to trap and release yellow-bellied marmots,

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during the spring and summer of 1961 near South Entrance. Dr. Armitage has been doing research on marmots in Yellowstone for many years.

Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer, Schenectady, New York, has requested permission for himself and a party of seven to spend about ten days in the Park in February to conduct scientific studies of atmospheric phenomena in the Firehole Basins.

Sapphire Geyser was very active during the month. Some eruptions were only 10 minutes apart; and some were many hours apart. Several of the eruptions which were above average in magnitude were photographed by Park Naturalist Harler.

Grizzly Bear Studies. Dr. Frank Craighead who is conducting the Grizzly Bear studies left the Park October 30.

Concessioners. The Yellowstone Park Company closed their Gardiner Shops on October 28 for the winter. They expect to reopen the first Monday in April.'

Hamilton Stores, Inc. office at West Yellowstone closed October 24. Trevor S. Povah, President, departed for their winter headquarters in Santa Monica that day. The warehouse will remain open all winter.

Old Faithful campers cabins and Hamilton's Store and service station at Old Faithful closed October 31. All concessioner operations in the Park were closed with the exception of General Store and service station in Mammoth.

Superintendent Garrison and his staff attended the Concessioners monthly meeting October 12 in the Superintendent's office. A review of the season's business and highlights of summer's activities featured the discussions, including bear incidents, Bridge Bay and final closing dates were approved. Plans for next year's operations were discussed.

Maintenance. The roads in the new Lewis Lake campground have been completed except for an oil palliative treatment. Approximately 85 per cent of the water system has been completed. It is contemplated this new campground will be ready for use next summer. The utility systems were closed for the winter. Several condemned buildings, including 14 cabins used for seasonal personnel quarters and two CCC storage sheds in the Old Faithful area were demolished.

Roads. The Red Lodge-Cooke City road was closed to public travel on October 15 when the barricades were put in place.



All other Park roads were kept plowed throughout the month. The snow plowing crews will keep the road open to Lake and West Thumb, and West Yellowstone until about November 15 to enable the contractor's crews to work until that date.

Snow stakes throughout the Park were set for the winter.

Final inspection of the Gardiner River slide project was held October 28, with recommendation for its acceptance. Bureau of Public Roads Engineers Hunt, Yarrington and Tolman attended this review in connection with other road projects.

Protection and Ranger Service. Tree maintenance work needed in the Mammoth area was reviewed by Park personnel and a representative of the Davey Tree Expert Company on the 3rd. Report of costs for this work were submitted on the 10th.

Law Enforcement. There were six cases taken before U. S. Commissioner James W. Brown during October. Five cases involved traffic violations and one concerned hunting in the Gallatin area. Fines totaled \$165, with \$25 suspended.

Insect and Tree Disease. Forestry Aid John N. Reeves was in Missoula at the U. S. Forest Service office, October 3-7 reporting on final activities of the Blister Rust Control activities in the Park.

A survey was made on the 24th of the Washburn area to determine the status of Mountain Pine Beetle infestation in white bark pine. Infestation appears to be chronic.

Forest Fire Protection. The fire reported in last month's report on Pitchstone Plateau which was discovered September 29 was declared out October 6.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. BEAR. Bear incidents reported through October 1960 were 68 Personal Injury and 358 for Property Damage.

Drs. John and Frank Craighead have almost completed their work for this year. A total of 77 grizzlies have been color-marked to date. Experiments with radio equipment for tracking will be done during the winter and next summer before actual tracking can be done.

BEAVER. Two beaver were observed working October 2 in the Middle Creek, in the South District.

BISON. On the 3th, 119 bison were seen in the Lamar Valley.





ELK. Requests have been received for 915 elk carcasses from 15 Indian schools and tribes.

Elk are beginning to move down to lower elevations and have been observed on Swan Lake flat.

The elk trap at Blacktail Deer Creek has been taken down. The few elk enticed into this trap did not justify its maintenance.

PRONGHORN. A small band of Pronghorn stayed in the Lamar area during the month. A group of 17 Antelope bucks were observed near headquarters on October 20-22.

Contracts. None.

11. The Commission has been advised by the Director of the  
Bureau of the Census that the following information is available:

The total number of persons in the United States who are  
employed in the manufacturing industry is approximately 15,000,000.

The total number of persons in the United States who are  
employed in the service industry is approximately 10,000,000.

The total number of persons in the United States who are  
employed in the agricultural industry is approximately 5,000,000.

Very truly yours,  
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## Design and Construction

Plans, Maps, and Surveys: The collection of data for 1962 projects was completed and all of the WODC crew left the Park by mid-October except those supervising projects under construction. Brady Engineering finished their surveys also.

New Construction: Final inspections for construction work completed were held for the following projects during October:

Repair of Masonry Retaining Walls, McLaughlin Construction Company

North Entrance Slide Stabilization, Nelson Brothers Construction Company

Construction of Comfort Stations, Dormitory, Messhall, Seasonal Apartments, Teller Construction Company

Water, Sewer, Roads at Cabin Area B, Canyon, Studer Construction Company

Water System and Connection, Concessioner Facilities, West Entrance, Northwest Construction Company

Utilities Extension, Mammoth, Utilities Service Company

Production of aggregate for Grant Village roads, Studer Construction Company

Although the contract work on the above has been completed, most of the projects still have uncompleted work which will be accomplished next spring.

Projects which were almost completed at the time winter stopped work the middle of the month were the construction of circulation roads at Grant Village by Studer, utility construction at Madison Junction by Nelson, campground and roads construction at Madison Junction by Burggraf.

At Bridge Bay, the dredging by Shellmaker has progressed satisfactorily and is expected to be completed before Thanksgiving. The bridge is ready for the final concrete work and the concrete ramp for boat launching added by change order has been poured.

Taggart Construction Company is still working on a limited basis at Madison Junction and expects to produce most of the aggregate before shutting down. We expect to have the new road and bridge in service by the advent of the heavy travel season.



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Wm. A. Sullivan  
Superintendent

In reply...

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