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Memorandum for the Directors

Following is the report of activities for Tellocat to Matieval Park for the month of July, 1930:

000 - General

Plateau near Thite Lake on July 15, there were no unusual happenings of particular interest. The fire, however, considerably disrupted the entire organization requiring placing some 70 men from 332 cause and THA crows on the fire line and necessitating the detiling of key men from important stations to the fire in supervisory carecities. The fire made the headlines in the newspapers throughout the country and the impression may have gotten out that there was some interference with travel. However, the fire was located in a section of the park not seen by visitors and there was no interference with travel for danger to visitors. Despite any adverse impression which might have resulted from the publicity, travel continued even heavier than last jour and the previous record season of 1957. Several other fires occurred at the same time the Mirror Plateau fire was burning but these were extinguished before they reached any large proportions.

The two fairs in New York and Dan Francisco have undoubtedly been responsible for an influx of visitors to the national parks as figures at the end of the month showed the Yellowstone 9.51 aboad in visitors over 1938 and 4.6% over the record-breaking year of 1937 to the end of July. The increase in automobiles over 1938 was 12% while rail travel showed a loss of 10.5%. One hundred seventy-one th usand nine hundred ninety persons entered the park during the month of July as against 161,195 in July last year. A total of 282,771 persons had come into the park to the end of July as against 258,275 to the same date last year.

Due to a provision in Section 6 of the Treasury ost office appropriation bill, approved May 6, 1939, it has been as necessary to keep an accurate record of the number and weil ht of all pieces of mail sent out by all Severement agencies which has necessitated revising our mailing lists for publicity, travel and nature notes. The report thereon must be submitted quarterly.

Dedicatory services in connection with the donation of two stained glass windows prepared and donated by Miss Jessie Van Brunt of brooklyn. New York were held in the Nammoth Chapel on July 2.

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020 - General Weather Conditions

July temperature everaged 2.1° above normal at Manmoth with quite high afternoon readings July 8 to 15. These eight days were 8° above normal. On the 13th and 15th .01 inch rain fell, otherwise no rain occurred from the 7th to the 23d; the high temperatures, no rain, dry winds and lightning strikes from rainless thunderstorms made serious denger from forest fires. Thunderstorms were observed from Manmoth on the 11th, 12th, 15th, 24th and 31st but probably occurred elsewhere over the park on other days as well, beyond sight from Manmoth.

100 - Administrative

110 - Superintendent's Special Activities

Superintendent Rogers spent the entire month in the park making numerous inspections into the interior and one trip outside to the Flkhorn Ranch on the Gallatin.

120 - Park Inspections

Charles L. Gable, Chief, Park Operators Division, NPS, Washington, D. C., in east July 1; out northeast July 7.

H. B. Hommon, Sr. Sanitary Engineer in Charge, U. S. Public Health Service, 112 Federal Office Bldg., San Francisco, in east July 1; out south July 6.

B. W. Matteson, Acting District Engineer, Public Roads Administration, Denver, in east July 6 on road matters.

Dr. M. G. Lloyd, National Bureau of Standards, Tashington, D. C., in east July 14. Rendered assistance in connection with lightning protection for Mt. Vashburn structure.

Bernard C. Schoenfeld, Script Writer, Department of the Interior, in west July 15; out west July 19.

Ward P. Webber, Engineering Department, National Fark Service, Washington, D. C., in west July 17; out east July 19.

C. T. Hanson, Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, Denver; P. H. Besselievre, Imspector, Post Office Department, Casper; and Robert Dumbar, Post Office Inspector, Cheyenne, in sest on July 17.

A. V. Williamson, Sr. Highway Engineer, Public Roads Edministration, Denver, in south July 13.

Edwin B. Gittings, District Forecaster, U. S. Leather Bureau, Denver, Coloredo, in July 20.

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Tarin T. Ofthirps, Vistrast areastary D. C. Tarershy Desirar Color to, in July (1). O. C. Bradeen, Supply Officer, U. S. Forest Corvice, Missoula, Wontana, in July 21; out July 22.

Miss Dorothea J. Lewis, Jadio Script ritor, Astional Park Service, Washington, D. C., in northeast July 21; out July 22.

Albert S. Amderson, Field Auditor, National Park Service, Region II, Omaha, left on July 21 after having spont over a month in the park auditing the CCC accounts.

Frank W. Childs, Regional Forester, Aegien II, maha, in west July 15; out south July 25.

R. G. Redell, Assistant Landscape Prehitect, National Park Service, Omaha, left via the south gate on July 26. Er. Redell had been assigned to the Yellowstone since June 7.

L. F. Cook, Assistant Chief of Forestry, Metional Park Service, Washington, D. C., in west July 15; out south July 25.

E. G. Bailey, Assistant Ingineer, Later Resources Branch, Coological Survey, Boise, Idaho, in July 16 to make water gauge readings.

Ward W. Yeager, Associate Forestor, Region III, Ran a Te, New Yexico, in north gate July 17; out north July 26. While here Wr. Yea er assisted on the Astringent Creek fire.

Ruth L. Burrier, Personal Stenegrapher to Lirector Cammerer, Vashington, D. C., in July 23.

C. D. Monteith, Utility Expert, National Perk Service, 'ashington, D. C., in north July 23; out north July 27.

William Sourwine, Radio Technician, CCC, Glacior Dational Park, in west July 18; out north July 28. Mr. Sourwine aided with communications during the Astringent Creek fire.

Dr. Carroll H. Weggeman, Regional Geologist, Region II, Omaha, in northeast July 27; out south July 29.

Carl F. Russell, Supervisor of Research and Information, Matienal Park Service, Washington, in west July 27; out south July 29.

K. Wolfe, Liaison Officer, CCC, Fresidio of San Transisco, California, in north July 28; out northeast July 30.

W. C. Hilgedick, Associate Radio Engineer, Autional Fark Service, Region IV, San Francisco, California, in north July 19; out July 29.

Robert A. Thompson, Forester, Natio al Park Cervice, ashington, D. C., in July 18; out July 29.

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- Jack S. Barrows, Associate Forester, Ational Perk Service, Washington, in east July 18; out east July 29.
- B. B. Sanford, Forester, Region IV, San Francisco, in July 17; out west July 24.
- J. B. Dodd, Associate Porester, Region IV, San Francisco, California, in July 18; out west July 21.
- Harry L. Dunham, Administrative Inspector, Degion II, Omaha, Nebraska, in south July 20; out July 29.
- Malcolm B. Fortier, Major, U.S. Trmy, District Commander, GGC, Pocatello, Idaho, in park July 29.
- Howard J. Liston, Major, U. S. tray, District Executive Officer, CCC, Pocatello, Idaho, in on July 29.
- E. N. W. Lane, Junior Ingineer, Estional Park Service, Region II, Omeha; Victor G. McLeod, Assistant Junior Ingineer; and Cordon F. Book, Assistant Junior Ingineer, arrived via east gate July 17 to aid in making topographic and other surveys in the park.

140 - Status of Private Lands

Negotiations continued during the month is connection with the purchase of private lands in the park between Cardiner and Rees: Creek and satisfactory progress has been made. An option for the sale of the Tony Stermitz property was received from Mr. Stermitz while it is expected that no difficulty will be encountered in obtaining the property of the Child estate. A question of price has arisen in connection with the Lena Rassett Ross property while a refusal to sell has been received from Roy Armstrong for his property.

150 - Plans, Maps and Surveys

Principal surveying activities were the leying out of the fishing Bridge trailer camp, starting same at Old Faithful, and studies made for changes in sever systems at Old Faithful and Canyon.

160 - General Publicity

The regular weekly releases of news stories were propared by Publicity Director Sig Mickelson and a number of Associated Press and United Press wire stories were sent out in connection with the Mirror Plateau fire, the visit of Governor Stark of Missouri, and party, and several conventions. A few pictures of the fire were released. "dwin L. Wisherd, photographer for the National Geographic Magazine, was in the park most of the month obtaining kedachrome pictures for a special park article which is to be prepared by Frederick G. Wesburgh of the editorial staff of the National Geographic Magazine for an early release in the magazine. Ross Medden of Livingston, Montana, received an assignment from Life Magazine to obtain pictures of "savage" life in the park for a story on the "Savages of Yellovstone" which is to be used

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170 - General Complaints

A comparatively small number of written complaints were rec ived at the Superintendent's office, copies of which were sent to ashington. These complaints were referred to the operators concerned and ensures were sent to the writers.

200 - Maintenance, New Construction and Improvements

210 - Maintenance

Seal costing operations continued on almost all the roads; about 10 miles completed between Lake and Camyon.

220 - New Construction

Proj. 584 - New Trail Construction: The platform at Lookout Point was about 75% completed.

Proj. 595 - Grand Loop 1-02 Fower Line Removal: Final hookups are being made.

Proj. 602 - Replacement of Foot Bridges and Faths in Black Sand Basin: Slight delays on material delivery prevented completion of this work; now about 90% complete.

PWA Construction - WT 266-b: Excavation on sewer ditch was about finished and excavation on sludge bed started.

PWA WT 266-e: The power house was framed and newer line cleared.

PWA LF 266-d: Reservoir excavation was finished, the well on the pump line started.

PWA LF 266-0: The manholes were completed, the job about 95% complete.

PWA LF 266-f: All poles were set, wiring of same about 80 1 complete.

PWA OF 266-g: Power house was completed except for final roofing and inside work.

PNA OF 267: Foundations on Mt. "ashburn Lookout were completed, form work for second floor about 30% complete.

230 - Special Improvement Activities

The FRA set up camp at Canyon and started trail and road improvements there. They also continued landscaping in the Mannoth area.

C.C.C. - New enrolless were received in all four of our TOC carps during July, bring the Company strength up to approximately 200 men in each camp.

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Progress on all jobs during the first half of July was very good. Due to the fire, progress the last half of July on most of the jobs was at a standstill since 600 000 boys from our four chaps were fighting fire.

Main jobs for the two Mannoth camps, YNF "land "7, were campground development-Mannoth, sower lines in the oabin area, water system for the Buffalo Ranch, lookout tower at Mount Barris and readside cleanup.

At Casp YNP 48 the main projects were the water and sever system at Canyon, roadside cleanup, and the construction of the new 600 camp at Canyon. A 25-man side camp was put in at Thumb end they are working on the West Thumb campground.

At Camp YNP #5 main projects are tail maintenance around Old Faithful, campground maintenance, roundside cleanup, preparation of material and the establishment of a side camp at Gallatin. This side camp will work on the Gallatin-West Yellowstone telephone line, the new water system in the Gallatin Area, and the new lookout tower near Gallatin.

There were no jobs completed during the month of July, 1939.

300 - Activities of Other Agencies in the Park

310 - Park Operators

The various operators in the park carried on their businesses with comparatively few complaints but despite the fact that travel was ahead of last year the businesses of the operators were somewhat less. The general opinion is that travelers are spending less money, moving faster, and trying to cover as much ground as possible within the time at their disposal. Reports indicate that the same situation as exists in the park pertains outside and businessmen are complaining that they are not receiving business commensurate with the travel.

The Yellowstone Park Company is well on its way to improving the cabin and lodge accommodations in the park and considerable progress has already been made in remodeling those at Old Waithful.

320 - Cooperating Governmental Agencies

The mational Recaployment Service maintain d its office in the park throughout the month to furnish labor to the various contractors, the office being in charge of R. A. Clark of Helena.

Bureau of Public Roads Projects: Cuy H. Jones has fluished about 52% on the Gardiner Miver Bridge.

Wax J. Kuney has completed about 55 for the Northeast intrance road.

Taggart Construction Company completed about 20 on the ast atrance road.

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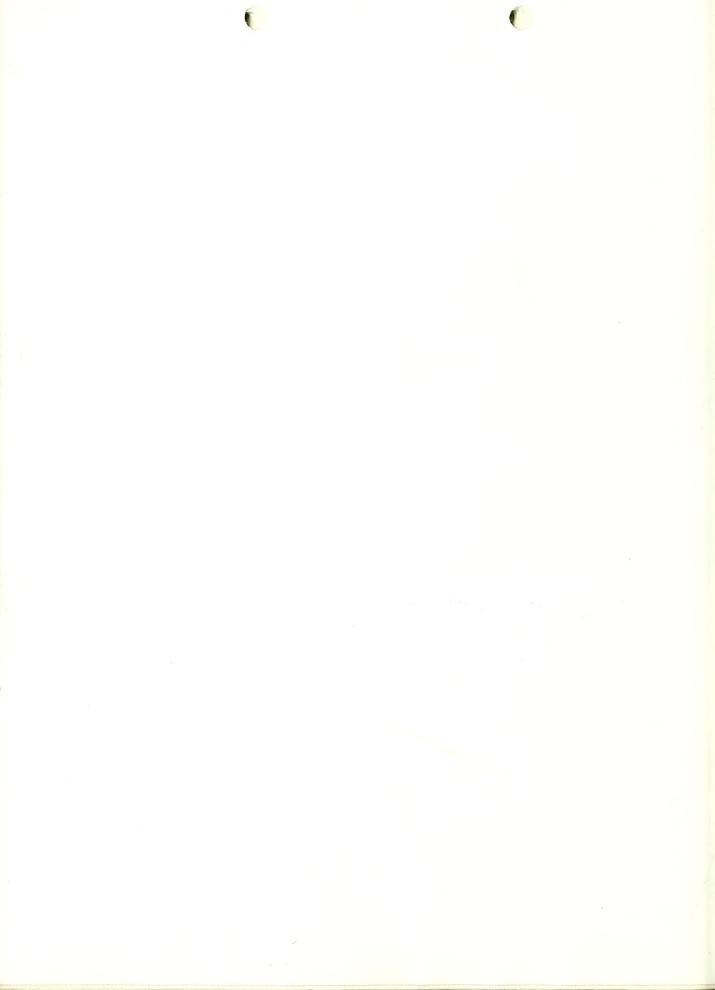
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These new cottages, which are being operated in connection with the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, combine privacy with modern facilities and are proving popular with Yellowstone Park visitors.

Photo by Skinner,





Modern cottages grouped around attractive courts have provided a new and popular type of public accommodation at Mammoth Hot Springs.

Photo by Skinner.



McLaughlin and Nelson firished about 10 for roads near ost Thumb.

Olaf Melson Construction Com any completed about 65% of the Couth Intrance road surfacing.

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Bureau of Fisheries - The total e collection at Lake Intenery was 30,065,070 Blackspotted eggs. The spanning o or tion is not completed, the last collection having been made July 24 at Latchery Greek.

At Felican Creek the trap racks were left in the vater through the month and a total of 249 suckers have been taken and destroyed this year. Although this number is less than last year, it is quite possible that a number of suckers spawned below the trap as the master was low and conditions were good. It is therefore safe to predict that no reduction in the number of exotic suckers has been and a although the increase has apparently been curbed.

The creek census undertaken by larion ledsen of the Bureau of lisheries in cooperation with park removes and boot dock employees is working very well. The figures collected to date are as follows:

Actual count at boat dooks and Fishing Bridge. . . . 43,546 fish Actual count of shore fisherman made by Jadsen every 3 days (2,117)-2,117 x 3 = 6,351

It is estimated that 1/h of fish caught

are tabulated or 6351 x 4 25,404

Total fish taken from Yellowstone Lake during July - 65,950 "

In contacting fishermen Madsen has been refused information by only one person. He has found few violations but believes there is a need for a 2-page pamphlet giving summary of regulations, species of fish in different waters and methods of catching fish.

400 - Interpretation

110 - Lecture and Guide Service

During the month of July the Neturalist Department conducted 626 trips, including auto caravans, hiking trips, game stalks and special parties, and gave 617 lectures at various losations in the park. Two lectures were given by the Park Naturalist outside of the park, one on July 18 at the Episcopal Assembly on Till Creek, north of the park, and the other on July 27 at the Forest Service Campground in Templed Hills, also on Till Creek.

430 - Research and Observation

432 - Zoology

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disappeared by July 4. On this date two soult swans were on leaver Le'e but left the following day. Obsidian Lake was visited a ain on July 22 but there were no swans present.

The five eygnets at Swan Lake disappeared the first part of the month. Investigations of these lesses point to animals or birds as the cause and there is no evidence that disturbance by man has entered into the picture.

At Grebe Lake, where 10 to 15 fishermen are present daily, the three cygnets are doing nicely as are the four young stero at Beach Spring.

Tentative errangements are being made with the dislogical Survey to conduct a cooperative swan census August 9 and 10.

Bear Control - Comparative bear incidents through July 31 for 1930 and 1939 are as follows:

			Injuries 1976 1939 www.www.					
June July	TOTAL -	18 38 56	11 32 13	6	11 ₁			
TOTAL INCIDENTS	440	(1938) -	71 (1939)	- 63	5			

This year four bears have been killed as compared with 21 at the same time last year. Three young black bears have been killed by automobiles and two have been shipped to zoos this year.

In July feeding bears resulted in 10 injuries, photographing caused 12 and 10 others were attributed to miscellaneous reasons such as petting, teasing and walking too near bears being viewed by crowds.

433 - Geology

Two young men from the iniversity of disconsin, one a curator of geological exhibits at the University Museum, and the other a senior student, made a detailed study of the contact between the rhyelite and basalt on the Gardiner River at the south end of the Cheepeater Cliffs. The problem involved the study of the contact, the propartion of a map, and a collection of evidence to explain why the rhyelite basalt contact is a gradational one. The hypothesis proposed is that both the rhyelite and the basalt were in a molten or semi-molten condition when they fused.

500 - Use of Park Pacilities by the Public

510 Increase or Decrease in Travel

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520 - Visitors

Hon. Herlan P. Stone, Justice of the Supreme Court, shington, D. C., arrived via the south entrance July 11; departed via the west July 12.

Hon. Lloyd C. Stark, Governor of Missouri, and party, in north July 11 for a one day trip of the north loop.

Major General Albert J. Bowley, United States Army, Commander of the Ninth Corps Area, San Trancisco, a rived via west gate July 12 and left via south on the Lith.

Major General Herbert Jay Brees, United States Irmy, Container of the Righth Corps Area, Fort Sem Houston, Texas, arrived via the cast gate July 15.

Edwin L. Chloupek, Czechoslovakian Minister, San Provisco, errived via the east July 12.

William B. Greeley, Chairman of the Conservation Committee of the Campfire Club of America and outstanding conservationist, in west lith; out west 17th.

George S. Rice, prominent mining engineer, New York City, and for many years Chief of the Bureau of Mines, in west July 21, out west 21th.

Mrs. Ford Brown, prominent novelist and short story writer for Saturday Evening Post and Good Mousekeeping, in north July 15. Mrs. Brown is obtaining material for a Yellowstone mystery story.

600 - Protection

610 - Ranger Service

The services of twelve permanent and five seasonal rangers were required in suppressing the Astringent Creek fire and as this occurred during the period of beaviest travel the remaining personnel at the various stations was hard pressed to keep abreast of the unusual volume of routine work incident to the heavy travel season. By the close of month these men were able to resume their regular duties.

The land acquisition program continued to require a considerable part of the time of two of the headquarters personnel.

620 - Police Protection

A total of forty-five cases were tried before the . C.Comissioner during July. These were classified as follows:

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Four persons were given jail sentences of three menths each and two were given sentences of five months. Fines assessed totaled \$714.50. Fishing equipment confiscated included one boat and two outboard motors.

630 - Wildlife Protection and Fish Cultural Activities

Fish Planting - The following plants were made in July:

The rainbow were trucked from the Ennis Intehery and the blackspotted trout came from Bozeman, Big Timber and Yellowstone Lake.

610 - Forest Fire Protection

The first fire of the season occurred on July 1 in the Old faithful district. It was a lightning caused fire and was held to Class A in size. On July 11; and 15 severe lightning storms were reported from all fire weather stations. On July 11; six fires were reported, three of which were lightning caused and three of which were incendiary. Three more lightning fires were reported on July 15, including the Astringent Creek fire which reached Class C size before it was controlled. On July 16 and 17 two more incendiary fires were reported in the Lake district. Several emergency fire guards and rangers were employed in an attempt to apprehend the person responsible for the incendiarism.

The total number of fires occurring this month was as follows:

Class	No.	Lightning 7	Incondiary 90	Smoker 3
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TOTAL -	22	10	2	3

*It has not been definitely established that two of these fires were of incendiary origin but because of their location it did not appear that they could have been either smaker or camper fires and they occurred at a time when they obviously could not have been at red from lightning.

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The Astringent Creek five was reported on the morning of July 15. Upon arrivel at the scene of the fire it was discovered that there were actually two fires, one of which was in a blind area from the lookout and about two miles to the north-east of the fire reported. Both fires crowned out on July 15. Despite the effort of the fire fighters employed, it was impossible to control the fire. A total acreage of 2500 acres were burned before the fire was finally brought under control. By July 20, 700 men were employed on the fire, including CCC enrolless, Forest Service and Dational Tark Service employees.

Two strings of pack mules were borrowed from the U. S. Forest Service at Missoula and additional equipment and supplies were borrowed and purchased from the same source and delivered to the fire camps by sirplene.

The fire was under centrel and placed on a petrol basis after July 26. Fourteen Pacific pumps and 18,300 feet of bose were used in controlling and extinguishing the fire. For own equipment was used to supply 250 men and equipment consisting of tools, bedding and mess equipment for the other 150 men was borrowed from the Forest Service.

680 - Accidente

A total of he automobile accidents were reported during the month of July of which three involved government-owned vehicles and one involving a privately-owned car which was of a serious nature.

A brief resume of each of the accidents involving government-coned vehicles and the one serious accident of the month is given below:

On July 2, 1939 at 9:00 p.m. a Ford pickup truck, Dervice Do. (CCC 36509), driven by W. Rhoten, CCC eurollee, Ass't Leader, Camp YNP-1. Co. 535, was struck by another car 1/2 mile north of Herris ranger station. No information is available on the other car involved in the accident.

At about 9:15 a.m. July 18, 1939, N.P.S. truck, Service No. 555, driven by Gordon Allen, was struck by a bakery truck resulting in the displacement of 1,020 gallons of pasoline. The owner and identity of the bakery truck has not been determined to date.

On July 19, 1938 at 1:15 p.m., Oscar N. Wallace and John Patterson of the Mammoth CCG Camp No. 518, driving CCC trucks, Service Nos. 88278 and 38279 respectively, collided on the Pelican Creek road.

On July 28, 1039 at about 11:15 p.m. near Lake Junction, a 1923 model Plymouth coupe. Montana license No. 19-1256, driven by Miss Betty Harvard, employee at the Lake Hotel, skidded and ran bechwards over a ditch and up a four foot embankment. Two of the three girls who were riding in the baggage compartment were thrown to the ground. The other passenger who was riding in the baggage compartment was caught between the rear bumper and the car and was dragged underneath the car.

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Dropping fire equipment and supplies from simplane
Astringent Creek Fire
Photos by J. W. Errert





Air views showing burned areas in vicinity of T. It.,
Fern and Tern Lakes

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900 - Miscellaneous

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