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March 4, 1939

Memorandum for the Director:

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of February, 1939:

#### 000 - General

A happy memory to those who attended was "Montana Day" on Sunday, February 19, when 1001 people in 278 cars were checked in through the north entrance. Considerable publicity throughout the State had been given this occasion which was sponsored by the Gardiner Commercial Club in cooperation with the National Park Service. Skiing courses suitable for amateurs as well as experienced skiers had been laid out at the "Little America" ski field and this sport was enjoyed by many. Large numbers of elk, deer, antelope, mountain sheep and buffalo were seen by the visitors, particularly those who traveled the road between Gardiner and the Buffalo Ranch in the morning. Many residents of Mammoth participated in this event in addition to the number mentioned above. Sandwiches and coffee were served free of charge by the Gardiner Commercial Club at the Buffalo Ranch bunkhouse. The event provided an unusual and enjoyable outing for those who made the trip and the first winter "Montana Day" in Yellowstone National Park was chalked up as an outstanding success.

#### 020 - General Weather Conditions

A summary of the general weather conditions will be found attached to the back of this report.

#### 021 - In the Park

The following tabulation shows the snow depths at the close of February for various locations in the park over a comparative nine-year period:

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#### \*Drifts only.

The Mammoth-Cooke road was opened each week-end while the Mammoth-Gardiner section required but little clearing. All other roads in the park remained closed.

#### 022 - Approaches to the Park

The West Yellowstone-Bozeman road was kept open for travel by the Montana Highway Department snow removal equipment.

Except during storm periods, the road from Moran to Jackson, Wyoming, was open, as was the Hoback Canyon road and Teton Pass. The Ashton-West Yellowstone and Red Lodge-Cooke roads were blocked by snow, while the Cody-East Entrance road was closed for ten miles below the checking station after the 11th. The Living ston to Gardiner, Montana approach road remained open and in good condition.

#### 023 - In Nearby States

Normal winter weather conditions prevailed in the surrounding states. Only main highways remained open in the higher areas.

#### 100 - Administration

#### 110 - Status of Work

Superintendent Rogers was in Washington throughout the month on special assignment. Assistant Superintendent Emmert was acting in his absence.

The Chief Clerks' Conference in Washington from February 15 to 20 was responsible for Chief Clerk Neilson's and Assistant to the Superintendent Joffe's absence from the park during most of the month. Mr. Neilson left on February 3 and Mr. Joffe on February 11. Both were away the balance of the month.

Morey L. Sher, Voucher Clerk, Grade 8, \$1800 per annum, resigned at the close of February 9 to go into private business in Denver, Colorado.

On February 10 the appointment papers of DeLyle R. Stevens as park ranger, Grade 8, \$1860 per annum, were received. It is expected that Mr. Stevens will report for duty about March 15.

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Effective February 9, Mrs. Agnes E. Welch resigned her seasonal position as Assistant Clerk (Stenographer-Comptometer Operator).

Mrs. Rita Ellen Bergren entered on duty under an emergency field agreement as an ERA clerk on February 14.

An examination for Junior and Senior Stenographer (Male) was held on February 10 by the local civil service board.

Under authority of orders dated February 1 the positions of Warehouseman (Seasonal) and Research Naturalist were abolished from the Yellowstone rolls.

In order to attend the National Asphalt Conference in Los Angeles from February 27 to March 3 and the American Road Builders Convention in San Francisco from March 5 to 20, Park Engineer Lord left the park on the twenty-third.

Mrs. Loustalet J. Quinn, Clerk, Grade 8, left on February 25 to take up her new position as Senior Stenographer in the Regional Office at Omaha. Mrs. Quinn will be employed with the Branch of Engineering.

On the twenty-fourth notification was received of the establishment of the position of Warehouseman-Truck Driver, Grade 7 FCS, \$1620 per annum, in lieu of position established as Motor Truck Driver, FCS-5, \$1500 per annum.

#### 120 - Inspections by:

#### 121 - Acting Superintendent

Acting Superintendent Emmert made the usual inspections around headquarters and made trips into and outside the park as follows:

February 2 - With Chief Ranger LaNoue to Livingston to confer with Forest Service officials regarding purchase of land north of the park.

February 3 - With Chief Ranger LaNoue to the Game Ranch and vicinity.

February 6 - With Messrs. Joffe, LaNoue and Barrows to Livingston in the evening to meet with the Directors of the Livingston Chamber of Commerce and the Gardiner Commercial Club; night in Livingston.

February 7 - With Messrs. LaNoue and Joffe met with Park County Commissioners; returned Mammoth.

February 14 - To Buffalo Ranch and return with Schweitzer and representatives of the Gardiner Commercial Club to make plans for "Montana Day".

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February 25 - To Cody with Messrs. LaNoue and Bauer to attend Buffalo Bill's birthday celebration; returned Mammoth 26th.

#### 122 - Special Field Representatives of the National Park Service

Harry Dunham, Inspector (CCC), Region II, Omaha, in north February 6; out north February 8.

Dr. Adolph Murie, Willise Technician, Region II, Omaha, in north February 23.

#### 140 - Labor Situation

As practically all activities in the park were closed except those of the National Park Service, there was little opportunity for employment.

#### 150 - Equipment and Supplies

There were eight carloads of coal, one carload each of pine lumber, fuel oil, gasoline and oak flooring, and two carloads of tanks received in addition to other shipments of tire chains, refrigerators, plumbing supplies, lubricating oil, electrical supplies, plaster, hardware, lumber, kerosene and plow parts weighing 58,781 lbs.

The value of storehouse issues during the month of February was \$9.257.92.

#### 170 - Plans, Maps and Surveys

Routine office work and Public Works projects continued as principal inside activities. Field work was confined to layout work in the Mammoth campground and surveys on the Mammoth utility road connecting the employees: cottage area.

#### 180 - Circulars, Placards, Publicity Bulletins, Etc.

Circular No. 1 was issued on February 10 and a copy is attached. The January-February issue of Nature Notes was issued during the month to a miling list of over 600. A copy of this publication is attached.

Several press releases on game management, "Montana Day", and winter sports activities were issued during the month.

#### 200 - Maintenance, Improvements and New Construction

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headquarters and on the Mammoth-Gardiner road comprised the only road maintenance work. Five trips were made to Cooke this month, with several parking areas cleared. The two approaches to the Yellowstone River were sanded in addition to regular sanding of the Gardiner road.

#### 220 - Improvements

Shops - In addition to the usual maintenance of equipment carried on, there were ten trucks overhauled and considerable time was spent in operating the snow plow in keeping various roads open in the park.

Electrical Department - In addition to the usual maintenance and repairs, various quarters were rewired and changes made to bring several of the quarters up to present day electric code standards and the new residence in the Mammoth campground was wired in conduit throughout.

Carpenter Shop - In addition to minor repairs, new oak floors were laid in two of the residences.

Paint Shop - Work in this department consisted of the laying of linoleum in the new cottage located in the Mammoth campground, remodeling of building No. 7 and other regular maintenance jobs.

Plumbing Department - In addition to the usual maintenance and operation during the month, 250 feet of 6-inch vitrified clay sewer pipe were installed for service line from building No. 87, a complete new heating plant was installed at the north wing of the barracks building which is designed to burn heavy fuel oil, and the installation of a complete plumbing system and heating plant was commenced in the new building No. 87.

#### 230 - New Construction

In general, most of the ERA program was completed. This included the renovation of the basements of buildings Nos. 1, 2 and 3, the U. S. Commissioner's quarters, most of the barracks building, and building No. 7 betterment. Sign work continued and delays on contracted materials prevented the completion of the four-room dwelling in the employees' cottage area.

Project 0.P. 266 - Approved plans were received for the West Thumb sewer and water systems and for the Lake sewer system. Considerable equipment was ordered for all the sewer, water and electrical systems.

Project O.P. 267 - Materials purchased represented most of the work on this project during the month.

Contract Construction - The only active project was McNutt Brothers on the East Entrance approach road, and this was principally work by the contractor on their equipment. With the road snowed in on February 12, they abandoned their work until some time in March.

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#### 300 - Activities of Other Agencies in the Park

#### 310 - Public Service Contractors

The general store at Mammoth was kept open throughout the month and provided excellent service for local residents.

#### 400 - Flora, Fauna and Natural Phenomena

#### 410 - Ranger, Naturalist and Guide Service

Ranger activities consisted of routine office work and regular winter patrols, including the pursuit of poachers to the vicinity of Moran, Wyoming. Elk trapping operations and supervision of winter sports on weekend constituted the other major work.

#### 420- Museum Service

The duties in the Naturalist Department during the month consisted several field observations on Big Horn Sheep and other wildlife, issuance of the January-February issue of Nature Notes and preparation of lectures.

#### 470 - Animals

Antelope - These animals ranged further down the Yellowstone Valley than usual during the month. Very few antelope were seen in the vicinity of Gardiner and the bands at the Game Ranch were widely scattered while large numbers were ranging north of Reese Creek outside of the park boundaries.

Three of the four antelope that have been wintering in the vicinity of the Buffalo Ranch were observed there throughout the month. We have no previous record of antelope wintering in this area.

Big Horn Sheep - Between four and five rams have grazed most of the month in the immediate vicinity of the north entrance. No visitor could fail to see these bighorns as they have been along the road practically all the time. It is unusual for bighorns to range so near the town of Gardiner; however, these particular rams have been in the yards and all around the Yellowstone Transportation Company buildings.

A total of 51 bighorns was counted between the Buffalo Ranch and the northeast entrance and it is quite probable that there are more in this area. With the exception of the band on Druid Peak, no bighorns have been observed in the Baronett and Abiathar Peak section for a number of years. The rather flat top of Abiathar Peak is completely surrounded by precipitous cliffs and is virtually inaccessible to man. The 17 bighorns in this mountain were seen from nearby vantage points with binoculars.

Buffalo - Thirty-three buffalo carcasses were shipped to the following Indian Agencies on February 13 and 15:

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All of the 60 buffalo carcasses have been shipped.

The Fountain Flat area was checked for buffalo, February 22 and 21 buffalo were observed, the same number as counted in January. The Hayden Valley area was covered February 26 and 27, and 49 buffalo were found on the headwaters of Alum Creek.

Coyote - The coyote population is apparently much greater in the lower parts of the game range this winter. A considerable number of game kills have been reported, although carcasses are completely cleaned up in six to eight hours which makes it practically impossible to obtain a very close check on predatory propensities.

Elk - A cold wave occurred the second week in February and elk banded together on the wind-blown slopes. Shortly thereafter high winds and snow-storms caused the elk to scatter out and they had not congregated in large herds by the end of the month. Conditions are therefore not favorable for conducting a census at the present time.

According to advice from the Forest Service, elk have migrated from the park in about the same numbers as last year which indicates that approximately 4,000 are now on the Absaroka Forest.

Elk Reduction - Elk trapping operations were completed February 23 with a total of 296 animals having been shipped as follows:

Wolf Creek, Montana	9
Elkhorn Area, near Boulder, Montana	
Tobacco Root Mtns., south of Whitehall, Montana.	37
Warm Springs Area, west of Anaconda, Montana	128
Shoshone County, Wallace, Idaho	76
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Forest Preserve, Cook County, Illinois	
Butte, Montana	2
Total =	206
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In the process of trapping and loading, eleven elk were accidentally killed.

#### 480 - Phenomena

No noticeable changes were observed in the thermal activity during the month of February.

#### 500 - Use of Park Facilities by the Public

#### 510 - Increase or Decrease in Travel

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the Mammoth-Cooke road each week-end and heavy travel on "Montana Day" are partly responsible for the increase.

The total increase in park visitors for the travel year to date is 67.3 per cent.

Note correction on the travel summary which is found at the back of this report.

#### 600 - Protection

#### 610 - Police Protection

Frank Allen and Homer Nichols were arrested by park rangers on February 8 on Pacific Creek, near Moran, Wyoming, after tracks of two men had been traced from a trapline inside the park to their cabin. They were brought to Mammoth by automobile where they entered pleas of guilty to a charge of trapping in the park. Both men were sentenced to sixty days in the Laramie County jail at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and assessed fines of \$100.00 each. Fines were remitted by U. S. Commissioner before they were taken to Cheyenne, Wyoming by the U. S. Marshall.

#### 620 - Fire Protection

No forest or building fires occurred during February.

#### 630 - Accidents

The cars of Donald Frohlick of Bozeman, Montana and Clarence Barkley of Billings, Montana collided at Mammoth, resulting in minor damage to Frohlick's car.

#### 900 - Miscellaneous

Post Office - Receipts for this month were a little below those for the corresponding month of last year which is due to the fact that there was no construction work going on in the park during the past two months.

Church Services - Episcopalian services were conducted by Reverend Lewis D. Smith, Episcopalian minister from Livingston, on February 19 and Lutheran services were conducted by Reverend Webster D. Clement of Livingston on February 27.

Hospital and Medical - There were 60 home and 130 office calls reported for the month of February.

C.C.C. - With the Company strength of both CCC Company YNP-1 and YNP-7 approximately 200, a decided increase in progress has been noted on all jobs during February. However, we have had a two weeks quarantine for measles which has retarded the progress on a few of our jobs.

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C.C.C. - With the Company strongth of both CCC Company Mil-1 wat YNP-7 spproximately 200, a decided increase in progress has been noted on all jobs during February. However, we have had a two rechs quarantine for measles which has retarded the progress on a few of our jobs.

The lower road in the new Mammoth campground and a number of new campsites have been rough graded and a quantity of large rock has been hauled from the Gardiner pit to the new campground so that necessary protection will be available in the spring. The equipment in the Gardiner pit has been crushing gravel for the graveling of roads and campsites. The new car storage shed at Mammoth is about 90 per cent complete and should be ready for occupancy within the near future. Work on the uncompleted cottage area near the power house was retarded somewhat during the camp quarantine but should be completed within the next two weeks. Work at the spike camp at the Buffalo Ranch has consisted mainly of getting the camp in shape for occupancy, installing showers, lining mess hall, building root cellars and meat house. Work should start on the Buffalo Ranch water system, Job 246, early in March.

On Friday and Saturday evenings of February 3 and 4, a three-act comedy entitled "Here Comes Charlie" was presented by a cast consisting of ten of the local thespians, under the sponsorship of the local Federal Employees Union. The play was well received by a large and appreciative audience each evening. The performance was given in the Mammoth canteen building.

A son was born to Park Ranger and Mrs. Wayne Alcorn on February 5 and to Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Abbie on February 23 at the Park Hospital in Livingston. Mr. Abbie is employed as a truck driver in the park.

The regular monthly meeting of the Federal Employees: Union was held in the canteen on February 6.

Miss K. Mervine Fisher and Chief Clerk Keith P. Neilson were married in St. Paul, Minnesota on February 8. Mrs. Neilson has been employed the past several summers in the park as secretary to Mr. J. F. Haynes, President of Haynes, Inc. and is well known here.

The local Federal Employees: Union sponsored a Valentine dance in the Mammoth canteen on the evening of February 11. It was well attended and those present reported it a success.

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#### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

#### TRAVEL.REPORT

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\*These figures were reported in error in the January, 1939, monthly report. This error has been rectified hereon.



# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

#### REPORT OF PARK REVENUES

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

#### REPORT OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH BUSINESS

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Monthly Report of

Minor Roads and Trails Projects

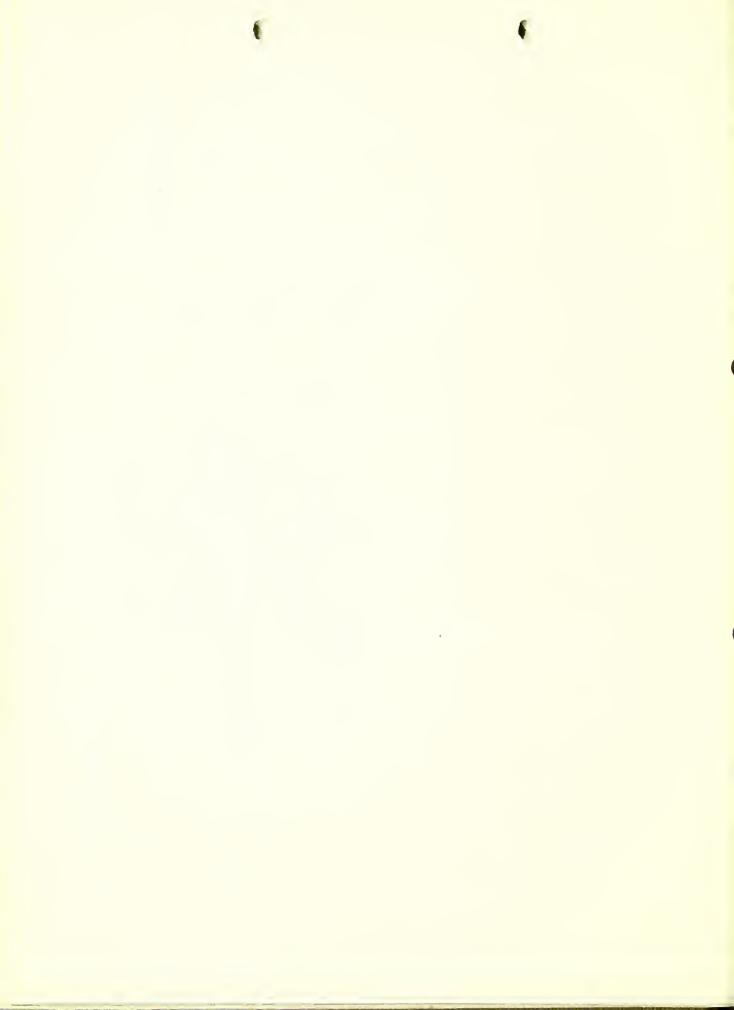
Yellowstone National Park

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Minor Roads.....

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Trails

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February 10, 1939

#### CIRCULAR NO.1:

Effective February 10, 1939, District Hanger ". Leon Evans will be temporarily assigned as assistant in the Chief Ranger's Office and until further notice will handle all routine business of this office.

> J. W. Emmert Acting Superintendent



Department of the Interior National Park Service Yellowstone National Park Yellowstone Park, Wyoming February 6, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MONTANA NEWSPAPERS, KIWANIS, ROTARY, LIONS, AND COMMERCIAL CLUBS, AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Preparations are under way for the first winter "Montana Day" to be held in Yellowstone National Park. Set for Sunday, February 19, visitors to the park on that date will have an opportunity to view the park's wildlife at close range seeing elk, deer, antelope, mountain sheep and buffalo, while skiing enthusiasts will be afforded a chance to run the snow-covered slopes in the northern section of the wonderland. Many skiers are expected to come to the park on Saturday afternoon to avail themselves of the two-day outing.

The National Park Service has been keeping open all winter with snowplows the 55 miles of highway from Mammoth to Cooke so as to give Cooke residents at opportunity to get in and out from their winter abode and to receive their mail regularly. The opening of the road each week-end has afforded visitors an opportunity to come to the park and travel this section without difficulty. Photographers have found unusual shots of wildlife at close range.

The roads will be kept in good condition for travel for the "Montana Day" outing but motorists are advised to have chains for their cars and to put on chains at Gardiner before coming to the park. Rangers will patrol the high-ways to assist visitors and give information.

All of the facilities in the park, with the exception of the general store at Mammoth, are closed for the winter but visitors will find comfortable accommodations at Gardiner, the north entrance to the park, five miles from Mammoth Hot Springs, the park headquarters, where hotels, cabins, good eating places and gasoline filling stations are located.



Department of the Interior National Park Service Yellowstone National Park Yellowstone Park, Wyoming February 14. 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MONTANA NEWSPAPERS, KIWANIS, ROTARY, LIONS, AND COMMERCIAL CLUBS, AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Intimate views of big game animals in their snowy mid-winter environment will be afforded Montana residents Sunday when the northern interior of Yellowstone National Park is made accessible by automobile for a distance of 55 miles.

Sunday, February 19, will be known as "Montana Day" and park officials expect several hundred visitors to avail themselves of this unusual opportunity to reach the heart of the big game range over good roads maintained by modern snow removal equipment.

Along the 55 miles of road which will be opened Sunday from Mammoth Hot Springs to Cooke City are located many snow-covered slopes which afford excellent skiing. Gentle slopes for the amateur and steep hillsides for the skillful and daring rider are available at a number of locations along the way.

In anticipation of Sunday's visitors, the Gardiner Commercial Club has made preparations to serve free sandwiches and coffee out in the park interior to all who make the trip. This service is being undertaken because no housing or eating facilities are available within this section of the park during the winter period.

Until this year the northern section of Yellowstone National Park has been completely snow-bound during mid-winter. The National Park Service is now maintaining the road from the north entrance, at Gardiner, to Cooke City, Montana, affording residents of this latter community all-



winter accessibility and regular weekly mail service. Two large rotary snowplows are being used for clearing the road each week. Special effort is made to have this road in good condition for week-end travel and unless unusually severe wind and snow storms occur visitors will find this route an easy and delightful automobile drive. Because the road surface will be covered with a layer of hard-packed snow, however, travelers are advised to put on tire chains at Gardiner, the north entrance, for added comfort and safety during the park trip.

Wild animals of many kinds, including buffalo, elk, deer, bighorn and antelope, are wintering in this area and all of these animals can usually be seen at close distances from the road. Unusual opportunity for photographing these big game animals awaits the alert and patient camera enthusiast.

For those who desire to stop over night Saturday and enjoy a full day Sunday of skiing or observing wildlife in the park, hotels, cabins, stores, filling stations and eating places are available at Gardiner on the northern boundary of the park. A general store, where a full line of groceries may be obtained, is also located at Mammoth Hot Springs.

Park rangers will be on duty Sunday at the north entrance, Mammoth Hot Springs and along the road to Cooke City to assist and direct visitors. A ranger patrol will be on the road to assist motorists.

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Department of the Interior National Park Service Yellowstone National Park Yellowstone Park, Wyoming

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS: Release ON RECEIPT

Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, February 00: Yellowstone National Park's American elk or wapiti are scattered in thirty-six states of the United States, the District of Columbia, Canada and South America, according to a compilation just completed by members of the park's protection department.

Starting in 1892, two years before the law protecting the park's wildlife was enacted, and extending to the close of 1938, four thousand nine
hundred and fourteen elk have been sent from the park to zoos, zoological
gardens, game preserves, private estates, Indian reservations, parks and
forest areas for exhibition and propagation purposes. Live shipments under
way this winter to sportsmen's organizations for planting in western Montana
will bring the figure well over the five thousand mark of elk supplied from
this great wildlife sanctuary.

Although all but twelve of the states have received live elk shipment from the park most of the distant shipments have been made to supply zoos with animals for exhibition purposes. At least ten states, some of which lie in the eastern part of the country, have restocked sections of their mountainous areas and have protected these animals until well-established state herds have been developed.

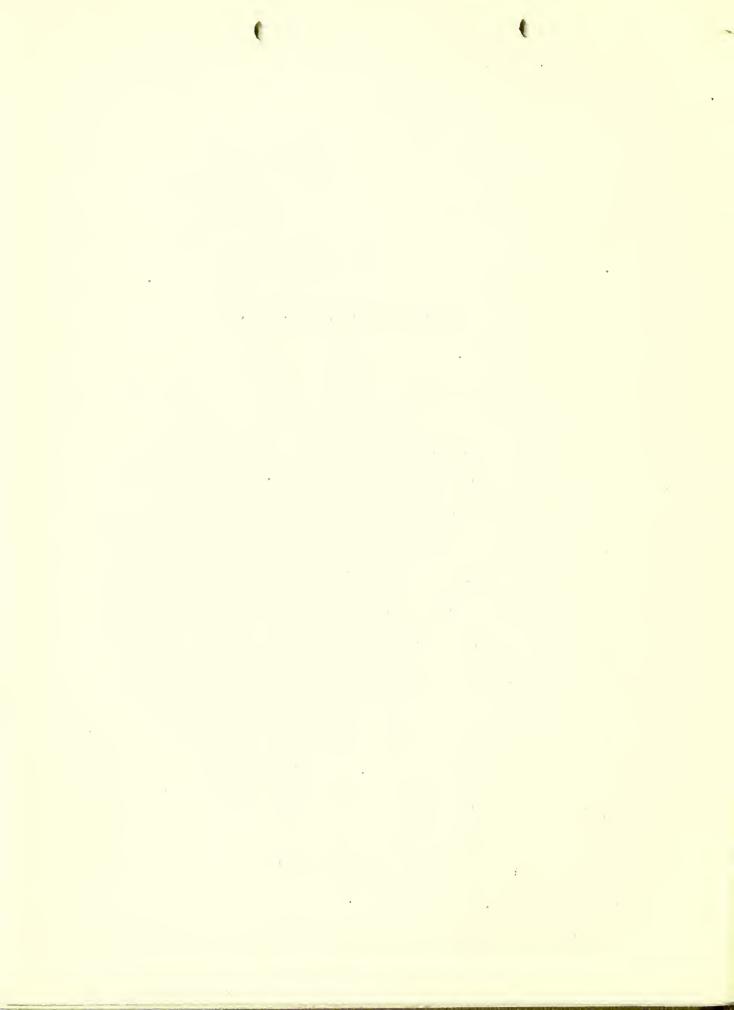
Montana ranks first in the states receiving elk from the park, with 1207 animals, Idaho is second with 675, Washington is third with 462, then Colorado with 268, Arizona with 258, Virginia with 256, South Dakota with 241, Utah with 177, Pennsylvania with 170 and New York with 132. Arkansas,



Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont are the states lacking Yellowstone wapiti. Besides the shipments made directly by park authorities, the Montana State Fish and Game Department prior to 1916, the year the National Park Service was created in the Department of the Interior, trapped several hundred animals outside the park from the northern Yellowstone herd and shipped them to various parts of Montana for propagation purposes.

Of the foreign shipments Canada received 363 elk, the nucleus of some of its present large herds, two of the animals having been sent to Vancouver, B. C. in 1907, 63 to Jasper Park in 1917, 200 to Rocky Mountain Park in 1920 and 98 to Jasper Park the same year. These animals have thrived in their northern environment and the American elk may be seen today in large numbers by visitors to several of Canada's national parks. Two elk were shipped to the Buenos Aires Zoological Gardens in Argentina in 1937 and one cow in 1937. Due to the death of the latter another cow is now enroute to round out the femily, requiring thirty-three days in transit. Thirty-one elk have been furnished the National Zoological Park in the nation's capital between 1883. and 1917. Glacier National Park received thirty-one animals from the Melice. stone herd in 1912, Platt National Park received three in 1919, two in 1921 and one the following year and Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota received twenty-five in 1916, while the National Bison Range near Moisse, Montana received twenty-five in 1916. The Crow Indian reservation near Hardin, Montana was furnished one hundred and fifty olk in 1935 and three hundred and eighty-four the following year to establish a hord at that agency while the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota received eleven elk in 1936 for starting a hord there.

Despite the more than five thousand elk taken from the Yellowstone's



Elk Shipments - Sheet No. 3.

northern herd through live shipments since 1892 and 8,691 taken by hunters outside the park during the past four years, a census taken on March 1-3, 1938 resulted in 10,976 elk being actually counted in the northern herd by twenty-nine observers, representing the United States Forest Service, the Montana State Fish and Game Commission and the National Park Service. While no count was made of the Gallatin herd on the west side of the park during the past year it is estimated that there are some 2600 of the animals in that herd. Counts by park rengers also showed 652 elk wintering in other areas of the park. Hunters during the past season took prectically three thousand elk from the northern herd while live shipments will reduce it by 285 more and some five hundred will be lost through deaths by natural causes.

Even with the enforcement of an extensive reduction program, due to insufficient winter range for the park's wildlife, it is necessary to secure additional winter range to properly take care of the country's second larger elk herd. Legislation has been introduced in Congress providing for the release of money appropriated in 1928, which had to be matched by private funds, for purchasing lands north of the park between the north line and Yankee Jim Canyon to be added to the Absaroka and Gallatin National Forents for more winter grazing for these animals, as well as a large portion of the park's deer, antelope and mountain sheep. Unless this legislation is enacted it may become necessary to invoke a more drastic action by reducing the herd to the point where it can subsist on the available range.

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## MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY

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