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May 6, 1938

The Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

The following is the report of activities in Yellowstone National Park during the month of April, 1938:

000 - General

The weather throughout April was more or less unsettled with much moisture in the form of rain, there being a considerable absence of snow. Only 3.2 inches of snow fell throughout the month compared to a normal 9.1 inches in April. Some bare patches of ground had appeared through the winter snow cover by the first of the month and these increased in area rapidly and in a week's time only the deeper drifts remained at the elevation of the park headquarters. Precipitation for the month was 1.32 inches which, while less than 1.54 inches for April, 1937, 1.64 inches for April, 1936, and 2.07 inches for April, 1935, was .19 inch above normal. This more than usual amount of rainfall helped reduce the amount of snow cover in the lower elevations in the park. The snow line had moved up to the 7500 ft. elevation line by the end of the month with all streams rising with the warm days at the end of April. There were only six clear days, eight partly cloudy, and 16 cloudy during the month. The weather was such as to permit the playing of golf on the Gardiner Golf Course inside the park after April 8.

On the first day of April the park's two snowplows had completed the opening of the road from Mammoth to Cooke and the following day two-way traffic was permitted over this section. On the fourth of April the plows started toward West Yellowstone and Old Faithful and despite numerous breakdowns the road was opened to West Yellowstone on the fifteenth and to Old Faithful on the eighteenth. From Old Faithful the plows continued to open the section from that point to Craig Pass returning then to Old Faithful to proceed to Norris and open the roads to Canyon and Lake. The plows reached the Canyon on the twenty-seventh and were on the way to the Lake at the end of the month. From Lake the plows will open ten miles of the east entrance road then return to Lake and proceed to the south entrance and from the south entrance return to Lake and open the road to the east entrance. It is expected that the east and south entrance roads will be open to admit motorists

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by May 25. The road from West Yellowstone to Bozeman was kept open throughout the winter and the section from West Yellowstone south toward Ashton was broken through on the twenty-seventh. Work was begun on opening the Red Lodge-Cooke highway late in April and using the same equipment as was used last year the Bureau of Public Roads crews expect to have this section open for travel by June 1.

Motorists were permitted to enter the park and travel the roads just as soon as they were opened by the plows. The first of the C. A. Hamilton crews arrived on the nineteenth and immediately made available accommodations at Old Faithful. The Lake store will open as soon as the plows reach there to accommodate visitors and these and the Old Faithful accommodations will be the only ones available until May 25 when the cabins and cafeterias are open.

Telegraphic authority was received on April 28 to start the collection of the \$3.00 motor vehicle license fee beginning May 15.

On April 3 the two CCC camps held open house for visitors, commemorating the fifth anniversary of the organization. Similar functions were held in CCC camps throughout the country. Special invitations were issued by the camp commanders to persons at Mammoth, Gardiner, Livingston and other points nearby to have dinner with the enrollees and officers and visitors were conducted through the camps and given an opportunity to see first hand how the men live and what work they are accomplishing.

The Yellowstone Park Company continued work on its Mammoth development throughout the month and considerable progress was made on the new cabins, recreation building, and bunkhouse and messhouse. This work provided employment for a considerable number of men, especially skilled laborers. The razing of the old bunkhouse started on April 18.

Peter Kiewit and Sons Co. resumed work on its contract for the Mammoth beautification project on April 12 and afforded employment for a number of men. The National Reemployment Service reopened its Mammoth office on April 18 with Harold Mitchell in charge.

Two small fires occurred at Mammoth during the month, one at the Weather Bureau on April 13 when hot ashes used to thaw frozen moisture from an electrical conduit pipe on the roof caught the roof on fire and the other in the Roy Beatty quarters on the twenty-first When the place was struck by lightning. Both fires were quickly extinguished with very little damage.

Activities in the canteen building declined as soon as it was possible for the people to get outside for their recreation. The volleyball tournament continued each Thursday until the twenty- ifth on which date the final games were played, followed by a Dutch lunch for all those who had participated in the tournament. The tournament

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was composed of five teams of six men each. The last of the square dances was held on the twenty-seventh, after which the canteen building was closed for the summer. Throughout the summer park employees engage in golfing, fishing, hiking, and other outdoor exercises for their recreation.

On the night of April 9 the Gardiner Commercial Club, an organization formed in the community at the north entrance to the park last fall, held a meeting and banquet in Gardiner to which was invited a number of park officials, business men of Livingston and nearby communities and representatives of the Northern Pacific Railway from Helena and Butte. It rained during the evening and on the return trip to Livingston after the affair one of the cars containing William Schustrom, Henry Lehrkind, William Stewart, J. S. Hellesmark, and Frank Adams, all Livingston business men, turned over several times on a curve some 30 miles south of Livingston, killing instantly Mr. Lehrkind and seriously wounding Mr. Schustrom who died the following day. Mr. Hellesmark and Mr. Stewart were injured quite severely but have recovered. Mr. Adams was hurt the least of the five men and was able to be about the next day. The accident was attributed to too much speed. This tragic ending to a very successful meeting and community gathering brought sadness to the communities of Gardiner and Livingston and to the park. Mr. Schustrom was President of the Livingston Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-State Yellowstone Civic Association and had always been very friendly and cooperative with park officials and had assisted in many park matters. He was buried in Livingston on the thirteenth. Superintendent Rogers and Messrs. Joffe and Robinson attended the funeral. Mr. Lehrkind who operated the Park Bottling Works and who did considerable business in the park was buried in Livingston the previous day.

020 - General Weather Conditions

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

021 - In the Park

Frequent rain and snow storms occurred throughout the park during April and snow depths increased considerably in the southern section. The greatest snow depth of the winter, 114 inches, was reported at Buffalo Lake along the west boundary on April 13. Along the northern section of the park general thawing occurred throughout the month and all of the slopes of southern exposure became bare. Rapid thawing of the snow in the southern part of the park did not occur until the latter part of April.

022 - Approaches to the Park

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023 - In Nearby States

Weather conditions similar to those in the park prevailed in the three neighboring states. Regular all-season routes remained opened to travel with the exception of a short interval when traffic was temporarily delayed while snow removal equipment was engaged in opening high mountain passes following severe storms.

100 - Administration

110 - Status of Work

Superintendent Rogers who had been on a trip to the West Coast all through the month of March on a special assignment from the Director to study winter activities in other areas and to contact park superintendents and various outdoor organizations returned on April 4. He remained in the Yellowstone until the twenty-seventh when he left to attend a meeting of the Billings Commercial Club in Billings from where he proceeded to Denver on a special assignment in connection with Rocky Mountain National Park. From Denver he expects to go to Omaha for a conference on the Canyon development. He expects to return to the park on May 9. Assistant Superintendent Emmert was acting superintendent during Mr. Roger's absence.

Park Naturalist Bauer who had been on a special assignment in Death Valley National Monument for a period of two months returned to the Yellowstone on the sixteenth and reentered on duty here on the eighteenth.

Assistant Park Naturalist Kearns was on annual leave from April 1 to 17, inclusive.

Park Ranger Frank Kowski entered on duty under his probational appointment on April 1.

Park Rangers George Walker, John Jay, William Chapman, John Bauman and Jack McNutt were promoted to District Rangers, Grade 10, \$2300 per annum, effective April 1. Chief Clerk Keith Neilson was promoted from Grade 11 at \$2600 per annum to Chief Clerk, Grade 12, \$2900 per annum, effective April 1.

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Superintendent Rogers and Assistant Superintendent Emmert received one-step promotions of \$200 each, effective April 1, making the salary of the Superintendent \$5800 and the Assistant Superintendent \$4200.

Assistant Park Naturalist Kearns was the recipient of a fellowship at Yale University for the term 1938-39 and will be granted a leave of absence from his present position next fall in order that he may benefit from the award.

The local Civil Service board received during the month new registers from examinations held this winter for the positions of irrigator, incinerator operator, plumber, painter and power blade grader operator.

Assistant Clerk Mary Heiman, selected from the Thirteenth District Civil Service register, entered on duty on April 6 in position No. 158 under emergency field agreement.

Voucher Clerk Morey L. Sher was on annual leave from April 9 to 27, inclusive.

Telephone operator Mildred Christenot was on annual leave from April 11 to 26, inclusive.

Assistant Chief Ranger George Miller departed on April 13 for Glacier National Park where he is to assume the duties of Chief Ranger. His services terminated in the Yellowstone on April 15. Hugh Peyton transferred from the Chief Ranger position in Glacier to the Assistant Chief Ranger position in the Yellowstone vice Miller arrived here on the eighteenth. His entrance on duty in the Yellowstone was effective April 16.

William W. Hunter resigned his position as warehouseman effective at the close of April 18 to take a position with the Soil Conservation Service in Utah.

Ralph Ely returned to duty from furlough as a warehouseman on April 16.

Chief Ranger LaNoue who has been ill during the past several months departed on April 19 on annual leave. He visited the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota to undergo a thorough examination and expects to be absent until about the middle of May.

Park Engineer C. A. Lord departed on annual leave about the twentieth to be gone until about the middle of May. He expects to visit the home of his daughter in Springfield, Missouri and will attend a meeting of park and park service officials in Omaha on May 7 and 8 in connection with the proposed Canyon development.

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Thomas M. Thompson entered on duty as Master Painter vice Lee Tompkins on April 16. Mr. Thompson had been employed as a per-diem painter with the National Park Service for a number of years.

120 - Inspections by:

121 - Superintendent

Superintendent Rogers who returned to the Yellowstone from a several weeks trip to the west coast on April 4 made the usual inspections around headquarters and into the interior and outside the park as follows:

- April 7 Roaring Mountain with George Baggley of Isle Royale National Park to observe the workings of the snowplows; returned Mammoth for night.
- April 9.- Attended meeting and banquet given by Gardiner Commercial Club in Gardiner; returned Mammoth for night.
- April 13 With Messrs. Joffe and Robinson attended funeral in Livingston of William Schustrom, killed in an automobile accident on April 10; returned Mammoth for night.
- April 18 To Cody with Messrs. Emmert, Neilson and Wilcox to attend a meeting of the Cody Club at which were discussed several Yellowstone matters; night in Cody.
- April 19 Returned from Cody with Messrs. Emmert, Neilson and Wilcox.
- April 24 Attended ski frolic on Mount Washburn slope and then to Old Faithful; returned Mammoth for night.
- April 26 To Livingston with Messrs. Emmert, Seasholtz and Monteith to confer with Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. officials with regard to telephone service in the park. Following the Livingston meeting those in attendance proceeded to Mammoth to further discuss the matter on the ground.
- April 28 To Billings with Assistant to the Superintendent Joffe to attend function of Billings Commercial Club; night in Billings.
- April 29 Proceeded from Billings to Casper enroute to Denver; night in Casper.
 - April 30 Proceeded from Casper to Denver.

122 - Field Representatives of the National Park Service

Harry L. Dunham, CCC Inspector, Omaha, arrived via the north gate

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April 8 and departed via the same gateway the following day.

C. D. Monteith, National Park Service Public Utility Engineer, Washington, arrived via the north gate April 24 to discuss telephone, water and other utility matters. Departed via the north gate on the twenty-seventh.

123 - National Park Service Officers

George F. Baggley, Representative in Charge, Isle Royale National Park, arrived via the north gate April 4 and departed via the same gateway on the seventh. Mr. Baggley was on annual leave and had been visiting in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Merritt Barton, Associate Attorney, Branch of Land Acquisitions and Regulation, National Park Service, Washington, arrived via the west gate April 28. He was met at Ashton, Idaho with a Yellowstone car and brought to the park. He departed via the west gate on the thirtieth.

124 - Other Interior Department Officers

Earl Bailey, of the Water Resources Branch, Geological Survey, Boise, Idaho, arrived via the north gate on April 22 to inspect water gages. He expected to remain until May 3.

125 - Other Governmental Officers

John F. McClure, Civil Service Examiner, Denver, arrived via the north gate on April 24 to conduct an oral examination for park ranger Kowski. He departed via the same gateway the following day.

Marvin G. Wenger, Post Office Inspector, Denver, arrived via the north gate April 18 and departed via the same gateway on the twentieth.

140 - Labor Situation

The operations of the Yellowstone Park Company in connection with its Mammoth development and the renewal of work by Peter Kiewit and Sons Co. the contractor on the Mammoth beautification plan, provided employment for approximately 150 men during the month and helped to greatly improve a bad employment situation which had existed in the vicinity of the park throughout the winter. The opening of the roads in the interior of the park permitted the National Park Service to return a number of men to duty and this also aided in relieving the unemployment situation. As the roads in the various sections are opened the crews are increased and each day sees the addition of new names on the payrolls.

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150 - Equipment and Supplies

There were five carloads of coal, one carload of groceries and two carloads each of telephone poles, graders and gasoline received in addition to other shipments of grease, seed, transformers, soap, plaster, drum hoist, cross arms, coffe, tile, hardware, batteries, incinerator grates and copper wire, weighing 43,817 pounds.

160 - Status of Alienated Lands

There was no change in the status of alienated lands in the park during the month.

170 - Plans, Maps and Surveys

In addition to routine office work including cost accounting on the barracks building and road maintenance detail work was started on the E.R.A. program. Our CCC Engineer continued on his work of supervision in the Mammoth campground. He also took charge of the roadwork in widening of the street at Gardiner and is managing the new E.R.A. program. Considerable time is being taken in the preparation of a new CCC program for the Canyon development.

180 - Circulars, Placards, Publicity Bulletins, Etc.

Circulars Nos. 1 and 2 were issued during the month and copies are attached. No Nature Notes were issued during the month. Several press releases covering the ski frolic and game stalk on the last two week-ends of the month, on the opening of the roads in the park, and the Old Faithful hot house were furnished the local newspapers, the Associated Press and United Press, and several pictures were distributed to most of the newspapers in the country having rotogravure sections.

Arrangements have been made to return Sig Mickelson as Publicity Director for the summer. Mr. Mickelson handled thepublicity last summer. The photographic publicity will be handled again by Melvin Ruder who did this work during the past two seasons.

200 - Maintenance, Improvements and New Construction

210 - Road Maintenance

Satisfactory operation of the crushing plant at the Gardiner pit continued with a total production of 3054 yards of gravel and 4157 yards of sand to date. The anow crew continued its work through very heavy snow and with four shutdowns of the snogos for repairs. Cooke was opened to light traffic on the sixth, Norris on the ninth, Madison on the twelfth, West Yellowstone on the sixteenth, Old Faithful on the nineteenth, Craig Pass on the twenty-fifth, and Canyon on the twenty-eighth. In addition to the maintenance crew at Mammoth a crew

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was started at Pebble Creek on the fourth trying to get the water away where lack of tile and culverts have caused mudholes and washouts, and a traveling crew started on the eighteenth cleaning up behind the snow crew, removing many rock slides, opening ditches, and sealing cracks in the road.

220 - Improvements

Shops - In addition to the usual maintenance of equipment in operation, practically all trucks and equipment have been overhauled and considerable time was spent in moving equipment out in the field.

Electrical Department - In addition to the usual maintenance and repair work, the power installation for the new residences near the power plant was completed, installation of several refrigerators and installation of convenience outlets, light outlets, telephone outlets and telematic stations in the new office space located in the barracks building.

Telephone lines were repaired temporarily between Mammoth, West Yellowstone and Old Faithful until the snew conditions permit permanent repairs.

Carpenter Shop - In addition to minor repairs during the month the remodeling of the Assistant Superintendent's quarters was completed and the remodeling of the new office in the barracks building was continued.

Plumbing Department - In addition to the usual maintenance and operation during the month, a floor drain was installed in transformer manhole in the new tourist camp, 150 inches of ditch was excavated for changing lawn hydrants, two comfort stations were connected to water main, and a 4-inch tee was installed in water main for transportation water meter.

Paint Shop - Duties in this department during the month consisted of painting of walls and woodwork, waxing floors, plastering, laying linoleum, repairing linoleum, etc.

230 - New Construction

After considerable delay work continued in the barracks building, work consisting of remodeling the first and second floors of the barracks building which is to be used as offices for the accounting, engineering and architectural departments.

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The Yellowstone Park Company continued its work in the recreation building and the cabins, completing foundation walls, joists and subflooring in their new barracks and mess building.

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Peter Kiewit and Sons began work on the Mammoth Esplanade on April 12, laying most of the drainage tile, building catch basins, resodding, removing obstacles, and getting ready in general for road work proper.

300 - Activities of Other agencies in the Park

310 - Public Service Contractors

The general store at Mammoth remained open throughout the month to take care of local residents and employees working in the vicinity of headquarters. Mrs. Anna K. Pryor arrived in the park via the west gate on April 30.

The Yellowstone Park Company continued work on its new Mammoth development, including the erection of new cabins and construction of a recreational building. Work was also begun and was well under way by the end of the month on the new bunkhouse and messhouse to be erected in the rear of the transportation repair shop. The razing of the old bunkhouse was begun. These operations of the Company provided employment for over 100 men during the month.

As soon as the roads to Old Faithful were open the advance crew for Mr. C. A. Hamilton arrived and started operations at the Old Faithful store to take care of early visitors. This was on April 19.
Mr. Hamilton arrived in the park via the west gate on the thirtieth.

Mimeographed copies of the approved rates for the Yellowstone Park Company and the Pryor Stores were received here on the twenty-fifth.

400 - Flora, Fauna and Natural Phenomena

410 - Ranger, Naturalist and Guide Service

The work of the Protection Department during the month consisted of completion of plans and programs for forestry, wildlife, trail maintenance, building and fire protection, and other functions of the department for the coming season; selection and supervision of a public ski field on Mount Washburn; patroling of the roads open to the public; ski patrols for protection of the interior of the park; game and range studies throughout the northern elk range; maintenance of the park buffalo herd; and the performance of other regular and special duties.

420 - Museum Service

The duties of the Naturalist Department consisted of several field trips, developing and printing photographs, mounting a number of kodachrome slides, filling requests for specimens, repairing of lantern slides, accessioning of lantern slides, placing orders for books, etc.

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460 - Birds

Trumpeter Swan - On April 12 Assistant Buffalo Keeper Phillips found two coyotes feeding on a mature trumpeter swan that had just been killed along Lower Slough Creek. The head of the swan had been severed from the neck and the tooth marks and signs of the struggle in the snow pointed to the fact that the coyotes made the kill. Another swan was on some open water nearby. Two trumpeter swans observed during the latter part of the month on Trumpeter Lake appeared to be preparing a nest but other swans observed throughout the park were apparently waiting on small ponds until the lakes and ponds where they regularly nest had become free of ice and snow.

Canada Geese - On April 27 Assistant Chief Rangers Barrows and Skinner found a goose nest on a cliff in the Lamar Canyon. The nest was located about 20 feet above the water on a narrow shelf on the side of the cliff. It was discovered when the goose flew from the spot and was reluctant to leave the vicinity. The entire nest could not be seen by the observers but three eggs could be seen. A considerable number of other goose nests were reported along the Madison River and other areas, these being located in the usual places on small islands or on the shores of streams.

470 - Animals

Elk - By the middle of the month the snow on the northern game range had receded so that the concentration of game animals on small areas had ceased for another season. A check of dead elk was made in the northern districts during the month and a total of 329 were reported on the northern range. Six dead elk were reported in the Gallatin area. These dead elk do not include those outside the park boundaries. By the end of the month most of the elk had left the lower portion of the winter range and the migration to the summer range had started.

Antelope - During the month these animals returned to their summer range and could be seen along the road between Mammoth and the Buffalo Ranch.

Buffalo - Heavy feeding of buffalo was discontinued on April 10 when all but ten or fifteen animals started foraging in the Horseshoe and Hellroaring areas. Some animals drifted down the Yellowstone River as far as Crevice Creek. By the end of the month the herds had started to the higher elevations. The first buffalo calf to be observed was seen by Assistant Buffalo Keeper Phillips on April 12 and at the close of the month a total of 15 calves had been seen. About 50 buffalo were being held in the corrals at the ranch from which the summer show herd will/be selected.

Lynx - A small Canada lynx was seen on April 17 in the Firehole

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480 - Phenomena

Mammoth Hot Springs Area

Angel Spring - The total volume of water being discharged from the four vents on this terrace remains about the same, with the principal activity from the vent to the northeast.

Baby Spring - This temperamental spring continues to vacillate from considerable activity to a state of absolute dryness and at the end of April, discharging water to the south and west.

Blue Spring - has increased in April until a large volume of water has been discharging over the face of the terrace in the southeast. This is the first time in many months that Blue Spring has resumed anywhere near its former activity.

Cleopatra Spring - continues with about the same flow of water and has approximately the same beautiful coloration as in the past months.

<u>Cupid Spring</u> - has continued a sizeable discharge of water, as reported for the past month, and has deposited enough travertine to partially seal one of the cracks disfiguring the face of this terrace.

Hymen Spring - remains inactive.

Jupiter Terrace - remains much the same as in past months.

Main Spring - The majority of activity to the north has ceased with the exception of one vent which continues to discharge water from the furthermost eastern end of this terrace.

Minerva Spring - has declined until but one small pool remains on the lower part of this terrace.

Mound Spring - This spring, which has been one of the leaders for the past two years both in volume of water discharged and in coloration of run-off, has increased again until water is being discharged to the west, although the largest volume still flows to the east.

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Summit Basin Spring - This spring has further decreased in volume of water until but one stagnant pool remains. The spring to the east of Summit Basin continues with the majority of activity on the surface of the terrace, with very little water flowing to the east toward Mound. It is of interest to note that a considerable deposit of travertine has been laid down by the discharge of water from this spring on the slopes to the east of the vent.

New Spring - There has been a decrease in the amount of water discharged from this spectacular spring, perhaps affected by the resumption of activity of Blue Spring. The deposition of travertine, as mentioned in the March report, is very evident and has built up the surface in some places as much as six or seven inches. At the end of the month water is again being discharged from these vents to the north and west, and it is hoped that this spring will maintain its flow through the summer. It will be necessary, however, that new trails be built in this area as two of them have been entirely obliterated by the deposition of travertine from this vent.

490 - Miscellaneous

Ski Field - With the opening of the road seven miles beyond Tower Falls Junction toward Canyon a public ski field was selected close to the road on the northern slope of Mount Washburn. The public was invited to participate in downhill skiing there on April 24 and the event was advertised by the Montana Ski Association and by local chambers of commerce in several Montana towns. On Sunday, April 24, 524 people and 147 cars visited the ski field, 65 people participating in the skiing. Skiing conditions were good at this high altitude and were appreciated by Montana skiers whose local ski courses were not available at this late date due to the melting of the snow at lower altitudes. The ski meet proved so popular that a second similar event was scheduled for Sunday, May 1.

"Show Me" Trip - On April 23-24 the second annual "Show Me" trip, which was originated in 1937 by the Bozeman Rod and Gun Club and officials of the Gallatin National Forest for the purpose of demonstrating elk range conditions of the upper Gallatin area to members of the Montana State Fish and Game Commission and interested sportsmen, was held at the Cinnamon ranger station. Assistant Chief Ranger Barrows attended the two-day trip and conducted the party over that part of the elk range lying within Yellowstone National Park in the Gallatin area.

Building Fires - Two building fires occurred in the park during the month. On April 13 hot ashes placed on the foof of the U. S. Weather Bureau building at Mammoth caused a fire on the tar roofing. The fire was quickly extinguished by the Mammoth Fire Department with the use of soda acid extinguishers and water carried in buckets. The estimated damage to the building was \$10.

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Two Views of the Mt. Washburn Ski Field Where Public Skiing Was Held on Sunday, April 24.





On the evening of April 24 lightning struck a radio antenna wire leading into the Roy Beatty residence which set fire to the building in a partition wall. Most of the personal property was removed from the building by the Mammoth Fire Department and the fire was extinguished with water from a garden hose. The estimated damage to the building caused by fire, smoke, removal of wallboard, and the use of water, was \$75.

No forest fires occurred during the month.

500 - Use of Park Facilities by the Public

510 - Increase or Decrease in Travel

The number of first entry cars entering the park during April was 480 as compared with 147 for the same month last year. The increase of first entry cars for the travel year to date, as compared with last year, was 281, or 17.4 per cent. This increase in first entry cars was due to the fact that some of the park roads were cleared of snow at an earlier date this year and to the fact that travel was encouraged for big game observations and winter sports during April and also on several occasions during the past winter.

520 - Conditions which Favorably or Unfavorably Affect Travel

With the removal of snow from several of the park roads accessible by the north and west entrances, as noted under paragraph 022 above, these roads were opened to passenger car travel and remained in excellent condition for all travel except trucking, which was limited throughout the month in order to allow road surfaces to dry and harden.

600 - Protection

610 - Police Protection

Two arrests were made during April and the cases tried before U. S. Commissioner T. Paul Wilcox. These were as follows:

James C. Wellman, 18, CCC enrollee at Mammoth, arrested April 27, charged with theft of Government property, sentenced to five days in Yellowstone Park jail.

Andy Filimonuk, 22, CCC enrollee, Mammoth, arrested April 19, charged with disorderly conduct, sentenced to ten days in Yellowstone Park jail.

630 - Accidents

Two automobile accidents occurred during the month:

On April 3, about 1:00 a.m., near Mammoth, a Chevrolet coupe, Montana license 19-1220, driven by Ed White of Gardiner, left the

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On April 17, at 2:30 p.m., a Ford pickup, Montana license 6-451, driven by Bruce Nepple of Bozeman, Montana, bumped fenders with a Ford sedan, Montana license 49-1847, driven by Maynard Barrows of Yellowstone Park, at a point in the Firehole Canyon one mile above Madison Junction. No one was injured and only slight damage was done to the car.

900 - Miscellaneous

Post Office - Receipts for the month of April showed a decided increase over the previous month; also the corresponding month of last year.

Mr. M. A. Wenger of the Post Office Department from Denver, Colorado, made an official visit to the office at Mammoth from april 18 to 20, inclusive. His mission here was to work on general delivery for the coming summer.

Venetian blinds were received for the Post Office from the Art Craft Company from St. Louis, Mo. and were installed by Mr. Westover. of the National Park Service.

Church Services - Special Easter services were conducted in the Mammoth Chapel on Sunday evening, April 17, by Rev. Lewis D. Smith, Episcopal Minister from Livingston. Lutheran services were conducted at Mammoth on the 25th by Rev. Webster D. Clement of Livingston.

Hospital and Medical - There were 40 and 165 office calls reported for the month of April.

C.C.C.- Progress on all CCC jobs was somewhat retarded during the first half of the month, which was occasioned by the enrollees leaving for home at the end of the enrollment period. One hundred sixty enrollees received their discharges April 2 and replacements were not received until April 15 when 194 men were received, 96 men were for CCC Co. 535, Camp MNP #1 and 98 were for CCC Co. 544, Camp YNP #7. About 50 per cent of these men have been in the Corps prior to this enrollment period. As a whole these replacements seem to be for better than any group received in the past. The average education of these new men is the ninth grade, which ranks much higher than any large group we have had yet.

Concentrated efforts have been made this menth to complete a section of the new Mammoth auto camp for use this season. The sewer and water system and two of the three comfort stations located in the new auto camp at Mammoth were nearly completed in april. Two employee cottages were completed this month and are now ready for occupancy.

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A few changes have been made in the supervisory personnel this month. Mr. George Miller, Assistant Chief Ranger who has been in direct charge of ECW and CCC since the spring of 1934, was transferred to Glacier National Park as Chief Ranger. The duties of Mr. Miller have been turned over to Mr. Eugene Schweitzer, Project Superintendent of Camp YNP #7. Mr. Schweitzer's duties as Project Superintendent have been turned over temporarily to Roger W. Wolcott, Senior Foreman, Forestry, of Camp YNP #7. Although we miss the services of Mr. Miller very much in connection with the CCC program no appreciable retard in the progress of the jobs has yet been experienced.

A masquerade dance was held in the canteen on the evening of April 2 sponsored by the local Federal Employees' Union.

The regular meeting of Local 465, Federal Employees' Union, was held in the canteen building on the evening of April 4. Several new members were initiated into the local. Following the meeting several reels of movies of a volley ball game and skiing in Switzerland were shown to which the entire community were invited.

The regular old-fashioned dance held on the evening of April 6 in the canteen served as a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. George Miller who left on the 30th for Glacier National Park. Mr. Miller had been a ranger in the Yellowstone since 1925 and was promoted from Assistant Chief Ranger in the Yellowstone to the position of Chief Ranger in Glacier.

George Bird Grinnell, author, naturalist, explorer and "Father of American Conservation" died at his home in New York City on April 11 at the age of 89 after failing in health for several months. Dr. Grinnell was associated with the early history of Yellowstone National Park and was one of its leading supporters. He lead the movement which resulted in the enactment by Congress of legislation protecting the wildlife of the park.

A concerted effort was made during the month to encourage visitors to come to the park to enjoy the splendid wildlife shows which the park affords in the spring and to engage in late skiing. Representatives of the Montana Ski Club selected a place on the slopes of Mount Washburn which afforded good skiing while most of the other sections of the park were barren of snow and considerable local publicity was issued to call attention to the ski frolic and game stalk on the week-end of April 23-24. Two hundred twenty-three cars carrying 695 people entered at the north gate while 30 cars carrying 80 people came in at the west gate on Sunday, the twenty-fourth. One hundred forty-seven cars containing 524 people made the trip to the ski field on Mount Washburn while 65 persons engaged in the skiing. The performance was repeated for the next week-end but

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The first regular meeting of the Tri-State Yellowstone Civic Association since its organization in the fall of 1937 was held at Pond's Camp about 30 miles south of West Yellowstone on the West Yellowstone-Ashton road on Saturday, April 30. Representatives from the three states were present and the Yellowstone was represented by Assistant to the Superintendent Joffe and Assistant Chief Ranger Elliott. The organization voted to continue its operations as an aid to the Yellowstone National Park and to be in readiness to assist whenever emergencies might arise in which they can be helpful. George Larkin, President of the Gardiner Commercial Club, was elected President and L. C. Morrison, Secretary of the Livingston Chamber of Commerce was elected Secretary. Six directors, including the president, two from each state, were elected to handle the affairs of the organization.

Yours very truly,

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REPORT OF PARK REVENUES

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CIRCULAR NO. 1

The following changes in quarters assignations are effective on the dates indicated:

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Name	From	10	Effective Date
J. W. Emment	.124	2B	April 12
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Fred G. Bussey	702	7(B	April 13
Francis D. LaNoue	760	laA	April 13
Dr. Robert E. Fallis	FOE	70C	April 14
Alice & Catherine Harris	FOT	COR	April 14
Curtis K. Skinner	J2,	70E	April 15
Henry Peterson	J3	32	April 16
Hugh Peyton	Glacier	35	April 17

It is requested that all employees involved endeavor to move as indicated so that the other folks moving will not be inconvenienced.

Mr. Wiggins will be notified to clean up each house as soon as it is vacated. This will probably be done during the evening of the day moving takes place so that each party moving is requested to leave the house without making any effort to clean.

Edmund B. Rogers
Superintendent



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Yellowstone Fark, Wyoming

April 19, 1938

CIRCULAR NO. 2:

This circular shall serve as notification of the transfer of District Ranger W. Leon Evans from Marmoth to Old Faithful ranger station, effective ipril 19, 1938.

Edmund P. Rogers
Superintendent

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Department of the Interior National Park Service Yellowstone National Park

MEMORAL DUNI FOR THE PRESS

Release ON RECEIPT

Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, April 17: With the snowplows in Yellowstone National Park having opened the road to the west entrance at West Yellowstone and now at work opening the section to Old Faithful, notorists will be admitted at the north and west gates beginning May 1 and will be able to visit the main points of interest at Manmoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, Canyon, Lake, Tower Falls and the Buffalo Ranch, Superintendent Edmund B. Rogers announced today.

By May 25 the east and south gate roads should be cleared of snow and travel will be admitted through these entrances while the northeast entrance road from Red Lodge to Cooke should be negotiable by the first of June. By the latter date all of the rain points of interest on the park highway system should be accessible. The road from Old Faithful to West Thumb, the last of the one-way roads on the grand loop, will be open for two-way travel for the first time this season.

From May 1 to May 25 meals and lodgings will be obtainable in the park at the general stores at Old Faithful and Lake and the gasoline filling stations and general stores at Marmoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, Lake and Canyon will be open to serve the early visitor. The cabins and cafeterias will open about May 25 while the hotels will open on June 15 and the lodges on June 20.

Persons contemplating coming to the park by rail will be able to reach the various entrances on June 20, on which date the transportation system in the park will begin operating its buses.

The fishing season in the park will open this year on May 23.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS: Release ON RECEIPT

Yellowstone Park, Wyoning, April 00: With sports lovers in most parts of the country engaging in summer sports such as golf and baseball Montana ski enthusiasts will be partaking of a ski frolic and game stalk along the north side of Yellowstone National Park.

Following a visit to the park on April 3 of W. E. Tracy, R. E. Crangle, Mel Woodland and S. E. Ruser of the Montana Ski Association a suitable site was selected on the north slone of Mount Washburn where good skiing will still be available for the next three weeks. Plans are being arranged by the park authorities and the Montana Ski Association to conduct a ski frolic at this point on the week-end of April 23-24 and members of all Montana ski clubs as well as other ski enthusiasts who still wish to partake of this winter sport will have the opportunity to participate. Snowplows will have the road from Mammoth Hot Springs to Tower Falls and from Tower Falls to about seven miles toward Dunraven Pass open so that skiers and observers may reach the ski slopes without difficulty. Ammle parking space will be provided.

The quartet who inspected the possibilities of a good ski course on Mount Washburn made several runs down the slones and examined the snow for compactness, texture and depth. They selected the marticular area at the head of Antelope Creek because the slopes lie to the north where the snow will be least effected by sunshine and thawing. The slopes will be suitable for the novice as well as the expert, the men contend.



For the wildlife enthusiast and photographer park authorities are arranging a game stalk on the same dates. The road from Mammoth to the Buffalo Ranch will be open to permit easy travel and at that time the drift of large animals, particularly elk, toward the high surmer range will have begun and a splendid opportunity will be afforded to observe several hundred elk and large numbers of entelope, deer, mountain sheep and buffalo. Late April and most of May is the best time of the year for seeing game along the north line, park authorities advised. Usually it is not possible for the visitor to get into this section until early June but this year for the first time the road has been owened to the Buffalo Ranch and Cooke along the north side of the park before the roads into the interior to Old Faithful, Canyon and Lake have been opened.

Many of the park's buffalo herd should be in the area between Tower Junction and the Buffalo Ranch and will provide easy access for photographing.

As no housing or esting accommodations will be available in the mark in April those coming to the park over the week-end may find these accommodations in Gardiner at the north entrance. Lunches should be carried to cover the stay in the park.



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTUP WEATHER BUREAU

MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY

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