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May 5, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Director:

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone Mational Park during the month of April, 1936:

000 - General

The unseasonable cold weather experienced during the latter part of March continued into April and during the early part of the month conditions were unsettled and several low temperatures were recorded. The low temperature of -8° on the lst was the lowest of record for so late in the season as was the -4° on the 5th. On the 16th, 17th and 18th temperatures of 69°, 70° and 71° respectively were recorded, which were the highest of record for so early in the season. From the 11th to the 22d of the month the Park experienced a period of high temperatures which resulted in a rapid melting of the snow so that it was possible for the snowplow to open the roads without any serious difficulty. The last week of the month saw near normal temperatures.

The weather was considerably in contrast with the month of April, 1935, during which the total snowfall of 23.7 inches was recorded, or one inch more than the previous high April total. The total snowfall for this april amounted to only 9.7 inches while the total precipitation was 1.64 inches. or 0.18 inch above the normal.

The extremely warm weather after the 10th of the month resulted in a speedy diminution of the snow permitting the snowplow to make rapid progress. The snow crew started into the interior of the park on the 1st of the month in order to try to get the highways clear of snow by the 15th of May, when the gates are to be manned and the motor vehicle license fee is to be charged. On the 16th of the month the plow reached Old Faithful and by the afternoon of the 19th the road was open to West Yellowstone. Visitors were permitted to go to Old Faithful beginning April 19th. From West Yellowstone the plow returned to Norris and opened the road to Canyon, reaching the latter point on the 22d, and proceeding next to Lake and the South Entrance. By the end of the month the plow was working between Lake and Thumb. There is still a great deal of snow on the South and East entrance highways and it will probably be the 1st of June before these roads are passable for motorists.

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The road to West Yellowstone from outside the park was first open down the Madison Canyon from near Three Forks on the night of the 22d. The Callatin highway into West Yellowstone was open on the 25th and the road from the south from Ashton to West Yellowstone was open on the 28th.

Advise was received from Washington on the 17th that the Post Office Department had awarded the contract for the new postoffice building at Mammoth Hot Springs to Siegfus Brothers of Salt Lake City, Utah, the same contractor for the new utility building at Mammoth. The contract was awarded to the second low bidder, as the low bidder refused to accept the award because of the expiration of time after the opening of the bids. The contract was awarded for \$87,466 and the job is to be completed in 250 days. After the snow has entirely disappeared from around headquarters work on the project should begin early in May.

On April 22 the Director wired authority to start the collection of the motor vehicle fee beginning May 15.

Cn April 30 official word was received from Mashington to the fact that the Secretary had approved the appointment of Edmund B. Rogers, present Superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park, to the superintendency of the Yellowstone, succeeding former Superintendent Toll. Ar. Rogers is due to arrive in the Yellowstone about May 20th. He will be succeeded at Rocky Mountain by T. J. Allen, present Superintendent of Hot Springs National Park. The entire Yellowstone personnel was greatly pleased to learn of the assignment of Mr. Rogers to this park. Superintendent Rogers has made an enviable record in charge of Rocky Mountain National Park and appeared to be the logical successor to his close friend, Mr. Toll, whom he also succeeded at Rocky Mountain National Park. The Park personnel will accord the same fine cooperation to Mr. Rogers that has been given his predecessors and the Yellowstone should be able to carry on as it would have had not the terrible accident in New Mexico on February 25th removed Superintendent Toll from our midst.

## 020 - General Weather Conditions

A summary of the general weather conditions throughout the park will be found at the back of this report.

## 021 - In the Park

Weather conditions throughout the park have been generally mild during this month, with the exception of the first nine days of the month which were characterized by a record-breaking cold wave. This was immediately followed by unusually warm weather, which prevailed during the remainder of the month. Precipitation during april was somewhat above normal. The abnormally high temperatures, which prevailed during the latter part of the month, caused the snow, over the entire park, to melt rapidly.

The work of opening the roads was started early in the month and by April 30th the highway from Mammoth to West Yellowstone, Old Faithful and Canyon was clear of snow and in a condition to permit general travel. The highway between Canyon and Lake Junctions has been cleared of snow but is

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#### 022 - Approaches to the Park

The South Entrance approach road has been opened as far as Moran, Wyoming and it is expected that the stretch between Moran and the South Gate will be passable within the next two weeks.

The approach to the East Entrance is open to a point within three miles of the Park boundary but no further attempts have been made to clear the last three miles because it is not expected that the road over Sylvan Pass will be open to travel until May 20th, or later.

The Montana State Highway Department opened the approach road to west Yellowstone, via the Madison River, on April 22. On April 25 the Montana snowplow returned to Bozeman, Montana by way of Gallatin and opened the Gallatin highway. This approach is in very poor condition at the present time and heavy trucks have been prohibited. The road from Ashton, Idaho to West Yellowstone was open to travel on April 28.

The approach to the North Entrance has been free of snow during the entire month. However, it has been rough and at times quite soft.

No attempts have been made to open the Red Lodge-Cooke City approach, but the road to Cooke City, through the Park, has been broken open and is now passable to light vehicles.

#### 023 - In Nearby States

Weather conditions in the nearby states have been comparable to that of Yellowstone Park. Practically all of the highways at lower elevations have been maintained in good condition throughout the month, with hardly any stormy weather to interfere with traffic. Most of the high mountain passes have been cleared of snow and practically all of the highways are now in passable condition.

#### 100 - Administration

## 110 - Status of Work

Due to the increase in activities and because of the fact that we have been without the services of our Agent-Cashier since last October, it has been difficult to keep the work current. It is important that we have a successor to Agent-Cashier Watson at an early date if we are to effectively carry on the work in the accounting office. By the end of the month, after we begin organizing some of the crews, it is evident that we will be seriously handicapped for clerical personnel if all of the present positions are not filled.

Clerk Albert R. Novak was on leave from the 12th to the 19th. Senior Clerk Keith Neilson was on leave from the 20th to the end of the month.

Clerk Alice L. Harris selected for summer employment reported for duty on April 9th.

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Junior Park Naturalist Kearns returned from the hospital in Livingston on April 11, following a major operation, but he was not able to return to work until the 20th. Because of his weakened condition he was not able to remain on the job and required sick leave for several days at the end of the month.

#### 120 - Inspections by:

#### 121 - Acting Superintendent

Acting Superintendent Exmert made inspections around headquarters and into the interior and outside the park as follows:

- April 6 To Livingston to confer with the County Superintendent of Schools regarding the Manmoth school; returned for night.
- April 9 To Billings to attend National Emergency Council Meeting; night in Billings.
  - April 10 In Billings.
  - April 11 Returned from Billings.
- April 14 To Nez Perce Creek with Assistant Chief Ranger Miller to inspect the CCC camp.
- April 15 To Tower Falls to observe the condition of the sunken road on the Mammoth-Tower Falls highway.
- April 20 To West Yellowstone and return with Engineer Lord to look over road conditions.
- April 21 To Nez Perce camp and West Yellowstone with Major Jackson and Captain Applegate, CCC officers from Pocatello.
- April 27 To Livingston to assist Mrs. Dale with funeral arrangements for Mr. Dale; returned Mammoth for night.
- April 28 To Livingston to assist Mrs. Dale with funeral arrangements for Mr. Dale; returned Mammoth for night.
  - April 29 Attended Dale funeral in Livingston.
  - April 30 To Canyon and return with Mr. LaNoue.

#### 123 - National Park Service Officers

M. E. Thede, ECW Inspector, arrived via the North Gate on the 6th and departed on the 8th after inspecting various ECW activities in the park.

Perry Edwards and C. J. Kelleher, Washington Office accountants, departed on the 9th, having been in the park since March 16th to look into fiscal matters.

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Herbert Cebhardt, Inspector from the Branch of Plans and Design, San Francisco, returned to the Park on april 29th, having departed on larch 7th. Mr. Gebhardt is to be the Inspector on the new utility building at Mammoth.

#### 125 - Other Governmental Officers

Major Jackson and Captain Applegate, CCC Officers from Focatello, inspected the Nez Perce campaite on the 21st.

Robert Downs, Montana Veterans Placement officer, and Richard Laswell, National Reemployment officer, Livingston, arrived on the 22d to discuss the reopening of the National Reemployment Service office at Mammoth.

T. O. Miller of the Water Resources Branch, Geological Survey, Boise, Idaho, entered the Park April 23d to inspect the water gauges throughout the Park. He departed on the 29th via the West Cate.

Col. E. L. Hooper, District Cormander, CCC, Missoula, visited the Tark on April 23d.

#### 140 - Labor Situation

With the starting of the snowplow to open the roads several men were returned to duty and after the camps were established it became necessary to return a number of truck drivers, foremen, incinerator operators and other employees to duty for main tenance work. Work on the new utility building has not begun but should be resumed early in May, which will provide some employment, as will the construction work on the new post office building which should get under way shortly. With the opening of the roads the road contractors will soon be able to get to work on their projects, which will afford employment for a number of men in the vicinity of the Park. Several hundred applications were received during the month for various positions and the number surpasses the applications which we have been receiving for the past several vears.

The National Reemployment Service expects to reopen its office at Nammoth early in May and will be under a Mr. Gaffney of Terry, Montana. In addition to the executive in charge the office force will consist of one employee from Wyoming and one from Idaho.

# 150 - Equipment and Supplies

Four carloads of coal, two carloads of gasoline and one carload of cement were received in addition to other shipments of kerosene, potatoes, rations, grease, etc. weighing 25,595 lbs.

# 160 - Status of Alienated Lands

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

## 170 - Plans, Maps and Surveys

The engineering force was the same as reported for the preceding month

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and activities were routine. Two final construction reports were prepared and forwarded during the month and partial data worked up for two additional reports. The year-round position of Assistant Engineer was approved during the month and a register for the position requested from the Civil Service Commission.

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

Circular No. 7 was issued during the month and the March-April Nature Notes were prepared and distributed on March 8. Copies of these are attached. Several press releases were furnished the associated and united presses and local papers and numerous pictures were sent out for publicity purposes. Advise was received that J. H. Mader will again handle the publicity work in the Park during the summer. The supply of the 1936 circulars of general information booklet was received on April 28.

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

#### 210 - Road Maintenance

Snow removal under double-shift operation continued throughout the month and the sections to West Yellowstone, Old Faithful, and Canyon are now open to travel. The crews have also cleared to West Thumb on the South Entrance section but all of this distance is over newly constructed grade and too wet and unstable to permit public travel until some maintenance work has been done.

The permanent maintenance crew was established at Marmoth on April 17, this crew to care for the headquarters section and any emergency work on adjacent sections. Temporary crews for emergency heavy maintenance were placed at Old Faithful and Canyon. The work of the Old Faithful crew consists principally of grade stabilization at the Firehole River bridge about one mile north of Old Faithful and that of the Canyon crew is drainage work between Canyon and Lake. Several hundred yards of material sloughed from the heavy fill near Mud Volcano on the Canyon-Lake section but there is still sufficient roadway for safe travel.

The West Gallatin section was cleared of snow by the Montana State Highway Commission with their own equipment and at their own expense and opened to traffic on April 25.

#### 220 - Improvements

Shops - Fifteen trucks were overhauled during the month in addition to two motor patrol graders. Also there were seven trucks painted during the month. Considerable time was spent in getting equipment out of storage for maintenance work.

Electrical Department - In addition to the usual maintenance and repair work during the month a water level gauge at the reservoir was installed and the street lighting circuit extended and two street light brackets installed for lighting up the parking area for the National Park Service employees' private cars north of the stable. The telephone lines were patrolled and cleared from Mammoth to Old Faithful, Madison Junction to West Yellowstone and

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Snowdrift on Canyon-Lake section near Elk Antler Creek. One of five drifts on this section of about equal size. Ricture taken in snow storm.



Washout of bridge approach at Firehole River near Riverside Geyser.





Subgrade failure on newly constructed Firehole Cascades-Old Faithful section. Photo just back of auto in background of preceding picture.



Washout of paved gutter and oil surface in same vicinity as preceding picture.





Rock slide at Gibbon Canyon with indication of more to come.



Washout of new grade on Canyon-Lake section of Mud Volcano.



Norris to Lake. A 10-station intercommunicating telephone system was installed in the administration building, Museum and T.C.W. office. The lake switchboard was cleaned up and a new cable installed.

Carpenter Shop - Storm windows were taken down from all the Mammoth buildings and screens put on, 10 cover bindings were made for maps in the ranger office, new fire door was installed in the basement of the apartment house, besides other miscellaneous repairs.

Plumbing Department - Besides the usual maintenance and operation during the month, water meters were installed in the following operators' buildings at Mammoth: Pryor Store, Pryor Coffee Shop, Mr. Brown's residence and the Cottage Hotel; water was turned on at the Tower Falls ranger station and the reservoir cleaned out; and the bunkhouses at Old Faithful, Madison Junction and Norris were fumigated with cyanide gas.

Paint Shop - The interior of the North Entrance ranger station was painted during the month, besides other miseellaneous jobs.

#### 230 - New Construction

F.P. 598 - Water and Power Development, Mammoth - Work of installing and connecting water to the several utility operators' units was started april 15. This is a force account item of the project under the direct supervision of the master plumber. A complete servicing and overhauling of the gasoline standby unit was made by the mechanical department.

## 300 - activities of Other agencies in the Park

## 310 - Public Service Contractors

The general store at Mam oth remained open throughout the month to take care of local residents, and the C. A. Hamilton Store was open during the last few days of the month although Mr. Hamilton is not due to arrive until about May 9th.

The first of the operators to return for the season was Mrs. Anna K. Pryor who operates the Pryor Stores.

Mr. F. E. Kammermeyer, superintendent of transportation for the Transportation Company, advised after a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, that the Transportation Company had placed an order for 26 new White 14-passenger busses stream lined and that Glacier Park had ordered 18 of the same type of busses and Sequoia one.

## 400 - Flora, Fauna and Matural Phenomena

# 410 - Ranger, Naturalist and Guide Service

Protection Department work during April has consisted of protection patrols on skis and snowshoes, highway patrols and patrols and information service at Old Faithful. Some time was devoted to general cleanup of stations, super-

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vision of seeding and cultivation of barren lands on the Game Ranch area, feeding of buffalo and elk, maintenance of the government horse herd, and other pertinent duties. Several members of the Protection Department permanent personnel were away on annual leave during part of the month.

One temporary ranger was employed during this month to patrol and protect the Old Faithful area. In past years this area, especially Old Faithful cone, has suffered considerable damage at the hands of pre-season visitors, and it was considered necessary and advisable to institute additional protection measures at this point to keep visitors from writing on and chipping the formations.

Acting Chief Ranger LaNoue made a trip to Casper, Myoming to represent the National Park Service in a meeting of Myoming officials who met for the purpose of discussing conservation matters. Some time was also devoted to conferences with Montana State Game officials regarding policies to be followed in future elk reductions and management of hunting areas which are directly adjacent to the park. The remainder of his time was devoted to office work and field inspections in the interior of the park.

Acting Assistant Chief Ranger Elliott devoted most of his time to matters concerned with the administration of the Chief Ranger's office. Some time was spent on law enforcement matters, checking Protection Department supplies and equipment, field inspections to the interior of the park, inspections of buildings for fire hazards, and fire drills.

Acting Assistant Chief Ranger Barrows spent most of his time during the month in supervision of work on the forest nursery, completion of the type map, moving and arranging of forest fire fighting tools, mapping and inspecting areas in which trees have suffered from winter drying, and field inspections to various points in the park.

Acting Assistant Chief Ranger Skinner has devoted most of his time this month to completion of the elk reduction report, game counts, supervision of trail maintenance work, and general inspection trips to various points in the park.

## 420 - Museum Service

Several visitors were permitted in the Museum at Mammoth Hot Springs as they had come a long ways, and we attempted to give them some idea of Yellowstone and general information. There were no lectures given during the month. The March-April issue of Nature Notes was mimeographed and mailed out to about 850 addresses.

#### 460 - Birds

This month has seen the arrival of almost all of the migratory birds which make Yellowstone Park their summer home. Water fowl have been observed in increasing numbers and it has been reported that geese and ducks are now nesting in many places. One pair of Trumpeter Swan have been observed nesting on Trumpeter Lake. However, most of the other lakes in the Park which provide

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nesting places for waterfowl are still frozen over. It is believed that the unusually warm weather, experienced this month, has caused premature nesting of some species and individuals.

#### 470 - Animals

Most of the game animals have left the lower winter range and have followed the snow lint back up to the lower levels of the high summer range. With severe weather conditions prevailing during the latter part of Warch, it was expected that the elk and deer herds would suffer from lack of forage and a heavy winter kill would result. Favorable weather conditions, however, caused the snow to melt quite rapidly and forage plants to make a rapid early growth. All game animals survived the critical period in excellent condition and the winter kill was considerably below normal at the time the migration back to the summer range started.

A deer and antelope count was conducted during this month and a copy of the report covering this count is attached.

Bears have been reported out of hibernation in all sections of the park, however, they have caused no damages to date. On one occasion several persons were eye witnesses to an attempted elk kill by a grizzly. This occurred in the vicinity of Fountain Paint Pots and it is believed that if the bear had been left unmolested that a kill would have resulted.

Five wolves were seen and reported in the vicinity of Old Faithful. Several freshly killed elk carcasses found in this vicinity seem to bear out the report that the animals seen were actually wolves instead of coyotes.

#### 480 - Phenomena

Angel Spring - still continues the heavy flow of the past two months from the new outlet. Beautiful basins have formed on the slopes below, eight to twelve inches across and four inches high. Just below the outlet, a large fanshaped deposit of fibrous appearing travertine has built up to a thickness of twelve inches. A pool ten feet in diameter has formed about sixty feet down the slope.

Baby Spring - The overflow has covered a larger area the past month than at any time since November, 1935. It is flowing over the front of Jupiter Terrace near Pulpit, and a stream of water six feet wide and from one to two inches deep is flowing around the south end of Jupiter. The bottom of a pool thirty feet in diameter has dropped two feet and all the water drained out.

Cleopatra Spring - has increased one-third over the flow of March.

Cupid's Spring - has doubled its flow and has filled the pool again at the bottom of the formation.

Hymen Spring - is still inactive.

Highland Spring - is still inactive.

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Jupiter Spring - is still inactive.

Wain Spring - shows just a little seepage.

Minerva Spring - is still inactive.

Mound Spring - has been building up several large basins during the past that are now plainly visible from the highway below.

Naiad Spring - has decreased more than half the flow of last month.

Opal Spring - shows no change in the strong flow of March.

Orange Spring Mound - shows no change,

Palette Spring - is flowing strong. All the water is covering the slope west of the Devils Thumb as in 1932 and 1935.

Prospect Spring - is still flowing strong as in March. The surface water is disappearing in two openings about 75 feet from the outlet.

The bottom of the fumarole near the road at this point has settled two feet, undermined by flowing water plainly heard from the surface.

Summit Basin Spring - is still overflowing to the north. The water disappears in large cracks at the foot of the cascade and some of it reaches a point below Minerva.

The new springs near Cheops Mound continue as in March.

Norris Geyser Basin - In a visit to this Basin on april 10 no changes were noticed with the exception of Constant Geyser. It appears to have been inactive fall winter, the tube and pool being heavily covered with algae.

The new geyser reported in December, 1935 is still crupting steadily to a neight of eight feet.

Upper Geyser Basin - Giant Geyser erupted on April 9 and April 18; It on and fault both erupted three times on April 17; and the Beehive Geyser erupted on April 19.

# 1000 - Use of Park Facilities by the Public.

## 510 - Increase or Decrease in Travel

Travel during April amounted to 391 vehicles and 1071 passengers as comared with 80 vehicles and 230 passengers for April, 1935. Part of this increase is attributed to the fact that the Old Faithful and West Yellowstone highways were opened to general travel on April 19. This is about one month earlier than these sections of road were opened last year.

The total travel to date amounts to 4985 motor vehicles and 13,200 visitors

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as compared with 2372 motor vehicles and 6954 visitors representing the pre-season travel to date in 1935. This represents an increase of 110.0 per cent of motor vehicles and 89.9 per cent of park visitors to date.

#### 520 - Conditions in the Park

Weather conditions, since April 19, have been favorable for tourist travel to such points in the park as have been open to travel. Many local people have been attracted to the Park to view the large herds of elk, deer, antelope and buffalo, which during the past month have been concentrated along the highways from Mammoth to the Buffalo Ranch. With the opening of the highway to Old Faithful, many visitors became interested in driving over this section of the road to observe the heavy snow conditions which existed when the road was first opened.

#### 600 - Protection

#### 610 -- Police Protection

One law enforcement case was handled during this month when two students from Montana State College were caught shooting gophers and marmots in the vicinity of Gallatin Station. Both boys were brought to trial before U. S. Commissioner T. Paul Wilcox and were penalized only by enforced forfeiture of the gun they had been using.

#### 620 - Fire Protection

One fire drill was held at Mammoth during this month. The volunteer fire brigade responded well to the fire signal and within seven minutes from the first signal the fire truck had traveled over half a mile and strung out two hundred feet of hose and had water on the fire. This time was not as short as it should have been because the signalling system was not functioning properly.

The forest fire tool cache has been moved from an old frame building in which it was previously housed, to comparatively fire-proof quarters in a stone structure. Considerable work has been accomplished during this month toward reconditioning all fire-fighting equipment and preparing complete tool units for immediate use in the field.

## 900 - Miscellaneous

Post Office - Business in the Post Office for the month of April, 1936 was slightly above normal as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

On April 24, 1936 the Secretary approved the appointment of C. W. anthony as Custodian of the site upon which the new Post Office building is to be erected.

Church Services - Easter services were held on the evening of April 12 by Rev. Lewis D. Smith, Episcopalean Minister from Livingston.

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Fire crew in action on practice drill. Fire was started at a point about juile from government garage where fire truck was housed. The truck reached the fire, strung out 200 feet of hose and had weter on the fire within seven minutes from time first signal was given.



Hospital and Medical - There were 45 home calls and 156 office calls reported during the month of april.

E.C.W. - Assistant Chief Ranger Miller was in active charge of F.C.W. activities during the month and all of his time was taken up with T.C.W. matters.

Work was commenced on the first of april on several of the Leventh Period carry-over projects and good progress was made toward their completion, although progress was hampered to some extent during the first of the month due to inclement weather.

On the 16th of the month 66 replacements arrived from Thio. About half of this number were new enrollees and the rest were boys who had served in the CCC during other periods.

The supervisory personnel at Camp YNP #1 is doing very satisfactory work both as leaders in the Educational and Safety First programs and on the projects. The army personnel cooperates readily in all matters with the Park Service.

The local Civil Service Board held an examination for typist and stenographer in the Lodge Room of the Canteen building on the morning of April 4. Messrs. Joffe and Hundley conducted the examination and there were two contestants.

The regular monthly meeting of the Federal Employees' Union No. 465 was held in the Lodge room of the Canteen on April 6.

The Yellowstone personnel responded to the call for aid for the eastern and southern flood sufferers and the amount of \$22.00 was collected and turned over to the Park County Chapter of the American Red Cross in Livingston.

The many friends of Dr. Harry Kelly were sorry to learn of his passing at Mount Vernon, Iowa on April 10 due to heart failure. While Dr. Kelly was 69 years of age he was very active during his work as a ranger-naturalist with the National Park Service here for several seasons, and was very popular both with the visitors and his fellow employees.

Members of the Yellowstone Chess Club participated in a chess tournament held in Billings, Montana on April 19 to decide the championship of the State. Senior Clerk Keith Neilson won first place at the tournament.

Recreational activities continued in the Canteen throughout most of the month, the services of Miss Marguerite McMartin being dispensed with on april 24. Miss McMartin was employed by the Park personnel to supervise the recreational work. The fine weather throughout most of april caused many golf fans to participate in this sport on the Gardiner course.

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Arthur Hall of W. A. Hall Company in Gardiner died in the Lott Hospital in Livingston, Montana on April 24 after an illness of about ten days. Mr. Hall was one of four sons of W. A. Hall, a Pioneer merchant at the north entrance of the Park. Funeral services were held in Bozeman on the 26th and many Park people attended. Mrs. Joffe sang two numbers at the services.

The Park was saddened on April 27th through the passing of Chief Electrician Charles Dale who died at the Park Hospital in Livingston on that date following an illness of several days. Mr. Dale was strickened on the evening of April 17th and was removed to the hospital in Livingston the next night. The cause of death was inflammation of the liver. Mr. Dale was born at Clarence, Missouri on March S, 1881 and held the position of chief electrician with the National Park Service in Yellowstone since 1925, having entered the service of the National Park Service here in June, 1922.

Mr. Dale is survived by his wife and one son Eldon 16 years old; also three brothers and two sisters who reside in Colorado and Missouri.

Funeral services for Mr. Dale were held in Livingston on the 29th and he was buried in his Park Service uniform. Messrs. Emmert, Joffe, Lord, Bauer, Hundley and George Miller, in Park Service uniform, acted as pall bearers and practically the entire Mammoth community journeyed to Livingston to attend the funeral services. Special services at the grave were conducted by the Masonic Lodge, of which Mr. Dale was a member.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Emmert, Acting Superintendent.

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#### REPORT OF PARK REVENUES

<b>Wellowstone</b> National Park for the Month of	April, 193	6
	This Year	Last Year
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eceived,	\$ 50.44	\$588.31
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Increase,	67	,993.19
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#### STATUS OF PERSONNEL

Yellowstone

National Park for the Month of April, 1936

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#### REPORT OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH BUSINESS

Yellowstone National Park	for the	Month of	April, 19	936
	This Month	This Month Last Year	Increase	Per cent Increase
LOCAL BUSINESS				
Miles of circuit maintained,	604 252	532 225	22 2 <b>7</b>	3.78 12
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lost in transit, etc.,	63,713	253,804	60,827	849,953	3851	1.54
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UNITED STATES
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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
YELLOWSTONE PARK, WYONING

April 27, 1936

Circular No. 7.

The increased number of automobiles in use in Mammoth during the summer season makes it necessary that the parking of employees automobiles be conducted in an orderly and systematic manner, in order to avoid interference with tourist travel, official park business, and upkeep of the grounds.

At the present time the parking area directly north of the barn will accomodate all employees cars, both permanent and per-diem, for which garages have not been assigned, and it is requested that this area be used in preference to other areas in the vicinity of the garage, the Barracks building, the Storehouse, etc. Lights are to be installed in this parking area and the area will be patrolled hourly by the nightwatchman, in order to insure against theft of gasoline and accessories. This parking area will be marked off into definite parking units and each unit will be numbered. Parking units will be assigned from the Chief Ranger's Office, and applications for parking space should be made there.

It is further requested that employees do not park their cars on the north side of the Post Office nor directly in rear of the Barracks building, for extended periods of time. The area to the north of the Post Office is reserved for tourist use, and should be considered as such and not as a parking and storage space for employees cars. Parking in the rear of the Barracks building will be restricted to daylight parking only.

"NO PARKING" and "RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL USE" signs should be rigidly observed and complied with by all employees.

J. W. Emmert Acting Superintendent



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1936

REPORT

OF

DEER AND ANTELOPE

CENSUS

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Prepared by: Curtis K. Skinner Acting Assistant Chief Ranger Approved by: Francis D. LaNoue Acting Chief Ranger



1936

REPORT
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On March 19, 1936, and again on April 2, 1936, attempts were made to secure an accurate count of the deer and antelope wintering along the northern range of Yellowstone National Park.

Neither of these counts was fully successful. On the first date, an important section of the range was not counted because of misunderstanding regarding one of the counting unit boundaries. On the second date, it is believed that the deer and antelope had been feeding during the moonlight hours of the night and by daylight many of the animals were bedded down in ravines and sagebrush areas where it was difficult to make a complete count. In many instances it was necessary for the observer to approach within a few feet of the animals before they could be seen and counted.

However, since the best count available was obtained on the latter date, April 2, 1936, figures for the census made on that date are given below. Estimated numbers are also given.

In outlying districts, such as Hellroaring, Soda Butte, Tower Falls, etc., the deer and antelope were counted on March 18 and 19, in conjunction with the annual elk census. In such outlying districts there was no subsequent movement of the animals to the lower areas because of deep snow and the figures obtained can be added to those secured for the Mammoth, Gardiner, Reese Creek and Mt. Everts areas without fear of duplication.



Deer and Antelope Count of Three Lower Districts
April 2, 1936

AREA	OBSERVER		DEER		ANTELOF	E
Mammoth	West		41		0	
	Skinner		109		4	
	Coleman		61		0	
		TOTAL		211		4
Gardiner-Reese Cr.						
	Grimm		285		238	
	Walker		17		80	
		TOTAL		302		318
Mt. Everts						
	Jay		10		14	
	Dart		0		70	
		TOTAL		10		84
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Actual Counts Made in Outlying Districts
March 18, 19, 1936

AREA	DEER	
Hellroaring	40	
Soda Butte	15	
Lamar Canyon	9	
Tower Falls	19	
Crevice	16	
TOTAL OUTLYING DISTRICTS	99	



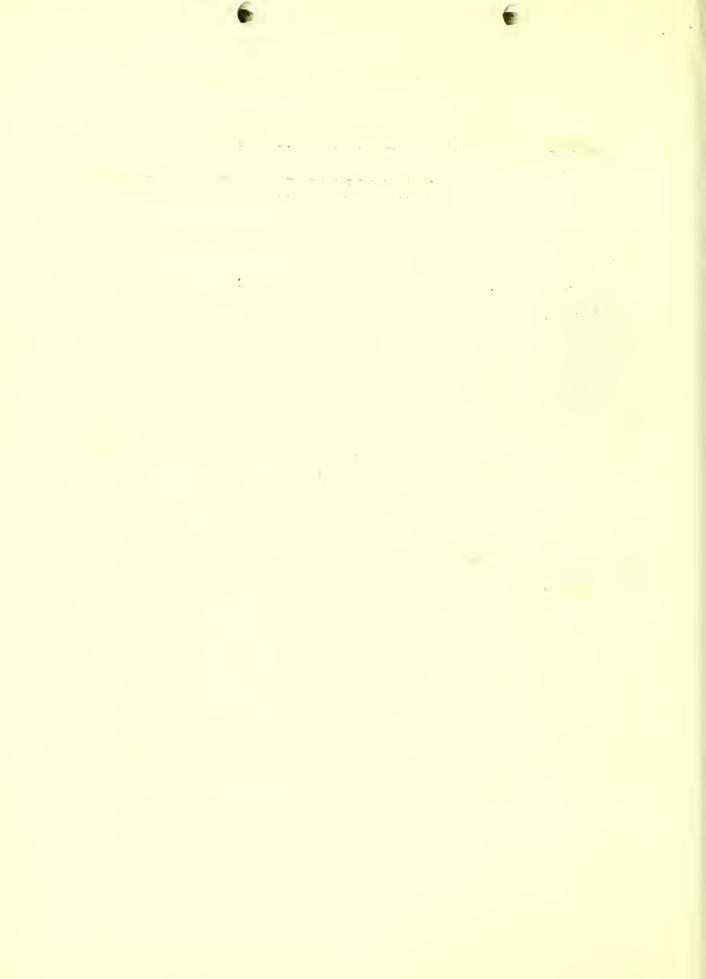
SUMMARY OF DEER AND ANTELOPE CENSUS 1936

COUNTING AREA	D	EER	ANTELOPE		
	Seen	Estimated	Seen	Estimated	
Mammoth	211	232	4	4	
Mt. Everts	10	13	84	84	
Gardiner-Reese Cr.	302	392	<b>3</b> 18	515	
Hellroaring	40	40			
Soda Butte	15	15			
Lamar Canyon	9	9			
Tower Falls	19	19			
Crevice	16	16			
TOTALS	622	736	406	603	

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#### SUMMARY OF DEER COUNT FOR ENTIRE PARK

COUNTING AREA	SEEN	ESTIMATED
Northern Range	622	736
Old Faithful	33	33
Madison Junction	4	4
Bechler River	3	3
Gallatin	11	11
TOTALS	673	787



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU

SUMMARY OF HEATHER CONDITIONS

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS. YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

APRIL, 1936.

The mean temperature for the month was 38.5°, or 1.5° above the normal. April, 1935 had a mean temperature of 33.4°, and April, 1934, 44.6°.

The highest temperature during the month was 71°, on the 18th. The lowest temperature was -8°, on the 1st. The temperature, -8°, was the lowest on record for so late in the season, as was the -4°, on the 5th. On April 16th, 17th and 18th, the highest temperatures were 69°, 70° and 71°, respectively, and each of these temperatures was the highest on record for so early in the season. The unseasonedly cold temperatures experienced during the latter part of March extended until April 9th. From April 11th to the 22nd was a period of rather high temperatures; and caused very rapid melting of the snow cover on the ground. The last 8 days of the month had near normal temperatures.

Precipitation during the month was 1.64 inches, or 0.18 inch above the nermal. Most of it fell during the last 10 days of the month. Total snowfall during the month was 9.7 inches, and none remained on the ground at the end of the month. Precipitation since the first of the year has been 5.26 inches.

There were 5 clear, 6 partly cloudy, and 19 cloudy days during the month. Precipitation fell on 22 days -- 10 of them having snow -- and 0.01 inch of precipitation fell on 14 days (0.01 or more). The first rain since October, 1935 fell on April 10th. The average wind velocity for the month was 7.9 miles per hour, the lowest since 1930, and the highest velocity attained was 26 miles per hour, from the southwest, on the 22nd. The prevailing wind direction for the month was southwest. The percentage of possible sunshine was 57. Rather low relative humidities were observed from the 12th to the 19th.



#### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU.

### MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY.

, (	ation, Yellowstone Fork, Wyo. ; month, April , 19 36.								
D		(Degrees Fahrenheit.)		Precipitation.	tion. Character	% of pos-	ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.  (Reduced to sca level; inches and hundredths.)  Mean 30.087; highest 30.42 date 9		
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	46	30	38	T	Cloudy		Absolute minimum for this month for 50 years 8		
	53	36	44	T	Cloudy		Average daily excess (+) or deficiency (-) of this month as compared with the normal #1.5°		
l	52	33	48	8	Clear	100	Accumulated excess (+) or deficiency (-) since January 1 279°.  Average daily excess (+) or deficiency (-) since January 1 2.3°.		
1	64	38	51				PRECIPITATION.  Total this month 1.64; snowfall 9.7		
1'	59	38			Pt.Cl.)y		Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 0,41, date 27-28		
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	52	36	44	.19	Cloudy	16	Accumulated excess (+) or deficiency (-) since January 1 -0.86		
	59	33	46	.42	Cloudy	65	MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY (Percentage).  6 a. m., 78.3; local ncon, 46.0, 6 p. m. 52.2		
ĭ	49	35	42	.05 I	t.Cldy	37	WIND.  Prevailing direction SW; total movement 5, 719 miles;		
	51	32	42	.09	Cloudy	36	average hourly velocity; maximum velocity (for five		
	49	28	<b>3</b> 8	.05	Cloudy	56	minutes) 26 miles per hour, from SW on 22  Maximum wind velocity this month since 1904		
	42	27	34	. 39	Cloudy	41	(By three-cup anomameter) 38 SW 1922.		
	55	31	43		t.Cldy	73	WEATHER True Velocity) Number of days, clear 5 ; partly cloudy 6 ; cloudy 19		
	57	31	44	TF	t.Cldy	100	on which .01 inch, or more, of precipitation occurred14  MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA (dates of).		
							Auroras None ; halos: solar 8, 19, 21, 24 None Hail 29 ; sleet 24 ; fog 1t. 8, 24		
-	50.2	26.8	38.5	Total. 1.64		57	Thunderstorms 22		
n H	al de	ree d	lays t	his mo	nth:	'' indicate	s trace of precipitation. 4-36-75		
t.	tal degree days this month:  Note.—"T" indicates trace of precipitation.  the autumn frosts are not recorded after the occurrence of "killing," except in Florida and along the immediate coast of the Gulf of Mexico.  West observed relative humidity,								
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	%, on 17th, local noon.								

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Yellowstone Park. Wyo.

May 4th.

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#### WORK REPORT FOR April1936.

#### Electrical:

Extended wireing for lights in Building # 38. Adding seven sixty watt lamps fo Rangers Fire Cash.

Extended Street lighting circuit, and enstalled two street light brackete for lighting up the parking area for NPS employees private cars, just north of Stable.

Enstalles red light on top of telephone building, for the use of opperator calling night watchman.

Repaired water level gauge at resorvoir.

#### Communication

Cleaned up and put in new cable in Lake Switch Board.

Patrolled and cleared Telephone lines from Mammoth to Old Faithful. and from Madison JC. to west Yellowstone, also from Norris to Lake.

Enstalled ten station inter communicating telephone system in Administration Badg. Museum, and E. C. W. Office.

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May 1, 1936.

MEMO FOR MR. EMMERT:

The following trucks were overhauled during the month of April.

Dodge No. 510, Dodge 517, GMC 519, Ford 518, Chev. 522, Chev. 534, Chev. 547, Chev. 548, Chev. 552, White 561, White 563, Chev. 570, Dodge 1201 and Dodge 1208. ECW No. 8746, Chev. Coupe issued to Mr. Lord was overhauled.

Motor Patrol graders No. 10 and No. 15 were overhauled.

A new freight body and horse rack was manufactured for truck No. 549.

Considerable time was spent in getting equipment out of storage for maintenance work. The usual maintenance of equipment in operation has gone forward.

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Yellowstone Park. Wyo.

May 4th, 1936.

# REPORT OF TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH BUSINESS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1936.

	This Month	This Month Last Year.	Increase	Percent
Miles of circuit maintained	604 v	592	22	3.78
No. Tel. connected No. Calls measured	252 25 8	225	27	11.1
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Mo. 170-Mans, Plans, and Surveys:

The entineering force custom sale as rejected for a precedition on the month and activities were routine. We final construction to ortal mere prepared and forwarder during the onto adaption of actistant up for two additional reports. The year round position of actistant ingineer was approved during the month and a register for the political requested from the Civil pervice Commission.

### No.200-Road Haintenance:

Snow removal under double slift of eration continued throughout the month and the sections to west Yellowstone, all raithful, and Canyon are now open to travel. The crews have also cleared to west thursbon the South intrance section but all of this distance is over newly constructed grade and too wet and unstable to permit of public travel until some maintenance work has been done.

The permanent maintenace crew was established at Larnoth on April 17, this crew to care for the headquarters section and any energency work on adjacent sections. Pemporary crews for emergency heavy maintenance were placed at Old Faithful and Canyon. The work of the Old Faithful crew consists principally of grade stabilization axt at the Firehole River bridge about one mile north of Old Faithful and that of the Canyon crew is drainage work between Canyon and Lake. Jeweral nundred yards of material sloughed from the neavy fill near two Yolcano on the Canyon-lake section but there is still sofficient roadway for safe travel.

The rest Gallatin section as cleared of snow by the Contana State Highway Commission with their own equipment and at their own expense and opened to traffic on April 25.

### No.230-New Construction:

F.P. 598, water and Power Development, name th: - or of instable and connecting water to the several Utility Operators units has started April 15. This is a force account ite of the project unler the direct supervision of the Haster Plumber. A complete certaining and overhaul of the gasoline standby unit has hale by the mechanical department.

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The following shipments were received and handled by the Storehouse:

### Carload shipments:

4 carloads - - - Coal 2 carloads - - - - Cospline 1 carload- - - - Ce nt

## L/C/L shipments:

1 shipment 10 bales rags - - - 1076 10. 1 shipment 6 cyl. chlorine -- - 1655 lb. 1 shipment 50 cases kerosene - - 4800 lb. 1 shipment 25 sacks potatoes - - 2514 lb. 1 shipment 14 pcs. pipe fittings 2131 1b. 1 shipment 10 cases emergency rations - - - - 2240 lb. 1 shipment 29 drums rease - - - 9289 1b. 1 shipment 12 iron frames and covers - - - -2400 10.

The regular grocery inventory has been taken. There are the mess halls in operation, Marrioth, Buffalo Banch, Snow-plos, and Old Faithful maintenance crew. The entire mattress stock has been fumigated as well as Buildings 43 and 44. The property inventory has been completed and various surveys put through and completed. A reconciliation with the control figure will be made on lay 1, 17 6

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20: General weather conditions.

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

### 021: In the Fark

Weather conditions throughout the park have been generally mild during this month, with the exception of the first nine days of the month which were characterized by a record breaking cold wave. This was immediately followed by unusually warm weather, which prevailed during the remainder of the month. Precipitation during April was somewhat above normal. The abnormally high temperatures, which prevailed during the month latter part of the month, caused the snow, over the entire park, to melt rapidly.

The work of opening the roads was started early in the month and by April 30 the highway from Mammoth to West Yellowstone, Old Faithful and Canyon was clear of snow and in a condition to permit general travel.

The highway between Canyon and Lake Junctions has been cleared of snow but is not in condition to permit general traffic.

### 022: Approaches to the park.

The South Entrance approach road has been opened up as far as Moran,
Wyoming and it is expected that the stretch between Moran and the South
Gate will be passable within the next two weeks.

The approach to the East Entrance is open to a point within three miles of the Park boundary but no further attempts have been made to clear the last three miles because it is not expected that the road over Sylvan Pass will be open to travel until May 20th, or later.

The Montana State Highway Department opened the approach road to West Yellowstone, via the Madison River, on April 22. On April 25

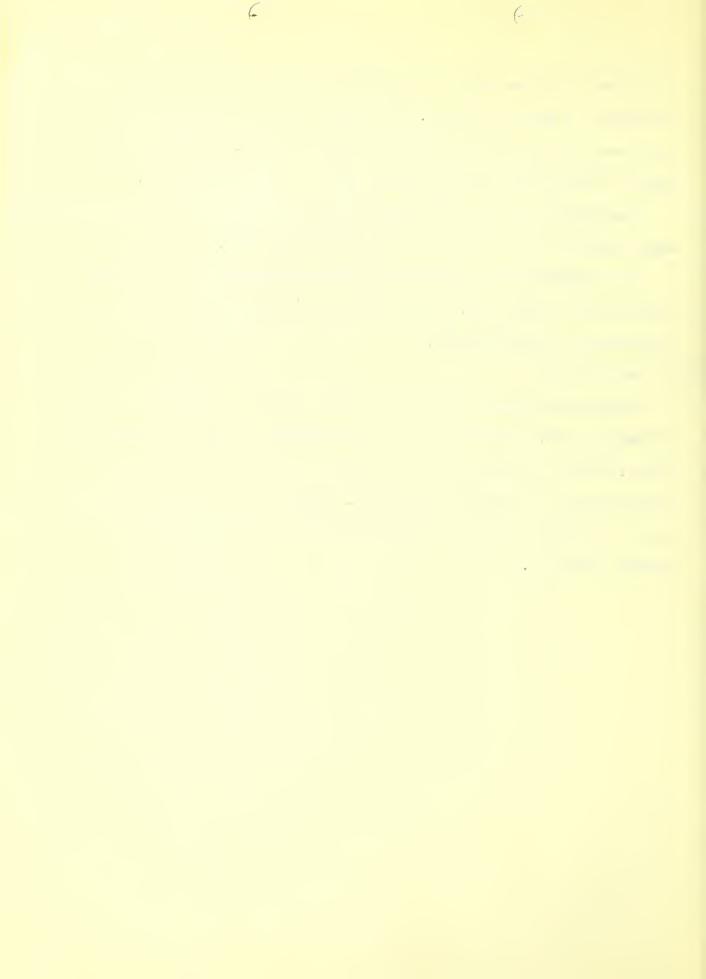
6 1. the Montana snow plow returned to Bozeman, Montana, by way of Gallatin and opened the Gallatin highway. This approach is in very poor condition at the present time and heavy trucks have been prohibited. The road from Ashton, Idaho to West Yellowstone was opened to travel on April 28.

The Approach to the North entrance has been free of snow during the entire month, however it has been rough and at times quite soft.

No attempts have been made to open the Redlodge-Cooke City approach, but the road to Cooke City, through the park, has been broken open and is now passable to light vehicles.

)23: In nearby states.

Weather conditions in the nearby states has been comparable to that of Yellowstone Park. Practically all of the highways at lower elevations have been maintained in good condition throughout the month, with hardly any stormy weather to interfere with traffic. Most of the high mountain passes have been cleared of snow, and practically all of the highways are now in passable condition.



110: Ranger, Naturalist and guide service:

Protection Department activities and showshoes, during April, has consisted of protection patrols on skis and snowshoes, highway patrols and patrols and information service at Old Faithful. Some time was devoted to general cleanup of stations, supervision of traid maintenance, game counts and observations, supervision of seeding and cultivation of barren lands on the Game Ranch area, feeding of buffalo and elk, maintenance of the government horse herd, and other pertinent duties. Several members of the Protection Department permanent personnel were away on annual leave during part of the month.

One temporary ranger was employed during this month to patrol and protect the Old Faithful area. In past years this area, expecially Old Faithful cone, has suffered considerable damage at the hands of pre-season visitors, and it was considered necessary and advisable to put institute additional protection measures at this point to keep visitors from writing on and chipping the formations.

Acting Chief Ranger LaNoue xpirit made a trip to Casper, Myoming to represent the National Park Service in a meeting of Wyoming officials who met for the purpose of discussing conservation matters. Some time was also devoted to conferences with Montana State Game Officials regarding policies to be followed in future elk reductions and management of fixture hunting areas which are directly adjacent to the park. The remainder of his time was devoted to office work and field inspections in the interior of the park.

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Acting "ssistant Chief Ranger Barrows spent most of his time during the month in supervision of work on the forest nursery, completion of the type map, moving and arranging of forest fire fighting tools, mapping and inspecting areas which in which trees have suffered from winter drying, and field inspections to various points in the park.

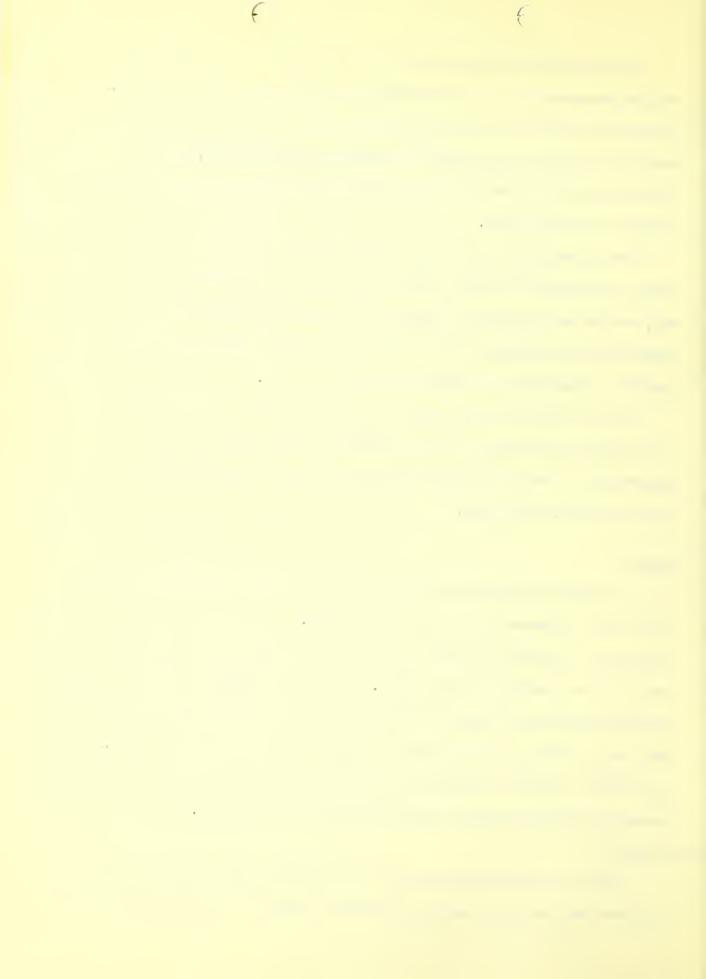
Acting Assistant Chief Ranger Skinner has devoted most of his time this month to completion of the elk reduction report, game counts, supervision of trail maintenance work, and general inspection trips to various points in the park.

### 60: Birds:

This month has seen the arrival of almost all of the migratory birds which make Yellowstone Park their summer home. Water fowl have been observed in increasing numbers and it has been reported that geese and ducks are now nesting in many places. One pair of Trumpeter Swan have been observed nesting on Trumpeter Lake, however most of the other lakes in the park which provide nesting places for waterfowl are still frozen over. It is believed that the unusually warm weather, experienced this month, has cau caused a premature nesting of some species and individuals.

### 470: Animals:

Most of the game animals have left the lower winter range and have followed the snow lint back up to the lower levels of the high summer range.



With severe weather conditions prevailing during the latter part of March, it was expected that the elk and deer herds would suffer from lack of forage and a hervy winter kill would result. Favorable weather conditions, however, caused the snow to melt quite rapidly and forage plants to make a rapid early growth. All game gazz animals survived the critical period in excellent condition and the winter kill was considerably below normal at the time the migration back to the summer range started.

A deer and antelope count was conducted during this month and a copy of the report covering this count is attached herewith.

Bears have been reported out of hibernation in all sections of the park, however, they have caused no damages to date. On one ocassion several persons were eye witnesses to an attempted elk kill by a grizzly. This occurred in the vicinity of Fountain Paint Pots and it is believed that if the bear had been left unmolested that a kill would have resulted.

Five wolves were seen and reported in the vicinity of Old Faithful.

Several freshly killed elk carcasses found in this vicinity seem to bear out
the report that the animals seen were actually wolves instead of coyotes.

### 510: Increase or decrease in travel

Travel, during April, amounted to 391 vehicles and 1071 passengers as compared with 80 vehicles and 230 passengers for April, 1925. Part of this increase is attributed to the fact that the Old Faithful and West Yellowstone highways were opened to general travel on April 19. This is about one month earlier than these sections of road were opened last year.

The total travel to date amounts to 4985 motor vehicles and 13,200 visitors as compared with 2372 motor vehicles and 6954 visitors representing the pre-season travel to date in 1935. This represents an increase of 110.0 percent of motor vehicles and 89.9 percent of park visitors, to date.

