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JANUARY 1961

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Summary	of the January 1961 Monthly Narrative Report	
WEATHER:	Cold, dry, clear; precipitation light; snow depths below normal; maximum 44°, minimum -17°.	Page 1
INCREASE OR DECREASE IN TRAVEL:	Visitor total for month 991; snowmobile trips carry 130 visitors on 16 trips.	1
SPECIAL VISITORS:	Listed.	1
INSPECTIONS:	Ralph McFadden, WODC, in Billings and Park on Land-Air contract.	1

#### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Superintendent and staff meet with YP Concessioners, January 12; Superintendent and Management Assistant meet with Governor of Montana: Superintendent, Messrs. Hadley, Murdock and Howe attend Advisory Council meeting on Jackson Hole elk herd; Management Assistant to Spokane for PNTA meeting Jan. 14-15; Messrs. Gastellum, Bean, Mattson, Rowe to Omaha on construction, to Denver on BPR; Chief Ranger, Biologist and West District Manager attend Montana Fish and Game meeting on Gallatin elk herd; Biologist Howe to Salt Lake City for American Society of Range Management; South District Manager, Park Ranger talk to conservationists on zoning regulations in Sheridan, Jan. 26; Forestry Aid Reeves to Missioula on Blister Rust Control; electrician picks up surplus material; Park Engineer and Shop Foreman to Penver to observe demonstration of SnowBlast snowplow; plumbers attend operator training school; Law Inforcement Officer attends meeting of Police Protection Association; Foreman III Foster attends Safety Training Course: Credit Union annual meeting, and election of officers: tri-state essay contest being conducted; 1-2-3 Yogi Bear interest being utilized.

PERSONNEL:

Howard Chapman to GS-11; Franklin Elliott to GS-11; Harriet Summers to Permanent; retirement completed for Robert Robinson; George Marler to Career status. 3-4

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IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Supervisory Storekeeping Clerk to Accounting for training.	4
INCENTIVE AWARDS:	\$25 award to Supply Officer for suggestion on W2 Forms.	4
MISCELLANEOUS:	NFFE meets Jan. 9, elects officers; AFGE regular meeting held Jan. 9; schools resume classes Jan. 3; ceramic classes by Mrs. Garrison; YLMA annual meeting held in Bozeman; report on Distribution of Payrolls sent to Director; W2 Forms to 814 individuals earth tremor Jan. 16.	
WINTER MINISTRY:	Reverend Warren W. Ost in Park Jan. 7-9, joint meeting of Summer and Winter Ministry Committees held.	5
dirths:	Daughter to Ranger and Mrs. Burgen, Jan. 3; son to Ranger and Mrs. McClelland on Jan. 21.	5
DEATHS:	Henry N. King father of John King, TPCo., on Jan. 2 Mrs. Snodgrass, wife of NPS carpenter Lester Snodgr on Jan. 7; Mrs. Emil Anderson in Tacoma, mother of Administrative Assistant Ernest Anderson.	
ACCIDENTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY:	Winterkeeper at Roosevelt Lodge overcome by monoxid poisoning, recovered and returned to duty.	<b>e</b> 6
PUBLICITY:	1960 travel data to press on Jan. 9; Weekly News issued each Thursday; two press releases mailed.	6
RELIGIOUS & CHAPEL USE:	Church and Sunday School services held every Sunday.	6
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:	Mammoth Museum open seven days a week.	6
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES:	YLMA incorporation under Montana law being executed	. 6
GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS:	Water survey made in Lamar River; Madison River water gate read.	6
SOIL CONSERVATION:	Snow course readings taken andmailed to Weather Bureau; Ranger McLaren takes snow course depths at Snake River.	6
CONCESSIONERS:	Concessioners and Park staff meet to discuss plans for 1961 season on Jan. 12; social affair on Jan. 1 annual financial report for Hamilton Stores and YPC pre-audited.	
BUILDING & UTILITY MAINTENANCE:	Plat plans for concessioner leases being made to be ready by March 1; excess of 80 leases.	7

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RANGER ACTIVITIES:	Boundary patrols made throughout month; elk reduction activities carried on; patrol boat	
	delivered Jan. 10; shelter for distressed snow- plane occupants prepared.	7
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	No cases taken before Commissioner; FBI Agent in Park on Simonian tort claim.	7
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	Building fire inspection completed in Mammoth Village on Jan. 4.	7
WILDLIFE & FISH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:	Bison in Old Faithful area fewer during month; herd of bison in Lamar Valley; Elk traps baited and triggered, with direct reduction starting Jan. 5; upper Gallatin herd at 2,000; Moose seen daily at Soda Butte; Pronghorn observed in Tower Fall area; Bald Eagle and Waterfowl Survey con- ducted.	7-8
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION:	Listed,	9

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#### Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for January 1961

#### General

Weather. Weather during the month was cold and dry with clear days. Precipitation was very light at all stations. Snow depths were below average at most stations. Maximum temperature at Mammoth was 44 degrees on January 17, minimum temperature was -17 degrees on the 27th. Precipitation was .09 inches.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Visitors to the Park for January totaled 991, as against 454 for the first month of 1960.

Snowmobiles of West Yellowstone made 16 trips from West Entrance to Old Faithful, carrying 130 visitors.

Visitors. Mr. J. Wesley Warner, Administrative Assistant from Wind Cave visited the Park January 25 and 26.

Edwin L. Dottery, Mechanical and Electrical Engineer from WODC was in the Park January 10 and 11 to inspect heating systems on contracts for two 4-unit apartments and storehouse.

Inspections. Messrs. Gabbert, Elliott, and Williams met Mr. Ralph McFadden of WODC in Billings on the 25th. They visited the Solicitor's Office to discuss Land-Air contract. On the 27th they met with Superintendent Garrison and staff regarding Land-Air contract, in the Park. Final acceptance of the contract stands as of August 31, 1960.

Special Activities. On January 12 Superintendent Garrison and members of his staff met with representatives of the Yellowstone Park concessioners in the museum rooms at Haynes Studios Inc., Bozeman, for their mid-winter planning session.

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On January 17, Superintendent Garrison and Lawrence Hadley traveled to Helena, Montana, to meet with Governor Nutter.

Superintendent Garrison, Lawrence Hadley, Nelson Murdock and Robert Howe attended a meeting of the Technical Advisory Council on the Jackson Hole elk herd in Jackson, Wyoming, on the 19th. A public meeting was sponsored by the Izaak Walton League.

Management Assistant Lawrence C. Hadley attended a meeting of the Directors of the Pacific Northwest Travel Association on January 14 and 15 in Spokane, Washington.

On January 12, Messrs. Gastellum, Glen Bean, Frank Mattson and Gerald Rowe departed for Omaha to discuss construction and various maintenance projects with the Regional Director and his staff. They accompanied the Region Two representatives to Denver for a meeting with the Bureau of Public Roads personnel. Mr. Gastellum met with Walter Elder, Regional Director of the 10th U. S. Civil Service Region and staff in Denver.

Chief Ranger Murdock, Biologist Howe and West District Manager Dick attended a meeting on the Gallatin Elk Herd at the Montana Fish and Game Department Office in Helena on January 18. U. S. Forest Service officials were in attendance. Agreement was reached by the three agencies to have Mr. Ellig of the State Fish and Game Department gather historical background data on the Gallatin Herd so a coordinated management plan can be developed.

Biologist Robert E. Howe attended the 14th annual meeting of the American Society of Range Management, January 31- February 3 in Salt Lake City.

South District Manager Thomas B. Hyde and Park Ranger James B. Valder attended a meeting in Sheridan, Wyoming, on January 26 to inform conservationists on the zoning regulations and proposed management plans for Yellowstone and Shoshone Lakes.

Forestry Aid (Timber Management) John N. Reeves was given a special assignment with the U. S. Forest Service, Missoula, on January 10 for six weeks, working on maps and Blister Rust Control planning for Yellowstone.

Arnold Peterson traveled to Glasgow, Montana, On January 9-12 to obtain surplus material for Park use.

Park Engineer Gerald Rowe and Shop Foreman Howard Kocher went to Denver, Colorado, on January 8-10 to inspect and observe a demonstration of the SnowBlast snowplow with Colorado Highway Commission. The state of the

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Donald Newhart and Lyford W. Dore, Jr., attended a Water and Sewage Plant operator training school in Denver from the 21st to the 29th.

Law Enforcement Officer Howard H. Chapman attended the annual meeting of the Police Protection Association of Wyoming in Cheyenne, January 23 and 24.

William B. Foster, Foreman III, Maintenance, attended the Safety Training Course for Supervisors in Seattle, Washington, January 30-February 3. This course was sponsored by the Federal Safety Council and the Civil Service.

The annual meeting of the Yellowstone Park Credit Union was held January 13, and the following officers were elected:

Board of Directors	Howard Chapman Judy Williams John H. Clay, Jr. O. Raymond Sellars	1 year
Supervisory Committee	Harlie M. Bouland James J. Berens Ernest Anderson	1 year 1 year 1 year
Credit Committee	James T. Fisher Lennart Y. Berg William Armstrong Wyly O. Huggins (Alternate)	2 years 1 year 1 year 1 year

A tri-state essay contest on 'What National Parks Mean to Me' is being conducted for high school students. Schools within a radius of 85 miles have been contacted by telephone and letters. Closing date will be March 25.

Yogi Bear has been creating some interest throughout the country. Hanna-Barara Productions have offered their services in using Yogi Bear as a warning for tourists in the Park. Superintendent Garrison has asked their artists to create a flyer similar to our leaflet on bear feeding.

#### Administration

Personnel. Howard H. Chapman, Promotion to GS-11, Supervisory Park Ranger (Law Enforcement Officer), effective 1/15.

Franklin B. Elliott, Promotion to GS-11, Civil Engineer (General), effective 1/26.

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Harriet I. Summers, Reassignment, Time, Leave and Payroll Clerk, GS-4, from Subject to Furlough to Permanent, effective 1/17.

Retirement application materials were completed for Robert R. Robinson, Jr., who contemplates retirement February 28.

George D. Marler received a Conversion to Career status from an indefinite appointment as Park Naturalist (Geologist), effective December 29, 1960.

In-Service Training. Lawrence Hovig, Supervisory Storekeeping Clerk, was assigned to Accounting for training, effective January 25.

Incentive Awards. Darwin E. Williams, Supply Officer, was presented an award by Superintendent Garrison at the staff meeting on January 5. The award was for \$25 for his suggestion that Field Accounting offices be supplied with W2 Forms in sextuple with carbons interleaved.

Miscellaneous. The first meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees for 1961 was held on January 9 with election of the following officers: President, Harlie M. Bouland; Vice President, Jack C. Everhart; Treasurer, George J. Tracy; Secretary, Helen B. Tracy; Guard, Gordon Hinz, U. S. Forest Service, Gardiner, Montana.

The American Federation of Government Employees held their regular meeting on January 9.

The Yellowstone Park School and Gardiner Schools resumed classes on January 3.

Ceramic classes began January 9 under the direction of Mrs. Garrison.

The Yellowstone Library and Museum Association held its 28th annual meeting in the Haynes Studios Inc., Bozeman, Montana, at 1:45 p.m. on January 13. Jack E. Haynes, the only member of the original Board of Directors who has served each year since its inception, hosted the meeting in the Museum rooms of his Bozeman Studio. There were eleven members of the Board present at the meeting. The Board elected Mr. John M. Good and Mr. O. Raymond Sellers to the Board filling the vacancies of Merrill D. Bean and Arthur F. Hewitt who transferred from Yellowstone during the year. The vacancy caused by the death of Joseph Joffe on September 29, 1960, was filled by Hugh D. Galusha, Jr. Mr. Nels Murdock replaced Otto M. Brown on the Board. The present members of the Board of Directors are: Luis A. Gastellum, Chairman; Robert N. McIntyre, Executive Secretary; Ann Biastoch, Treasurer; Lemuel A. Garrison, Jack E. Haynes, Aubrey L. Haines, Hugh D. Galusha, Jr., Thomas B. Hyde, John M. Good and O. Raymond Sellers. In an important action, the Directors approved a proposal to incorporate the Association.

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A report on the Geographical Distribution of Payrolls was sent to the Director showing Yellowstone employees came from 46 states in the Union and District of Columbia. Copy of earning statements were sent to these states showing earnings during the 1960 calendar year, which totaled \$1,822,476.91.

Annual reconciliation of taxes withheld together with supporting W2 Forms were sent to the District Collector of Internal Revenue. Taxes withheld from the employees amounted to \$233,796.57 and 814 W2 Forms were sent.

Salaries paid employees from the three states in which Yellowstone National Park is located, during the 1960 calendar year were - Montana - \$938,677.79; Wyoming - \$135,467.09; Idaho - \$119,667.96. California led outside states (again) with \$75,121.03, Arizona with \$42,733.90, Washington with \$41,871.64, Colorado with \$38,453.82, Utah with \$35,617.25 and South Dakota with \$28,660.31. Four states were not represented on the payroll--Alaska, Hawaii, Main or South Carolina.

A slight earth tremor occurred at West Yellowstone at 11:50 p.m. the night of January 16.

Winter Ministry. The Reverend Warren W. Ost, Director of a Student Ministry in the National Parks, New York, was in the Park January 7, 8 and 9. On January 8 a joint meeting was held of the Summer and Winter Ministry Committee to discuss the religious program of the Park.

Births. A daughter, Maren Holt, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William N. Burgen on January 3 in the Memorial Hospital, Livingston, Montana. Mr. Burgen is the Sub-district Ranger at Canyon during the summer months.

A son, Kerri Shawn, was born to Ranger and Mrs. Bernard R. McClelland on January 21, in the Ashton Hospital, Ashton, Idaho.

Deaths. Henry N. King, 79 years of age, passed away in Wapato, Washington, on January 2. John, his son, is construction Superintendent of the Yellowstone Park Company.

Golda Snodgrass, 61 years of age, passed away January 7 in the Memorial Hospital, Livingston. Funeral services were January 11 in the Gardiner Community Church and burial was in Livingston. Mr. Lester E. Snodgrass is employed as a carpenter.

Mrs. Emil Anderson, 90 years of age, passed away January 23 in Tacoma, Washington. Funeral services were January 26. Ernest R.I. Anderson, Administrative Assistant is her son.

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 Accidents and Public Safety. The North District Manager received a telephone call early in the morning on January 1 advising the Winter-keeper at Roosevelt Lodge was very ill from monoxide poisoning. Rangers were dispatched with stretcher to bring the person to Mammoth and later he was taken to Livingston. He recovered in a few days and returned to duty.

#### Cooperative Activities

<u>Publicity</u>. The annual travel story for 1960 was mailed to the press and Park mailing list on January 9.

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

There were two press releases: Travel for 1960 and Yellowstone payroll distribution.

Religious and Chapel Use. The Chapel was used every Sunday for the regular Protestant church school and services.

Interpretive Services. The Mammoth Museum was open seven days each week during the month.

Museum Activities. Progress was made during the month by the Executive Secretary toward immediate incorporation of the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association under Montana law.

Geological Surveys. Rangers assisted U. S. Geological Survey personnel in making the water survey in the Lamar River.

The Madison River water gate was read by West Yellowstone personnel for the U. S. Geological Survey.

Soil Conservation. Park personnel took readings of all Snow Courses in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and all computed snow course readings were mailed to the Weather Bureau in Casper, Wyoming.

Park Ranger McLaren traveled via snowplane from Jackson Lake Ranger Station to Snake River Ranger Station to take snow course depths and other weather data.

Concessioners. On January 12 the Yellowstone Park Concessioners and members of the Superintendent's staff met in the Museum rooms at Haynes Studios Inc., Bozeman, Montana, to discuss matters of mutual interest and consider plans for the upcoming 1961 season. Mr. and Mrs. Trevor S. Povah and Mrs. Gar Helppie of Hamilton Stores, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Haynes of Haynes Inc., Messrs. John Q. Nichols, Hugh Galusha, Jr.,

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and La Marr Bittinger, the new Executive Vice President and General Manager, of Yellowstone Park Company, Dr. Alfred M. Luck of the Yellowstone Park Medical Service, Mr. Charles Gallagher, General Manager, Yellowstone Park Service Stations and others were present. Attending from the Region Two Office were Messrs. George Baggley, Chief of Operations and Elbert Smith, Chief of Concessions Management.

Businessmen from Bozeman and Livingston sponsored a social affair and dinner for the group and their wives at the Hotel Baxter, Bozeman, on the evening of the 13th.

The Annual Financial Report for the year 1960 for the Yellowstone Park Company and Hamilton Stores, Inc. were pre-audited and Summary prepared during the month.

Building and Utility Maintenance. The draftsman is progressing on the plat plans for Park concessioner leases and it is anticipated they will be ready for submission for approval March 1. There are in excess of 80 leases.

Ranger Activities. Boundary patrols were made throughout the month.

Ranger personnel participated in elk reduction activities during the month.

A new 23-foot Skippercraft patrol boat was delivered on January 10.

An emergency shelter is being prepared for distressed snowplane occupants at the South Entrance ranger barracks.

Law Enforcement. There were no cases taken before the U. S. Commissioner during January.

FBI Agent Mason Melvin was in the Park in January to interview Park officials in connection with the Simonian tort claim.

Building Fire Protection. The Building Fire inspection in the Mammoth Village, which started in December, was completed on the 4th of January.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. BISON. Fewer bison have been observed in the Old Faithful area during the month.

A herd of 100 bison have been feeding in the Lamar Valley throughout the month.

ELK. All live elk traps were baited the latter part of December and triggered on January 2. The Lamar-Crystal traps produced six elk the

first day. Slough Creek portable was left closed because of the presence of 150 buffalo around the trap. Direct reduction began on January 5 with four shooting teams.

The Upper Gallatin elk herd is estimated at approximately 2,000.

MOOSE. Moose have been seen daily near Soda Butte.

PRONGHORN. A few lambs and ewes have been observed across the Yellowstone River from Overhanging Cliff in the Tower Fall area.

On January 2 and 3, Park rangers and interpretive personnel participated in the annual Bald Eagle and Waterfowl Survey. They assisted U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in this annual migratory bird count.

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#### Design and Construction

Plans, Maps, and Surveys: Preliminary Drawing No. NP-YEL-3728 for the Utility Building at Madison Junction was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Regional Director. Discussions were held with Regional Office officials and finance arrangements made for the probable extra cost of this building.

Master Plan Drawings No. NP-YEL-3631 for the Bridge Bay campground and No. NP-YEL-2283-A for the East Entrance Development were reviewed and comments have been submitted to the Regional Director.

New Construction: Three contract construction projects continued through January with progress on each as follows:

Installation of sprinkler system in Warehouse by Grinnell Company of the Pacific. Work went slowly but should be completed in February.

Two seasonal apartments at Mammoth by Nelson Brothers. Work was discontinued throughout holidays. Heating system and interior trim are almost complete and painters are starting interior painting. This job has gone very slowly from the beginning.

Duplex teacherage and principal's residence by Easton and Hiller. These houses have been put up very rapidly and we anticipate completion by March 1 except for exterior items we wish to hold until spring. Heating and plumbing systems are in operation and interior is almost ready for paint.

All other construction jobs are shut down until spring except for the procurement of tables, fireplaces, and latrines by contract. These will be used in the day labor campground and picnic area projects.

Conferences and Meetings: Assistant Superintendent Gastellum, Chief Park Engineer Rowe, Park Landscape Architect Mattson, and Programs Officer Bean spent January 18, 19 and 20 in the Region Two Office discussing development and construction problems and projects with the Regional Director and his staff, and January 23 and 24 in the Bureau of Public Roads office in Denver discussing major road problems and projects. Messrs. Brown and Peterson of the Region Two Office and Krueger of Western Office of Design and Construction were also present at the latter meeting. We felt the meetings were very profitable.

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