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MONTHLY REPORT

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

MARCH

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

April 4, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park for the month of March 1945:

Weather Conditions. The mild winter which has been experienced during November, December, January and February continued in March. However, there were a number of stormy days but less than normal precipitation. Storms occurred during the early part of the month, around the middle of the month, and at the end of the month, a real blizzard hitting the park on the 31st. There were three sub-zero temperatures recorded at Mammoth during March, on successive mornings, -3° on March 4, -14° on the 5th, and -2° on the 6th. Lower temperatures and more frequent storms occurred in the higher elevations. Up to March, only two sub-zero temperatures were recorded in February, two in January and two in December. The many warm days resulted in a heavy run off and practically all the snow had disappeared around Mammoth by the end of the month.

The light snowfall required very little road opening. The section from Gardiner to Mammoth and Cooke was open throughout the month.

Total precipitation for the month was 1.12 inches, as compared with 1.21 inches last March and .56 inch for February 1945. The mean precipitation for March is 1.35 inches. The maximum temperature at Mammoth for the month was 56° on the 22nd and the minimum -14° on the 5th. There were 5 clear days during the month, 15 partly cloudy, and 10 cloudy.

The snow depths at the end of the month for some of the main points in the park are shown in the following 10-year table:

Location	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Lamar	24	19	20	6	8	3	11	28	10	Drifts
Bechler	84.1	68	91.4	49	56	40	57.5	62	45	61
Northeast	40	42	32	25	23.4	17	29	55	29	24.4
Gallatin	36	-	-	12	10	16	24	40	22	10
Lake	53	35	62	27	28	22	29	60.5	33.7	29
Lewis River Divide	-	92	104	89	87	54	45	135	74.5	84
Mammoth	10.9	1.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	19	12	0
Old Faithful	72.5	0	51	21	28	18	27	70	30	37
Snake River	80	54	69	46	36	32	40	70	40	51
Tower Falls	26	17	21	10	6	8	13.8	35	22	5.5
West Yellowstone	52	39	51	23	24	30	30	56	29	27
Canyon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36.9	38
Norris	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.8	28

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1907

Submitted to the United States Department of the Interior
by the Superintendent of the National Park Service

The National Park Service, under the direction of the Superintendent, has during the year 1907, been engaged in a variety of work, including the preservation of the natural resources of the parks, the improvement of the roads, the construction of buildings, and the general management of the parks. The work has been carried on in accordance with the plan of work approved by the Board of Supervisors, and the results have been most satisfactory. The following is a summary of the work done during the year:

The first item of work was the preservation of the natural resources of the parks. This was done by the establishment of game reserves, the protection of the forests, and the preservation of the natural objects.

The second item of work was the improvement of the roads. This was done by the construction of new roads, the widening of old roads, and the improvement of the bridges.

The third item of work was the construction of buildings. This was done by the construction of new buildings, the repair of old buildings, and the improvement of the grounds.

Year	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360	2361	2362	2363	2364	2365	2366	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2372	2373	2374	2375	2376	2377	2378	2379	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384	2385	2386	2387	2388	2389	2390	2391	2392	2393	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398	2399	2400	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414	2415	2416	2417	2418	2419	2420	2421	2422	2423	2424	2425	2426	2427	2428	2429	2430	2431	2432	2433	2434	2435	2436	2437	2438	2439	2440	2441	2442	2443	2444	2445	2446	2447	2448	2449	2450	2451	2452	2453	2454	2455	2456	2457	2458	2459	2460	2461	2462	2463	2464	2465	2466	2467	2468	2469	2470	2471	2472	2473	2474	2475	2476	2477	2478	2479	2480	2481	2482	2483	2484	2485	2486	2487	2488	2489	2490	2491	2492	2493	2494	2495	2496	2497	2498	2499	2500	2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515	2516	2517	2518	2519	2520	2521	2522	2523	2524	2525	2526	2527	2528	2529	2530	2531	2532	2533	2534	2535	2536	2537	2538	2539	2540	2541	2542	2543	2544	2545	2546	2547	2548	2549	2550	2551	2552	2553	2554	2555	2556	2557	2558	2559	2560	2561	2562	2563	2564	2565	2566	2567	2568	2569	2570	2571	2572	2573	2574	2575	2576	2577	2578	2579	2580	2581	2582	2583	2584	2585	2586	2587	2588	2589	2590	2591	2592	2593	2594	2595	2596	2597	2598	2599	2600	2601	2602	2603	2604	2605	2606	2607	2608	2609	2610	2611	2612	2613	2614	2615	2616	2617	2618	2619	2620	2621	2622	2623	2624	2625	2626	2627	2628	2629	2630	2631	2632	2633	2634	2635	2636	2637	2638	2639	2640	2641	2642	2643	2644	2645	2646	2647	2648	2649	2650	2651	2652	2653	2654	2655	2656	2657	2658	2659	2660	2661	2662	2663	2664	2665	2666	2667	2668	2669	2670	2671	2672	2673	2674	2675	2676	2677	2678	2679	2680	2681	2682	2683	2684	2685	2686	2687	2688	2689	2690	2691	2692	2693	2694	2695	2696	2697	2698	2699	2700	2701	2702	2703	2704	2705	2706	2707	2708	2709	2710	2711	2712	2713	2714	2715	2716	2717	2718	2719	2720	2721	2722	2723	2724	2725	2726	2727	2728	2729	2730	2731	2732	2733	2734	2735	2736	2737	2738	2739	2740	2741	2742	2743	2744	2745	2746	2747	2748	2749	2750	2751	2752	2753	2754	2755	2756	2757	2758	2759	2760	2761	2762	2763	2764	2765	2766	2767	2768	2769	2770	2771	2772	2773	2774	2775	2776	2777	2778	2779	2780	2781	2782	2783	2784	2785	2786	2787	2788	2789	2790	2791	2792	2793	2794	2795	2796	2797	2798	2799	2800	2801	2802	2803	2804	2805	2806	2807	2808	2809	2810	2811	2812	2813	2814	2815	2816	2817	2818	2819	2820	2821	2822	2823	2824	2825	2826	2827	2828	2829	2830	2831	2832	2833	2834	2835	2836	2837	2838	2839	2840	2841	2842	2843	2844	2845	2846	2847	2848	2849	2850	2851	2852	2853	2854	2855	2856	2857	2858	2859	2860	2861	2862	2863	2864	2865	2866	2867	2868	2869	2870	2871	2872	2873	2874	2875	2876	2877	2878	2879	2880	2881	2882	2883	2884	2885	2886	2887	2888	2889	2890	2891	2892	2893	2894	2895	2896	2897	2898	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Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers spent the entire month in the park, making short trips therefrom as follows: To Bozeman on March 8 with Chief Ranger Barrows for a post-war mapping program meeting; to Helena on March 14 with Assistant Chief Ranger Evans to meet with the Montana Fish and Game Commission, returning evening of 15th; to Bozeman on March 20 to speak before a joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs and to attend a meeting of the YK Club, returning on the afternoon of the 21st; to Livingston on the 26th with Assistant to the Superintendent Joffe and U. S. Commissioner Wilcox to attend a joint meeting of the Livingston and Bozeman Rotary Clubs.

Assistant Superintendent Johnston was on special assignment in the Chicago Office throughout the entire month, having departed from the Yellowstone on February 14. He expects to return on April 2.

Dick Johnson, private flier, and Orange Olsen, of the U. S. Forest Service, were killed in a plane crash while counting elk in the Jackson Hole country on March 2. Deputy Game Warden Robert C. Brown, who was also in the plane, was seriously injured. Pilot Johnson was well known as a flier for the U. S. Forest Service in this region and had done considerable flying over the Yellowstone in connection with forest fires.

The Union Pacific snow plows arrived at West Yellowstone on March 6, clearing the track from Ashton, Idaho to West Yellowstone. The arrival of this snowplow was an event of considerable importance when the town of West Yellowstone was isolated for the winter, but since the road from Bozeman to Ashton had been kept open throughout the entire winter, this arrival is of but little interest.

First Aid courses were conducted in the park from March 20 to 28 by George Gates, Field Representative for the American Red Cross, with headquarters at Omaha, Nebraska. Thirty-one persons took the Standard Course, 16 the Advanced Course, and 14 the Instructor Course. Practically all these were park employees.

Earl Hochstrasser, Park Blacksmith, was injured at the north gate during the night of February 28 and was taken to the hospital on March 2. His pelvis bone was dislocated and he was confined to the hospital in Livingston until the 29th. He will be incapacitated from work for several additional weeks.

Hugh Peyton, former Assistant Chief Ranger of the park, returned to the Yellowstone on the 9th, following his release from active duty with the U. S. Coast Guard. He was returned from military furlough to his old position on the 26th.

Word was received on March 10 that Richard J. Bailey, Bozeman, Montana, a temporary ranger in the Yellowstone for several seasons, was killed in action with the U. S. Army in the European war.

James Somerville, former Yellowstone Park employee and husband of Clerk-Cashier Verna R. Somerville, visited in the park for several weeks on leave from the U. S. Navy.

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Autrey Haines, former Yellowstone Park Ranger, was discharged for disability from the U. S. Army on March 22 and expects to return from military furlough about May 1. Mike George, First Lt., U. S. Army, who was formerly employed on Yellowstone road maintenance work for a number of seasons, returned to the park on March 25, following his discharge for disability from the U. S. Army.

Mrs. Frances J. Ayers departed from the park on March 17 for transfer to Grand Canyon National Park. She entered on duty at Grand Canyon on the 25rd.

Lon Ebo, an old-time employee of the Yellowstone, who resided at Duck Creek near West Yellowstone, died on March 25.

The Hammond organ, donated to the Yellowstone residents for the Mammoth Chapel, arrived in the park on March 26 and was installed the same day by a representative of the Chas. A. Wells Music Company of Denver, from whom the organ was purchased. The entire cost of the organ, \$1702.00, was donated by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hamilton as a gift to the park people, in commemoration of their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married in the park chapel on September 20, 1920. The organ is to play an important part in the special Sunrise Services to be conducted in the chapel on Easter morning, April 1, by Reverend A. W. Seebart of Livingston, Montana.

As has been the case in every Red Cross drive, the park employees responded most generously during the one just completed and contributed \$551.50. All available employees were solicited and the 104 who contributed averaged \$5.11 each. The funds were turned over to the Park County, Montana Chapter. Assistant Chief Ranger Albert E. Elliott was chairman of the Yellowstone drive.

Inspections. Warren K. Leland, former Yellowstone Ranger and recently Custodian of Badlands National Monument, visited the park on March 1, en route to California for transfer to the Fish and Wildlife Service; Captain E. G. Luce, Superintendent, Custer Battlefield National Cemetery, and Mrs. Luce, arrived March 6, departed on the 8th; A. C. Lomer, U. S. Geological Survey, Boise, Idaho, in March 15 and Tom Lettsen, U. S. Geological Survey, Boise, in March 18 to read water gauges, out 20th; George Gates, Field Representative, American Red Cross, Omaha, in March 19 to conduct First Aid courses, departed on the 28th.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Revised Project Construction Program sheets were worked up for both Yellowstone and Custer Battlefield National Cemetery.

A revision of the list of building numbers for the park was worked on and signs with regard to load limits on the Gallatin section were placed.

General Publicity. No press releases were sent out during the month, but a feature article on the park, prepared by Assistant to the Superintendent Joffe appeared in the special edition of the Casper Tribune-Herald issued in early March. The edition also contained some park pictures.

A number of pictures was furnished the John C. Weston Company of Philadelphia for use in illustrating new elementary geography texts, and pictures were also furnished Mr. J. Russell Smith of Strathmore, Pennsylvania, for illustrating a third grade reader which he is publishing.

Road Maintenance. The road to the Game Ranch was bladed and shaped. The snow plows made four trips to Cooke during the month. The heaviest snow fell on the 24th and 25th, with about 12 inches of very wet, compacted snow at Cooke.

Routine patrols to remove rock were made almost daily. With several warm, thawing days, large quantities of rock rolled to the pavement in almost all the exposed rock cuts. During the winter several hundred yards accumulated in the ditches of the road in the Gardiner River Canyon.

Other Maintenance. Building maintenance consisted of routine operations throughout the month.

Park Operators. The 1945 schedule of rates for Haynes, Inc. was submitted on March 3 and approved on March 16. Mr. Haynes visited the park on March 10 and 11 and again on March 16, the latter visit in company with three professors from Montana State College in Bozeman for a discussion of park historical matters with the Superintendent. Mr. Haynes has purchased a building in Bozeman and will move all his equipment and supplies from St. Paul. The building in Bozeman has been remodeled by Mr. Haynes and will serve as his office during the winter and as his store house for the park.

June 20 was approved as the date on which the Yellowstone Park Company will start the operation of its tourist cabins and cafeterias for the 1945 season at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge.

The general store at Mammoth remained open throughout the month to take care of local residents.

Research and Observations. Preparation of the information annual for Yellowstone National Park was carried forward and some of the stencils have been prepared. It is planned that the work will be completed in April. It is hoped to make this a manual of value to all employees of Yellowstone Park and of the National Park Service interested in the Yellowstone, rather than just for the use of the Naturalist Division.

The Chief Naturalist has also done some work on the Basic Development Outline for the park and in revising the interpretive statement so that these parts of the Master Plan may be submitted again in the near future for inclusion in the Master Plan.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. One hundred fifty-three persons entered the park during March, as compared with 168 for the same month in 1944. The total persons entering the park for the travel year is 5,087, as compared with 3,897 persons for 1944, an increase of 30.5 per cent.

Thirty-two cars entered the park in March, as compared with 50 for the same month in 1944. The total cars for this travel year, 1,422, as compared with 976 for 1944, shows an increase of 45.6 per cent.

Ranger Service. Rangers making regular ski patrols visited most of the interior areas of the park, and checked the park boundaries wherever possible. Snow surveys were conducted for the Reclamation Service and snow was removed from Government buildings where damage might result if the excessive weight were not removed. Considerable effort was devoted to securing complete census figures for bison and bighorns.

All rangers who were able to do so participated in the first aid training program conducted by Dr. George W. Bates, Field Representative, American Red Cross. Two rangers completed the standard course, one completed the advanced course, and eleven completed the 45 hour training course and will receive Instructor's certificates.

Accidents. Two motor vehicle accidents occurred during March. One took place at the north gate on the night of February 28, resulting in hospitalization of the driver, and minor damage to the automobile. The other accident involved a semitrailer and truck which left the Gallatin road and turned over. Most of the load of gasoline was lost, but no personal injuries resulted.

Wildlife: Bison - The feeding of bison at Lamar was started on February 24 and discontinued on March 12, after favorable weather had made natural forage available and the animals left the feed grounds. Twenty-eight tons of hay were used during the period of 19 days. All hay remaining in the stack yards in the fields at Lamar has now been used and all stack yard fences have been removed. This completes the landscape restoration program started in the Lamar area nearly a year ago, as the fields are now clear of hay stacks and all fences.

A complete census of the bison in the park was made during February and March, with the following results:

Lamar and Lower Falls areas . . .	145
Mountain - Madison Junction . . .	50
Mary Mountain - Hayden Valley . .	113
Pelican Valley	324
Total	<u>932</u>

Bighorn. All accessible and known bighorn ranges were checked, and 206 bighorns were actually counted. The total number of these animals in the park is estimated at 280. A detailed report of the bighorn census was submitted on March 23.

Hunting Season. The elk hunting season in Park County, Montana, officially closed at sundown on March 1, but the count was completed on February 28 when the Manigan checking station, operated by the Montana Fish and Game Department, closed. As reported in the February Monthly Report, the total reduction of the Northern Yellowstone elk herd by hunters was 403.

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Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the Federal Employees Union was held in the canteen on March 5.

Miss Phyllis Wohlbrandt, Telephone Operator, who resigned on March 15, was married in Livingston on March 20 to Mr. Don Barn of Gardiner. Miss Wohlbrandt is the daughter of Park Engineer Philip H. Wohlbrandt.

Edmund A. Rogers,
Superintendent.

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