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Summary of the February 1958 Monthly Narrative Report

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WEATHER:	Unusually mild and dry; maximum 55°, minimum -16°; 11th year maximum temperature higher than 50° for February. Snow depths near or below normal.	1
RANGE:	Critical and non-critical ranges exposed Yellowstone & Gallatin drainages. Party from MSC on tour of range.	1
TRAVEL:	Decrease of 14% compared to last year. Total 767.	1
INSPECTIONS:	Melvin FBI in-law enforcement; Cook, Region 2 in on rules & regulations; Desmul of Field Solicitor's office, Billings in on Studer appeal. Montgomery, WODC, in for snow survey & Studer appeal.	1-2
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Garrison & Joffe back from Izaak meeting in Casper; Condon to Omaha for 3 week detail on interpretive matters; Garrison appoints Board of Survey; Brown to Butte for meeting with USFW, USFS & MontanaFish& Game on investigation of DDT; Miller & Everett to Denver for meeting with USGS; Garrison & Joffe to Billings, Garrison talked to Rotary; Kittams to St. Louis to attend 23rd Annual Wildlife Conference; staff meetings 6, 20 & 27; Safety Committee met; Brown, Way, Robinson & Herne return from Pueblo with 12 weasels; Garrison presents award to Shearer; Garrison approved opening dates for YP Co.; changes in type of meals served in hotels & closing of Lake Lodge dining room & Mammoth campers' cabins; Local CS Board holds exams.	2-3
PERSONNEL:	Schedules C#1-58 & O&M #3-58 approved 2-20,eff.2-23.	3
IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Gallagher at Yosemite for 3rd session NPS school; training meetings on storehouse-purchasing operations 2-7,14,21&28; Beal returns from WASO where he attended Museum Training course; Hyde in WASO attending 2nd Departmental Manager Development Program.	3

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March 12, 1958

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Acting Superintendent

Subject: Monthly Report for February 1958

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of February 1958:

General

Weather Conditions. The weather for this month was unusually mild and dry with precipitation recorded on only 11 days at the headquarters area, the maximum being .50 inches. The maximum temperature for the park during the month was 55° at Mammoth on the 26th while the minimum temperature was -16° at Lamar on the 2nd. Since the records were started in 1887, this is the eleventh year that the maximum temperature for February was higher than 50°. Snow course readings, compared to past several years, are near or slightly below normal. The maximum depth is 101.0 inches at Lewis River Divide while the minimum depth is 24.3 at Lupine.

Range. The long warming period in February exposed considerable critical and some non-critical range in both the Yellowstone and Gallatin drainages.

Biologist Kittams conducted a party from the Montana State College on a tour of the northern Yellowstone range on February 22.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travel during the month showed a decrease of 14 per cent as compared to last year. A total of 767 visitors entered the park--this figure was obtained by actual count and self registry.

Inspections. FBI Special Agent Mason Melvin was in the park on the 20th, 21st, 24th and 25th in regard to law enforcement matters.

Morris D. Cook, Field Solicitor, Region Two, was in on the 9th to review rules and regulations.

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March 21, 1932

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Acting Superintendent

Subject: Monthly Report for February 1932

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of February 1932:

General

Weather Conditions. The weather for this month has generally mild and dry with precipitation recorded on only 11 days at the headquarters area, the maximum being .50 inches. The maximum temperature for the year during this month was 35° at noonmark on the 23rd while the minimum temperature was -13° at Lamar on the 2nd. Since the records were started in 1907, this is the eleventh year that the maximum temperature for February was higher than 32°. Some severe weather, comparable to past several years, are made on slightly below normal. The maximum depth is 16.3 inches at Lake Hotel while the minimum depth is 2.5 at Lamar.

Fires. The long smoking period in January caused considerable critical and some non-critical fires in both the Yellowstone and Gallatin Ranges.

Biologist Ritzman conducted a party from the Montana State College on a tour of the western Yellowstone range on February 22.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travel during the month showed a decrease of 1% per cent as compared to last year. A total of 727 visitors entered the park--this figure was obtained by actual count and roll registry.

Inspections. Pvt Special Agent Simon Quinlin was in the park on the 20th, 21st, 24th and 25th in regard to law enforcement matters.

Morris O. Cook, Field Solicitor, Region Two, was in on the 9th to review rules and regulations.

Richard Montgomery, WODC, arrived February 27 in connection with the Studer appeal and for participation in the snow survey to be made in March.

Leonard Desmul, of the Billings Field Solicitor's Office, was in the park February 20 and 28 in connection with the final draft to be submitted in the Studer case.

Special Activities. Superintendent Garrison and Management Assistant Joffe returned the 2nd from Casper, Wyoming where they attended the Wyoming Division of the Izaak Walton League Convention on January 31-February 1 and 2. Mr. Garrison presented two radio programs and one TV program on MISSION 66 with Superintendent Oberhansley from Grand Teton.

Chief Park Naturalist Condon left the 8th for Omaha for interpretive planning detail for about 3 weeks to work on the interpretive development outline and museum prospectus for the park.

Superintendent Garrison appointed a Board of Survey for 1958 on February 10, as follows: Houston Turner, Chairman, Howard Kocher, Vice Chairman, Joe Ely, Clerk, Lee Coleman, Member, with John Tyers and William Olson as Alternates.

Chief Park Ranger Brown left the 12th for Butte to attend a meeting with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service and Fish and Game Department on continuing investigation on results of DDT spraying for spruce budworm and completing chemical analysis of samples. He returned the 14th.

Personnel Officer Miller and Personnel Assistant Everett left the 15th for Denver to meet with the Civil Service Commission. They returned the 20th.

Superintendent Garrison and Management Assistant Joffe went to Billings the 17th. Mr. Garrison presented a talk to the Rotary Club.

Superintendent Garrison met with the Telephone Company representatives from Casper, Wyoming on the 20th.

Superintendent Garrison officially declared the fringed gentian as the official flower for Yellowstone National Park on the 21st. This suggestion was made originally by Marguerite Lindsley Arnold.

Biologist Walt Kittams left February 28 for St. Louis, Missouri to attend the 23rd annual Wildlife Conference on March 3-5.

Staff meetings were held February 6, 20 and 27.

The Yellowstone Park Safety Committee meeting was held on February 21.

Chief Park Ranger Brown, Supervisory Ranger Way, Equipment Supervisor Robinson and Mechanic Herne returned the 7th from Pueblo, Colorado where they had taken delivery of 12 Army weasels. They had left the park January 30.

Superintendent Garrison presented an incentive award of $10.00 to Mary T. Shearer, Secretary (Stenographer), on the 18th. Her suggestion dealt with thermofaxing of incoming telegrams for simultaneous distribution to all interested divisions.

Superintendent Garrison approved the opening dates for the Yellowstone Park Company on the 18th, and on the 21st approved the Yellowstone Park Company change in the type of meals to be served in hotels, closing of Lake Lodge dining room, and closing of the Mammoth campers' cabins.

The Local Civil Service Board held examinations for Clerk-Typists and Clerk-Stenographers on February 28. Nine persons reported for these tests.

Administration

Personnel. The schedules of approved hourly wage rates, Construction No. 1-58 and Operation and Maintenance No. 3-58, were approved February 20 and effective February 23.

In-Service Training. The second session of the NPS Training Session started the 3rd in Yosemite National Park. Engineer George Gallagher is attending this session.

Training meetings were held on storehouse and purchasing operations on February 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Park Naturalist Beal returned the 13th from Washington, D. C. where he attended the Museum Training Course, January 13 through February 7.

Sanitation Officer Hyde is attending the Second Departmental Manager Development Program in Washington, D. C.

Miscellaneous. The National Federation of Federal Employees held their regular meeting on February 3.

The American Federation of Government Employees held their regular meeting and annual election of officers on February 10, as follows: Lester Gillett, President, Frank Clarke, Vice President, James Berens, Secretary-Treasurer, and Donald Cunningham, Guard.

The American Red Cross and National Health Agencies Federal Services campaigns were started February 13.

Deaths. G. E. Abbott, father-in-law of Supervisory Park Ranger Hoener, died at Stafford, Kansas of a heart attack on the 4th.

Births. A son, Gary, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hillmon on February 19. Mr. Hillmon is employed as Draftsman with the National Park Service.

Accidents and Public Safety. Supervisory Park Ranger Coleman received an eye injury and facial burns on February 4 from a flashback of the rifle he was using. He inadvertently fired a 30.06 cartridge in a modified 300 rifle.

District Ranger Berg suffered a wrenched left knee while skiing on February 5.

All Division Heads were notified to warn their employees against using radio transmitters within one half mile of either Gardner River bridge between the North Entrance and Mammoth.

Cooperative Activities

General Publicity. Numerous press releases were issued during the month.

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

The 40th annual Wyoming edition of the Casper, Wyoming Tribune-Herald was issued February 16 containing a number of park stories and pictures of Yellowstone and also Teton and Devils Tower.

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

Museum Activities and Exhibits. The diorama depicting Spurgin's Beaverslide has been omitted from the exhibits to be installed in the new Canyon Visitor Center.

Accession records on birds and mammals acquired in 1957 have been completed.

The January-February issue of the Yellowstone Park Nature Notes was mailed out during the month.

Research and Observation. Dr. Jessop E. Low of the Utah Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Logan, Utah was in the park the 21st to pick up a number of elk heads from animals killed on the Firehole and Madison Rivers. Dr. Low is using the material obtained in regard to a research study on the effects of flourine on wildlife.

Park Naturalist Marler is continuing geyser research studies, particularly geyser activities in the early 1900's.

Natural History Association. Mrs. Bertha Wharton was on duty all month as Clerk for the Association.

Concessioners. Superintendent Garrison approved the reduction of the price of gasoline on February 3, from 37.4¢ to 36.4¢ for regular and from 41.4¢ to 40.4¢ for Ethyl. The reduction was due to the decrease in the Montana state gasoline tax.

The Western Conference of National Park Concessioners met in San Francisco on February 10 and 11. All Yellowstone concessioners except the Yellowstone Park Medical Service were represented.

Maintenance. Snowplows were operated during the month to Cooke City and to Norris on the 10th and 26th.

Bids for removing six old CCC buildings were opened February 12. Bids totaling $410.50 were received for removing these buildings.

Protection and Ranger Service. Proposed regulations and policy revisions were reviewed on boating, fishing, campground and liquor. Preliminary work is being done on the issuing of employee permits in addition to regular routine of winter activities.

A reduction of 359 elk was accomplished during the month despite the warm weather and lack of snow. The Montana Fish and Game Department reopened the elk season on February 22 in the area adjacent to the north boundary of the park with only eight elk being killed. Live trapping in the Gallatin herd totaled 62, while trapping operations of the Northern herd is meeting with little success.

Law Enforcement. The Mammoth Hospital was broken into on February 25. Investigation was made by the FBI but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Boundary patrols were made along the north border of the park when the elk season was reopened in the area adjacent thereto.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. ANTELOPE. The annual antelope count was conducted in the Gardiner area on the 20th--158 were counted.

BISON. Various herds have been observed in the park.

ELK. A large herd of elk was observed on Specimen Ridge on February 12. A major movement of elk out of the park in the Gallatin area was noted in early February.

SHEEP. Bighorn Sheep were observed intermittently during the month.

BIRDS. An immature Golden Eagle was seen near Junction Butte on the 23rd while Bald Eagles were observed several times during the month in the Lamar area.

Building Fire Protection. An unannounced fire drill was held for the Mammoth Fire Organization on February 27.

Construction. The W. R. Cahoon Construction Company of Pocatello started work on construction of the lower Gardner River bridge on February 4.

David deL. Condon
Acting Superintendent

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Monthly Progress Report attached

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1957	331.18 Buildings and L.P. Gas System, Canyon	B-5-1 B-31-5 B-90 B-263 B-281 B-311 U-27-2	3402-E 3410-C 3411-C 3412-C 3421-B 3422-B 3423-C	692,110.54 10/19/56 7/22/57	C	10/23/56 6/1/58	80	(D&C)
1958	331.19 Fire Lookout, Divide Creek	B-98-7	2128-A	31,506.14 8/7/57 8/12/57	C	9/1957 9/1958	95	(D&C)
1958	331.21 Employee Residences (5), Mammoth	B-244	3501-A	106,550 10/21/57	C	10/1957 10/1958		(D&C)
1958	331.22 Camp Ranger Residence, Fishing Bridge Campground	B-287	3446	16,775 10/21/57	C	10/1957 10/1958		(D&C)
1958	331.23 Comfort Stations (4), Fishing Bridge Campground	B-231	3429	41,687 10/21/57	C	10/1957 10/1958		(D&C)
1958	331.24 Apartment House, Lake	B-306	3447	84,713 10/21/57	C	10/1957 10/1958		(D&C)
1958	331.25 Wash House for Employees' Trailer Court, Old Faithful	B-322	3449	21,700 10/21/57	C	10/1957 10/1958		(D&C)

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1957	332.22 Water, Sewer, Power; Employees Trailer Court, Lake	U-170	2288	8,585.17 7/10/56	DL	6/1956 10/1/57	95	(A)	
1957	332.23 Water Extension, Government Area, Lake	U-94	2288	17,000 7/10/56	DL	8/1956 8/1/57	95	(A)	
1958	332.30 Sewerage and Sewage Treatment System Enlargement, Fishing Bridge	B-224 U-154-2	3432-A	86,553.75 7/25/57	C	7/1958	80	(D&C)	
1958	332.31 Water, Sewer, Power; Employee Trailer Court, Old Faithful	U-166	8522	10,600 8/9/57	DL	8/1957 9/1958	90	(A)	
1958	332.32 Water, Sewer, Power (Por.), Mammoth Residential Area	U-132-1 U-133-1 U-134	2595	10,000	DL	10/1957 9/1958		(A)	
	-A Water						60		
	-B Sewer						75		
	-C Power						15		
1958	332.33 Purchase and Installation of Diesel Generator in Existing Power House, Canyon	U-185	8712	43,124 1/23/58	C& DL	4/1958 8/1958		(A)	Contract awarded for furnishing generator to Nash-Davis Machinery Co. of Billings, Mont. Work to start about April 1.

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1957 1958	333.5 Grading and Planting, Camp ground, Fishing Bridge	M-37	2284	17,000 8/1/56	DL	11/1/57 7/24/58	85	(A)
1958	333.10 Fine Grading and Planting, Canyon	M-77-2	2287-B	90,974 6/5/57 8/9/57 9/12/57	C& DL	6/1957	60	(D&C)
1958	333.12 Compound Fence, Canyon	M-79	2593	6,300	DL	7/1958		(A)
1958	333.13 Range Plots (5), Park Gen'l	M-74		12,800	DL	10/1957	75	(A)
1958	333.14 Site Preparation for Employee Residences, Mammoth	M-40	2595	11/25/57 8,800	DL	10/1957 9/1958	50	(A)

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1957	521.3 Bituminous Surfacing and Parking Areas, 1-F1, F2, 1-G4, and Norris-Canyon Cutoff, Sec. 12A	R-92-9 R-168-1 R-210	554,515 9/12/56	C	9/1956 11/1957	90		
1957	521.4 Interpretive Structures and Striping Center Line and Parking Areas, Grand Loop 1-F1, F2, 1-G4, and Norris-Canyon Cutoff, 12-A	R-60-8 R-92-9	13,810 2/5/57	DL	2/1957 6/30/58	7		
1958	521.5 Route 3, Grading and Base Surfacing, West Entrance to Madison Junction and Madison River Bridge and Approaches	R-57-4	365,978 10/21/57	D	10/1957 8/30/59	8		
1958	521.6 Route 2, North Entrance Road (portion), Two Bridges and approaches	R-208	179,477.65 1,092.75 180,570.40 2/3/58	C	2/1958 9/1958	5	AV-3764 2/3/58 WO Rev. #1, 2/24/58 Contract awarded to Cahoon Construction Co., of Pocatello, Idaho	

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1956	523.1 Roads, Campsites, Barriers Route 152, Fishing Bridge Campground	R-26-1 (Por.)	2573	100,286 7/29/55 8/21/57 8/29/57 9/9/57	DL	8/10/55 10/15/57	95	(A)
1956	523.2 Lake Lodge Area Roads, Route 151; Grade and Surface 2.75 miles	R-149-2 (por.)	2576	160,000 7/29/55 7/24/57	DL	8/19/55 9/1958	69	(A)
1957	523.4 Trail, Canyon Village to Hotel and Canyon Rim	R-171	2285	25,920 8/1/56	DL	8/1956 9/1/57	99	(A)
1957	523.5 Walks, Thermal Areas	R-164-1	5657	22,000 8/1/56 7/24/57	DL	9/1956 6/1957	50	(A)
1957	523.9 Surfacing Cabin Area Roads NPS Utility Roads and Grading NPS Roads, Canyon	R-31 R-169 R-201	3434	269,117 1/14/57 9/9/57 12/2/57	C	1/1957 10/1957	80	(D&C)
1958	523.11 Roads, Employee Trailer Court, Old Faithful	R-174	8522	4,800 7/19/57	DL	8/1957 10/1957	70	(A)
1958	523.13 Roadside Turnouts, Parking, Park General	R-112-2	3211-F 2256	23,200 9/20/57	DL	8/1957 8/1958	55	(A)
1958	523.14 Signs, Informational, Canyon	R-207	2372	2,400 8/9/57	DL	9/1957 8/1958	99	(A)
1958	523.15 Walks In Village Area, Canyon	R-202	3448	18,175 9/12/57	C	9/1957 9/1958	5	(D&C)
1958	523.16 Roads, Driveways and Parking (Portion), Mammoth	R-95	2595	8,240 8/1/57 11/8/57	DL	10/1957 9/1958	10	(A)