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Summary of the April 1959 Monthly Narrative Report

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ATHER:	Pleasant and dry. Precipitation 1.53 inches	1
AVEL:	Travel decreased in April over a year ago	1
SPECTIONS:	Mr. Stewart A. Gutenberger, USGS, in on April 9. NPS engineers surveying Gardiner Airport land	1
ECIAL SITORS:	Mr. Tom Schoder, BLM, Boise; Mr. Fred Martin, Park County News; Supt. Hummel, Glacier NP; Biologist Robert Bendt, Grand Teton NP; Field Biologist Walter H. Kittams, Region Two	1-2
ECIAL CTIVITIES:	Supt. Garrison returned from annual leave, April 5; Mr. Dick Miller in Omaha, April 6-10 attending Personnel Officers meeting; Supt. appointed Quarters Evaluation Board April 6; Mr. Condon principal speaker at 87th Birthday Party in Livingston, April 10; First Good-Will Get-Acquainted tour of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming by officials of NPS and concessioners, week of April 13; Mr. Robinson and crew to Ogden for equipment April 20; Supt. Garrison & Asst. Supt. Castellum to Yosemite NP and WODC, April 22-27; Mr. Frank Mattson to Cody April 25 for dedication; 1959 Yellowstone booklet reviewed and returned to Region Two Office, April 22; Mr. Condon spoke in Cody, April 17-18, in Bozeman, Montana, April 23, in Logan, Utah, April 29-30. Mr. Brown to Red Lodge, April 18; Messrs. Brown and Reynolds to Helena, April 30 - May 2, for Attorney General's Conference; Messrs. Viklund and Maxey, attend Radiation Monitoring School in Grand Teton NP; Rangers McClelland and Perkins special reports on Birds and Geysers. Spot Bid Sale, April 6. East Thumb mess opened, April 6, Mammoth mess April 27. Staff Meeting, April 9	2-3

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ERSONNEL:	Florence C. Salisbury and Harriet I. Summers promoted, Delmar G. Peterson, B. Riley McClelland and Robert H. Viklund re-assignments; Marie A. Pierson, re-assignment to a seasonal position; two Civil Service examinations held April 11 and April 24	
	1959 Fishing and Boating Regulations issued April 23. No changes. Approved new meal rates for government messes	3-6
N-SERVICE TRAINING:	Rangers Operation School, April 29	4
ISCELLANEOUS:	NFFE and AFGE held regular monthly meetings; Montana State FFSM convention in Billings, May 9, Mr. Ellis E. Gabbart, State President Mammoth PTA election of officers, April 2	4
RTHS:	Son, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norton, Hamilton Stores, Inc. employee	4
EATHS:	John Siegel, April 15; Mrs. Virginia C. McBrary, April 26	4
CCIDENTS & UBLIC SAFETY:	One auto accident, no personal injury	4
BLICITY:	Weekly News issued; two press releases issued	5
ELIGIOUS & HAPEL USE:	Regular Protestant church school and services	5
SEUM ACTIVITIES EXHIBITS:	Collection of igneous rocks and hot springs sinters sent to Washington School in Owasso, Michigan; weasel mount for Canyon Visitor Center; Mammoth Visitor Center opened several times during month	5
SEARCH & BSERVATION:	Several Hot Springs on Main Terrace exceedingly active; one spring in Highland Springs dry; Wickiups near GardnerRiver will need protection; Giantess Geyser erupted April 13	5
TURAL HISTORY SSOCIATION:	Loan of $1,500 to Scotts Bluff NM for land purchase	5
NCESSIONERS:	Mr. and Mrs. Haynes returned to Park from Bozeman, April 17; Haynes Inc. awarded bid for proposed Picture Shop-Dormitory in Canyon Village, effective April 15, amount $83,933.19	6

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Seven species observed on April [illegible]
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May 19, 1959

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent

Subject: Monthly Report for April, 1959

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of April, 1959:

General

Weather. The weather was quite pleasant and dry during the month with precipitation recorded on 17 days in the Mammoth area. Total precipitation was 1.53 inches, compared with 3.32 inches in April 1958. Snow conditions in the Park were comparable with last April with a few blizzards during the middle of the month.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travel decreased in April compared with 1958: April 1958 - 360 vehicles - 1,228 people, April 1959 - 352 vehicles - 1,201 people.

Inspections. The gaging equipment at Yellowstone Lake was checked by USGS official Stewart A. Gutenberger on April 9.

The NPS Engineering Division is making a survey near the Gardiner Airport in connection with exchange of State-owned land with the U. S. Forest Service.

Special Visitors. Assistant Forest Officer Tom Schodet, (BLM, Boise), former Yellowstone ranger visited the Park on April 21.

Mr. Fred Martin, Publisher of the Park County News, Livingston, was in the Park on April 2 to obtain material and pictures for the special Yellowstone Park Edition to be published on April 16.

Superintendent Ed Hummel of Glacier National Park visited Yellowstone on April 11.

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Biologist Robert Bendt from Grand Teton National Park was in the Park on April 6 and 7 conferring on wildlife matters.

Field Biologist Walter H. Kittams of the Region Two Office arrived in the Park on April 22 to help in the Park's transition to carry on the wildlife activities which he previously performed, and to complete some phases of Yellowstone cooperative elk studies and taggings at Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana. He remained throughout the remainder of the month.

Special Activities. Superintendent Garrison returned to the Park from annual leave on April 5.

Personnel Officer Richard Miller attended a Personnel Officers meeting in Omaha, April 6 to 10.

On April 6, Superintendent Garrison appointed a new Quarters Evaluation Board with Luis Gastellum, Chairman, assisted by Messrs. Gary Rowe, Ernest Anderson, Howard Kocher and Rolla Everett. The Board is responsible for recommending rental rates and charges for service provided employees in the Park.

Mr. Condon was the principal speaker at the 57th Birthday Party, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations of Livingston on April 10, attended by 400 people of whom about 90 were from the Park. Everyone had a wonderful evening. Distinguished guests included Honorable J. Hugo Aronson, Governor of Montana, Mr. Dan Lewis, Administrative Assistant to Governor Joseph J. Hickey of Wyoming, and Superintendent Ed Hummel of Glacier National Park. Governor Robert E. Smylie of Idaho had planned to attend.

Messrs. Garrison, Joseph Joffe, Huntley Child, Trev Povah and Bud Galusha, Jr. made a good-will get-acquainted tour of the three states surrounding Yellowstone Park, (Idaho, Wyoming and Montana), during the week of April 13. They attended meetings and conducted programs arranged for by the Chambers of Commerce in Idaho Falls, Butte, Great Falls, Billings, Sheridan and Casper. TV programs were put on in Idhho Falls, Butte and Casper, and radio tapes were made in Butte and Casper. Several newspaper interviews were held.

Mr. Otto M. Brown attended a Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce meeting on the 18th.

Messrs. Robinson, Billman and Oates went to Ogden on April 20 to take delivery of equipment, supplies and airfield landing mats for use as boat ramps on Yellowstone Lake.

Superintendent Garrison and Assistant Superintendent Gastellum visited Yosemite National Park and the National Park Service Training Center on April 21. They conferred with WODC officials in San Francisco on Yellowstone matters April 22-27.

The 1959 revised Yellowstone booklet was reviewed and prepared and returned to Region Two Office on April 22.

The National Park Service was represented by Mr. Frank Mattson at the dedication of the Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney Gallery in Cody, April 25.

Park Naturalist Dave Condon was the speaker at the Wyoming Chapter, International Association of Employment Security Personnel annual convention held in Cody, April 17 and 18. Mr. Condon talked to a Farmers Union meeting at Emigrant, Montana on April 23, and on April 29-30 he went to Logan Utah to discuss National Park Recreation with the Recreation Class at Utah State University.

Messrs. Otto M. Brown and Harry V. Reynolds attended the Fifth Montana Attorney General's Annual Crime Conference in Helena, April 30 to May 2.

Messrs. Viklund and Maxey, Snake River Park Rangers, attended a ten-hour Radiation Monitoring School in Grand Teton National Park during the month.

Park Rangers Perkins and McClelland, Old Faithful Sub-District, submitted special reports on Birds and Geyser activities.

A spot bid sale of surplus furniture was held on April 16, netting $198.50.

The West Thumb Mess was opened on April 6. Mammoth Mess was opened on April 27.

A staff meeting was held on April 9.

Administration

Personnel. Florence C. Salisbury, promotion to Secretary (Stenography), GS-5, effective April 27.

Harriet I. Summers, promotion, Time, Leave and Payroll Clerk, GS-4, (Subject to Furlough), effective April 6.

There were three reassignments in the Division of Protection, effective May 3, involving Delmar G. Peterson, B. Riley McClelland and Robert H. Viklund.

Superintendent Carlson and Assistant Superintendent Gustafson visited Kodiak Island Park and the Kodiak Area Service Training Center on April 21. They conferred with the officials in the Kodiak-to Valdez-Cordova Service Area (K-V).

The life reviews Volunteers Facility was reviewed and prepared and planned to begin the action on April 22.

The national park service was represented by Mr. Jones, Director at the dedication of the Alaska Wilderness Hiker Hut (Hut), April 23.

Park Superintendent Bob Gordon and the director of the Alaska Service, International Association of Ski Clubs, Dorothy Fraughen, Alaska Wilderness held in Kodiak, April 17 and 18. Mr. Gordon talked to a Junior Union meeting at Anchorage, Saturday on April 19. On or April 27-30 he met in Cordova with a director of Alaska Wilderness with the Secretary Tanna of Hunt State Alaska Wilderness.

Essays. Otto W. Jones and Jerry T. Jacobs attended the Alaska Wilderness Society Council's Annual Joint Conference in Juneau, April 20 to May 2.

Essays. Visited Sun Valley, Idaho Alpine Ski Bowlers, attended a Lowdown Wilderness Association Board in Jones Trans Continental Park during the month.

Park Ranger Training and Qualification, Jim Tolliver Assistant, conducted special courses on Talks and Forest Wilderness.

I spent the week at Anchorage Wilderness Society on April 15, Meeting (AWS.).

The Park Ranger Jerry Jacobs Journal on April 6. Assembly Hall was closed on April 27.

A great deal of work on April 9.

<u>Personnel</u>

<u>Personnel</u>. Florence E. Gilmore, Secretary to Secretary (Secretary), GS-5, effective April 17.

Bernard T. Essays, promotion, Tour, Jacob and Forest Ranger, GS-9, (Subject to Tolliver), effective April 6.

There were three resignations in the Division of Recreation, effective May 3, involving Essays T. Jacobs, Jerry Tolliver and Robert E. Gordon.

Marie A. Pierson, Mail and File Clerk, GS-3, requested and received reassignment to a seasonal Clerk-Typist, GS-3, position in the Procurement and Property Supply Branch, effective April 6.

Two Civil Service examinations were held by the local board of Examiners during the month: FSSE on April 11, and Local Board's Stenographer-Typist, April 24.

The 1959 Fishing Regulations and the 1959 Boating Regulations were issued on April 23. There were no changes from those in effect in 1958.

Superintendent Garrison approved new meal rates for government messes -- $1.10 for breakfast, 90¢ for sack lunch, (messes will not serve hot lunches this year), and $1.30 for dinner, $3.30 per day.

In-Service Training. Park Rangers attended the gate operation school held by the Fiscal Office on the 29th.

Miscellaneous. The National Federation of Federal Employees Union, Local 465, held its regular monthly meeting on April 6.

The Montana State Federation of Federal Employees Unions will hold its annual convention in the Chamber of Commerce Building, Billings, Montana, on May 9. Mr. Ellis E. Gabbert of Yellowstone is the State President. Delegates will be sent from the Yellowstone Local.

The Mammoth PTA held election of officers on April 2.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees was held on the 13th.

Births. A son, Steven Elliott, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norton, Memorial Hospital, Livingston, Montana on April 1. Mr. Norton is employed by Hamilton Stores, Inc., at Mammoth.

Deaths. Mr. John Siegel, nicknamed "Sundown", 65 years of age, passed away April 15, in Livingston. The place of his birth is Wieper, Germany, He has been employed by the Yellowstone Park Company since 1925.

Mrs. Virginia C. McCrary, passed away April 26 in McLean, Texas. She is the mother of Mrs. E. Lee Robinson, Yellowstone Park.

Accidents and Public Safety. One accident occurred during the month, when a car slid off the road. No personal injury was incurred.

Cooperative Activities

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

There were two press releases issued. April 6: release and pictures of David deL. Condon's transfer to Great Smoky Mountains National Park; April 8: announcing opening dates for the 1959 season in Yellowstone.

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

Museum Activities and Exhibits. A collection of representative igneous rocks and hot spring sinters were sent to the Washington School in Owasso, Michigan.

A weasel mount recently received from Jonas Brothers in Denver, will be placed in the Canyon Visitor Center in May.

The Mammoth Visitor Center served a number of Park visitors during the month.

Research and Observation. The Hot Springs were active at Main Terrace, Minerva, Cleopatra, Palette, Jupiter Springs, Naiad Spring, Cavern Spring, Opal, Highland, Orange Spring and White Elephant Back. Highland Springs have been exceedingly active. The spring near the center of Highland Springs has dried up completely.

Park Naturalist Beal inspected the wickiups near the Gardner River on April 25 and found them in reasonably good condition but indicated that if they are to be preserved positive steps must be taken for their protection.

Natural History Association. The Yellowstone Library and Museum Association sent on loan to the Oregon Trail Natural History Association at Scotts Bluff National Monument the sum of $1,500 for the purchase of private lands to add to the Scotts Bluff National Monument. This loan was made April 21 and is to be paid back within two years, non-interest bearing.

Research and Observation. The Giantess Geyser started to erupt at 2:15 a.m. on April 15. This is the first time that this geyser erupted since last fall. This beautiful geyser usually plays from 12 to 36 hours.

Concessioners. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haynes moved from Bozeman to the Park April 17 to open their operations at Mammoth.

Haynes Inc. awarded a bid to Wallace Ditoman, contractor, Bozeman, Montana for construction of the proposed Haynes Picture Shop-Dormitory in Canyon Village. Effective April 15, amount, $83,933.19, exclusive of floors, painting and construction of sign. Work began about April 10 and should be completed by October 1, 1959.

Haynes Inc. 1959 annual Financial Statement was pre-audited and forwarded to the Washington Office on April 22.

The Director approved subsidiary operations for Haynes Inc., effective April 15, to provide for two wholly-owned subsidiary corporations operated under the name of Haynes Canyon Inc., and Haynes Old Faithful Inc. Haynes Inc. is to remain the parent organization.

Mr. Car Helppie, Vice President of Hamilton Stores, Inc., and crew arrived in the Park April 28 to open their operations at Old Faithful.

Hamilton Stores, Inc., announced Lowe Construction Company of Billings was the low bidder for construction of a new warehouse at West Yellowstone inside the Park. Effective April 14, amount $271,200.

The Director approved on April 23, the creation of three subsidiary corporations for Hamilton Stores, Inc. The subsidiary corporations are to be known as Hamilton Old Faithful, Inc., Hamilton Canyon, Inc., Hamilton Mammoth, Inc. The parent company remains Hamilton Stores, Inc.

The Yellowstone Park Company opened their Gardiner Garage and Shops on April 1. The Yellowstone Park Company mess at Mammoth opened on April 29.

Amendment No. 5A to the Yellowstone Park Company rates for cleaning and pressing were approved by the Superintendent on April 7.

Bus trips to the top of Mount Washburn will be resumed July 1. Governors of the States of Idaho, Wyoming and Montana have been invited to the Park for the first trip.

The popular Fish Fries on Stevenson Island will be resumed when the fishing season gets underway on Yellowstone Lake.

Stagecoach rides in old-fashioned stagecoaches and tallyhos will operate from Roosevelt Lodge to Pleasant Valley. Some of these trips will include breakfast and barbecue dinners served in Yancey's Hole.

Yellowstone Park Medical Service annual financial report was pre-audited and forwarded to the Washington Office on the 15th.

The Haynes Picture Shop at Old Faithful opened April 30.

Maintenance. The spring snow removal progressed according to schedule. Some difficulty was experienced during the middle of April because of heavy snows, bad slide conditions in Sylvan Pass and several days of bad blizzard conditions. The West Entrance road was opened for official travel on April 15. Mileage of roads required to be plowed increased considerably this spring as the Park crews plowed cabin areas, etc., which in the past were melted out by the time the concessioners moved in for their operation. By the end of the month all main Park roads were open to traffic except for the Tower Fall-Canyon section (Dunraven Pass), which should be open officially to public travel on May 1.

Snow crews started plowing on the Cooke City-Red Lodge road on April 28 and expect to meet the June 1 opening.

Work has been initiated on the curve realignment on the Gardiner-Mammoth road just below the lower Gardner River Bridge.

Protection and Ranger Service. On April 17 a nation-wide CONELRAD test alert was observed at Ranger Headquarters, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Reception of CONELRAD instruction at 1240 was poor.

Building Fire Protection. The Yellowstone Park Company has purchased a Jeep fire truck for use at Canyon Village.

Forest Fire Protection. The first fire of the year occurred at the Mammoth Dump on April 13 which burned 12 acres of grassland. It was caused by high winds blowing sparks from burning debris into the dry grass.

Forest Insects. On the 30th, twenty-five bole samples of Spruce Budworm were sent to Missoula for incubation at the Forest Insects Laboratory.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. ANTELOPE. Antelope were observed for the first time this year in the Tower Fall area. Nine were observed on the 27th on Junction Butte.

BEAR. Bear tracks were seen at Rabbit Creek on April 2. Two grizzly bears were reported at the Gardiner Dump on the 5th. Bears have also been observed in the Old Faithful and Canyon areas.

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BIRDS. Western Bluebird, Meadow Lark, Red Shafted Flicker, Western Robin, Townsend Solitaire, Pine Grosbeak, and the Clark Nutcracker were observed on April 3. A great Grey Owl was seen near Mary Bay on April 12.

BISON. In the Old Faithful-Madison Junction area, 62 bison were counted on April 9. On April 25, in the Lower Geyser Basin, 45 were seen, and 10 of these were new-born calves. There were approximately 120 on Lower Slough Creek during the first part of the month. There were small herds in the Horseshoe and 9 calves were observed on the 27th. Six calves were observed at Fountain Flat on the 25th, and 9 calves were reported near Junction Butte on the 26th.

DEER. Several deer were observed in the Tower Fall area.

ELK. Live trapping of elk was discontinued on April 1.

Elk are moving north out of the refuge and have been observed nearly to the south boundary of the Park. Large herds of 300-400 and 450 have been observed. The animals are in poor condition and weak. No elk calves have been reported during the month.

MOOSE. Five moose have been observed near the East Entrance. Moose have been observed all winter in the vicinity of the South Entrance. Six moose were seen in the Gallatin on April 26.

SHEEP. Ten bighorn sheep were observed north of the junction of the Lamar and Yellowstone Rivers on April 14.

Lemuel A. Garrison
Superintendent

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