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October 6, 2022

Mr. Luis D. Carreja



Dear Mr. Carreja:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 24, 2022, and received April 25, 2022, in which you requested “All documents, emails, videos, zoom videos, and other documents generated or dated between June 1, 2020, and April 22, 2022 and items pertaining to Forrest Fenn, jonathan “Jack” Stuef, Forrest Fenn’s treasure, and the location at where the Forrest Fenn chest was found and from where it was retrieved.” Your request has been assigned FOIA control number DOI-NPS-2022-003317.

It is the policy of the National Park Service (NPS) to: (1) make records of the NPS available to the public to the greatest extent possible in keeping with the spirit of the FOIA; (2) make documents requested under the FOIA available at the earliest possible date while, at the same time, protecting the rights of the individuals involved and the administrative processes surrounding such rights; and (3) withhold documents falling within one of the FOIA exemptions only if disclosure is prohibited by statute or Executive Order (EO). For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Your request is being processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 United States Code 552); United States Department of the Interior (“Department”) implementing regulations found at 43 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2, Subparts A through E, beginning at

2.1; and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 United States Code 552a). Please be advised that additional FOIA and/or Privacy Act guidance/regulations may also be found at either the Department's web site, [www.doi.gov/foia](http://www.doi.gov/foia), or the United States Department of Justice web site, [www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov).

### **Exemption 5**

Exemption 5 allows an agency to withhold "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party... in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5). Exemption 5 therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative process, attorney work-product, attorney-client, and commercial information privileges. We are withholding 175 pages in part and 8 pages in full under Exemption 5 because they qualify to be withheld under the following privileges:

Deliberative Process Privilege. The deliberative process privilege protects the decision-making process of government agencies and encourages the frank exchange of ideas on legal or policy matters by ensuring agencies are not forced to operate in a fish bowl. A number of policy purposes have been attributed to the deliberative process privilege, such as: (1) assuring that subordinates will feel free to provide the decisionmaker with their uninhibited opinions and recommendations; (2) protecting against premature disclosure of proposed policies; and (3) protecting against confusing the issues and misleading the public.

The deliberative process privilege protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative. The privilege covers records that reflect the give-and-take of the consultative process and may include recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency.

The materials that have been withheld under the deliberative process privilege of Exemption 5 are both predecisional and deliberative. They do not contain or represent formal or informal agency policies or decisions. They are the result of frank and open discussions among employees of the Department of the Interior. Their contents have been held confidential by all parties and public dissemination of this information would have a chilling effect on the agency's deliberative processes; expose the agency's decision-making process in such a way as to discourage candid discussion within the agency, and thereby undermine its ability to perform its mandated functions.

The deliberative process privilege does not apply to records created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested.

Attorney Work-Product Privilege. As incorporated into Exemption 5, the attorney work-product privilege protects from disclosure any materials prepared by or for a party or its representative (including their attorney, consultant, surety, indemnitor, insurer, or agent) in anticipation of litigation or for trial. The privilege applies once specific claims have been identified that make litigation probable; the actual beginning of litigation is not required. Its purpose is to protect the

adversarial trial process by insulating litigation preparation from scrutiny, as it is believed that the integrity of our system would suffer if adversaries were entitled to probe each other's thoughts and plans concerning the case. The privilege extends to administrative, as well as judicial proceedings. Once the determination is made that records are protected from disclosure by the attorney work-product privilege, the entire contents of those records are exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

The materials that have been withheld under Exemption 5 under the attorney work-product privilege were prepared by or for a Departmental attorney or Department of Justice attorney in reasonable anticipation of litigation and they reflect the parties' pre-litigation thoughts and evaluation of the issues at hand. Thus, we conclude that the withheld materials are protected in full from disclosure by the attorney work-product privilege of Exemption 5.

Attorney-Client Privilege. The attorney-client privilege protects confidential communications between an attorney and his client relating to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice and is not limited to the context of litigation. Moreover, although it fundamentally applies to confidential facts divulged by a client to his/her attorney, this privilege also encompasses any opinions given by an attorney to his/her client based upon, and thus reflecting, those facts, as well as communications between attorneys that reflect confidential client-supplied information.

The information that has been withheld under the attorney-client privilege of Exemption 5 constitutes confidential communications between agency attorneys and agency clients, Federal agency attorneys and agency and Federal attorneys, related to legal matters for which the client sought professional legal assistance and services. It also encompasses opinions given by attorneys to their clients based on client-supplied facts. Additionally, the National Park Service employees who communicated with the attorneys regarding this information were clients of the attorneys at the time the information was generated and the attorneys were acting in their capacities as lawyers at the time they communicated legal advice. Finally, the National Park Service has held this information confidential and has not waived the attorney-client privilege.

Commercial Information Privilege. When the government enters the marketplace as an ordinary commercial buyer or seller, the government's information is protected under the commercial information privilege if it is sensitive information not otherwise available, and disclosure would significantly harm the government's monetary functions or commercial interests. In this instance, the information being withheld are conference line numbers and passcodes paid for and used on a recurring basis by the government.

## **Exemption 6**

Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579), certain items of personal information will have been redacted. Even though this personal information may be available to you through other sources, we are prohibited from providing it to you as a matter of United States Law. Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). We are withholding 41 pages in part under Exemption 6.

The phrase “similar files” covers any agency records containing information about a particular individual that can be identified as applying to that individual. To determine whether releasing records containing information about a particular individual would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to balance the privacy interest that would be affected by disclosure against any public interest in the information.

Under the FOIA, the only relevant public interest to consider under the exemption is the extent to which the information sought would shed light on an agency’s performance of its statutory duties or otherwise let citizens ‘know what their government is up to.’ The burden is on the requester to establish that disclosure would serve the public interest. When the privacy interest at stake and the public interest in disclosure have been determined, the two competing interests must be weighed against one another to determine which is the greater result of disclosure: the harm to personal privacy or the benefit to the public. The purposes for which the request for information is made do not impact this balancing test, as a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information consisting of the names of individuals, home addresses, and/or other personally identifiable information, and we have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in withholding it. Additionally, you have not provided information that explains a relevant public interest under the FOIA in the disclosure of this personal information, and we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency’s statutory duties. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals and we are withholding it under Exemption 6.

We reasonably foresee that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one or more of the nine exemptions to the FOIA’s general rule of disclosure.

The National Park Service consulted with Steven M.K. Hoffman, Attorney, Office of the Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, United States Department of the Interior, Lakewood, Colorado, in connection with this FOIA response.

In accordance with Department regulations found at 43 C.F.R. 2.24(d), the following individuals are responsible for the partial denial of your request:

- Kate Hammond, Acting Director, Regions 6, 7 & 8, National Park Service, Denver, Colorado
- Charis Wilson, Freedom of Information Act Officer, National Park Service, Denver, Colorado

You may appeal this response to the Department’s FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no**

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Fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. All fees have been waived. This letter completes Yellowstone National Park's response to you for this request. If you have questions concerning this FOIA response, please contact me at (307) 344-2002.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for sharing for our awareness.

Thanks,  
Chris

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On May 5, 2022, at 5:28 AM, Hoffman, Steven MK  
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Thank you,  
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Please let me know what questions you have.

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Thanks, Kim. I will be available while Steve is out if you need anything from us during that time.

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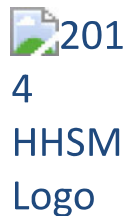
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Thanks, Kim. I will be available while Steve is out if you need anything from us during that time.

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Thank you, Mr. Hoffman. I appreciate the response and the efforts of your office and the Park Service.

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Thanks, Kim. I will be available while Steve is out if you need anything from us during that time.

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As I mentioned during our call, I'll be in the office tomorrow but out of the office and unavailable starting Wednesday morning. Thank you again, Steve Hoffman

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Thank you, Mr. Hoffman. I appreciate the response and the efforts of your office and the Park Service.

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Please let me know what questions you have.

Thanks,  
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Thanks, Kim. I will be available while Steve is out if you need anything from us during that time.

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As I mentioned during our call, I'll be in the office tomorrow but out of the office and unavailable starting Wednesday morning. Thank you again, Steve Hoffman

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Thank you, Mr. Hoffman. I appreciate the response and the efforts of your office and the Park Service.



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FYI -- thank you all for joining today's call.

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Please also add me and Laura Chartrand to the invite. Thank you!

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Thanks,  
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Thanks, Kim. I will be available while Steve is out if you need anything from us during that time.

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As I mentioned during our call, I'll be in the office tomorrow but out of the office and unavailable starting Wednesday morning. Thank you again, Steve Hoffman

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Thank you, Mr. Hoffman. I appreciate the response and the efforts of your office and the Park Service.



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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 4:40 PM  
**To:** Williams-shuck, Kathryn L ; Hoffman, Steven MK  
**Subject:** (b)5 Attorney-Client

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** Davis, Sarah ; Hoffman, Steven MK  
**Subject:** (b)5 Attorney-Client

Hi again Sarah-

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Thanks,

Kate

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Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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**To:** [Davis, Sarah](#)  
**Cc:** [Jacobsen, Dana E](#)  
**Subject:** (b)(5) Attorney-Client  
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**From:** Davis, Sarah  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 7:30 AM  
**To:** Hoffman, Steven MK  
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**From:** Hoffman, Steven MK  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 6:04 AM  
**To:** Davis, Sarah  
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**From:** Davis, Sarah  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** Hoffman, Steven MK

**Cc:** Caramanian, Lori L ; Jacobsen, Dana E

**Subject:** (b)(5) Attorney-Client

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**From:** Davis, Sarah

**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2020 3:25 PM

**To:** Hoffman, Steven MK

**Subject:** (b)(5) Attorney-Client

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**From:** [Cudmore, Rachel](#)  
**To:** [Townsend, Timothy G](#)  
**Cc:** [Davis, Sarah](#); [Kosick, Kristen M](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Video review  
**Date:** Monday, November 2, 2020 9:56:42 AM

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Hi Tim,

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Thanks!

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**From:** Cudmore, Rachel  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** Townsend, Timothy G ; Hanson, Jamie C ; Amundson, Eric D  
**Cc:** Davis, Sarah ; Kosick, Kristen M  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Video review  
All,

See the drone locations as sent to me by the filmer:

#1 Sec 0:06-0:13

Location: Gardiner, MT

Take-off & landing: Corner of Park St & Third St.

#2 / sec 0:16-0:19

Location: West Yellowstone, MT

Take-off & Landing: South end of Canyon St.

#3 / sec 0:43-0:47

Location: Near West Yellowstone, MT

Take-off & Landing: Near and north of where Gallatin Rd (US191/287) passes the Madison River

#4 / 1:28-1:32

Location: Near West Yellowstone, MT

Take-off & Landing: Same location as #3

#5 / 2:00-2:03

Location: Gardiner, MT

Take & Landing: Same location as #1

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**From:** Townsend, Timothy G

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 2:59 PM

**To:** Hanson, Jamie C ; Cudmore, Rachel ; Amundson, Eric D

**Cc:** Davis, Sarah ; Kosick, Kristen M

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Video review

Oh yeah - that's Horse Butte! I knew that looked familiar and that makes sense why I couldn't orient myself to the Lake area.

Tim Townsend

North District Ranger

Yellowstone National Park

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**From:** Hanson, Jamie C

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 12:21 PM

**To:** Townsend, Timothy G ; Cudmore, Rachel ; Amundson, Eric D

**Cc:** Davis, Sarah ; Kosick, Kristen M

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Video review

I recognize drone footage from near the west boundary as well (most of it appears the drone is actually out of the park).

Tim - not sure if the Lake area you are referring to is around 1:30 minutes or so in? If so, that is Hebgen Lake.

The other Lake shot around :37 seconds in (that does not appear to be from a drone) is likely Isa Lake.

Jamie Hanson

Deputy District Ranger, RVP

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**From:** Townsend, Timothy G

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 12:06 PM

**To:** Cudmore, Rachel ; Hanson, Jamie C ; Amundson, Eric D

**Cc:** Davis, Sarah ; Kosick, Kristen M

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Video review

It looks like he is definitely flying a drone over the North end of the park, however, both locations are close enough to the boundary, conceivably he could have launched from outside the park. The footage around the Lake area looks pretty damning however.

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**From:** Cudmore, Rachel  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:25 AM  
**To:** Hanson, Jamie C ; Townsend, Timothy G ; Amundson, Eric D  
**Cc:** Davis, Sarah ; Kosick, Kristen M  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Video review  
Jamie, Tim and Eric,

Please keep this link to yourselves right now and see the message below that I sent to Sarah and Kristen. I see this as needing a permit (although we don't issue retroactive permits) since he is working on a larger FF documentary- this could be seen as a "teaser" for that. He called me a couple weeks ago begging to use a drone in the park, asking who he could speak to to change the policy, etc. After a long conversation of telling him that he could not use a drone in the park, I sent him the drone rules and sent him to Cataldo for follow up if he had additional questions (whom he never contacted). I also was clear that if he wanted to film in the park, he would need a permit. He called me yesterday and told me he came up from (b)(6) to check on a location in the park but wasn't intending to film, which is hard for me to believe.

Can you please watch the video and let me know if you think there was drone use in the park in your districts? He stated he filmed at the North Entrance and West Entrance with a drone but he was not in the park. As of now, he hasn't used the footage commercially, so if we determine that there was no drone use inside the boundaries, and he doesn't use the footage, than no further action is required.

Password is (b)(6)

Appreciate your help.

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**From:** Cudmore, Rachel

**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 5:20 PM

**To:** Davis, Sarah

**Cc:** Kosick, Kristen M

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Video review

Please keep this link to yourselves right now. (b)(6) called me on 10/8 telling me it was urgent- it ended up being a request to use a drone to film for a Forrest Fenn documentary. I obviously denied his request for drone use and sent him to Cataldo for any follow up questions he had. I didn't hear from him again until today. Last week he came to the park and filmed the following without a film permit, claiming all the drone shots are outside of the park and that he wasn't intending to film for this while he was here. The interviews were with people he "happened to find" out here that were all looking for the location just like him.

I am fairly sure a couple of the drone shots are IN the park; he also knew he needed a film permit before filming without one. I had to peel him off the phone as he was begging me to let him use the footage. I told him I would get back to him tomorrow.

Thoughts? Happy to hop on call.

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**From:** (b)6

**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 4:56 PM

**To:** Cudmore, Rachel

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Video review

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**From:** [Warthin, Morgan E](#)  
**To:** [Seago, Lester W](#); [Davis, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** Review PRONTO: Draft DOJ release to go out today  
**Date:** Monday, January 4, 2021 12:57:09 PM  
**Attachments:** [21-001 Craythorn Change of Plea.docx](#)

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Mark Trimble intends to disseminate a release today re: Craythorn's change in plea.

The release is brief and reiterates some info included in the Oct. 22 release ([Forrest Fenn treasure hunter indicted for damage to Yellowstone National Park - Yellowstone National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)). (b)5 Draft-Deliberative

[REDACTED]

Can both of you take a quick look and let me know if you have any suggested edits prior to 2 p.m.? I told Mark I would close the loop with him by 2 p.m. Please disregard any grammar issues and focus just on key points. Mark is "cleaning up the grammar" as I write you this email.

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DOJ and YELL will share the release by 3 p.m.ish today after Craythorn appears in court.

Thanks,

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**From:** [Warthin, Morgan E](#)  
**To:** [Sholly, Cam](#); [Seago, Lester W](#); [Flesch, Christopher](#); [Finley, Nancy J](#); [Davis, Sarah](#)  
**Cc:** [Veress, Linda H](#)  
**Subject:** Draft DOJ release: TREASURE HUNTER INDICTED FOR DAMAGE TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK  
**Date:** Friday, October 9, 2020 3:51:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [DRAFT 20-034 Craythorn.docx](#)

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Hi All,

Attached is the draft DOJ ARPA press release.

Rodrick Craythorn's initial court appearance is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 16, at 1:30 p.m. DOJ PIO Mark Trimble and I plan to distribute the approved release on Monday, Oct. 19, following the court appearance. This is the first of likely two press releases Mark and I plan to share about this case. (b)5 Draft Deliberative

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[REDACTED] The second release will go out following the sentencing.

If you have suggested edits, please use track changes in the word document and then reply to all. I'll be away from the office next week and back Monday morning, Oct. 19. That morning, I will share with the DOJ PIO our suggested edits and then disseminate the approved release later in the day. A photo of the cemetery will compliment the release.

Thanks,

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**From:** [Veress, Linda H](#) on behalf of [YELL Public Affairs, NPS](#)  
**To:** [Davis, Sarah](#)  
**Cc:** [Warthin, Morgan E](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: (b)(6)  
**Date:** Monday, April 25, 2022 12:07:58 PM  
**Attachments:** [Outlook-2n1li2ta.png](#)

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Thanks, Sarah. I will let him know.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 12:01 PM  
**To:** YELL Public Affairs, NPS <yell\_public\_affairs@nps.gov>  
**Cc:** Warthin, Morgan E <Morgan\_Warthin@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: (b)(6)

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**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 11:44:58 AM  
**To:** Davis, Sarah <Sarah\_Davis@nps.gov>  
**Cc:** Warthin, Morgan E <Morgan\_Warthin@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: (b)(6)

Hi Sarah,

I wanted to forward this email from a filmmaker based out of LA who is requesting an interview with you about the Forrest Fenn treasure. Morgan is out this week. Please advise? I can get additional details if you want to do an interview. If not, is there anything we can share?

Thanks,  
Linda

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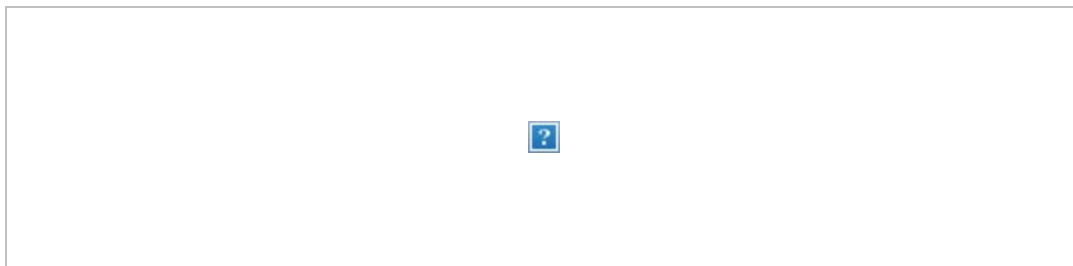
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**From:** Jens Eser (b)6  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 3:50 AM  
**To:** YELL Public Affairs, NPS <yell\_public\_affairs@nps.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov (b)6

Dear Linda,  
I am following up my email from September last year.

According to a legal document by Chief Ranger **Sarah Davies** (see attached), it turns out that the YNP was informed in August 2020 that the Forrest Fenn treasure was found in the park on June 6th 2020.

That being said, I am requesting an interview (video recorded, F2F or Zoom) with Chief Ranger Sarah Davies at the soonest possible date.

Please consider that I sent an interview request already 8 months ago.

Thanks for a quick response.

Best regards,  
Jens



**From:** (b)6  
**To:** Bauer, Kelsey M; Davis, Sarah  
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(b)6 jennifer@coloradosun.com; johningold@coloradosun.com  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: The case of the yellow stone, made by Forrest Fenn  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 1:13:52 PM  
**Attachments:** Screenshot\_20210115-193925 kindlephoto-767422733.png

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Hello Kelsey,

I just noticed your response, as I was looking back through my old emails.. I appreciate your help, and that of your staff. It is unfortunate, that I have not heard from the archeologist Beth Horton, and do not feel I (or the information I presented) has been taken seriously. What I turned in, and shared information about, would have likely put an end to that treasure hunt and searchers breaking the law to find it. As it currently stands, no viable solution has been presented and many think the treasure or part of it are still out there, so the searches will likely continue. I have no doubt, what hundreds of thousands were looking for was, or is, inside the hunk of concrete I turned in.. It appeared to be a native grindstone when turned over, had a bird's head indented along one edge and cupped out two omega shapes on the grey side, as I found it. It was exactly were the clues lead when starting at the Rosevelt Arch. If someone on your staff would have given me at least a little bit of consideration and been open to the possibility that it might have been correct. Maybe, just to have run a metal detector over it, or cracked it open.. this story and it's silliness might have been put to bed already. The title to what everyone thought they were looking for is/was inside that stone.

I plead guilty for removing a 1934 milk bottle, something that was less than 100 years old and as I read the law, likely as punishable as picking up a soda can from the edge of the road from a few days ago. Anyway, the real reason I am sending this email is to let this all go. Though it saddens me as people have died looking for that stone including a minister. Now, recently, I have become a widower left with a wonderful little boy (b)6. I will tell him someday that his mother found that milk bottle that lead me to what hundreds of thousands had been looking for and in the end... the law had no room for imagination and justice to occupy the same air we breath. So I will let this go, if you all know better, then so be it. I leave you with a saying of the Tuscarora people, some of my people- "Man has responsibility not power."

Thanks again for your help,

(b)6

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**From:** Bauer, Kelsey M <kelsey\_bauer@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 4:54 PM  
**To:** (b)6 Davis, Sarah <Sarah\_Davis@nps.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: The case of the yellow stone

Hello (b)6

I understand that you have a phone call arranged with a Yellowstone archaeologist on Monday. After speaking with my supervisor, I wanted to follow up with you from a law enforcement perspective as well.

Because your case was closed after you entered your guilty plea, our evidence custodian returned the rock you brought to the Mammoth Visitor Center back to the Yellowstone environment. We no longer have access to that rock.

We understand your enthusiasm for Forrest Fenn's treasure hunt, but please know that your particular case is closed and that our Visitor and Resource Protection staff won't be dedicating further resources or time to it. We appreciate your recognition of this case closure.

Respectfully,  
Kelsey Bauer  
U.S. Park Ranger  
Yellowstone National Park  
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**From:** (b)6

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 4:47 PM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: The case of the yellow stone

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Good evening,

Hope you are all doing well.. I have yet to receive an6 reply to my previous email about the stone I turned in, in good faith, to public officials. I would appreciate a reply to my emails as a sign of good faith in return. As I sent many emails explaining it's importance before my case. I do appreciate your service and would just like to know what was done with the stone, please.

High regards,

(b)6

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From: (b)6

Date: 1/18/21 12:35 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: sarah\_davis@nps.gov

Subject: Fw: The case of the yellow stone

Hello Sarah,

I haven't received any reply from the court or rangers I sent the following email to, so I thought it might be a good idea to reach out to you. Because of recent events I would just like you to be aware the stone I turned in last year likely has something inside of it.. You can pull up my case from last year my name is (b)6, and the charge for moving the stone was dropped, but I was banned from the park for 5 years for removing a 1934 milk bottle that was part of the clues that lead me to the stone which I turned in, thinking it was the right thing to do. Any help locating what happened to the stone and possibly having it x-rayed would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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From: (b)6

Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 7:45 PM

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Subject: The case of the yellow stone! ..continued

Hello,

Hope you are all doing well in these trying times. I just wanted to let the court and rangers know about one very possible issue with the stone I turned in to the rangers and court last year. In light of recent events, it is very possible that the stone is actually filled with jewels and possibly gold.



I noticed when carrying it to my car and to your good rangers, it is unusually heavy. In light of recent events (the named finder of the bronze chest confirmed by the Fenn family and coming forward) it has been noted by many that something is definitely missing..

Many of the jewels originally pictured, a gold frog or two, necklaces etc. Also the 'finder', Jack doesn't seem to really know how the poem was solved and the pictures of him and Forrest with the contents of the 'chest' appear to be heavy photo-shopped etc.

Anyway, Forrest Fenn was known for casting in bronze and other mediums. He also had a story about growing lichen on rock, many stories about hidden compartments, and even one about x-raying a mummified falcon from Egypt he had bought.

So anyway, just thought you should be aware that the stone I brought you may very well have jewels and possibly gold in it. I would recommend keeping it in a safe place and maybe run a metal detector over it or put it through an x-ray. I am very serious, that looks like an Indian artifact but is likely made to look like one thing and holds something else.





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Much of the stone used in construction these days is cast stone.



Cast stone or reconstructed stone is a **highly refined architectural precast concrete masonry unit** intended to simulate natural-cut stone. It is used for architectural features: trim, or ornament; facing buildings or other structures; statuary; and for garden ornaments .

[Cast stone - Wikipedia](#)

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Please feel free to give me a call or email anytime. I may send further details soon.  
High Regards,

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**From:** [Davis, Sarah](#)  
**To:** (b)6  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL] RE: The case of the yellow stone, made by Forrest Fenn  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 1:14:56 PM

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I will be out of the office returning March 7th. Chris Flesch will be acting in my absence.



**From:** [Wessells, Elizabeth G](#)  
**To:** [Davis, Sarah](#); [Flesch, Christopher](#)  
**Cc:** [Watson, Miriam L](#); [Foster, Anne](#)  
**Subject:** Mailing to HRC in re Byron Preiss  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 9:49:40 AM  
**Attachments:** [20210817\(b\)6\\_HRC\\_mailing.pdf](#)

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Hi Sarah and Chris,

We received this letter at the HRC referencing Byron Preiss, who appears to have been working in the same vein as Forrest Fenn. Archivist Anne Foster is checking if we have any record of this person or their activities in the Archives, but is doubtful. Wanted to call to your attention, even if there is nothing in it!

Please let us know if there's a good point of contact to forward similar material we might receive in the future.

Best,  
Lizzy Wessells

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August 6, 2021

TO: The Supervisor in Charge of "Treasure"

Sometime in or around 1979, New York editor Byron Preiss submitted a written request to officials at Yellowstone and/or the National Park Service, asking permission to bury a plexiglass box near the Roosevelt Arch. Surprisingly, his request was granted. He then proceeded to publish a book titled, "The Secret: A Treasure Hunt," and invited readers to find it.

Before the book's release in 1982, Preiss traveled across North America and buried a total of twelve boxes, each containing a plaster "casque" and key. Thousands of hunters have searched for them. To date, three have been found: Chicago, 1983; Cleveland, 2004; and Boston, 2019. A fourth might have been identified in Tampa Bay last month. As more casques are recovered, patterns emerge. It's only a matter of time before searchers less courteous than myself uncover Preiss's secret, and start digging. The thought makes my stomach turn.

If the correspondence still exists, its most likely time frame is 1979-81. Letters would almost surely mention the Roosevelt Arch and/or Gardiner, Montana. The book gives us a Verse with lines that not-so-cryptically say, "White stone closest... At twelve paces... From the west side." Archived documents might provide more specific directions.

In addition to the north entrance to Yellowstone, my research and analysis have led me to suspect two additional casques on NPS property:

Columbia Island (GWMemPrkwy/SWashBlvd.)  
Fort Baker (Moore Rd. Pier)

Washington, DC  
Sausalito, CA

The jewels associated with these three "treasures" - Opal, Garnet, and Pearl - are likely worth more than \$5,000. What a wonderful gift that would be for our National Parks! It's my sincerest hope that NPS staff and/or volunteers will remove boxes within park boundaries at their earliest convenience, and (most importantly) publicly announce the discoveries to prevent possible disrespect or disturbance in the future. I'll gladly help facilitate the key-for-jewel exchange(s).

It would be wonderful if all three "historic discoveries" could be incorporated into NPS exhibits, to allow other Secret searchers the opportunity to view the plaster casques and jewels, and to inspire curiosity and determination in future generations. If, however, *you* don't want 'em, I'm happy to take 'em off your hands.

Byron Preiss was a generous, good-spirited family man who intended no disrespect when he buried his treasures. Through his whimsical puzzles, he wanted us to learn, experience, and celebrate the story of America. In an effort to advance that story, I'm submitting this letter with the utmost respect for your time and consideration, and I thank you for both.

Sincerely,

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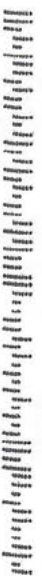
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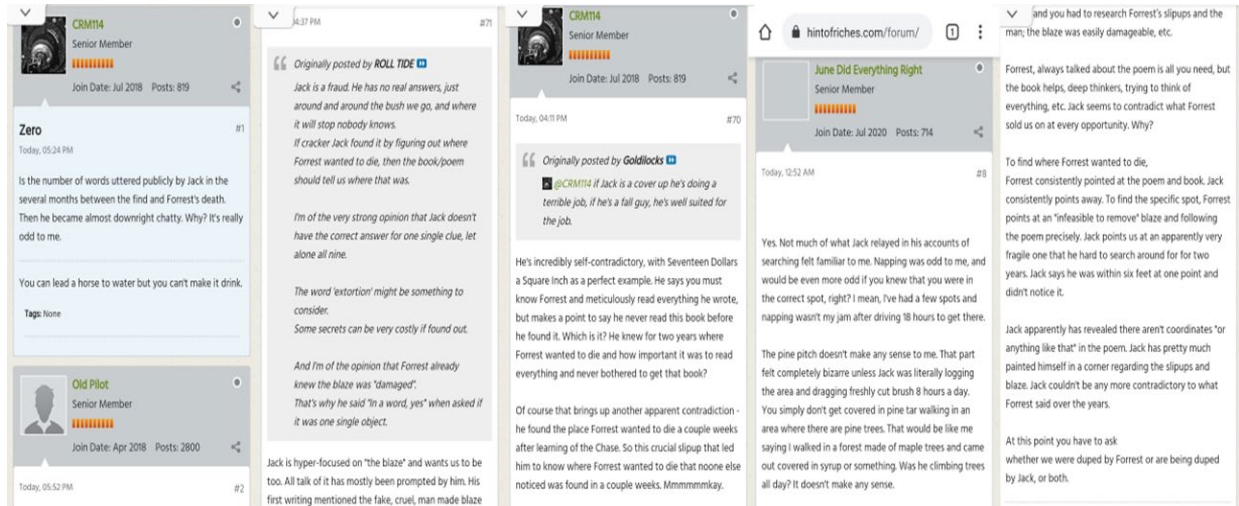


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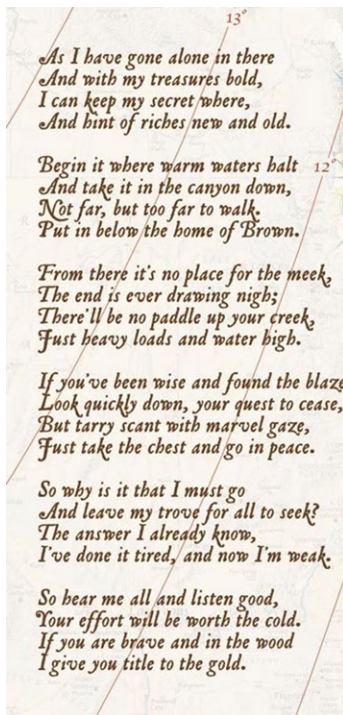
I am writing this letter in an attempt to bring an end to the quest for Forrest Fenn's treasure. I now am certain the stone I turned in to the Yellowstone Rangers last year contains the means to do so. I am pleading with the officials in the park to literally "crack the case". As I fear more may die looking for the treasure still, or there will be more damage to the parks. Like the graveyard destruction a man is about to be sentenced for that happened in Yellowstone. Please believe me, the means to stop and bring closure, is in the hands of who needs it most. Thousands were, and still are involved in looking for it and answers to the questions still unanswered. The hunt for it was declared over last June by Fenn himself and a finder was eventually named by Fenn's family. A fellow by the name of Jack Stuef, a former writer for the online publication 'The Onion', known for peddling in "fake news" and that's likely no coincidence. I don't know exactly what he may have found or why Fenn called it done before it was actually done, but I do know that I wrote Fenn of my plans to finish it and I was heading there on July 4th of last year and I believe he may have been throwing a curveball. As for the named finder Jack, the pictures released, and what he has told the public.. This is just a sample of what people are saying now online, on the forums, related to the treasure hunt:



If you can see that.. many believe that the hunt for Fenn's treasure is not over, and for good reason. Jack often contradicts himself and statements by Fenn, no solution has been presented, because Jack says people will destroy the area, and the pictures that have been published appear to be photoshopped and manipulated. I would find it really hard to believe that a multi-million-dollar treasure hunt involving thousands of people would have a solution, that in the end, would be kept secret of how it was to be solved and leave thousands without an answer. At the same time, I believe I know why that is the current situation, who has the answers and how it can be proven and ended.

I am very serious, and you all are likely very skeptical in what I am about to declare, and for good reason. Hundreds have claimed to have solved the poem some have even sued the Fenn estate in an attempt to back up their claims. What makes my solve and evidence different? Proof, items (a milk bottle, and a stone), where they were found, and the way hundreds of things line up, especially with the treasure poem, and thousands of visual clues, as pictures in his books and tree seedlings that were used to make a huge work of art, only visible from above. Well, most of them anyway. The rock I turned in is key and.. is a fake, of sorts.

The Poem, needed to solve the hunt:



When Fenn first said the treasure had been found, I was as surprised as anyone else, and thought maybe I'd given out too much information online. Though I often encouraged others to help me end it and share in the experience, because I knew by looking at other people's solves and even my original one, that I was the one with a heck of a lot more lining up than anyone else. Fenn reinforced this with his scrapbooks and such released online. One good example was when the first picture was released by Fenn of the treasure after it had been found. There was a stick laying in the box, likely a willow branch. It was positioned so the big end lined up just-so with a couple of coins, so that the big end of the stick looks like a snake's head. Fenn was aware that I carry an old walking stick with a snake carved around it, because I had sent him pictures of that walking stick. It has been handed down in my family for at least 200 years and comes from the Tuscarora side of my family. Fenn was really into native artifacts so I thought he'd like to see it, I sent him pictures of it a couple of years ago.. (when asked about the stick in the box, Jack said it might have blown in there and didn't mean anything!?)



Fenn's first picture released after reporting it was found. (Though he never said there was only one, or that Jack was the solver)

Anyway, there was also a rusty key in the top of the box. This is a symbol of not living up to one's potential, but also it is related to a rusty looking (on one side), key-stone. As there is one where you are supposed to start at the Roosevelt Arch (half grey, half golden to rusty-brown) and where you end, the stone I turned in around the middle of August last year:



Helpful Rangers, Renee and Kelsey, and archaeologist Beth Horton, when the stone was turned in.

Why do I believe this is a fake? It is unusually shaped, believe most would agree with that fact. It was sitting exactly where I thought the 'chest' would be, but not exactly what I expected.. The grey side with the two eye-socket looking indentions was facing me at about chest height. It blended in with all the grey basalt except for those sockets covered in lichen. Now, anyone familiar with Fenn's book and poem would know that two omega shapes (like these) are important. They were at the very end of more than just his book "The Thrill of The Chase", but the end of a few of his books related to it also. When asked about them, he would dance around, or avoid, the question of the significance they had, so many knew they were likely big hints. When Jack was asked about them, he said they weren't important or didn't know what they might mean. In Fenn's poem they are represented especially in the line "The end is ever drawing nigh," Note the semi-colon, at the end. Now omegas represent 'the end' as they are symbols or 'drawings' of such, and it's is no coincidence that there's a see-my-colon at the end of that line or what you are to find at the end of the hunt. Not only does it look like a lady's 'chest' and a pair of omegas, but it also looks like a butt imprint or even a pair of eyes, or even mouse or bear's ears.



Picture of the stone when first discovered before turning it over.

So, one way of looking at it, you're getting flashed, or mooned. The jokes continued as I tilted it forward and was not only astonished by the colors on the backside, but also the carving of a bird's head at one corner. I flipped it, and there was a bird! ...I was flipped the bird, on top of being mooned. What kind of jokester would do such a thing? I can think of one that fit the bill. It should also be noted Fenn had a short article about the different types of lichen, and trying to grow them.

At first, I did think this might be some type of Native-American grind-stone. The pigments are a brown to dark bronze and ground smooth in one cupped out large area on the back of it. Then a golden yellowish fading to white along the edges and near the bird's head. But the golden areas still look and feel rough, as if only lightly ground into. One area where the stone was chipped somehow more recently, shows the it to be a light conglomerate of sediment underneath. When I saw the bird's head, I eventually thought back to Fenn's writings about excavating near his home in Santa Fe, at the San Lazaro Pueblo. He had mentioned, almost all the pottery they had found had bird depictions on them. That would be a hell of a coincidence.. Then there's the lines in the poem "If you've been wise and found the blaze, look quickly down your quest to cease," ..'wise' hints at an owl (or bird), and looking quickly down, hints at something that looks from above (like a bird), and 'down' hints at feathers. "To cease" ...at the end.



Two omega shapes from a different angle.



One of the four sides of the stone when first turned over.



Distinct bird's head indented in one corner of the rock.

This is further backed up in many instances throughout the poem, and especially in the lines "But tarry scant with marvel gaze, just take the chest and go in peace." Of course, the rock has a bit of a tarry look to the grey side with the lichen or the area in the back that looks like a possible pour-hole. Consider this, where are many fossils found, in tar pits. What are many 'chess pieces' made of? Stone. What is the bird of peace? a dove. Why are we to go in peace? (probably because the treasure is in the egg) and what does all that have to do with the last picture in "The Thrill of The Chase":

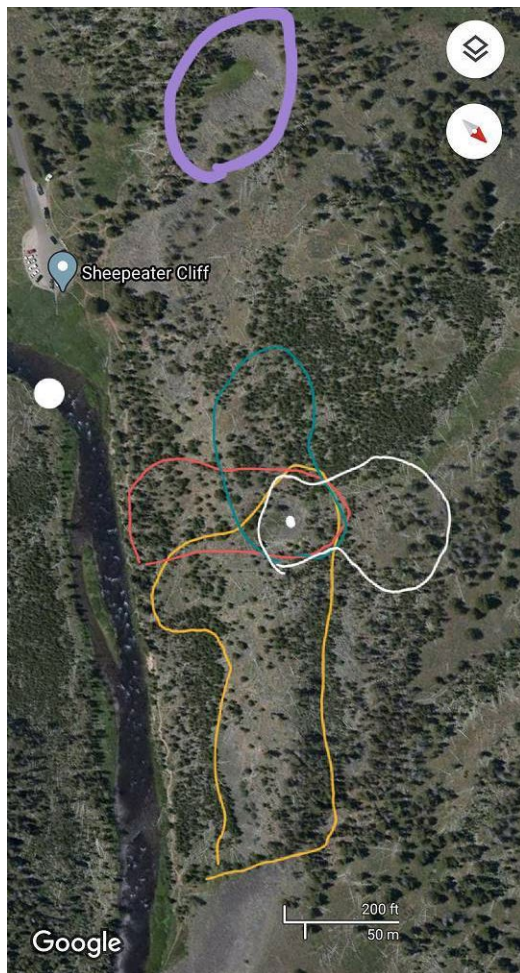


Last picture in Fenn's book "The Thrill of The Chase"

Why is there a dove nesting on the moon besides what I've mentioned? What is on the moon, but big grey craters (just like the stone). The dove is likely nesting on an egg (like an Easter egg, with a surprise inside). The fella is holding an axe (x marks the spot) and another hint at a grind-stone (used to sharpen an axe). There's a field of stumps, which is symbolic of the big forest fire that came through in 1988 and the opposite of the aerial clues that consist of tree seeds that were planted (or moved). How can I be sure of the aerial clues? because of the amount of them, and depictions that relate to Fenn's stories, Yellowstone history, and the end stone. After a few that are just too perfect (perfect circles, triangles and figures that relate), eventually 'coincidence' becomes not so likely at all. Here are examples, and the coordinates using Google maps (best viewed with the scale at the bottom at 200ft):

Parking lot /climbing wall: 44.891225, -110.729764  
 First omega shaped drainage: 44.891233, -110.731534  
 Head of armadillo shape: 44.892784, -110.731985  
 Dinosaur shape, w/road out butt: 44.893825, -110.733702  
 Bomb shape w/tailfins: 44.893037, -110.728420  
 Queen of Hearts w/card soldier in hair & breasts hanging out: 44.896906, -110.727969  
 Flying saucer shaped pond (was not that shape before '88): 44.898578, -110.723795  
 Lowercase "a" below UFO: 44.897795, -110.724203  
 Uppercase "B" below UFO: 44.897301, -110.723677  
 Head of buffalo shape: 44.897666, -110.721381  
 Chicken shape under buffalo: 44.897172, -110.721231  
 Cat hacking up hairballs: 44.897757, -110.719911  
 Big-eyed tiger wearing a turban: 44.899133, -110.721220  
 Between large round glasses, large lips below: 44.898601, -110.717379  
 Skull top to Pirate ship (black sails, tan hull) with arrowhead above it: 44.898609, -110.715866  
 Triangle or pyramid shape: 44.898206, -110.714621  
 Fox head or crows head when only left side is considered: 44.898989, -110.713527  
 Fellow with axe or shovel on shoulder & large frog facing him: 44.899939, -110.716252  
 Large teddy bear's head & skull and bone just to the east of it: 44.902295, -110.717894  
 Top of Dove's head, dove is the river shape in the bend, resting in crescent moon: 44.895531, -110.714547  
 Top of horse's head and end of crescent moon: 44.894809, -110.715888  
 Top of smiley face and bottom of horse's chin: 44.894452, -110.715309  
 Fellow with cowboy hat on, bell above his head and dog beside him: 44.894133, -110.714848  
 Joker holding a crown above his head: 44.890801, -110.726765

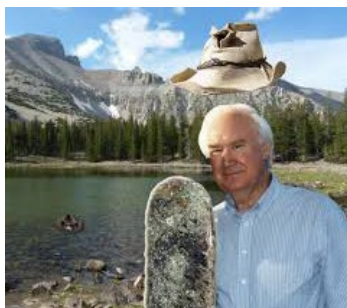
None of those aerial clues are actually needed to find the end spot, though they eventually lead to the same spot. They are a bit of a distraction, because the large easy to see ones draw your attention right on past the ending omega shaped area, and more towards the bend in the river that looks like a dove (made of the river), and the crescent moon shape in the river's southeast bank of that turn to the north. It is just like a visual magic trick, draw your eye to a distraction, to hide the trick.. Eventually your eye is drawn to the harder to see images that are more camouflaged type of dot-art, leading you back towards the parking lot. Then I knew that I had reached the end where 4 images overlap, right over the horseshoe or omega shaped drain or rock field. They all hint at something covered and hidden within.



Lamb, Eric Sloan holding a large cowbell with cartoon character 'Ding-a-ling' on it, a native wearing a mask sitting in a bull-boat or half an egg, and Felix the cat cartoon. Overlapping at the end spot (but not needed to solve, as it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> omega or dead end in the area). The stone reflects the landscape as it, (like the landscape) has 2 omegas or notches cupped out of it).

How can I be sure something is within that stone I handed over for safe keeping? Well, first off, when my ex and I found the 1934 Liberty Glass milk bottle in the middle land peninsula of a horseshoe (or omega) shaped pond or natural cistern near Artist's Point, (going mostly off of logic and the poem). I had sent Fenn an email asking if it was his. He quickly responded with "Not my milk bottle!" Then when I asked if it had ever been his milk bottle?, he wouldn't respond.. But soon after he wore a hat that he said he would never wear again, a hat he named "Mildew". That was significant because his previous picture of it shows him standing in front of a pond, with the hat hovering in the air above his head, a concrete looking U-shaped board in front of him and a bear with his head poking out of the water behind him.. just like on the map. The name "Mildew" has hints of "mill", "mild" and "ewe" (like a sheep). Mills are known for grindstones, mild hints at something that might look like cheese, or a mild ewe or sheep. Also looking at the word backwards we see "wed" as in marriage, and limb or limb. Often associated with arbor shapes (like the Roosevelt Arch, and the end spot etc). Another relation to weddings is the stone itself and Fenn had a story about a 'canary' 'diamond', a very large yellow stone his friend Eric Sloane bought for his 3rd wife.

What else hints at the stone being cast and poured like some kind of concrete, and a treasure within? Fenn often spoke of casting many things in bronze as he got into the art business, then especially just for himself, bells and pickle jars. When you pickle something, you are preserving it in a brine (like the treasure in concrete). He also had an Egyptian falcon (another bird) that had been mummified and he had it x-rayed to see what was inside. He would also tell people in the spring to "wait until the mud dries" before venturing out to look. "Mud" mu- hints at a mew or sheep, but is more importantly a slang for "concrete". Fenn mentioned Moses (from the bible) several times, and the line "Hear me all and listen well" hints at a "list of ten" and Moses on the mountain.. were there not some of those stone tablets broken? Believe we know the answer to that..



Fenn, with the hat he said he'd never wear again, named "Mildew". Note the concrete slab and bear head in the background.



Just some of the forest, or dot-art, visible from Google Maps over about one square mile. Notice two of the largest images, the profile of a man (with the top of his skull open), and the large hat (with a hole in it) across the river. Most of this was made possible due to the fire in 1988. Lodgepole pines are fire-dependent, only releasing their seeds during a fire. Then, as noted by one of the Rangers, you don't need to plant the seeds in the ground for them to root. Just place them on the ash rich soil and nature does the rest.

Stones and wood are known to have knots in them. Now consider the last two lines of the poem "If you are brave and in the wood, I give you title to the gold." Brave, makes sense because it looks like a native artifact, and you need to crack it open (it is furthermore a fake, because the arch is too perfect in one of the sockets that are hollowed out, the bird's head is too perfect, and the stone is heavier than it should be). "In the wood" works because a bull's-eye are known to be of wood on dart boards, relating back to eye-sockets, and the stone also looks like a chunk of wood you would use with a couple of sockets hollowed out to start a fire (or blaze) the old way, with a bow and stick. Then consider what you see on say a wooden table, in the wood you see grain (another relation to a mill stone) and you see knots.. He said he originally named the treasure Tarzan, a reference to something being stuck in tar especially at the end, or Tar-za-n. Then he renamed it 'Indulgence' now consider confections, and look at that word backwards and you may notice something sticky in the middle. So it's likely no coincidence one of the chapters in his book is titled "Me in the middle".

Fenn often said no one would "stumble upon it", for one likely reason it was well camouflaged and looked different than what everyone thought they were looking for (a stone 'chest' looking like a bra on one side and having a bronze color in one area). "S-tumble" is a good abbreviation for a stone-tumbler, what is used to smooth or grind gemstones.. Also, it was hidden in plain sight. Logically, if he had hidden the other bronze chest anywhere without burying it, there would always be the possibility that someone not looking for it, could accidentally find it. Fenn also spoke of 'grinding marbles' in his pocket as a kid, a great description of the end area is a pocket in the side of the river's edge ledge. Mar-bles also looks like a hint at 'March billys' or Billy goats.. (another good description of Sheep Eater Cliff).



Stone shortly after discovered and flipped over. Note how it sticks out in color compared to the basalt. When the basalt is "knapped" or sheered it is a dark grey color, not golden or light tan.

Now just consider this, we are in "Yellowstone", the word itself hints at what I found when looking at the backside of it, but that's not nearly all. It also spells out Yell-ow-stone, now that more than hints at breaking a rock open. Now consider the word backwards "e-nots-wolley", if you use the 'n' twice it works even better "In wooly knots". Great description of the end area (Sheep Eater Cliffs) and explains how something 'in the wood' could actually be in 'stone', as the word stone, contains 'nots' too.

I could undoubtedly keep going with a mountain of evidence that leads to that spot and that 'fake' artifact, or rock. (Fenn was known for selling fakes, even advertised that they were fakes). The main point of trying to convince everyone, or anyone, that hunk of concrete contains the actual treasure, is to bring the madness to a close. Ironically, the folks who would probably have the most reason to see it over (the park services and officials), also have the item to do so like a trojan horse..

I wasn't sure when I turned it in, if there is for sure the Fenn treasure inside it. I really thought it was more of a "Golden Ticket" and Fenn

would eventually claim it. Now as time has gone by, it is quite clear that is what everyone was actually looking for and I found it, legally it should be mine as I was given 'title' to it by solving the clues and it should be considered abandoned property by Fenn with me as the finder, and yes, I would like it back. When I turned it in, I declared it as such and handed it over to the authorities to check it out. Is it my fault I was not taken seriously, or maybe even taken advantage of for being so honest? Possibly, but I made an honest attempt and still hold on to a thread of faith. Hopefully, those now responsible for it and the well-being of the park's resources, fellow workers, and guests within it, will consider what could be a good honest way to end this crazy hunt without more property damage (like the fellow digging in the cemetery, who may have also dug near where I found the stone) or more urgently people risking and sometimes dying looking for the treasure I turned in to park officials.

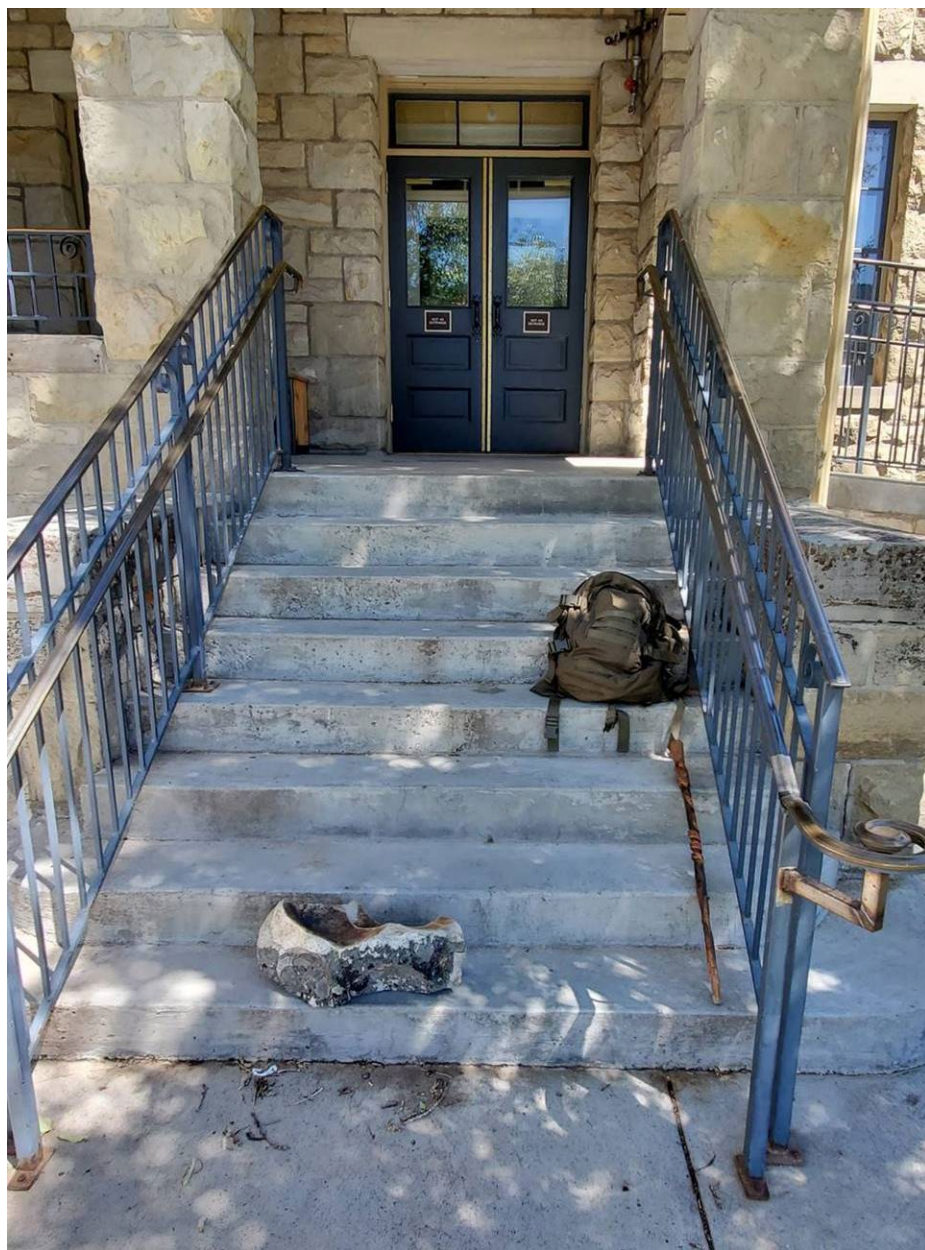


Photo from when the stone was turned in, and my antique walking stick with the snake carved in it.

**I am pleading with whoever has it now (I believe the Rangers do from what I've been told recently) to please crack it open! You will likely find I am telling the truth, and should be, in all fairness, declared the owner. Or, ship it to me (I'll give you my UPS customer code to ship it at no-charge). I believe I am the 'solver' and rightful owner, as sure as I dropped it off with the Rangers, need more concrete proof? It is held inside it. Or, please have it x-rayed (I will pay for a company called GPRS to come scan it). There isn't much to lose, unless no action is taken at all. If things continue as they are, more people will likely be digging in the parks and some may even die trying to find real answers that have yet to been given, and the Yellowstone officials are actually in control of, though they may not believe it, or possibly.. it has already been discovered what is inside and whisked away? Honestly, I'm starting to wonder, as the charge for moving it was dropped by court, as well as all court fees, and the judge didn't seem to want to talk about the rock. When I spoke with the archeologist, she believes the Ranger's still have it. When I spoke with the Chief Ranger last week, she said I was wasting my time and there was no way they would have it x-rayed. I just want it to be over and for the safest and most positive outcome, no hard feelings.**

**Many these days are losing faith in our government, officials, officers and truth. I believe this would be a step in the right direction**

for restoring some faith, if taken seriously, and likely a great story. As I've only mentioned a smidgeon of the whole story in this letter. I also pledge, if it contains what I whole-heartedly believe it does, I will donate most of a possible sale to help the Shoshone tribe out west, and a couple of tribes related to me and where I live. For now, I will keep sending facts, until someone acts, hopefully in the right direction. I do appreciate the services and sacrifices of the park officials, please listen, lives can be saved.

Sincerely,

(b)6

**#NotOnMyWatch**

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**From:** [Hambrick, Stephanie A. \(USAWE\)](#)  
**To:** [Sarah Davis](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: The case of the yellow stone! ..continued  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 6:08:45 PM  
**Attachments:** [Screenshot\\_20210115-193925\\_kindlephoto-767422733.png](#)

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This is the guy from this summer who brought the stone from the ranger. He sent me like 15 emails this summer. Hadn't heard from him in awhile, but you really should read this one ...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** (b)6  
**Date:** January 15, 2021 at 5:46:05 PM MST  
**To:** Jessica\_jarvis@wyd.uscourts.gov, kelsey\_bauer@nps.gov, renee\_benson@nps.gov, USAWE-YNPCases, (b)6  
**Subject:** The case of the yellow stone! ..continued

Hello,

Hope you are all doing well in these trying times. I just wanted to let the court and rangers know about one very possible issue with the stone I turned in to the rangers and court last year. In light of recent events, it is very possible that the stone is actually filled with jewels and possibly gold.

[cid:52ad421e-ae36-4c24-a795-4665445942e4]

[cid:a55a1bca-43fb-4e8c-9ef6-2fb8a355a8e5]

I noticed when carrying it to my car and to your good rangers, it is unusually heavy.

In light of recent events (the named finder of the bronze chest confirmed by the Fenn family and coming forward) it has been noted by many that something is definitely missing..

Many of the jewels originally pictured, a gold frog or two, necklaces etc. Also the 'finder', Jack doesn't seem to really know how the poem was solved and the pictures of him and Forrest with the contents of the 'chest' appear to be heavy photo-shopped etc.

Anyway, Forrest Fenn was known for casting in bronze and other mediums. He also had a story about growing lichen on rock, many stories about hidden compartments, and even one about x-raying a mummified falcon from Egypt he had bought.

So anyway, just thought you should be aware that the stone I brought you may very well have jewels and possibly gold in it. I would recommend keeping it in a safe place and maybe run a metal detector over it or put it through an x-ray. I am very serious, that looks like an Indian artifact but is likely made to look like one thing and holds something else.

[cid:aeb04664-5d9b-44f4-882b-08ee290fa8d4]

Much of the stone used in construction these days is cast stone.

[cid:1bd07dce-461a-4a95-9db1-e0ddb238fbeb]

Please feel free to give me a call or email anytime. I may send further details soon.

High Regards,

(b)6



Re\_ [EXTERNAL] Video footage review - sUAS details.pdf

**From:** [Cudmore, Rachel](#)  
**To:** [b]6  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Video footage review - sUAS details  
**Date:** Friday, October 30, 2020 4:59:18 PM

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Hello [b]6

My supervisors and I have discussed your request further and cannot allow you to use any of the footage obtained in Yellowstone on your social media sites, public platforms or for any other market audience. When you called me earlier this month, we had a long discussion on permit requirements and drone restrictions for Yellowstone including my clarity on your needing a permit to film in the park for your Forrest Fenn documentary. We consider this video to be affiliated with your documentary and therefore, you would have needed a permit before filming in the park.

I will be back in the office next week if you want to follow up.

--

Rachel Cudmore (*Teleworking currently, please note: I will be on furlough from November 7th- December 6th.*)  
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**From:** [b]6  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2020 3:44 PM  
**To:** Cudmore, Rachel  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Video footage review - sUAS details  
Dear Rachel,

Do you have a feedback for me?

Thanks,  
[b]6

On Oct 29, 2020, at 1:50 PM, [b]6 wrote:

Dear Rachel,

Please find below the requested details of my drone shots

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#1 Sec 0:06-0:13

Location: Gardiner, MT

Take-off & landing: Corner of Park St & Third St

#2 / sec 0:16-0:19

Location: West Yellowstone, MT

Take-off & Landing: South end of Canyon St

#3 / sec 0:43-0:47

Location: Near West Yellowstone, MT

Take-off & Landing: Near and north of where Gallatin Rd (US191/287) passes the Madison River

#4 / 1:28-1:32

Location: Near West Yellowstone, MT

Take-off & Landing: Same location as #3

#5 / 2:00-2:03

Location: Gardiner, MT

Take & Landing: Same location as #1

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Please note, all sUAS operations were in compliance with the FAA rules

Best regards,  
[b]6

On Oct 28, 2020, at 3:42 PM, Cudmore, Rachel <[Rachel.Cudmore@nps.gov](mailto:Rachel.Cudmore@nps.gov)> wrote:

[b]6

I am working on your request with my supervisor and the Chief Ranger. I am out of the office tomorrow, returning on Friday and hope to give you an answer then. In the meantime, can you please send me the location of the drone shots (where you launched/ landed from and where you flew)? Thank you

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** Cudmore, Rachel <[Rachel\\_Cudmore@nps.gov](mailto:Rachel_Cudmore@nps.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Video footage review

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A friendly reminder. - Thanks (b)(6)

On Oct 27, 2020, at 12:40 PM, (b)(6) wrote

Dear Rachel,

I am following up our conversation from yesterday.  
Can you please approve "personal use" to upload the video to my personal Youtube account and share it on Facebook.

My Youtube (b)(6)  
My Facebook (b)(6)

Please consider, I am not a vlogger and have not generated any penny with my Youtube "channel" in 10 years. Same applies for my Facebook account.  
As you saw, this video contains four short clips of 5-8 sec taken in YS which are basically b-roll. The nature of this **video** is first and foremost a "message" to the (anonymous) Finder.

I hope for your understanding.  
Please call me if there's a problem to find a solution.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

On Oct 26, 2020, at 3:56 PM, (b)(6) wrote

Link [https://vimeo.com/\(b\)\(6\)](https://vimeo.com/(b)(6))

PW (b)(6)

Re\_ YELL possible lost & found\_ [EXTERNAL] New ....pdf

**From:** [Davis Sarah](#)  
**To:** [Evans Kerrie L](#)  
**Subject:** Re: YELL possible lost & found: [EXTERNAL] New FOIA request received from Charles Denny  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 8:02:18 AM

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The answer is NO!

Thanks

Sarah

Sarah Davis  
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Yellowstone National Park  
Safety Leadership Council  
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307-699-5269 - Cell

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**From:** Evans, Kerrie L  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 10:18 AM  
**To:** Davis, Sarah  
**Subject:** Fw: YELL possible lost & found: [EXTERNAL] New FOIA request received from Charles Denny

Hi Sarah,  
This is not a proper FOIA request since he isn't asking for documents, but...I'm afraid I'll be getting at least a few similar requests. Can you tell me if the answer is NO?  
Thanks,

Kerrie Evans  
Government Information Specialist  
P.O. Box 168  
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190  
(307) 344-2002

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**From:** FOIA, NPS  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 8:10 AM  
**To:** Evans, Kerrie L  
**Cc:** Chuck Denny  
**Subject:** YELL possible lost & found: [EXTERNAL] New FOIA request received from Charles Denny

Hi Kerrie,

I am routing this request to you for processing. Let me know if it turns out another office needs to search for responsive records.

As usual I've cc'd the requester so they know who will be handling their request.

Thanks,

C.

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Ms. Charis Wilson, PhD., CRM  
NPS FOIA Officer  
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Denver, CO 80225-0287  
303-969-2959  
Fax: 303-969-2557  
1-855-NPS-FOIA

Please send replies to this NPSFOIA@nps.gov Address

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**From:** National.FOIAPortal@usdoj.gov on behalf of National FOIA Portal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 6:10 AM  
**To:** FOIA, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New FOIA request received for National Park Service

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Hello,

A new FOIA request was submitted to your agency component:

The following list contains the entire submission submitted July 28, 2020 08:10:03am ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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#### Contact information

<b>First name</b>	Charles
<b>Last name</b>	Denny
<b>Mailing Address</b>	
<b>City</b>	
<b>State/Province</b>	
<b>Postal Code</b>	
<b>Country</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

(b)6

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#### Request

**Request ID** 147481  
**Confirmation ID** 146956

**Request description** I wanted to inquire to see if a Bronze Chest containing gold coins, gold nuggets, jewelry, plastic baggies, scissors, documents, olive jar sealed with wax that holds documents and other artifacts weighing approximately 40- 45 lbs. was turned into Park Rangers as abandoned property.

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#### Supporting documentation

<b>Additional Information</b>	Charles Denny.jpg
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#### Fees

<b>Request category ID</b>	other
<b>Fee waiver</b>	no
<b>Willing to pay</b>	50.00

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#### Expedited processing

**Expedited Processing** yes

**Explanation** I need expedited processing on this request to avoid losing my rights to the property I described. I believe there is a 60 day window for me to make a claim about this property after it was turned into the rangers and if it was turned into the park service it was between June 2-15, 2020.

## Additional information

**are\_you\_seeking\_these\_records\_from\_a\_particular\_park\_refuge\_site** Yellowstone National Park, the items would have been located from along the eastern coast of Gull Point.

Fw\_ [EXTERNAL] Forrest Fenn Treasure Hunt - The....pdf

**From:** [Evans, Kerrie L](#) on behalf of [YELL Superintendent, NPS](#)  
**To:** [Davis, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Forrest Fenn Treasure Hunt - The Full Wyoming Solve Truth Must Now Come Out.  
**Date:** Friday, July 24, 2020 2:28:36 PM

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FYI

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**From:** (b)6  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 3:40 AM  
**To:** ag.consumer@wyo.gov  
**Cc:** mark.gordon@wyo.gov ; bridget.hill@wyo.gov ; YELL Superintendent, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Forrest Fenn Treasure Hunt - The Full Wyoming Solve Truth Must Now Come Out.

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Greetings Wyoming Attorney General's Office,

It seems that Forrest Fenn has decided to finally reveal a search state to his deadly treasure poem, and he decided to choose Wyoming, and that means that the task of fully unraveling this whole hoax now falls squarely at your feet;

(b)6

There is clearly no true finder here. Forrest Fenn, with the direct help of his immediate family and or close cohorts, and with (b)6 absolutely being one of them, finally caved and ended the chase. You must now legally compel Forrest Fenn to reveal the full solution to his poem so that his statements to the end of his chase can then be fully studied and independently verified.

You absolutely owe it to all consumers from around the country, me included, really from around the world, who'd in good faith taken part in this whole treasure scam over the past decade or so to now help bring it to an actual and official end. There are no other viable options left here, at least not any that I can see.

If just simply left as is, this will now be the true, and quite ugly, legacy of Forrest Fenn and his chase, and he went and dumped it all on you and your state in the end in order to save his beloved New Mexico from all the remaining heartaches and hassles here and now and yet to come - <https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/hiker-rescued-from-yellowstone-canyon-was-seeking-fenn-treasure> - because people will still come to Wyoming, and especially Yellowstone National Park, in order to search their solve spots after being "so close" to solving it all and walking away with the gold, yet still not ever knowing exactly where it was found or how.

Please do not ignore this, especially when considering that Forrest Fenn will be turning 90-years-old on August 22nd so time is truly of the essence, and it obviously isn't going to go away anytime soon here either. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(b)6

Re\_ [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov\_ Forrest Fenn treas....pdf

**From:** [Davis, Sarah](#)  
**To:** [YELL Science, NPS](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: Forrest Fenn treasure found in Yellowstone  
**Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 1:29:04 PM

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I guess he missed it was found. Maybe forward him the article stating that. ♀

Sarah Davis  
307-699-5269

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**From:** Reid, Charissa O on behalf of YELL Science, NPS  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:26:15 PM  
**To:** Davis, Sarah  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: Forrest Fenn treasure found in Yellowstone  
sigh.

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**From:** no-reply@nps.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** YELL Science, NPS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] From NPS.gov: Forrest Fenn treasure found in Yellowstone

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Email submitted from: (b)6 at  
/subjects/yellowstonescience/contact\_us.htm

Use (b)6 to reply to this message

Category: Other

Mailing Address:

(b)6

Forrest Fenn Treasure Chest July 6, 2020 (b)6

Dear sir or madame, First of all I would like to thank you for your hard work protecting our natural resources and keeping animals protected. Unfortunately I am not a property or real estate expert and would like to avoid any legal issues or burdens for the finder of the Forrest Fenn treasure that was recovered recently as seen on the news. This was my first treasure hunt and I came across several legal obstacles in my search that began in 2018. The search area consisted of the Rocky Mountains in the USA. A large majority of the search area consists of private property, tribal land, BLM, USFS, NPS, FWS, and very small portion of public land. Public land isn't always public and every state has different laws regarding treasure finds. Many of us searchers have pine tar running

through our veins. We have a passion for adventure and the outdoors. The finder should be able to enjoy the treasure find, instead they have to worry about losing it all, or worse, being overburdened by legal costs. Same goes for the puzzle creator, Forrest Fenn is almost 90. (b)6

[REDACTED] There should not be a legal concern for him. There have been deaths in the treasure hunt. People such as I have risked our lives trying to find this treasure. We put in the hard work , effort, and creativity into putting together the puzzle. Excitement drove us to our locations. The finder has every right to keep it and do as they wish with their find. Treasure on private property should be a 50 % share for the finder and property owner. Both win. Put yourself in our boots and see if you can solve the puzzle and feel the excitement of seeing a gold coin. I haven't but I dream about it. We all have a treasure chest in us. It's not usually visible to our eyes though. I can send you a picture of the skin surrounding mine if you would like but be forewarned that it is a little hairy right now so it might be slightly less valuable. I draw an illustration below. Thank you for your time and consideration. P.s. if you would like to hear about my solution to the finders puzzle let me know. If it's in Yellowstone you should probably hear about it. I shared my email address so I would appreciate getting your email address to provide pictures. Warmest regards, (b)6

(b)6

(b)6 6\_15\_20 Phone Call.pdf

**From:** [Exterovich, Nikita E](#)  
**To:** [Davis, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** (b)(6) 6/15/20 Phone Call  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:11:49 AM

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On Monday June 15, 2020 at the request of Chief Ranger Sarah Davis I contacted (b)(6) (b)(6) in regards to a voicemail he had left her regarding questions about Yellowstone for a book he was writing.

(b)(6) questions were in regards to the "Forrest Fenn treasure" and how it relates to the National Park Service's policies regarding lost/found or abandoned property, specifically what happens to recovered items, such as if the "treasure" had been found by a visitor and turned in to the Park would it be returned to the finder if not claimed by the owner within a certain amount of time. I informed him that we had different processes for lost/found and abandoned property and while I didn't know the specifics of those processes or how they would relate to the "treasure", someone who did would contact him.

He also detailed what a nice time he had hiking the Glen Creek Trail in Yellowstone.

I informed him that I had written down his questions and someone from Yellowstone would contact him with more detailed answers.

I relayed his questions to Chief Davis who said that she would ask Deputy Fee Manager Christy Koehler in the Visitor Services Office to contact (b)(6) and answer his questions.

Nikita Exterovich  
Division of Resource and Visitor Protection  
Wildland Fire, Structural Fire, and Emergency Services  
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190  
P: 307-344-2196

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Fw\_ (b)6 Contact Info.pdf

**From:** [Koehler, Christy L](#)  
**To:** [Davis, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: (b)6 Contact Info  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:10:53 AM

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Called (b)6 on 6/17/20 at approx 0900 hrs.

We chatted about the Forest Fenn treasure on a couple of fronts:

1. He was in agreement that the Yellowstone was handling the treasure properly as abandoned instead of lost and found item.
2. He thought the timing of the park opening on a Monday and the announcement of the treasure being found later that week was interesting. I suggested that the announcement had more to do with deflecting attention away from Fenn due to the recent civil law suits filed. I reiterated the the opening of the park was delayed solely due to the pandemic.
3. He is convinced that if the treasure were in Yellowstone it had been placed in the park near Electric Peak. He admitted that he was only 50% confident that the treasure even existed.
4. He also thought there was no way for someone from the East Coast to have found the treasure and keep it quiet. Pieces of the treasure will eventually appear on the market.
5. He will be finishing his indepth analysis soon and will send a copy of it to the park for review.

Pleasant conversation and was appreciative that someone had called him back.

Cheers,

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Christy Koehler  
Deputy Fee Manager  
Visitor Services Office  
Yellowstone National Park  
O: 307-344-2106  
C: 406-581-0753  
F: 307-344-2112

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**From:** Exterovich, Nikita E  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 4:42 PM  
**To:** Koehler, Christy L  
**Subject:** (b)6 Contact Info  
(b)6

RE: Rules regarding abandoned property, does the finder get to keep it if it isn't claimed, etc. Specifically, what would have happened if Forrest Fenn's treasure had been found on park property.

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Re\_ leave request and a couple of things.pdf

**From:** [Davis, Sarah](#)  
**To:** [Cataldo, John](#)  
**Subject:** Re: leave request and a couple of things  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:24:38 AM

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Sounds good.

Sarah Davis  
Chief Ranger  
Yellowstone National Park  
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NA#252  
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307-699-5269 - Cell

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**From:** Cataldo, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** Davis, Sarah  
**Subject:** Re: leave request and a couple of things

Ok thanks. I'll hold off on having the IC or Ops complete the aviation safety plan and lining up a contingency helicopter platform. Looks like a request is coming our way for helicopter 3BH to goto NM on Saturday for fire support there.

John Cataldo  
Fire and Aviation Officer  
Yellowstone National Park  
307-344-2182 Office  
[john\\_cataldo@nps.gov](mailto:john_cataldo@nps.gov)

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**From:** Davis, Sarah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:20 AM  
**To:** Cataldo, John  
**Subject:** Re: leave request and a couple of things

We are holding off for one to two weeks until the autopsies come back and the bodies are identified. I will keep you posted.

Sarah

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**From:** Cataldo, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** Davis, Sarah  
**Subject:** Re: leave request and a couple of things  
Copy, thanks. I saw an article about that and another about Forrest Fenn. What ever will we do with our new found spare time?

John Cataldo  
Fire and Aviation Officer  
Yellowstone National Park  
307-344-2182 Office  
john\_cataldo@nps.gov

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**From:** Davis, Sarah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** Cataldo, John  
**Subject:** Re: leave request and a couple of things  
Leave approved.

They may have found the bodies somewhere else. I'll let you know.

Sarah

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**From:** Cataldo, John

**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 5:20 PM

**To:** Davis, Sarah

**Subject:** leave request and a couple of things

Hi Sarah,

1 - I'd like to be off-duty and unavailable June 26 through July 1 (b)6 [REDACTED] if that's OK with you. Todd and Becky will have my branch covered one way or another.

2 - 700Fox is compiling a list of typical SAR participants and folks that otherwise have an affinity for walking over dead lodgepole pine and following directions; so that you can talk Chief to Chief about their participation in the upcoming search/investigation.

3 - I think that search/investigation is slowly becoming a poorly kept secret as out-of-park folks are added to the roster and are reaching out to old friends here at Park to let them know they'll be here at YELL for the op. Small world.

4 - I think our weekly one-hour check-in is a good idea regardless of fire and SAR activity. I'm in Grant tomorrow for a contractor site visit for the fuels project, but Wednesday looks good for me. Or Thursday after lunch.

5 - Just an FYI that I'll be requiring a project aviation safety plan be filled out by the IMT for the aviation component of the upcoming investigation. Its a planned event, not an emergency, and should have a GAR completed per the aviation mngt. plan.

Thanks,

John Cataldo  
Fire and Aviation Officer  
Yellowstone National Park  
307-344-2182 Office  
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**From:** [Evans, Kerrie L](#)  
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See attached.

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*Squad Notes*  
*May 10, 2022*  
*Superintendent's Office*

**Schedules May 9-13:**

Sholly – Monday-Wednesday and Friday. Out Thursday.

Tranel – In Monday-Friday.

Evans – In Monday-Friday.

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***Administration***

**Property/Supply/Office Services**

- **Supply Center Storehouse Inventory** can be found on the YELL SharePoint. The Storehouse inventory is updated monthly with pricing and availability. If you would like to order an item from the Supply Center you have the **option** of emailing your request to [yell\\_supply@nps.gov](mailto:yell_supply@nps.gov). Please specify when you would like to schedule a pickup and your order will be pulled and ready for you to pick up.
  - The inventory can be found at: [YELL SharePoint > Sites > Divisions > Administration Division > Property & Supply Center](#) > Supply Center Store House Inventory.
- **Old Faithful and Grant Village Seasonal Post Offices Delayed Opening**  
FROM: YNP Mammoth, Postmaster Floyd Wagoner
  - A date has not yet been set for the opening of the OF and GV Seasonal Post Offices.
  - For NPS employees planning to rent a USPS P.O. Box at either OF or GV, please continue temporarily to use the winter addressing process to receive your mail and packages, until such time these two USPS post office locations open for the 2022 season.

**NPS Old Faithful: NPS Grant Village:**

Your Name Your Name

C/O NPS C/O NPS

108 Imperial Road 30 Mariposa Lane

YNP, WY 82190 YNP, WY 82190

- USPS **will** provide daily mail and package delivery (Mon – Sat) to the NPS Maintenance Buildings located at OF and GV. Once the seasonal Post Office locations open, the temporary service will end and you must rent a box at your location or get your personal mail at the Mammoth P.O. For questions or additional information please call the Mammoth Post: (307) 344-7764.
- **Canyon and Lake Village Seasonal Post Offices** are on schedule to open 11 May 2022 and 20 May 2022 respectively.

## Youth Programs Office

- After hosting 8 residential **Expedition Yellowstone** (EY) programs since early April, our last group from the Lewistown MT Junior High is leaving tomorrow. The YCC facility will now be used for YCC staff training as well as REYP training before YCC youth arrive in June.
- To include more EY school groups this spring, staff continued to offer a Virtual EY program for a few schools and met with them online.
- Last week Youth Program staff offered 26 **Distance Learning** programs, and this week we are scheduled to offer 20 more. These are for mostly K-12 school groups from across the country and to a lesser degree around the world.
- School Field Trip programs to the park are really picking up and staff will be busy offering programs to these groups. Recent schools include: Shields Valley, Pocatello Community Charter School, Billings Central, and North and South Summit schools from Utah.
- **Yellowstone Tribal Heritage Center**
  - The schedule of 28 Indigenous art presenters is coming together for the pilot Yellowstone Tribal Heritage Center (YTHC) program that will operate out of the historic Haynes Photo Shop at Old Faithful.
  - YF has hired a summer coordinator, Alyssa McGeeley, who will help support the Indigenous presenters. YF is also contracting with a tribal consultant, Ren Freeman, who will help better integrate Native perspectives with future educational programs and develop a longer-term vision for the YTHC.
- **YCC Directors and Cook** have arrived! We are working on the training schedule for staff and teen enrollees as well as scheduling work projects. Next week, 5 Crew Leaders arrive.

## Technology Services

- **2022 Check-In Season: This week we expect 115 new seasonal arrivals and it has been busy.**
  - Last week we received about half of the 48 expected check-ins.
  - Next week (**May 16**) we expect 80, and 58 the following week (May 23).
- **Technology Services Check-ins (radio/pager/IDs) are in person**
  - Check in hours at Technology Service are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
  - Supervisors are encouraged to notify [kiya\\_lawson@nps.gov](mailto:kiya_lawson@nps.gov) x2470 of large groups in advance so we can prepare and coordinate to avoid conflict with other large groups.
  - **Supervisors: If you have an employee cancel** and you have entered their information in the **Onboarding Tool**, please notify us at [yell\\_tech\\_services\\_checkins@nps.gov](mailto:yell_tech_services_checkins@nps.gov) so we can remove their radio from our property inventory records and save the costs of creating a Building Access ID card. Thank you and we hope that you have zero cancellations!

- **Staffing updates:**
  - Congratulations to Dan Brown on receipt of a STAR Award from Fort Laramie National Historic Site. Over the past few years Dan designed and installed a networked alarm system for FOLA in multiple historic buildings. They picked up his salary and travel cost, at a significant savings over contracting for this work. While Dan cannot respond to all the requests he gets for his highly specialized skills and certifications, we were happy to loan his talents to FOLA.
  - Dave Kelser has accepted a radio technician job with the USFS, and his last day with us in Technology Services will be Tuesday May 17. Dave was a great addition to the staff and he'll be missed.
  - A detail only opportunity has been posted on Inside NPS for a GS-0856-08 Radio Technician. Interested persons must submit their resumes, SF50s, and letters by COB May 19, preferred EOD is June 19. This is a great opportunity to learn technical trade skills from highly experienced and professional National Park Service radio technicians. Contact Bret De Young at 307-344-2070 for more information. [Yellowstone Radio Tech detail opportunity](#)
  - VIP Bob Greenburg will be back May 16. **After May 16 you can contact Bob to schedule radio and ID card deliveries to Districts.**
  - This week we received the cert for the GS-7/9 Permit Coordinator position with a strong showing of 11 well qualified candidates.
- The **Technology Services SharePoint Page** is at [YELL Technology Services - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#) You can link to Computer Support, PIV, Underground Utility Locates, Mobile Device Requests, and Radio Training through the new SharePoint site. Bookmark it!
  - **Utility Locate Form:** [Yellowstone National Park Underground Locate Request \(sharepoint.com\)](#). Please give us as much lead time as you can with your locate ticket requests.
  - Radio Refresher Training has moved to [Radio Shop \(sharepoint.com\)](#).
    - **Motorola APX1000 and APX 1500 training modules are for Non-LE staff**
    - **Motorola APX LE training** is for those using encryption capable APX6000 and APX 6500 radios
    - Quick reference guides and coverage maps can also be found here
    - **Radio Training is an annual requirement** for all employees.
- **2022 Summer Yellowstone Phone Book**, updates are due this Friday, May 13. See the email sent by Kiya Lawson on April 21, 2022.
- **PIV SCHEDULE FOR CHECK-IN SEASON** Questions: Dennis Shultz x2468
  - **Mondays**; at the **Mammoth Fire Cache - Structural Fire, through May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**
    - **Facility Management and Operations** - 7:00 to 8:30
    - **Visitor and Resource Protection (VRP)** – 8:30 to 10:00
    - **Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)** – 10:00 to 12:00 or 3:00 to 5:00pm
    - **Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)** – 12:30 – 2:00

- **Walk-ins and all other Divisions – 2:00 to 3:00pm**
  - Supervisors, please send your people at the assigned time or use the walk-in time. Only one person is allowed at a time so there will be a waiting area in the engine bay. Please come on the schedule below or schedule an appointment for Tuesday with this link [USA Access Centers Scheduling Tool](#)
- **Tuesdays: All Summer long by scheduled appointments only at PIV Office in the Supply Center Building at 22 Stable Street**
  - [USA Access Centers Scheduling Tool](#)
  - Yellowstone is an open enrollment center so all agencies and bureaus can make appointments on Tuesdays. You may experience longer wait times than on the other days where we serve NPS Employees only.
- **Wednesdays: West Entrance Ranger Station garage bay**
  - 10:00 am until 2:00 pm with Cheryl Destrooper.
  - Mostly for getting computer accounts set up.
- **Thursdays: Canyon (AM) and Lake (PM)**
  - **Canyon: Canyon Visitor Center Conference room (second floor) 9:00am - 12:30pm**
    - Facility Management and Operations – 9:00 am to 10:00 am.
    - Visitor and Resource Protection (VRP) – 10:00 am to 11:00 am
    - Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR) – 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
    - Walk-ins / all other Divisions – 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm
  - **Lake: Lake Maintenance Safety Trailer 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm**
    - Facility Management and Operations – 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
    - Visitor and Resource Protection (VRP) – 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
    - Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR) – 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
    - Walk-ins / all other Divisions – 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm
- Note: Network connectivity is always a concern and may be problematic at Canyon and Lake. Please be aware that this may hinder the process at these locations and be prepared to be patient.
- **For safety reasons, please wear a mask and follow social distancing during your appointment.** During this process we are in close proximity to one another, and I would rather error on the side of caution than not. Masks and social distancing provides some with comfort and I want everyone to be comfortable coming in and getting their card/computer accounts. We will turn you away if you are not willing to follow these safety protocols.
- **Windows 10 updates:**
  - Tuesday, May 10, was the deadline for all Windows 10 computer to be updated to the version 20H2. (To check the version, right-click Start ->

System.) Yellowstone has around 100 computers still on the older version. WASO will start disabling those computers this week. If a computer has been turned off for over a month, or if it stops working, contact CSS at 307-344-2062 or [yell\\_computer\\_support@nps.gov](mailto:yell_computer_support@nps.gov).

- Next week, CSS will be placing the final bulk computer order for the Fiscal Year. Please check the list this week for planned replacements and any changes needed. As a reminder, the goal is to replace computers every five years and to reduce Yellowstone's extra computer inventory. Most users should not need more than one computer, whether it is a laptop, desktop, or tablet. [Purchasing Electronic Equipment \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)

### **Northern Rockies Major Acquisition Buying Office**

- NR MABO Lead Luis Cibrian is moving on to the SBA. While working to fill this position Tammy Gallegos will be our MABO Lead.
- Region-wide, our MABOs are down 2 Leads and 4 Contracting Officers which will put a crunch on the remaining staff this summer. Please help by getting PRs submitted ASAP. (Note June 24<sup>th</sup> is a major cutoff date.)
- Please check out the NPS COR Program support SharePoint site for helpful information with CSOD and training opportunities. [NPS COR Program - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)

### **FY22 Procurement Cutoff Dates (complete packages due to contracting/FA)**

A purchase request package will be accepted when all supporting documents are complete and FBMS approvals have been entered. Incomplete requisitions will be returned and will not be considered to have met the cutoff date. Please use the PR Checklist located at the following link to ensure you are submitting all relevant documents. For all Financial Assistance actions below, including Cooperative Agreements and Task Agreements, the date listed is receipt of a complete "Package Date", not "PR" date.

- <https://doimsp.sharepoint.com/sites/nps-imr-requisitions/Checklists%20and%20Templates/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

<b>Type of Requirement and Dollar Value</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Award</b>
New IDIQs	<del>March 4, 2022</del>
Construction - Greater than \$500,000	<del>March 4, 2022</del>
Supplies & Services Greater than \$500,000	<del>April 15, 2022</del>
Cooperative Agreements (Competed via funding announcements)	<del>March 1, 2022*</del>
Cooperative and Task Agreements (Noncompetitive, including Youth & CESUs)	June 10, 2022*
FA Agreement Modifications	July 8, 2022*
Construction - \$250,000 to \$499,999	<del>May 6, 2022</del>
Supplies & Services - \$250,000 to \$499,999	May 13, 2022
Construction - \$25,000 to \$249,999	May 13, 2022
A/E Task Orders	May 27, 2022

New Interagency Agreements	June 3, 2022
Construction - \$2,000 to \$24,999	June 24, 2022
Supplies & Services - \$25,000 to \$249,999	June 24, 2022
Supplies & Services - micropurchase to \$24,999	July 15, 2022
Contract Modifications	July 15, 2022
Supplies & Services up to micro-purchase	August 12, 2022
Last Day for Obligations (Anticipated)	Sept. 23, 2022

## ***Business & Commercial Services***

### **Staff Updates:**

- Kyle Street, General Engineer-Concessions Management Project Manager has accepted a position with the Bureau of Reclamation, his last day with BCS will be June 3rd, 2022. Congratulation Kyle and best wishes!
- Julie Gregg-Bubac will be detailing as Chief, Business and Commercial Services, starting June 5, 2022. Congratulations Julie!

### ***Commercial Use Authorizations (CUAs):***

**Active and Pending CUAs for 2022: 349** (2021 totaled 448 CUAs, though 104 didn't operate due to COVID)

### **Wedding and Portrait Photography:**

Did you know... Wedding and Portrait Photography CUAs allow wedding and portrait photography within Yellowstone National Park. This type of photography includes, but is not limited to, the following: Engagement Photography, Wedding Photography, Family Portraits, School/Graduation Portraits, and Pet Portraits (must abide by park pet policy in thermal areas). Appropriate wedding permits ([Weddings and Other Ceremonies](#)) are required when photographing wedding ceremonies.

There are two options available for offering Wedding and Portrait Photography in Yellowstone: a single-session permit and annual CUA. For more information please visit [Wedding and Portrait Photography CUA - Yellowstone National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)



### ***Concessions Contract Management:***

*The BCS team conducted its first periodic evaluation yesterday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2022!!*

The BCS team will conduct over 200 periodic evaluations over the course of the operating season. As was initiated last year, NPS District Leadership Team (DLT) members will be invited to participate in the reviews in their respective districts. We understand it's often difficult to free up time but welcome the input and involvement of the DLTs when possible.

### ***Commercial Planning:***

A large component of the BCS team's work continues to be focused on prospectus development. Together with the Region and WASO, the team is working on investment and financial analyses, environmental planning and compliance, contract development and drafting, and many other 'heavy lift' tasks. Prospectus projections (i.e., when concession contracts will be released):

- YELL004, which includes the park's Service Stations, is slated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2022.
- YELL002, which includes the park's General Stores, and associated retail and food service counters, is slated for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022
- YELLXXX and YELL500, which include winter transportation like snowmobiles and snowcoaches, are slated for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023

For more information or current open opportunities: [Prospectus Releases - Concessions \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/permit/planning/development/prospectus-releases-concessions)

### **Commercial Facility Project Updates:**

#### **Xanterra**

**Fishing Bridge RV Park** – Substantial completion inspection took place on Wednesday May 11, for the Camper Services/Registration Building and the Comfort Stations. Grand Opening scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Lake Lodge Cabin Rehabilitation** – Pre-construction meeting was held last Thursday with General Contractor and sub-contractors to start this project off. The project rehabilitates 34 of the Pioneer cabins adjacent to Lake Lodge. Contractors will be fencing their staging area this week.

**OF Paintbrush Dormitory Radon System Improvements** – Supplemental piping and a new radon fan will be installed into the current system to provide improved radon collection and exhaust from the building.

**Parkwide Roofing Projects** – OF Inn Plumbing Shop, Lake Lodge Housekeeping and Location Manager house, Fishing Bridge recycling Building, Canyon Wapiti and Bison Dormitories are scheduled for new roofs or overlays this summer season.

**Canyon Dormitories** – Installation of new water and heating lines has been completed to the Bison, Wapiti, Grizzly and Big Horn Dormitories. Area is muddy and some elevated plywood walkways are being installed to facilitate travel to the buildings.

#### **Delaware North**

**Canyon Adventure Store Fire Protection System** – Installation of new interior piping, detectors and wiring continues. Plumbers are going to wait for the crawl space to dry out before working on installing the new water service into building after tapping into water main.

### ***Facility Management and Operations***



## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### **Lake Facility Mgt Team**

Utility work has started on the new modular housing at Lake.



We're on schedule to open the South end of the park. We anticipate these roads will be ready to open to visitors on Friday 5/13!

Contractors have started installing exhibits in the Canyon Visitor Education Center and continue to restore the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center.

Snow on Sylvan Pass is keeping us busy with rock runs and plowing. Hoping summer arrives soon!

All comfort stations in Lake District are open or being prepared for opening.

We've been enjoying meeting new and returning summer seasonal colleagues during their housing check-ins and are excited to be working with them!

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## **DESIGN & ENGINEERING**

### **Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF) Utility Projects**

These FY22 projects include work on: Grant and Canyon wastewater collection and treatment systems; the Mammoth wastewater collection system; and the Old Faithful Water Treatment Plant. Additionally, an FY23 project including work on the Old Faithful Wastewater Treatment Plant and collection system is in the early stages of planning.

Jacobs Engineering recently submitted schematic design drafts for the Grant, Canyon, Mammoth, and Old Faithful water projects. These drafts have been distributed to park staff for review. Comments are due to the Denver Service Center by Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Field work to provide background information for these projects has resumed. Jacobs Engineering, ProPipe, Shannon & Wilson, Collier Geophysics, and Vine Laboratories will all be onsite conducting field work throughout the summer. The work schedule will evolve based on snow conditions, but a regularly updated schedule is available on the Facilities SharePoint site:

### **[Current Projects - FM Sharepoint Site](#)**

Field work this week and next week includes:

- ProPipe cleaning and inspecting sewer lines along the North Entrance Road and at the North Entrance area,
- Jacobs Engineering conducting site visits to wastewater treatment plants at Old Faithful, Canyon, and Grant,
- Jacobs Engineering installing meters at manholes throughout the Old Faithful, Canyon, Grant, and Mammoth sewer systems to help identify sources of infiltration and inflow.

### **Madison Junction Water System**

The contracting office is currently reviewing the contract package for the Madison Junction Water System project. Due to increased construction costs, the project is being split into two phases. The first phase will be readvertised soon.

The contracting office is also working to award a contract for Title III engineering services (submittal review and technical support during construction) to support this project.

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### **Boardwalks & Trails**

- Seasonal staff EOD this week – yay!
- Staff blasting cap training at Frog Rock pit conducted 5/5.
- Continued work w/ budget team on RMC/FLREA project accounting, allocation & procurement.
- Youth Task Agreements and Grant Solutions report work.
- Youth partner planning & compliance project continues-developing addition of youth crews and project leadership.

- Developing logistics for May/June: Blasting, Wilderness First Responder Refresher, Ergonomics, HAZWOPER, Operational Leadership/NPS Chainsaw Safe, Respiratory, Horsemanship/Stock Safety & Wildland Fire trainings etc.
- YELL National Safety Chainsaw Training Program operator course schedule is out. 2 remaining courses: Lake/Canyon 5/16-5/19, & Old Faithful 5/23-5/26.
- Lower Terraces boardwalk repair with North District Maintenance.



Glenn

## Accessibility

What is the difference between a service animal and an emotional support animal? Where can service animals go in the park? What two questions can you ask a visitor that has a service animal?

Learn more from this exceptional, recorded webinar hosted by Ray Bloomer, NPS Accessibility Specialist: [https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1\\_xselypw](https://iu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_xselypw).

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## *Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)*

### 150 Years of Yellowstone

View anniversary efforts and upcoming activities at: [go.nps.gov/Yellowstone150](https://go.nps.gov/Yellowstone150)

#### *150 Years email signature block*

This month, the Office of the Superintendent announced the approval for employees to wear the 150 Years commemorative pins.

- [Read the full message](#) from Deputy Superintendent Mike Tranel to learn more about the pins.
- View the [guidance on wearing](#) commemorative pins.
- [Request pins](#) for your workgroup!

#### *Virtual Video Series*

In the latest installment of our Virtual Video Series, Scientist-in-Charge of the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory Mike Poland joins us to chat about the past, present, and future of geologic monitoring in Yellowstone! [Watch online](#) and continue to follow us through August as we produce bimonthly videos featuring various subject-matter experts.

#### *Monthly Hashtag Project*

Do you have a favorite [wildlife species](#) in Yellowstone? Help us commemorate 150 Years of Yellowstone by posting your favorite wildlife photos and videos to social media and including #YNP150wildlife. We will share posts throughout the month of May!

#### *News Media Coverage*

- [Bozeman Daily Chronicle](#): Artists, visitors gather at Old Faithful Inn for commemoration of Yellowstone's 150th anniversary
- [Cowboy State Daily](#): Wyoming Celebrates 150th Anniversary Of Yellowstone National Park
- [Sheridan Media](#): Wyoming celebrates 150th anniversary of Yellowstone National Park
- [Roadtrippers](#): Yellowstone at 150: The park elevates Native American voices in its anniversary celebrations

### Media Relations

News trends for the last week focused on 150 years of Yellowstone (read the coverage above), wildlife and road openings.

### *About the Park*

- [Outside](#): Revealed: Forrest Fenn's treasure was hidden in this national park
- [CBS Saturday Morning](#): Yellowstone wolves spark debate amid ranchers, conservatives
- [NBC MT](#): New chief of visitor and resource protection selected for Yellowstone
- [Pinedale Roundup](#): The east gates swing open for Yellowstone's season opener
- [Idaho Capital Sun](#): Short drive between Yellowstone's Tower, Canyon junctions showcases millions of years of history

### *Around the Park*

- [KTVQ](#): Beartooth Pass plowing ahead of schedule as Memorial Day opening weekend looms
- [Big Horn Radio Network](#):

### *News Releases*

- [Chris Flesch named Yellowstone's next chief of Visitor and Resource Protection](#)
- [DANGER: Elk calving season begins soon; Be aware of your surroundings!](#)
- [Weather-permitting, East Entrance Road in Yellowstone National Park opens Friday, May 6](#)

### **Digital Communications**

#### *Native Fish Conservation Program Public Meeting*

Todd Koel, leader of Yellowstone's Native Fish Conservation Program, provided an [annual update](#) about fisheries and fishing regulations in the park for the upcoming 2022 season. Over 78 people attended, including four reporters from local and regional news outlets.

#### *May 2022 servicewide messaging theme*

[Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)

#### *Social media weekly stats for 5/8/2022*

- Facebook: 1,450,306 followers (9 posts, 1.0M reached)
- Instagram: 1,337,401 followers (15 posts and stories, 497K reached)
- Twitter: 897,431 followers (7 posts, 284K reached)
- Flickr: 108,896 views

### **Internal Communications**

On Wednesday, May 11, employees and members of the housing project team came together to celebrate the opening of the new employee housing at the YACC Camp. In total, the park constructed (2) two-bedroom units at Bechler, (10) two-bedroom units at Old Faithful and (20) two-bedroom and (12) one-bedroom units in Mammoth. In the coming years the park will replace (15) two-bedroom units at Lake and (6) at West in addition to others at other interior park locations! Learn more about the housing goals on the park's [Strategic Priorities SharePoint site](#).



### *YNP@Work*

- Read [this week's newsletter!](#)
- Last issue stats (05/04/2022):
- Readership: 335 employees opened the park newsletter
- Most clicked links:
  - How to [add the 150 Years logo](#) to your email signature line!
  - [Pride 2022 t-shirts](#)
  - [150 Years of Inspiration](#)- May 6 celebration at the Old Faithful Inn

### *Employee Suggestion Box*

- Yellowstone team members can submit ideas via an [online virtual suggestion box!](#)
  - Employees are able to submit their ideas with a name alongside the suggestion or anonymously.
  - If you provide your name, Bethany will be able to follow up with you directly to get a broader picture of the concern/issue/suggestion. This follow-up has been incredibly helpful in addressing issues in the quickest manner.

## ***Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)***

### ***Core Values***

***Integrity***

***Service***

***Adaptability***

***Vision Statement:*** *Yellowstone National Park is preserved unimpaired for future generations because people understand, appreciate, and are inspired by its significance.*

### ***REYP Strategic Focus Areas:***

- *Strategic and tactical response to high levels of visitation*
- *Operational flexibility and adaptability*
- *Science literacy/We Stand on Facts*

### **Staffing Updates**

**REYP Seasonal Park Ranger Hiring** continues, having exhausted the Best Qualified and Well Qualified Certs, as well as a Bilingual Cert (Mandarin). The Qualified cert arrived with 76 names and the Team is working hard and fast to fill vacancies from it.

### **Seasonal Park Ranger Hiring Dashboard**

<b>District/Subdistrict (As of 5/12/22)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Filled</b>	<b>To Fill (COVID?)</b>
North – Mammoth	12	11	3*
North – Tower/Lamar	3	1	2
North – Norris	6	5	1
Lake – Canyon	14*	11	3**
Lake – Lake	11	8	2
Lake – Grant	10	6	2
West – Old Faithful	21*	20	0
West – Madison/West	6	8**	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>13</b>

### **Updated as of May 12, 2022:**

- Progress has been made with filling positions from the Qualified Cert. Four offers have been extended, and whatever the outcome of those, we have now “used up” the Qualified Cert. Supervisors are preparing to use the Covid hiring authority in hopes of filling at least some, if not all, remaining positions.

### Visitor Contacts, Observations: 5/01/22 – 5/07/22

Dates	Visitor Info Calls	Other Calls	Visitor Emails	Info Mailouts
5/1-5/7	53	107	81	48

#### Top 3 Topics

- **Phone:** General Trip Planning; Road/Facilities Closures; Camping/Lodging General Qs
- **Email:** Jr Ranger & Mail/Map Requests; Road/Facilities Closures; Reservations to Enter

District/Subdistrict 5/1-5/7	Visitor Center Attendance	Contacts	Resource Warnings	Notes
North – Mammoth	4,990	447	43	Informal Talks: 1 Attendance: 15
North – Tower/Lamar		399	4	Informal Talks: Attendance:
North – Norris	closed			Informal Talks: Attendance:
Lake – Canyon	4904	296	3	
Lake – FB/Lake	closed			
Lake – West Thumb	closed			
West - Old Faithful	16,801	838	170	Informal Talks: 5 Attendance: 120
West – Madison/West	2,329	34	13	Informal Talks: Attendance:

#### Mammoth

##### Visitor Comments

- Visitor asking about ranger programs: “We have been coming for years and always enjoy the ranger talks.”
- Wolf Concerns: In Person 2; Phone 1

##### Employee Observations

- As various commercial services have reopened in Mammoth, the Albright VC staff have been going around and introducing themselves. Each business expressed appreciation for our presence and said that visitors enjoy seeing the rangers.
- Visitors are often calling or talking to us directly about campground cancellations and their interest in snagging a campsite via this “random luck” method. We have been telling them that to inquire about cancellations they need to go to the campground in person. This will be the only way unclaimed spots will be filled.

##### Events/Incidents

- Two days in a row visitors encountered a grizzly on the Beaver Ponds Trail. It never acted aggressively, so extra signage about bears was posted but the trail remains open.

## **Tower/Lamar**

### **Visitor Comments**

- Three visitors had questions about the opening of the Slough Creek Campground Road which opened this week.
- Various visitors commented on how happy they were to see wolves. They had thought that they wouldn't have any luck viewing them.

### **Employee Observations**

- Many visitors are getting their information from non-NPS sites such as "Yellowstone Up Close and Personal" and "Wolf Tracker." Rangers talk to people every day who know what wildlife has been seen the day before and where it was seen. Information travels quickly by social media and by word of mouth.
- This has been the Week of the Raptor. Rebecca saw golden eagles and bald eagles all week and many ospreys, hawks and kestrels. Sandhill Cranes are also still visible.
- Wolf watchers reported five black pups and one grey outside the Natal Den. One pup was reported on the other side at the Crystal Creek den but the report was not verified.
- Junction Butte wolves were visible from Slough Creek and from the south side of the road each day.
- Grizzlies are out and about in the Lamar Valley. On Saturday visitors were seeing six grizzlies. Most were seen from a distance. Sunday, a grizzly dug and grazed his way to the road then darted across suddenly. A small grizzly made an appearance two days in a row near Phantom Lake. Black bears were also causing jams. On Saturday there was a sow with cubs and two other single black bears out in addition to the bear at Phantom Lake.

### **Events/Incidents**

- Monday there was a carcass removal, a missing person, and two bear jams happening at the same time near Tower Junction.
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## **Canyon**

### **Employee Observations**

- A beautiful week of warmer temperatures is opening the Canyon overlooks quickly. North Rim Dr., Brink of the Upper Falls and South Rim Drives are all open to visit. The trails are:
  - North Rim Trail: Slush and Mud Covered but passable to Grandview. Deeper snow is found between Grandview and Inspiration Point.
  - Brink of the Upper Falls: The upper deck is packed snow, the stairs have a bare path through the snow. Morning ice may be an issue.
  - South Rim Trail: Deep snow between Artist Point and Upper Falls Viewpoint, packed snow/slush from Upper Falls Viewpoint to Discovery Point.
  - Other areas have varying degrees of snow cover.
- Brink of the Lower Falls and Red Rock Canyon continue to be closed.
- The road from South Rim Drive south and east through the east entrance opened May 6.

- The General Store also opened May 6.
- Visitors are continuing to get close to animals. Several times in the last few weeks we have visitors reporting people getting too close to wildlife. (The information has been passed to law enforcement and bear management.)

### **Lake/Fishing Bridge: Closed**

### **Grant/West Thumb: Closed**

### **Old Faithful**

#### **Visitor Comments**

- Visitors are consistently surprised to hear that most Old Faithful trails are part of a seasonal bear management closure.

#### **Employee Observations**

- The bear closure signs that visitors are consistently not noticing start with the word WARNING and not the word CLOSED.
- Flags flown on top of the Inn this week included the Crow Nation and Northern Arapahoe flags. Both nations had artists represented at the festivities in the Inn lobby. Bell staff indicate their intent is to try to fly the flags of all of the associated tribes over the course of the season and to coordinate the flags on the Inn with who is temporarily in residence at the Tribal Heritage Center.

#### **Events/Incidents**

- A drone was reported (and footage was provided) following and agitating a grizzly bear near the Mary Mtn TH. LE was called.
- Visitors reported seeing and being “stalked by” a mountain lion on the closed Mystic Falls Trail. Signage at the TH was dramatically increased after this report.
- Xanterra’s 150<sup>th</sup> celebration took place this weekend in conjunction with the opening of the OF Inn.
- The OF VEC theater is once again showing park films.

## **Visitor Center Operations, 2022 Facilities Currently Open**

### **Albright Visitor Center**

Open daily, year-round. Closed Thanksgiving Day.  
Through June 11: 9 AM – 5 PM  
June 12 through Sept 5: 8 AM – 6 PM  
Sept 6 through winter: 9 AM – 5 PM

### **Canyon Visitor Education Center**

April 15 through May 1: 9 AM – 4:30 PM; Restrooms, Lobby, and Info Desk only  
May 2 through May 14, 9AM – 5PM  
**Important: Exhibit installation scheduled for May 14-25. VC will be closed. Staff will provide services outdoors in front of the VEC.**  
May 26 through Sept 30: 8 AM – 6 PM  
October 1 through October 31: 9 AM – 5 PM\*

**Old Faithful Visitor Education Center**

Open daily: Apr 15 through May 28: 9 AM – 5 PM  
May 29 through Sept 30: 8 AM – 8 PM  
Oct 1 through October 31: 9 AM – 5 PM

**West Yellowstone VIC/NPS Unit**

Open daily: Through May 28: 8 AM – 5 PM  
May 29 through Sept 7: 8 AM - 8 PM  
Sept 8 through Oct 5: 8 AM – 6 PM  
Oct 6, 2022, through May 21, 2023: 8 AM – 5 PM

**West Yellowstone VIC/ Chamber of Commerce Unit**

Open daily: Through May 27: 8 AM – 5 PM  
May 28 through Sept 5: 8 AM - 8 PM  
Sept 6 through Oct 2 : 8 AM – 6 PM  
Oct 3, 2022, through May 26, 2023: 8 AM – 5 PM

**Facilities opening later in May to early June, 2022****Dates/hours subject to change****Information updated 5/12/2022****Norris Geyser Basin Museum & Information Station**

Open daily May 28 through Oct 10: 9 AM – 5 PM

**Fishing Bridge Visitor Center**

Installation of new exhibits and curatorial assistance with the incorporation of museum objects:

May 15 – June 2. A soft opening of the facility will take place if installation is completed ahead of schedule.

Celebration of Reopening/Ribbon Cutting date TBD

June 3 through September 30: 8 AM – 6 PM

October 1 - October 9: 9 AM – 5 PM

**Grant Visitor Center**

Open daily: May 27 through September 30: 8 AM – 6 PM

October 1-October 9: 9 AM – 5 PM

**West Thumb Information Center**

Open daily: May 27 through Oct 9: 9 AM – 5 PM

### **Junior Ranger Station at Old Faithful**

(Near the Old Faithful yurts, east of the Visitor Center)

Open daily

June 5 through Sept 3: 10 AM – 4 PM

### **Museum of the National Park Ranger**

Open daily July 31 through Sept 5: 10 AM – 4 PM

### **Madison Information Station**

Closed for 2022; allocate staffing to visitor contacts in heavily traveled Madison-West Entrance and Madison-Old Faithful areas.

## **Branch of Interpretive Planning and Media Production**

### **Digital Program**

- Based on conversations with digital media staff, as well as visitor services staff, we are leaning towards removing the campground availability table we have maintained through Yellowstone Live for the last several years. The table is currently displayed on the park's website, as well as on monitors located at each visitor center, and a kiosk at Albright.

Now that there are no campgrounds operating on a first-come, first-served basis during the season, the need to update visitors about campsite availability has shifted to the rec.gov and Yellowstone Park Lodges websites, where reservations are made. Since campgrounds are filling up months in advance, maintaining daily information on Yellowstone Live seems unnecessary for the very small number of people who would be fortunate enough to get a campsite that suddenly becomes available. We also run the risk of providing inaccurate information to visitors, since there is an unavoidable delay in updating the availability table, from the time campground staff notifies the Comm Center to when it is input into the Yellowstone Live system. By removing the table from the website and visitor center monitors, we are hoping to avoid visitors coming to the park confused about whether or not they need campground reservations. This will have no effect on the current Live Roads system.

- Four students have been selected to participate in a program through Montana State University's School of Film and Photography, in partnership with Yellowstone National Park. We will be working with them over the summer as they produce, write, film, and edit their short films about different topics in the park, and will give them guidance through the permitting process. They will get school credits for their work, and will be submitting final films in December, to be featured on the park website. The students are excited about this special opportunity, and will learn a lot about filming in a national park. The NPS benefits when future filmmakers understand how to support NPS permitting programs and preservation of park resources.

## **Training**

- Resource Education Training for commercial and partner guides took place virtually this spring. Two dates were offered to a total of over 400 participants. Topics included Yellowstone's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Ecology and Management of Yellowstone's fisheries, bears, wolves, and bison; History; Wildlife James and Emergencies; Fire Management and climate change; and Geology with the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory.

## **Looking Ahead: Upcoming Events in April, May**

### **May 14: World Migratory Bird Day**

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is a conservation initiative that brings awareness on conserving migratory birds and their habitats throughout the Western Hemisphere. It has been an effective tool for raising global awareness of the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them. This year, the theme for WMBD is Light Pollution. Artificial light at night is known to adversely affect many species including migratory birds. Each year billions of wild birds migrate at night and light pollution is a significant threat causing disorientation, collisions with buildings, perturbing their internal clocks, and interfering with their ability to undertake long-distance migrations. This year, World Migratory Bird Day is officially celebrated on May 14th as migratory birds journey to nesting sites and October 8th as they return to wintering areas. However, because birds do not all migrate at the same time, WMBD programs and events are hosted nearly every month of the year.

Visitor centers in YNP that will be open on May 14 include Albright VC, Canyon VEC, and Old Faithful VEC, as well as the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center. We will distribute information about Yellowstone's birds and point visitors to nearby areas known for their rich and diverse bird habitats, e.g., Rock Rocks Lakes National Wildlife Refuge in the Centennial Valley of Montana.

### **May 14-25: Canyon VEC – Installation of new exhibits in the second floor exhibit hall**

The VEC will be closed during installation. Visitor information will be provided from a location directly in front of the building.

### **May 15 – June 2: Fishing Bridge VC – Completion of restoration work in the building; installation of new exhibits in the main exhibit hall and West Wing; completion of Yellowstone Forever bookstore renovation. Grand Re-opening tentatively on June 10.**

### **May 15 – 27: REYP Academy - Ranger Training**

**June: Reopening of Fishing Bridge Museum/Visitor Center; celebration of new exhibits and restoration of some building finishes and furnishings.**

**Museum of the National Park Ranger, August 1 through September 5: Retired NPS volunteers who will work in the Museum:**

\*August 1 through August 16: Paul and Wendy Anderson

\*August 18 through September 5: Ed and Kelly Pontbriand

MNPR will be open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

VIPs will work Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

NPS employees will cover the museum on weekends (and on training days).

**Junior Ranger Program**

The Junior Ranger Program will be offered throughout the 2022 season. After two years of limited availability, all NPS visitor centers and contact stations will offer the Program, and the Junior Ranger Station at Old Faithful will be open. The Junior Ranger Program will be offered free of charge on August 25 and September 24 as part of Yellowstone's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## ***Resource and Visitor Protection (RVP)***

**North:**

**LE Incidents**

- Multiple slide offs over the last few weeks, rangers assisted in pulling vehicles back on roadway and YPSS assists.
- Search for suicidal subject, located in Emigrant by PCSO and subject fled via vehicle.
- Agency assist in Gardiner for domestic violence call. UTL for suspect, PCSO secured an arrest warrant.
- Agency assist for arrest warrant of Gardiner local.
- Phase 1 FTEP for David Dunn with Alex Guerrero as his trainer.
- Grizzlies frequently seen near Frying Pan and Roaring Mountain.
- North District seasonals onboarded. Trainings ongoing.
- Slough Creek wolf den closure in place.
- Bear den closure signage is now down.
- Citation for unsafe operation and open container on slide off.
- NE and Tower ambulances are back in service with summer tires.
- Collared elk carcass at Yellowstone Picnic area with wolves on it.
- Hazing grizzlies and wolves between Mammoth and Norris.
- Thermal trespass at Norris Geyser Basin Overlook area and at Palette Springs.
- Civil standby for Xanterra termination.
- Blacktail Pond bird nesting closure in effect and signs posted.
- Medical transport for woman on blood thinner who was excessively bleeding.
- Motorcycle slide-off below Golden Gate.
- Bison carcass removed by bear management near Roosevelt Lodge.
- Stolen property report from Xanterra.
- ALS transport to Livingston for alcohol withdrawal and suicidal.
- Stephens Creek seasonal bison closure lifted today.
- Multiple items stolen from Mammoth Campground - cargo carrier and leveling platforms.

- Hellroaring TH and Petrified Tree roads open for the season.
- Floating Island nesting bird closure in effect and signed on May 1.
- Ski signs removed this week except for the one at Sheepeater and Bunsen Peak Road.
- Medical transport from Mammoth Hotel.
- MA issued for collecting antlers at Slough.

### Lake

- MA for speed: **60/25**!
- Collateral citation for a closure violation along North Rim Drive.
- Two structural fire calls
- One EMS transport to Mammoth Clinic
- Multiple trainings ongoing

### West

- Failure to yield (pursuit) Hwy 191. Vehicle did not immediately pull over and passed other cars at high speed. MA citations for Speed (**90/55**), failure to yield to emergency vehicle.
- DUI (drug) arrest on West Entrance road.
- DUI, callout for a crash north of Madison. Driver transported to hospital. DUI investigation ongoing.
- Sexual assault investigation at Old Faithful with concession employees. Investigation ongoing.
- Assault investigation with concession employees at Old Faithful. Investigation ongoing.
- Suicidal concession employee at Old Faithful.
- Report of possible arson in concession employee RV at OF government area.
- Report of RC wheeled vehicle being operated off boardwalk at Fountain Flats. Investigation ongoing.
- Report of drone harassing a grizzly bear at Fountain Flats. Investigation ongoing.
- Several citations for speed (one **80/45** and one **90/55** mph zone). Citations for Careless operation.
- Slick roads created several slide-off crashes district wide.
- RV and SUV slide off crashes on Hwy 191.
- Mutual aid to MHP and GCSO for 2 car crash with injuries on HWY 20.
- Madison Campground open. Campground host team has arrived and are working!
- Traffic beginning to increase. Multiple bison and bear jams. Traffic backed up from entrance to town of West Yellowstone one day.
- The West District VRP Traffic team has arrived! This will include 5 team members who will be dedicated to traffic management within the West District. Currently in training and are expected to hit the roads next week!
- Tribal bison hunters in area along boundary.
- Horn hunting continues along NW boundary.
- John Murray, Seasonal LE based out of Old Faithful EOD.
- Firearms qualifications, PEB, LE training and onboarding new staff.



**Traffic Backed Up at the West Entrance on a Snowy May Day**

- EMS/Fire Incidents:
  - Laceration to hand. Transport to Mammoth Clinic.
  - Medicals at the Snowlodge.
  - Several other EMS calls.
  - Multiple Fire alarm calls in Old Faithful
  - Mutual aid Fire response for structure fire in West Yellowstone.
- *Ambulance Status:*
  - Medic 18 in service at Madison
  - Medic 24 in service at OF
  - Medic 17 in service at OF
- *Engine Status:*
  - Engine 7 in service at Old Faithful.
- Air Ambulance (Air 3) available from the West Yellowstone airport.

**Yellowstone Interagency Communication Center**

	<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>911 Calls</b>	<b>Admin Calls</b>	<b>Outbound Calls</b>	<b>Total Phone Calls</b>
2022	343	64	498	241	803
2021	324	35	442	192	669
2020	140	17	384	165	566
	289	56	631	285	972
2018	401	43	633	283	959

## Visitor Services Office

### Fees:

- Started working second cert for seasonal RFTs.
- Hosted annual fee supervisor meeting and provided updates to supervisors and discussed summer operations.
- Prepped stations with supplies. Training new seasonal staff.
- North Entrance bypass lane is open for employees and deliveries. Vehicles using the lane must have a **current employee decal or other park related logo (NPS, Xanterra, YPSS, YF)** on it. Please come to a complete stop at the window and follow the instructions of staff or on signage. Lane signage and use may shift as we experiment with traffic flow. Thank you for being adaptable and understanding.

### VSO:

- Employee vehicle stickers are in demand. Please bring your valid employee ID, driver's license, and registration with you when picking up and your employee decal. Permanent decals are available at the VSO and seasonal decals are available at Old Faithful, Canyon and Albright Visitor Centers and VSO.
- CESU work with Southern Utah University to bring *ParkData* team to the park for visitor counts.
- Summer Courier: Bob Reynolds is back as the summer courier.  
Wednesday: West side of the park courier run. Norris, Madison, Old Faithful, West Entrance and WYVIC.  
Thursday: East side courier run. Canyon, Lake, and Grant.  
If you have questions or special delivery request, please let us know.

### Permits:

- Next week Rachel and Evan will be in ABQ for Special Park Uses training.

## Structural Fire

- Hosted the Structural Fire Leadership Council's (SFLC) annual meeting.
  - Discussion and planning for park's structural fire program.
  - Andy Blum spoke on NFPA 855 Energy Storage systems.
  - Yellowstone achievements (fire detection, suppression, and protection of historic structures) were park tour highlights.
- Continued Certificate of Occupancy inspections.

## Backcountry Office

- Continue to train backcountry office staff in *Recreation.gov* permit procedures.
- The report and search functions on *Recreation.gov* are challenging to use and do not always return desired results. We are reaching out to *Recreation.gov* to request changes in search functionality as well as developing our own search functions by exporting data into our own database.
- Requests for walk-up permits are increasing steadily with many requests coming from visitors who cannot find sites in campgrounds.

- The Central Backcountry Office is issuing permits via phone and email until permit offices are open.

### **Corrals**

- Dustin Sene has returned after his temporary detail as Superintendent of Tonto NM. *Welcome back, Dustin! Many thanks to Josiah Funk for doing a great job during Dustin's absence!*
- Corrals' seasonals onboarded.
- Training newly purchased pack strings in preparation for summer operations.
- Riding stock, preparing for summer operations and basic horsemanship class in June.
- Preparation for gathering stock at winter pasture to bring back to Stephens Creek.
- Set up watering systems to cover for upcoming water project at Stephens Creek.

### **Administration**

- Continued Onboarding seasonals
- Budget preparations and reconciling
- Travel
- Compendium Amendments – Temporary Closures
- Correspondence
- Ingrid Freaney's temporary promotion in the Finance Office ended 5/3.

## ***Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)***

### **BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION**

- No updates.

### **CULTURAL RESOURCES**

- Initial site visits with contractors are taking place at Madison, Norris, and Fishing Bridge Museums to complete Historic Structures Reports. These reports will include a building history, condition assessment and treatment recommendations for these National Historic Landmark buildings. A big thank you to everyone who is helping make these site visits possible!

### **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE**

- No updates.

### **SOCIAL SCIENCE**

- No updates.

### **GEOLOGY**

- J. Hungerford will be participating in the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory (YVO) meeting Wednesday May 11, and the YVO Table Top Exercise Thursday, May 12th, and Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Representatives from other Divisions will attend the YVO Table Top Exercise Thursday and Friday.
- J. Hungerford is out in the field with USGS staff May 9 and 10.

## **GIS AND CLIMATE SCIENCE**

- GIS
  - Starting May 9, SIP intern, Marnie Brice, will be working with GIS and the Vegetation and Resource Management Operations program to further development of the Invasive Plants database and data dashboard.

## **SCIENCE COMMUNICATION**

- Registration for The Biennial Scientific Conference on the GYE is **open**.

## **VEGETATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

- May 9<sup>th</sup> S. Bekedam started at as the new Vegetation and Resource Management Operations Program Manager.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> H. Robison and S. Bekedam met with Vegetation and Resource Management Operations Program staff to discuss the program's overarching work and the Vegetation and Resource Management Operations strategy.
- B. Teets, V. Nagashima, and H. Anderson onboarded seasonal staff May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Next week: B. Teets and V. Nagashima will be leading a Chainsaw Operator class in Lake/Canyon (May 16 - 19, 2022)
  - There may still be spots in the Old Faithful Chainsaw Operator class (May 23 - 26).
  - Please contact Brian Teets (brian\_teets@nps.gov) if you are interested in attending or have an employee that would like to attend.
- J. Klaptosky took the Mammoth NCSP course. He is visiting air quality stations, preparing to spray in Gardiner Basin as soon as conditions permit, and arranging logistics for the season.

## **AIS AND BACKCOUNTRY MONITORING**

- S. Mills successful hired 7 AIS inspectors and coordinated with J. Treanor re: AIS sampling this summer.

## **WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES**

- **Wolf, Cougar, and Elk Programs**
  - Continuing monitoring and research.
- **Bird Program**
  - Continuing golden eagle monitoring.
- **Bear Program**
  - Bear Management and North District Ranger staff have been managing bear-jams caused by a subadult female grizzly bear in the Roaring Mountain area. The bear has been hazed several times when she lingered on the pavement weaving in and out of traffic.

- Bear Management and North District Ranger staff have periodically been managing visitors and traffic associated with bear-jams caused by 18-year-old male grizzly bear #881 in the Frying Pan Springs area.
- Bear Management Area staff assisted Tower Area Rangers with removal of an adult female bison from the Roosevelt Lodge Area. The cow died while giving birth.
- There is a subadult, cinnamon-colored, black bear approaching vehicles along the road west of Hellroaring. The bear's behavior suggests it has been fed by visitors. Bear Management staff will monitor the area and administer aversive conditioning to discourage this behavior.
- Bear Management staff hazed a grizzly bear out of the Canyon Cabin area.
- Bear Management staff responded to a report of a red fox attacking an employee in the Lake Employee RV Park. Investigation indicated a highly human-habituated fox approached but did not contact an employee. Bear staff are hazing the fox with paintball guns to discourage it from approaching people.
- Conducted multiple "Bear Safety Talks" with NPS and concessions employees.
- **Bison Program**
  - Testing bison calving in the conservation and transfer program.
- **Native Fish Program**
  - The fish crew is in the process of moving everything to Lake. Ice-off expected to occur between May 22 and May 26.
- **Wildlife Health Program**
  - Field staff (Jessica Daley & Kara Duh) have arrived and are planning and preparing equipment for monitoring projects involving bats, amphibians and AIS sampling.
- **Hydrology Program**
  - Parkwide Hydrologic Conditions: Snow water equivalent (SWE) as a percent of 1991-2020 median values in park hydrologic subbasins at end of day 05/08/2022: Upper Yellowstone (89%, -4% since last week), Yellowstone Headwaters (93%, -1% since last week), Gallatin (97%, +7% since last week), Madison (96%, +4% since last week), Snake Headwaters (89%, -5% since last week), Upper Henry's (79%, +1% since last week), Lower Henry's (80%, -3% since last week), and N. Fork Shoshone (95%, +5% since last week). Reference. Stream flows are beginning to increase across the region due to runoff initiation. Mean daily discharges on the Yellowstone River increased 82% (3100 cfs on May 8) between May 1-May 8. Mean daily discharges on the Madison River increased 30% (565 cfs on May 8) between May 1-May 8. References: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>; <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/>.
  - Spill Cleanup: Hwy 191 cleanup for small diesel release at MM 16.5 delayed last week due to weather. Rescheduling in progress in coordination.
  - Staffing: Conservation Legacy hydrology intern assistants / guest scientists Kristina Bonnet and Alexa Cetta are scheduled to onboard on May 16 and will be based in the YCR. Kristina will be joining us for 36-weeks and Alexa for 20-weeks.
  - Interagency Meetings: Meeting with EPA/WDEQ this 5/12 for Cascade spring sampling planning; participating in reviews and site visits for the NE Entrance Road corridor with Federal Highways/Western Federal Lands and project development team May 10-11; Participating in USGS - Yellowstone Volcano Observatory Coordination Meeting May 11-13.



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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF FORREST BURKE FENN, Deceased.**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S  
EXPEDITED MOTION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW the United States of America, by and through the undersigned counsel of records, and respectfully seeks to intervene in this action for the limited purpose of protecting public lands and resources. In support of its Motion, the United States of America ("United States" or "Government") states as follows:

1. Upon information and belief, this litigation seeks to resolve, in whole or in part, matters related to certain valuable objects hidden by decedent Forrest Burke Fenn ("Fenn Treasure") and efforts of certain individuals to find and/or claim the Fenn Treasure.

2. Certain information regarding the search for and discovery of the Fenn Treasure has previously been publicly disclosed, including the discovery of the Fenn Treasure by Interested Party Jack Steuf.<sup>1</sup>

3. Upon information and belief, Mr. Steuf was originally subpoenaed to give his deposition in this matter on April 7, 2022, which was postponed in order to address the Government's effort to intervene. The deposition has now been postponed until April 29, 2022.

4. In August of 2020, a Zoom meeting was held with Forrest Fenn, attorney Tom Hnasko, and Jack Stuef and Government officials. At this meeting Mr. Stuef provided detailed,

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<sup>1</sup> See e.g. <https://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/exploration-survival/forrest-fenn-treasure-jack-stuef/> (last visited 4/22/2022).

specific information regarding the location where he found the Forrest Fenn treasure box (“Fenn Treasure”) on or about June 6, 2020. Forrest Fenn then confirmed the location as the same location where he left the Fenn Treasure. Using Google Earth, Chief Ranger Sarah Davis was able to locate and match the area described by both Stuef and Fenn. The following week Chief Davis, along with the Deputy Chief Ranger, went to the area described by both Stuef and Fenn. *See Ex. A, Dec. of Sarah Davis, ¶ 4*

5. The location described as the area where the Fenn Treasure was found is public land owned by the United States Government and managed by the Department of the Interior. The Department of the Interior is concerned that if specific information regarding the location were divulged, it would result in a significant increase in visitation to this area by persons still looking for the treasure site or otherwise seeking to visit the site for other reasons related to the Fenn Treasure. *See id.* at ¶ 5.

6. The area where the Fenn Treasure was found does not have any trails or infrastructure to support any increase in visitation to the area. Resource damage such as the creation of “social trails” (informal trails resulting from erosion due to foot traffic), littering, and improper disposal of waste are a few of the expected consequences of increased visitation. The area also contains water sites that are home to native fish species that could be threatened or damaged by an increase in visitors. *See id.* at ¶ 6.

7. Since the publishing of decedent Forrest Fenn’s poem, *The Thrill of the Chase*, in which he revealed a hidden treasure with clues to its location, treasure seekers have been charged with crimes including stalking, damage and destruction of natural resources, reckless and disorderly conduct, and entering closed areas. Since the death of Forrest Burke Fenn and the announcement of the finding of the Fenn Treasure, treasure seekers have continued to visit

various sites on public land in search of imagined unclaimed treasure or to visit the site where they believe the Fenn Treasure to have been found. If additional information about the specific site of where the Fenn Treasure was found is publicly disclosed, the Government reasonably anticipates a surge in visitors to areas not intended or equipped to receive significant numbers of people. *See id.* at ¶ 7.

8. On or about April 4, 2022, the National Park Service learned that Mr. Steuf had received a deposition subpoena in this matter, issued by the Estate of Forrest Fenn. The deposition was originally scheduled for April 7, 2022, but was postponed while the Government prepared to seek to intervene in this case.

9. The Government's limited sole purpose in seeking to intervene is to seek an order from the Court preventing the disclosure of the specific locations on public land where Mr. Steuf looked for the Fenn Treasure, as well as the location where he found it, as well as to attend depositions and hearings where information about locations on public land where the Fenn Treasure was looked for and discovered could be disclosed.

10. The United States seeks to intervene in this matter in accordance with Rule 1-024(A)(2) because it has an interest in maintaining the public land and resources that relate to the subject matter of this action, the Fenn Treasure. Because the Fenn Treasure was sought and found on public land, and because the United States' interest in protecting public land is not adequately represented by any existing party in this matter, intervention should be permitted. *See* Rule 1-024(A)(2) NMRA 2021.

11. The United States anticipates attending depositions and hearings in this matter for the limited purpose of protecting its interests and/or seeking a protective order prohibiting

disclosure of specific locations on public lands where persons have searched for the Fenn Treasure, as well as the location where it was found, in any unsealed record in this matter.

12. Pursuant to Rule 1-007.1, the undersigned counsel has inquired each party's position and determined that this expedited Motion is opposed by Counter Petitioner Jamie McCracken. The Motion is not opposed by the Estate of Forrest Burke Fenn.

13. Pursuant to LR1-201(F), the United States respectfully requests expedited consideration of this Motion. Discovery in this matter is nearing its end on April 29, 2022. Upon information and belief, Mr. Jack Steuf has been subpoenaed to give his deposition on this date and the United States' interests in protecting public land and resources, as more fully described in this Motion, may be jeopardized by this testimony.

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I hereby certify that the following parties were served via electronic mail and via the Court's EFS on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2022:

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**DECLARATION OF SARAH DAVIS**

I, Sarah Davis, declare the following to be true and correct from personal knowledge as follows:

1. I am the Chief Ranger for Yellowstone National Park. My office address is 4 Barracks Street, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.
2. In my capacity as Chief Ranger, I am the senior law enforcement officer overseeing the law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency medical services, 911 and public safety dispatch center, visitor services operations (fee collection and campgrounds), structural fire, wildland fire and corrals operations for Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone National Park is located in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho and is approximately 2.2 million acres in size. The Park is one of the busiest in the country and experiences over 4 million visitors a year and manages and preserves its public land in part by providing and maintaining roads, trails, and other areas of public access for visitors to utilize.
3. I am familiar with the facts of subpoena that forms the basis of the litigation filed in the above-captioned case and am providing this declaration in support of the United States' Motion to Intervene.
4. In August of 2020, a Zoom meeting was held with Forrest Fenn, attorney Tom Hnasko, and Jack Stuef. At this meeting Mr. Stuef provided detailed, specific information regarding

**EXHIBIT A**

the location where he found the Forrest Fenn treasure box ("Fenn Treasure") on or about June 6, 2020. Forrest Fenn then confirmed the location as the same location where he left the Fenn Treasure. Using Google Earth, I was able to locate and match the area described by both Stuef and Fenn. The following week I, along with the Deputy Chief Ranger, went to the area described by both Stuef and Fenn.

5. The location described as the area where the Fenn Treasure was found is public land owned by the United States Government and managed by the Department of the Interior. The Department of the Interior is concerned that if specific information regarding the location were divulged, it would result in a significant increase in visitation to this area by persons still looking for the treasure site or otherwise seeking to visit the site for other reasons related to the Fenn Treasure.
6. The area where the Fenn Treasure was found does not have any trails or infrastructure to support any increase in visitation to the area. Resource damage such as the creation of "social trails" (informal trails resulting from erosion due to foot traffic), littering, and improper disposal of waste are a few of the expected consequences of increased visitation. The area also contains water sites that are home to native fish species that could be threatened or damaged by an increase in visitors.
7. Since the publishing of decedent Forrest Fenn's poem, *The Thrill of the Chase*, in which he revealed a hidden treasure with clues to its location, treasure seekers have been charged with crimes including stalking, damage and destruction of natural resources, reckless and disorderly conduct, and entering closed areas. Since the death of Forrest Burke Fenn and the announcement of the finding of the Fenn Treasure, treasure seekers have continued to visit various sites on public land in search of imagined unclaimed

treasure or to visit the site where they believe the Fenn Treasure to have been found. If additional information about the specific site of where the Fenn Treasure was found is publicly disclosed, the Government reasonably anticipates a surge in visitors to areas on public land not intended or equipped to receive significant numbers of people.

8. I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2022.

**SARAH DAVIS** Digitally signed by SARAH DAVIS  
Date: 2022.04.22 10:52:16 -06'00'

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SARAH DAVIS  
Chief Ranger  
Yellowstone National Park



**From:** [Evans, Kerrie L](#)  
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**Subject:** 11-16-21 Squad Notes  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 4:39:04 PM  
**Attachments:** [11-16-21.pdf](#)

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See attached. There will be no squad notes for November 23. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Kerrie Evans  
Government Information Specialist  
P.O. Box 168  
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## *Squad Notes*

### *November 16, 2021*

## *Superintendent's Office*

### **Schedules November 15-19:**

Sholly – In Monday-Friday

Tranel – In Monday-Friday

Evans – In Monday-Thursday, lieu day Friday

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## *Administration*

### **Property/Supply/Office Services**

- **Supply Center Storehouse inventory** can be found on the YELL SharePoint. The Storehouse inventory is updated monthly with pricing and availability. If you would like to order an item from the Supply Center you have the **option** of emailing your request to [yell\\_supply@nps.gov](mailto:yell_supply@nps.gov). Please specify when you would like to schedule a pickup and your order will be pulled and ready for you to pick up.
  - The inventory can be found at: [YELL SharePoint > Sites > Divisions > Administration Division > Property & Supply Center](#) > Supply Center Store House Inventory.

### **Youth Programs Office**

- Education staff offered 15 Distance Learning (DL) programs last week and are presenting 18 educational online programs this week.
- Michael Breis provided a Mammoth Terrace program for Xanterra Sustainable Coordinators from multiple park sites.
- Staff continue to assist REYP with coverage at Albright VC three days each week while their park guide positions are vacant.
- Mike Coonan co-presented at an “open house” on Zoom with ACE (American Conservation Experience), and Rocky Mountain NP about hosting ACE NPS Academy interns.

### **Technology Services**

- **AT&T Mount Washburn** AT&T is converting their Mount Washburn site from 3G UMTS to 4G LTE. UMTS service is being discontinued by AT&T in February 2022.
- **Union Wireless and AT&T will each begin to pay \$8,000 annually for 10 years as co-locators on the Verizon cell tower at Grant.** All of the money for use and occupancy on Federal lands goes to the US Treasury.
- **The WASO Wide Area Network (WAN) group now predicts that we will not get the routers needed to connect the new broadband services at Old Faithful and Lake to the DOI Network until sometime between March through**

**May 2022.** They were ordered in July 2020. Many other parks are suffering through the same delays. We are trying to get priority status.

- **The South Entrance now has a Live Webcam.** More details will be available when it is made available to the public.
- **The Radio Shop is busy installing many of the 300 new Motorola Non-LE Mobile Radios purchased with FY21 FLREA Funds.**
- **Joshua Hubert (YELL Network Manager) went to Gettysburg National Military Park for a NTE 120 detail.** For Network issues, contact Roger Whiteside or CSS.

#### **Northern Rockies Major Acquisition Buying Office**

- **Please check out the NPS COR Program support SharePoint site for helpful information with CSOD and training opportunities.** [NPS COR Program - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)

#### **FY22 Procurement Cutoff Dates (complete packages due to contracting/FA)**

A purchase request package will be accepted when all supporting documents are complete and FBMS approvals have been entered. Incomplete requisitions will be returned and will not be considered to have met the cutoff date. Please use the PR Checklist located at the following link to ensure you are submitting all relevant documents. For all Financial Assistance actions below, including Cooperative Agreements and Task Agreements, the date listed is receipt of a complete “Package Date”, not “PR” date.

- <https://doimsp.sharepoint.com/sites/nps-imr-requisitions/Checklists%20and%20Templates/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

<b>Type of Requirement and Dollar Value</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Award</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Award</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Award</b>
New IDIQs	Contact MABO Lead	January 14, 2022	March 4, 2022
Construction - Greater than \$500,000	Contact MABO Lead	January 14, 2022	March 4, 2022
Supplies & Services Greater than \$500,000	Contact MABO Lead	January 14, 2022	April 15, 2022
Cooperative Agreements (Competed via funding announcements)	Contact Kelvin Delaney	Contact Kelvin Delaney	March 1, 2022*
Cooperative and Task Agreements (Noncompetitive, including Youth & CESUs)	Contact Kelvin Delaney	Contact Kelvin Delaney	June 10, 2022*
FA Agreement Modifications	Contact Kelvin Delaney	Contact Kelvin Delaney	July 8, 2022*
Construction - \$250,000 to \$499,999	December 3, 2021	March 4, 2022	May 6, 2022
Supplies & Services - \$250,000 to \$499,999	December 3, 2021	March 4, 2022	May 13, 2022

Construction - \$25,000 to \$249,999	December 3, 2021	March 4, 2022	May 13, 2022
A/E Task Orders	December 3, 2021	March 4, 2022	May 27, 2022
New Interagency Agreements	December 3, 2021	March 4, 2022	June 3, 2022
Construction - \$2,000 to \$24,999	January 21, 2022	April 8, 2022	June 24, 2022
Supplies & Services - \$25,000 to \$249,999	January 21, 2022	April 8, 2022	June 24, 2022
Supplies & Services - micropurchase to \$24,999	January 21, 2022	April 22, 2022	July 15, 2022
Contract Modifications	January 21, 2022	April 22, 2022	July 15, 2022
Supplies & Services up to micro-purchase	February 25, 2022	May 27, 2022	August 12, 2022
Last Day for Obligations (Anticipated)	Sept. 23, 2022		

- We have not received much input from park divisions on our acquisition planning request. Please reach out to Andrea Hannon to schedule time to discuss your fiscal year 22 requirements.
  - LINK: [FY22 NR MABO Acquisition Planning](#)
- Did you know.... We have short 5-10 minute videos on various phases of the acquisition process. Please visit our site – we are working on our next round of content and will be adding to the video library in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: [Customer Education \(sharepoint.com\)](#)
- If you have CORs in your network that are NOT currently COR certified and need to be for upcoming projects, we're running weekly demos on How to Apply for New COR Certifications in CSOD. Here's the form: [https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=urWTBhhLe02TQfMvQApUlkfL\\_LiK9HlnDEpAk-cHJUNzJSTIVONTBOTEJWUk01VVJVSINETzNHQi4u](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=urWTBhhLe02TQfMvQApUlkfL_LiK9HlnDEpAk-cHJUNzJSTIVONTBOTEJWUk01VVJVSINETzNHQi4u)

## ***Business & Commercial Services***

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## ***Facility Management and Operations***

### **DESIGN & ENGINEERING**

#### **Mammoth Housing Project (32 Homes = 52 Beds) – Projected Completed 11.1.21:**

The Mammoth housing development is now complete. I would like to thank everyone who assisted in making this project a success. Even with some of the challenges we had to work through it's truly incredible what we were able to accomplish in about 18 months.

I look forward to seeing employees of the park enjoy this new development. Below are a few of the final photos. If you would like to see more photos of the project and some of the other sites, please go to this Flickr link. [Housing Improvement Project: Goal 1 | Flickr](#)



COMPLETED MAMMOTH HOUSING SITE.



TYPICAL TWO-BEDROOM HOME AT THE MAMMOTH SITE.

**Bechler Housing Project (3 Homes = 6 Beds) – Projected Completed 10.15.21:**

The Bechler housing project is now complete. I want to thank the staff down at Bechler for all their assistance in completing this project. A great group of folks down there. Also, a shout out to the folks at Targhee Notational Forest. Much of this project required coordination with them on oversized load deliveries and other road access issues. It was a great partnership. Below are some final photos.



**COMPLETED HOUSING SITE AT BECHLER.**



**COMPLETED SOLAR SYSTEM AT BECHLER**

**Old Faithful Overpass Rehab Project – Project Completed 11.2.2021**

The Old Faithful overpass rehab project is now complete. There is a plan to seal the deck with an epoxy next spring. This will likely only last 1-2 days and have only have small impacts to traffic on the bridge. More to come on this in the Spring.



**COMPLETED OLD FAITHFUL OVERPASS**



**COMPLETED OLD FAITHFUL OVERPASS BRIDGE DECK.**

Stone, Kyle

### **BOARDWALKS & TRAILS WEEKLY REPORT**

- Trail Cache work and winterizing equipment.
- Repairing and shuttling vehicles.
- Multi-park Seasonal Trails Vacancy Announcements open.
- Upcoming U/L and furloughs for staff

Glenn, Chris

### **NORTH DISTRICT GROUNDS**

- Staff filled in some low spots outside of Big John (Mammoth by Terraces)
- Staff removed the old trash can and pad.





- Newly installed trash can by doors.
  - Staff also relocated the recycle bin.

Oliveri, Julie

## ***Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)***

### **Media Relations**

News trends for the last week focused on **roads closing, visitation and wildlife.**

#### *About the Park*

- [Jackson Hole News and Guide Guest Opinion](#): A community of river guides copes with loss
- [Associated Press](#): National parks to offer look into green-friendly transit
- [Fox Weather](#): Water availability becoming a challenge for greater Yellowstone area
- [Bozeman Daily Chronicle](#): Different mentality: Snow, wind and the end of a fishing season in Yellowstone
- [New York Times](#): Treasure hunter who got lost in Yellowstone must repay cost of rescue
- [Montana Standard](#): Yellowstone biologists battling to reduce lake trout face challenges

#### *Around the Park*

- [Jackson Hole News & Guide](#): Y'Stone ecosystem griz count: 1,069-plus bears

## *News Release*

- [Yellowstone visitation statistics for October 2021](#)

## **Digital Communications**

Social media weekly stats for 11/14/2021:

- Facebook: 1,430,901 followers (8 posts, 568K reached)
- Instagram: 1,309,353 followers (9 posts and stories, 875K reached)
- Twitter: 874,849 followers (6 posts, 228K reached)
- Flickr: 60,334 views

**#WhatWeDoWednesdays is wrapped for 2021!** A big thank you to all who participated this year! (View posts from the past three years on the park's [website](#) or search the hashtag #WhatWeDoWednesdays on social media.) If you would like to participate in the campaign in 2022, please reach out to Jake Frank.

## **Internal Communications**

### *Proof of vaccination status*

As the November 22, 2021 deadline approaches, all NPS employees must provide proof of their vaccination status and verify that their responses are true and accurate using the [DOI Safety Management Information System](#) (SMIS).

- **Employees:** View [step-by-step instructions](#) to enter your vaccination information. Excused from vaccination? Make sure you check the [reasonable accommodation site](#) to understand if exemption applies to your request.
- **Supervisors:** View [step-by-step instructions](#) to validate the required information in SMIS.
- If you are unable to log in or experience system function problems, please contact the [CSC Helpdesk](#).

### *YNP@Work*

**Be on the lookout for an updated newsletter!** With the required transition from ConstantContact to GovDelivery, Bethany is tackling a new program and will work to get the employee newsletter somewhat looking normal over the next few weeks! While some of the technical oddities are worked around, readers will receive the newsletter under the NPS Learning & Development account. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we grow and learn a new program 😊.

### *Receive park updates on your phone*

- Check out the two main ways employees can [stay informed](#) about critical, work-related information via text. Help share this resource with co-workers, especially those without computer access!

### *Employee Suggestion Box*

- Yellowstone team members can submit ideas via an [online virtual suggestion box](#)!
  - Employees are able to submit their ideas with a name alongside the suggestion or anonymously.
  - If you provide your name, Bethany will be able to follow up with you directly to get a broader picture of the concern/issue/suggestion. This follow-up has been incredibly helpful in addressing issues in the quickest manner.

## ***Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)***

### ***Core Values***

***Integrity***

***Service***

***Adaptability***

***Vision Statement:*** *Yellowstone National Park is preserved unimpaired for future generations because people understand, appreciate, and are inspired by its significance.*

### ***REYP Strategic Focus Areas:***

- *Strategic and tactical response to high levels of visitation*
- *Operational flexibility and adaptability*
- *Science literacy/We Stand on Facts*

### ***Yellowstone NP: Winter Operations, Snowmobile Training***

**The Yellowstone National Park Winter Operating Procedures Handbook 2021-22, aka *Winter Blue Book*, along with links to the online Snowmobile Safety Refresher Training and initial classroom Snowmobile Safety Training can be found on this Sharepoint Home Page: [Yell Snowmobile Training - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#)**

For the convenience of employees who might have difficulties finding or accessing Sharepoint content, information about initial and refresher snowmobile safety training is included here.

### **2021-2022 Initial Snowmobile Safety Training**

All NPS employees, volunteers, and contractors who operate a government-owned snowmobile are **REQUIRED** to attend Initial Snowmobile Safety Training. The initial training is only required once and must be completed prior to the first time you operate a snowmobile.

The Initial Snowmobile Safety Training will be offered in Mammoth on the following dates:  
Dec. 2, 2021: 9:30am – 12:30 pm (Classroom only unless by chance we have sufficient snow.)  
Dec. 7, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 8, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 9, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 15, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 16, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Dec. 18, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 29, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Jan. 5, 2022: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Jan. 12, 2022: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

The morning portion of the course will be held in the second-floor classroom at the Garage and in one of the Garage Bays. The afternoon session will be a snowmobile orientation ride. There will be a 1-hour lunch break that includes time for folks to get their gear ready for the afternoon session.

If you or an employee you supervise needs the initial snowmobile training, **please go to the Sharepoint site to find sign-up sheets for the dates above.** [2021-2022 Snowmobile Safety Training and Dates.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Class size is generally limited to the number of pool snowmobiles available and may be adjusted if folks can arrange to bring a snowmobile from their work unit.

Each participant will be required to bring appropriate boots, gloves, etc. Questions regarding personal gear can be directed to [joe\\_bueter@nps.gov](mailto:joe_bueter@nps.gov)

**To arrange initial training in the districts, please contact:**

Mammoth: [joe\\_bueter@nps.gov](mailto:joe_bueter@nps.gov)

Canyon: [pete\\_sweger@nps.gov](mailto:pete_sweger@nps.gov) or [mike\\_twist@nps.gov](mailto:mike_twist@nps.gov)

Lake: [dave\\_whaley@nps.gov](mailto:dave_whaley@nps.gov) or [brad\\_ross@nps.gov](mailto:brad_ross@nps.gov)

Snake: [michael\\_curtis@nps.gov](mailto:michael_curtis@nps.gov)

Old Faithful: [chris\\_russell@nps.gov](mailto:chris_russell@nps.gov)

West: [rich\\_jehle@nps.gov](mailto:rich_jehle@nps.gov)

If you have questions beyond the scope of what is outlined in this e-mail, please contact [joe\\_bueter@nps.gov](mailto:joe_bueter@nps.gov)

**2021-2022 Online Snowmobile Safety Refresher Training**

Once you complete initial Snowmobile Safety Training, an annual online snowmobile training refresher is REQUIRED. You are responsible for understanding the information included in this training and abiding by the park regulations and program rules included in Yellowstone's Winter Blue Book.

The online refresher is formatted as a quiz. You must score at least an 85% to pass. Click the "View Results" button after completing the quiz to see your score and correct answers.

The program will not automatically enforce a retake if your score is below 85. It will only provide you your score; it is up to you to retake the quiz. The test can be taken multiple times. An Excel sheet captures the information entered by participants and score. The link to the quiz: [2021-2022 Yellowstone Snowmobile Quiz \(Page 1 of 41\) \(office.com\)](#)

2021-2022 Yellowstone National Park Winter Operating Procedures Handbook 2021-2022, aka Winter Blue Book: [Winter Operations \(Blue Book\) - 2021-22.pdf \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

### **The “Shoulder Season”**

**REYP Operations, November 7 – December 14, 2021**

**Albright Visitor Center: OPEN 364 days per year; closed on Thanksgiving Day. Hours 9am – 5pm.** Lobby, exhibits, public restrooms, YF bookstore.

### **Winter 2021-22: Operations Preview**

**This information is preliminary and subject to change. Current mask mandates and other DOI/NPS Covid-related guidelines and standards will continue in winter operation until new guidance is issued.**

**Updates (if and when) will appear in Squad Notes**

#### **Albright Visitor Center**

- **OPEN 364 days per year; closed on Thanksgiving Day:** Lobby, exhibits, public restrooms, YF bookstore.
- **Hours of operation 9am-5pm.**
- **All current Covid-related mask requirements and protocols will be in effect.**

#### **Old Faithful Visitor Education Center**

- **OPEN December 15 – hours TBD:** Lobby, Exhibits, YF bookstore, Public Restrooms
- **All current Covid-related mask requirements and protocols will be in effect.**

#### **Canyon Visitor Education Center**

- **OPEN December 15 – hours TBD:** Lobby, Public Restrooms
- **All current Covid-related mask requirements and protocols will be in effect.**

#### **West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center**

- **Operations TBD. West Yellowstone VIC is not a federal facility and mask mandates are not applicable nor enforceable.**

#### **Warming Huts**

**Madison, Old Faithful, Fishing Bridge, West Thumb: Operations will be modeled on those of winter 2020-21. Additional details to come.**

## ***Resource and Visitor Protection (RVP)***

### **North:**

#### **LE Incidents**

- Alcohol DUI Arrest in Tower on Monday evening.
- Vandalism at Terrace Grill.
- Significant stalking investigation.
- Winter road conditions with slide offs last week.
- Agency assist with motor vehicle vs. bull elk (dispatched).

- Mammoth Campground quiet but has several sites occupied.



### **Resource**

- Bison moving through upper Mammoth toward upper Terraces.
- Wind event Monday evening brought quite a bit of rockfall down to the road in Gardiner Canyon.

### **Lake**

- With roads shut down for the season, the Lake District has turned to winter preparations.
- Two days of howitzer operations training were completed this week, as well as training five new team member and nine current members. We also assisted in the training of five WYDOT personnel.



**Training crew fires a shot out of the Sylvan Pass avalanche control howitzer.**

- Winter mattrack preparation begun, with some deep-cleaning necessary for the part-time ambulances.



**Nothing a steam disinfecting bath won't fix!**

- Slide-off with significant damage to YPSS vehicle following snowstorm.
- Firearms qualifications completed for more employees.

### West

#### **West VRP**

- Callout for semi crash Hwy 191. Semi did a complete 180 on the highway jackknifing and crashing into the ditch. Luckily, it did not hit oncoming traffic and it did not flip. No injury. Citation for failure to maintain control.
- Multiple other slide off crashes on Hwy 191.
- Mutual aid to GCSO/MHP for school bus crash. No children on bus/no injury.
- Mutual Aid to MHP for semi crash on Targhee pass Hwy 20, 130 gallons of fuel spilled.
- Mutual Aid to MHP for rollover crash on Hwy 20, Denny Creek.
- Mutual aid to MHP/GCSO for rollover crash Hwy 191, MP 32.
- Report of truck slide off crash "way off the road in the trees" near Caldera Rim north of Madison. Found tracks but vehicle had left the scene.
- Disabled vehicle Hwy 191 resulted in citation for no DL.
- Multiple citations for speed (one **111 mph** in a **55 mph** zone), Unsafe operation, disorderly conduct, failure to maintain control, no driver's license and no liability insurance. Warning for following too closely. Driver of above 111 mph on 191 was also cited a few minutes later by WYPD for **50 mph in a 25 mph** zone.
- Investigated shots heard up Tepee Creek Road near Park Boundary. People target shooting.
- Elk and deer rifle season ongoing. Hunters and rangers are out along the boundary.

- Bison hunt starts next week along boundary. Bison hunters are out scouting.
- One day ride along with Chief Ranger Sarah Davis throughout the West District.
- FTEP trainee Casey Lewis with James Harding for phase 2.
- EMS/Fire Incidents:
  - EMS/FIRE, Responses for MVC's
- *Ambulance Status:*
  - All EMS crews have left for season.
  - Carrie Guiles on furlough.
  - Medic 17 in Service at Old Faithful.
  - Medic 18 in Service at Old Faithful.
  - Medic 24 in service at Madison.
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- *Engine Status:*
  - Engine 1 and Engine 3 in service at Old Faithful.
- Air Ambulance (Air 3) is NO longer available from the West Yellowstone airport. Services are scheduled to continue summer 2022.

**Yellowstone Interagency Communication Center 11/8 - 14, 2021**

	<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>911 Calls</b>	<b>Admin Calls</b>	<b>Outbound Calls</b>	<b>Total Phone Calls</b>
2021	135	7	298	121	426
2020	124	7	354	167	528
	132	11	301	115	427
2019					
2018	87	10	308	85	403
2017	92	10	322	151	483
2016	143	14	361	116	491

**Visitor Services Office**

**Fees:**

- Christy is out of the office until 11/30. Please contact Ken Watson or Sacha Charny with questions regarding or for assistance with fees.
- East Entrance Lead VUA selected.

**VSO:**

- Developing proposal for 2022 campground reservations/operations
- Fishing permits still coming in and database is being updated.

**Permits:**

- Rachel is in non-pay until 12/6.
  - For urgent special use permit or filming inquiries, please contact [Evan\\_Hubbard@nps.gov](mailto:Evan_Hubbard@nps.gov)

- For courier questions, please contact [Joe Bueter@nps.gov](mailto:Joe_Bueter@nps.gov) or VSO at 307-344-2107
- For CISM needs, please contact [Phil Basak@nps.gov](mailto:Phil_Basak@nps.gov)
- To reserve the MCC, please contact [YEAmembers@gmail.com](mailto:YEAmembers@gmail.com) or [Bethany Gassman@nps.gov](mailto:Bethany_Gassman@nps.gov)
- Three interview requests being processed. One requesting additional filming of staff demonstrating elements of their work.

### **Backcountry Office**

- Annual Backcountry Operations Meeting held virtually on November 8. Roughly 30 staff from RVP, Commercial Services, YCR, and Trails attended.
- Continuing testing for *recreation.gov* backcountry permit program.
- Working on the new task agreement package for the non-commercial snowmobile education course hosted by Eppley.

### **Corrals**

- Hauled stock to winter pasture.
- Pulled and trimmed incoming stock.
- Stock water tank maintenance.

### **Administration**

- Redistributed some admin workloads for FY2022 throughout the division.
- Continued processing performance awards.

## ***Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)***

### **BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION**

- No updates

### **CULTURAL RESOURCES**

- Bonnie McDonald joins the HRC as an intern through a partnership agreement with the Great Basin Institute. She will be assisting with the archives cataloging of the Geology Program records while completing her master's program. She was most recently a seasonal biological science technician with the Frontcountry Visitor Use and Resource Impacts Monitoring Project.
- Local artist, Shirl Ireland, visited the museum collections and continues to explore painting birds from the Fishing Bridge exhibit. This week she examines the raven.



- Collections Corner:
- This month we celebrate Native American Heritage Month. To read more from or about Native Americans please check out one of these books from the library:
  - [\*Lakota Star Knowledge : Studies in Lakota Stellar Theology\*](#) by Ronald Goodman. As the temperatures cool and the days grow shorter, November is a great time for star gazing. The annual Leonid meteor shower is predicted to peak on November 17 and go through Nov 30, and *Lakota Star Knowledge* is a great read to put the sky in perspective through an indigenous lens. (Juvenile)
  - [\*Re-bisoning the West : Restoring an American Icon to the Landscape\*](#) by Kurt Repanshek. We in Yellowstone live with bison and other animals as a part of our daily lives. Native Americans, too, historically had, and currently are reestablishing, a strong connection to these Animals through strategies to reintroduce bison onto native lands and elsewhere across the west. This book outlines this effort, as well as chronicles the troubled history the bison have survived, and the importance these animals have on North American ecology.
  - [\*As Long as Grass Grows : the Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock\*](#) by Dina Gilio-Whitaker. This book discusses the particular circumstances surrounding indigenous environmental justice and explains how it differs from mainstream environmental justice. This book is a great introduction to an important aspect of culture and environmentalism in the US.
  - [\*I Tell You Now : Autobiographical Essays by Native American Writers\*](#) (Brian Swann, Arnold Krupat, Editors) Native American writers describe their perceptions of their rich culture in the twentieth century. This book was published in 1987, but still gives some useful insight to indigenous life, and the

deeply rooted culture of autobiographical storytelling embedded in both tradition and modern life.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE**

- Bison Plan and EIS - NOI package submitted to regional office last week, with target for public scoping start on Jan 5, 2022.
- Potential cooperating agency meeting to discuss bison plan on Dec 6 or Dec 7 at 1pm.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE** – no update 11/15/2021

## **GEOLOGY**

- Geology Program staff doing fieldwork in the Upper Geyser Monday.

## **GIS AND CLIMATE SCIENCE**

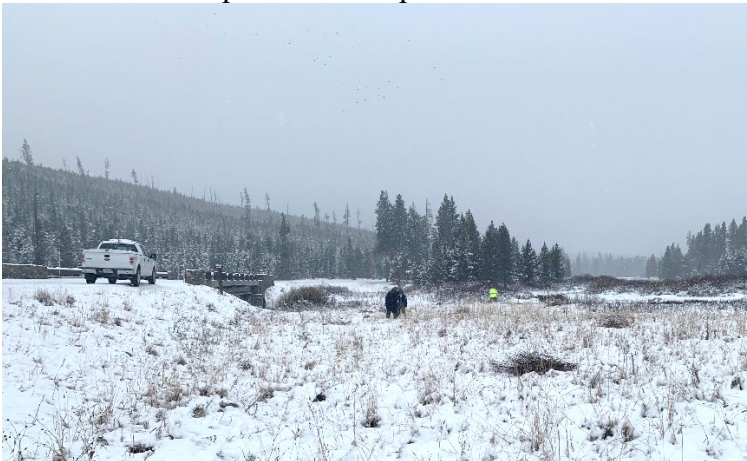
- GIS/Climate staff are preparing sound and climate equipment for winter operations.

## **SCIENCE COMMUNICATION**

- The call for abstracts and scholarships opens today for the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Scientific Conference of the GYE
  - [2022 GYE Scientific Conference, Bozeman, MT \(gyescienceconference.org\)](https://gyescienceconference.org)
  - Abstracts are being accepted November 15 through January 15

## **VEGETATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

- H. Anderson teamed up with N. Ward, D. Rhodes, and T. Patton for two half days to cut over 700 willows from Willow Park and plant them at the Gardner Bridge wetland mitigation site, which is south of the turn for Sheepeater Picnic Area. On NGG1 there were 2.2 acres of temporary impacts total (Gardner Bridge is ~25% of the impacts) and 0.63 acres of permanent impacts. Last week's wetland mitigation effort was ~0.63 acres.



- Brian Teets and Vince Nagashima are on assignment to SEKI through November 22 to help address 1-2k hazard trees left by the wildfires in the KNP Complex this summer.

# **AIS AND BACKCOUNTRY MONITORING – updated November 15, 2021**

October 2021 boat inspection numbers were down from 2020, but on par with historic numbers.

## **BOAT INSPECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2021**

<b>BRIDGE BAY</b>			
MOTOR		NON-MOTOR	
<u>7-Day</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>7-DAY</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>
1	3	10	2
<b>GRANT</b>			
MOTOR		NON-MOTOR	
<u>7-DAY</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>7-DAY</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>
6	8	11	5
<b>LEWIS LAKE</b>			
MOTOR		NON-MOTOR	
<u>7-DAY</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>7-DAY</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>
8	11	17	4
TOTAL MOTOR 7-DAY: 15		TOTAL NON-MOTOR 7-DAY: 38	
TOTAL MOTOR ANNAUL: 22		TOTAL NON-MOTOR ANNUAL: 11	
Total October: 86		<b>SEASON TOTAL MAY-OCT: 3870</b>	

<b>TOTAL FOR LOCATION</b>		<b>BUSIEST DAY</b>		
Bridge Bay:	16	Bridge Bay	2-Oct	6
Grant:	30	Grant	5-Oct	5
Lewis Lake:	40	Lewis	22-Oct	8
<b>RE-INSPECTIONS</b>		<b>HIGH RISK</b>		
Bridge Bay	5	Bridge Bay	0	
Grant	14	Grant	1	
Lewis	12	Lewis	0	
		TOTAL:	1	
<b>OCTOBER BOAT INSPECTION</b>		<b>DECONTAMINATIONS</b>		
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>INSPECTIONS</u>	Bridge Bay	0	
<b>2021</b>	<b>86</b>	Grant	0	
2020	124	Lewis	0	

2019	64	TOTAL:	0
2018	82		

**WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES** -- updated November 14, 2021. Wolf Winter Study. Started on Monday, November 15. Runs for 30 days.



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See attached.

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## *Squad Notes*

### *November 9, 2021*

## ***Superintendent's Office***

### **Schedules November 8-12 (Veterans Day November 11):**

Sholly – In Monday-Friday a.m.

Tranel – In Monday-Friday

Evans – In Monday-Friday

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## ***Administration***

### **Property/Supply/Office Services**

- **Supply Center Storehouse inventory** can be found on the YELL SharePoint. The Storehouse inventory is updated monthly with pricing and availability. If you would like to order an item from the Supply Center you have the **option** of emailing your request to [yell\\_supply@nps.gov](mailto:yell_supply@nps.gov). Please specify when you would like to schedule a pickup and your order will be pulled and ready for you to pick up.
  - The inventory can be found at: [YELL SharePoint > Sites > Divisions > Administration Division > Property & Supply Center](#) > Supply Center Store House Inventory.

### **Youth Programs Office**

- Education Staff offered 18 Distance Learning (DL) programs last week and are hosting 15 DL programs this week for schools from AL, AZ, CA, FL, IL, IA, KS, LA, MI, MO, NY, TN, TX, and WY and 27 youth attending a grief camp in SC.
- Staff hosted Gardiner 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes for three days of full-day field hikes and activities to explore the geology, ecology and history of Yellowstone. They would have attended residential Expedition Yellowstone but we modified their expedition to be fully outdoors by removing the overnight part to reduce risk during the pandemic. The students, chaperones, and rangers enjoyed learning with and from one another in “Backyard Wonderland.” Special thanks to Greg Dalling for sharing some historic Haynes postcards of several places the students explored. This community has some amazingly bright, perceptive, and creative youth who work together well. We appreciate the adults in their lives who support, encourage, and care for them. *(We normally host 60-70 classes per year. This was our first one since late winter 2020 and reminds us how valuable it is to get children outdoors for extended visits in the natural world, giving them opportunities for learning and deeper connections.)*
- Staff continue to assist REYP with coverage at Albright VC three days each week while their park guide positions are vacant.

### **Technology Services**

- **AT&T Mount Washburn** AT&T is converting their Mount Washburn site from 3G UMTS to 4G LTE. UMTS service is being discontinued by AT&T in February 2022.

Rubber tracked snow cats with snow blades were required to access the site from Mae West Curve.

- **Verizon Elk Plaza** Upgrades were completed Monday and Tuesday. All work was inside the equipment room, no visible changes outside. As of Tuesday afternoon the site was performing poorly so things were not going well.
- **Union Wireless and AT&T will begin to pay \$8,000 a year for 10 years each for rent as co-locators on the Grant Village Verizon Cell Tower.** All of the money for use and occupancy on Federal lands goes to the treasury.
- **The Old Faithful 100Mbps Broadband Circuit went down on Friday.** Computer Support got it back on line by Monday
- **The WASO Wide Area Network (WAN) group now predicts that we will not get the routers needed to connect the new broadband services at Old Faithful and Lake to the DOI Network until sometime between March through May 2022.** They were ordered in July 2020. Many other parks are suffering through the same delays. We are trying to get priority status.
- **102 New Computers** were ordered under the Consolidated Buy last week.
- **Joshua Huber (YELL Network Manager) leaves for Gettysburg National Military Park** this Wednesday for a NTE 120 detail.
- **Amanda Brown from Concessions will serve a detail in Technology Services as a Service Provider Permit Coordinator.** Amanda's EOD is first week of December
- **The South Entrance now has a Live Webcam.** More details will be available when it is made available to the public.
- **The Radio Shop is busy installing many of the 300 new Motorola Non-LE Mobile Radios purchased with FY21 FLREA Funds.** They will continue to be busy with this work for a while.

#### **Northern Rockies Major Acquisition Buying Office**

- **Please check out the NPS COR Program support SharePoint site for helpful information with CSOD and training opportunities.** [NPS COR Program - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)

#### **FY22 Procurement Cutoff Dates (complete packages due to contracting/FA)**

A purchase request package will be accepted when all supporting documents are complete and FBMS approvals have been entered. Incomplete requisitions will be returned and will not be considered to have met the cutoff date. Please use the PR Checklist located at the following link to ensure you are submitting all relevant documents. For all Financial Assistance actions below, including Cooperative Agreements and Task Agreements, the date listed is receipt of a complete "Package Date", not "PR" date.

- <https://doimsp.sharepoint.com/sites/nps-imr-requisitions/Checklists%20and%20Templates/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Type of Requirement and Dollar Value	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Award	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Award	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Award
FLREA FY21 Funding – Under \$250,000	November 5, 2021 (for Dec. 31, 2021 award)	--	--
New A/E IDIQs	Consult with Tammy or your MABO Lead		
New IDIQs	Contact MABO Lead	January 14, 2022	March 4, 2022
Construction - Greater than \$500,000	Contact MABO Lead	January 14, 2022	March 4, 2022
Supplies & Services Greater than \$500,000	Contact MABO Lead	January 14, 2022	April 15, 2022
Cooperative Agreements (Competed via funding announcements)	Contact Kelvin Delaney	Contact Kelvin Delaney	March 1, 2022*
Cooperative and Task Agreements (Noncompetitive, including Youth & CESUs)	Contact Kelvin Delaney	Contact Kelvin Delaney	June 10, 2022*
FA Agreement Modifications	Contact Kelvin Delaney	Contact Kelvin Delaney	July 8, 2022*
Construction - \$250,000 to \$499,999	December 3, 2021	March 4, 2022	May 6, 2022
Supplies & Services - \$250,000 to \$499,999	December 3, 2021	March 4, 2022	May 13, 2022
Construction - \$25,000 to \$249,999	December 3, 2021	March 4, 2022	May 13, 2022
A/E Task Orders	December 3, 2021	March 4, 2022	May 27, 2022
New Interagency Agreements	December 3, 2021	March 4, 2022	June 3, 2022
Construction - \$2,000 to \$24,999	January 21, 2022	April 8, 2022	June 24, 2022
Supplies & Services - \$25,000 to \$249,999	January 21, 2022	April 8, 2022	June 24, 2022
Supplies & Services - micropurchase to \$24,999	January 21, 2022	April 22, 2022	July 15, 2022
Contract Modifications	January 21, 2022	April 22, 2022	July 15, 2022
Supplies & Services up to micro-purchase	February 25, 2022	May 27, 2022	August 12, 2022
Last Day for Obligations (Anticipated)	Sept. 23, 2022		

- We have not received much input from park divisions on our acquisition planning request. Please reach out to Andrea Hannon to schedule time to discuss your fiscal year 22 requirements.
- LINK: [FY22 NR MABO Acquisition Planning](#)
- Did you know.... We have short 5-10 minute videos on various phases of the acquisition process. Please visit our site – we are working on our next round of content and will be adding to the video library in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: [Customer Education \(sharepoint.com\)](#)
- If you have CORs in your network that are NOT currently COR certified and need to be for upcoming projects, we're running weekly demos on How to Apply for New COR Certifications in CSOD. Here's the form:  
[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=urWTBhhLe02TQfMvQApUllkFL\\_LiK9HlnDEpAk-cHJUNzJSTIVONTBOTEJWUk01VVJVSINETzNHQi4u](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=urWTBhhLe02TQfMvQApUllkFL_LiK9HlnDEpAk-cHJUNzJSTIVONTBOTEJWUk01VVJVSINETzNHQi4u)

## ***Business & Commercial Services***

Pass

## ***Facility Management and Operations***

Pass

## ***Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)***

### **Media Relations**

News trends for the last week focused on roads closing, visitation and wildlife.

### *About the Park*

- [Powell Tribune](#): As visitation to Yellowstone surges, park leader ponders long-term solutions
- [Cowboy State Daily](#): Yellowstone superintendent open to changing name of mountain in Yellowstone
- [Casper Star Tribune](#): The quiet success of Yellowstone's winter use program
- [Cody Enterprise](#): Park could near 5M visits: East Entrance to shut gates Monday
- [Inside Edition](#): Man must pay for helicopter rescue after getting lost in Yellowstone National Park in search of Fenn treasure
- [Big Horn Radio Network](#): It was a day early but not a dollar short, as Yellowstone National Park's historically busy summer season officially ended at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6.
- [Oil City News](#): Yellowstone considering changes that would impact commercial operators in the park

### *Around the Park*

- [Jackson Hole Radio](#): Grizzly #399 cubs caught and collared
- [KBZK](#): West Yellowstone Compost Facility to close on Monday

### *News Release*

- [Yellowstone National Park seeks public comments on revised Commercial Use Authorization plans](#)
- [UPDATE: Nearly all entrances and roads close in Yellowstone National Park TODAY at 7 p.m. due to expected winter weather](#)

### **Digital Communications**

Social media weekly stats for 11/7/2021:

- Facebook: 1,430,492 followers (6 posts, 751K reached)
- Instagram: 1,308,604 followers (15 posts and stories, 876K reached)
- Twitter: 874,440 followers (5 posts, 295K reached)
- Flickr: 68,682 views

**#WhatWeDoWednesdays is wrapped for 2021!** A big thank you to all who participated this year! (View posts from the past three years on the park's [website](#) or search the hashtag #WhatWeDoWednesdays on social media.) If you would like to participate in the campaign in 2022, please reach out to Jake Frank.

### **Internal Communications**

#### *Proof of vaccination status*

As the November 22, 2021 deadline approaches, all NPS employees must provide proof of their vaccination status and verify that their responses are true and accurate using the [DOI Safety Management Information System](#) (SMIS).

- **Employees:** View [step-by-step instructions](#) to enter your vaccination information. Excused from vaccination? Make sure you check the [reasonable accommodation site](#) to understand if exemption applies to your request.
- **Supervisors:** View [step-by-step instructions](#) to validate the required information in SMIS.
- If you are unable to log in or experience system function problems, please contact the [CSC Helpdesk](#).

### *YNP@Work*

**Be on the lookout for an updated newsletter!** With the required transition from ConstantContact to GovDelivery, Bethany is tackling a new program and will work to get the employee newsletter somewhat looking normal over the next few weeks! While some of the technical oddities are worked around, readers will receive the newsletter under the NPS Learning & Development account. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we grow and learn a new program 😊.

- Last edition stats (11/01/2021)
  - Readership: 345 (61%) employees opened the newsletter

*Receive park updates on your phone*

- Check out the two main ways employees can [stay informed](#) about critical, work-related information via text. Help share this resource with co-workers, especially those without computer access!

*Employee Suggestion Box*

- Yellowstone team members can submit ideas via an [online virtual suggestion box](#)!
  - Employees are able to submit their ideas with a name alongside the suggestion or anonymously.
  - If you provide your name, Bethany will be able to follow up with you directly to get a broader picture of the concern/issue/suggestion. This follow-up has been incredibly helpful in addressing issues in the quickest manner.

## ***Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)***

*Core Values*

*Integrity*

*Service*

*Adaptability*

***Vision Statement:** Yellowstone National Park is preserved unimpaired for future generations because people understand, appreciate, and are inspired by its significance.*

***REYP Strategic Focus Areas:***

- *Strategic and tactical response to high levels of visitation*
- *Operational flexibility and adaptability*
- *Science literacy/We Stand on Facts*

### **Yellowstone NP: Winter Operations, Snowmobile Training**

**The Yellowstone National Park Winter Operating Procedures Handbook 2021-22, aka *Winter Blue Book*, along with links to the online Snowmobile Safety Refresher Training and initial classroom Snowmobile Safety Training can be found on this Sharepoint Home Page: [Yell Snowmobile Training - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#)**

For the convenience of employees who might have difficulties finding or accessing Sharepoint content, information about initial and refresher snowmobile safety training is included here.

### **2021-2022 Initial Snowmobile Safety Training**

All NPS employees, volunteers, and contractors who operate a government-owned snowmobile are REQUIRED to attend Initial Snowmobile Safety Training. The initial training is only required once and must be completed prior to the first time you operate a snowmobile.

The Initial Snowmobile Safety Training will be offered in Mammoth on the following dates:  
Dec. 2, 2021: 9:30am – 12:30 pm (Classroom only unless by chance we have sufficient snow.)  
Dec. 7, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 8, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 9, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 15, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 16, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 18, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Dec. 29, 2021: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Jan. 5, 2022: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Jan. 12, 2022: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

The morning portion of the course will be held in the second-floor classroom at the Garage and in one of the Garage Bays. The afternoon session will be a snowmobile orientation ride. There will be a 1-hour lunch break that includes time for folks to get their gear ready for the afternoon session.

If you or an employee you supervise needs the initial snowmobile training, **please go to the Sharepoint site to find sign-up sheets for the dates above.** [2021-2022 Snowmobile Safety Training and Dates.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Class size is generally limited to the number of pool snowmobiles available and may be adjusted if folks can arrange to bring a snowmobile from their work unit.

Each participant will be required to bring appropriate boots, gloves, etc. Questions regarding personal gear can be directed to [joe\\_bueter@nps.gov](mailto:joe_bueter@nps.gov)

**To arrange initial training in the districts, please contact:**

Mammoth: [joe\\_bueter@nps.gov](mailto:joe_bueter@nps.gov)  
Canyon: [pete\\_sweger@nps.gov](mailto:pete_sweger@nps.gov) or [mike\\_twist@nps.gov](mailto:mike_twist@nps.gov)  
Lake: [dave\\_whaley@nps.gov](mailto:dave_whaley@nps.gov) or [brad\\_ross@nps.gov](mailto:brad_ross@nps.gov)  
Snake: [michael\\_curtis@nps.gov](mailto:michael_curtis@nps.gov)  
Old Faithful: [chris\\_russell@nps.gov](mailto:chris_russell@nps.gov)  
West: [rich\\_jehle@nps.gov](mailto:rich_jehle@nps.gov)

If you have questions beyond the scope of what is outlined in this e-mail, please contact [joe\\_bueter@nps.gov](mailto:joe_bueter@nps.gov)

**2021-2022 Online Snowmobile Safety Refresher Training**

Once you complete initial Snowmobile Safety Training, an annual online snowmobile training refresher is REQUIRED. You are responsible for understanding the information included in this training and abiding by the park regulations and program rules included in Yellowstone's Winter Blue Book.

The online refresher is formatted as a quiz. You must score at least an 85% to pass. Click the "View Results" button after completing the quiz to see your score and correct answers.

The program will not automatically enforce a retake if your score is below 85. It will only provide you your score; it is up to you to retake the quiz. The test can be taken multiple times. An Excel sheet captures the information entered by participants and score. The link to the quiz: [2021-2022 Yellowstone Snowmobile Quiz \(Page 1 of 41\) \(office.com\)](#)

**2021-2022 Yellowstone National Park Winter Operating Procedures Handbook 2021-2022**, aka Winter Blue Book: [Winter Operations \(Blue Book\) - 2021-22.pdf \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

### **The “Shoulder Season”**

**REYP Operations, November 7 – December 14, 2021**

**Albright Visitor Center: OPEN 364 days per year; closed on Thanksgiving Day. Hours 9am – 5pm.** Lobby, exhibits, public restrooms, YF bookstore.

### **Winter 2021-22: Operations Preview**

**This information is preliminary and subject to change. Current mask mandates and other DOI/NPS Covid-related guidelines and standards will continue in winter operation until new guidance is issued.**

**Updates (if and when) will appear in Squad Notes**

#### **Albright Visitor Center**

- **OPEN 364 days per year; closed on Thanksgiving Day:** Lobby, exhibits, public restrooms, YF bookstore.
- **Hours of operation 9am-5pm.**
- **All current Covid-related mask requirements and protocols will be in effect.**

#### **Old Faithful Visitor Education Center**

- **OPEN December 15 – hours TBD:** Lobby, Exhibits, YF bookstore, Public Restrooms
- **All current Covid-related mask requirements and protocols will be in effect.**

#### **Canyon Visitor Education Center**

- **OPEN December 15 – hours TBD:** Lobby, Public Restrooms
- **All current Covid-related mask requirements and protocols will be in effect.**

#### **West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center**

- **Operations TBD. West Yellowstone VIC is not a federal facility and mask mandates are not applicable nor enforceable.**

#### **Warming Huts**

**Madison, Old Faithful, Fishing Bridge, West Thumb: Operations will be modeled on those of winter 2020-21. Additional details to come.**

## **REYP Staff Updates**

The information below is a compilation of changes in staffing as well as vacancies that have been filled in REYP during September-October:

### **Mammoth**

New Park Guide Nicole Stagg: EOD 12/5/21

New Park Guide Patrick Moran: EOD 12/5/21

### **Tower/Lamar**

Park Ranger Rebecca Roland: Rebecca has moved from Old Faithful to anchor REYP's services in the Tower-Lamar-Northeast Subdistrict. She will return from non-pay status to officially begin her new position on 12/5/21. We welcome Rebecca to the North District, where she brings a wealth of experience from her years of service at Old Faithful.

### **Lake**

New Supervisory Park Ranger Carol Quinn: 1/2/21

### **Grant**

New Supervisory Park Ranger Brian Perry: Dates to be finalized but likely early to mid-December.

### **Old Faithful**

New Park Guide AJ Ferrara: 10/10/21

New Park Guide Colin Walfield: 12/5/21

Supervisory Park Ranger Phil Officer: 12/5/21 Phil has been supervising the Madison-West Subdistrict, and has also served as Acting Supervisory Park Ranger for Grant. Phil returns to Old Faithful as the GS-025-09 Supervisory Park Ranger.

### **Madison/West**

New Park Guide Kaitlyn Knick: 11/7/21

New Park Guide Mary Gremer: 10/31/21

### **Chief's Office**

Nicole Sedgeley is on a detail as Acting Administrative Support Assistant. Nicole's regular duty station and position is in the Madison-West Subdistrict as a Park Guide. After Nicole returns to her regular duties (January 16, 2022), Addy Falgoust, Park Guide at Lake, will start an Acting detail in the Admin Support Assistant job.

**Farewell to Dave Krueger and Family.** Dave, Jennifer, and Mirabelle arrived in a blizzard in Yellowstone almost five years ago, and are leaving this week as winter conditions escort them out toward their new home in New Mexico. Dave is Chief of Interpretation at Valles Caldera National Preserve, and the family will live in Los Alamos, NM. Dave brought the park's official website and other digital media to new levels of high quality content, engagement, and innovation. We already miss Dave, and wish him, Jennifer, and Mirabelle the best in their next adventure!

## *Resource and Visitor Protection (RVP)*

### North:

- Traffic control on North Entrance Road while contractors cleared a clogged sewer line.
- Mutual aid call to Gardiner for a burglary alarm at a local business – alarm was accidentally triggered by the owner.
- Mutual aid to Gardiner EMS for 15-month-old with difficulty breathing – ALS ambulance transport to Livingston.
- Fire alarm at Mammoth Hotel – activated by steam from a shower.
- Firefighter academy completed in Mammoth.
- Park roads closed for the season at 19:00 on 11/6/21 due to impending inclement weather.
- Heavy snowfall isolated to just the Mammoth Hot Springs area on Sunday night.
- Rangers completing annual training requirements and preparing for winter season.

### Lake

- BOLO for suicidal subject, cell phone pinging off the Grant Tower. Subject located, minimally responsive, on shore of Yellowstone Lake at Pumice Point. ALS transport to Jackson. Patient making a recovery and receiving counseling.
- MA citation for speed: **75 mph in a 45 mph**.
- Warnings for OB camping.

### West

#### West VRP

- Early am callout for single vehicle crash Hwy 191. No injury. Driver cited for failure to maintain control.
- OB camping check resulted in MA citation for PCS.
- Mutual aid to MTFWP for poached elk outside of park.
- Interagency patrol of Madison River inside and outside of park with MTFWP for fishing violations during the Brown run. VW for no fishing permits NPS.
- Multiple citations for speed (one **86 mph** in a **55 mph** zone, and two semis at **71 mph in a 55 mph** zone), failure to maintain control and no liability insurance. Reckless driver warning.
- Park roads closed early due to incoming weather.
- A Pine Marten was rescued by rangers from a dumpster.
- Elk and deer rifle season ongoing. Hunters and rangers are out along the boundary.
- Traffic VIP Kimberly Flynn COB.
- Two rangers to SRT training.
- Ride along with dispatch employee two days.
- FTEP trainee Casey Lewis with James Harding for Phase 2 of training.
- Double pup trailer semi rollover crash Hwy 191. Citation issued for failure to maintain control. Road closed for a few hours. Another car hauler semi crashed off the road on scene because it couldn't stop in time to avoid the incident. Mutual aid from MTFWP and WYPD.



### **Semi Rollover on Hwy 191**

#### **EMS/Fire Incidents:**

- EMS/FIRE, Responses for MVC's.
- Fire alarm at Larkspur Dorm in OF.
- Fire alarm at Obsidian Dorm in OF.

#### *Ambulance Status:*

- All EMS crews have left for season.
- Carrie Guiles on Furlough.
- Medic 17 in Service at Old Faithful.
- Medic 18 in Service at Old Faithful.
- Medic 24 in service at Madison.

#### *Engine Status:*

- Engine 1 and Engine 3 in service at Old Faithful.

Air Ambulance (Air 3) is NO longer available from the West Yellowstone airport. Services are scheduled to continue summer 2022.

## **Yellowstone Interagency Communication Center 11/1 - 7/2021**

*After 30 years Martha Downing has announced her retirement effective November 18th.*

***Congratulations Martha and thanks for your service!! Stop by the Comm Center, congratulate Martha and wish her well between 2 pm and midnight, Monday-Thursday, November 15-18!***

	<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>911 Calls</b>	<b>Admin Calls</b>	<b>Outbound Calls</b>	<b>Total Phone Calls</b>
2021	232	15	418	209	642
2020	178	13	378	214	605
2019	188	27	379	171	577
2018	185	4	457	163	624
2017	113	15	435	203	653
2016	207	24	492	166	682

### **Visitor Services Office**

Fees:

- Entrances (except North) closed on 11/7 due to incoming weather.
- Work on hiring East Entrance Lead continues. We plan to have selection made by 11/10.
- Considering multiple options to ensure East is covered this winter including working with REYP on EOD for Perry and their staff assisting with coverage.
- Christy and Ken toured East and South entrances. Thank you, Ian, Abby, and Brian for your time and for sharing your knowledge.

VSO:

- Completed October stats.
- Pulling road counters for the season.
- The study to update the people per vehicle used by IRMA has begun and will continue through November 2022. This number directly determines our official visitation numbers.
- Fishing season is closed for the year.
- Fishing permits continue to come in from out of park vendors for the season.
- Work on the annual fishing report has begun.

Permits:

- Rachel is in non-pay until 12/6.
  - For urgent special use permit or filming inquiries, please contact [Evan\\_Hubbard@nps.gov](mailto:Evan_Hubbard@nps.gov)
  - For courier questions, please contact [Joe\\_Bueter@nps.gov](mailto:Joe_Bueter@nps.gov) or VSO at 307-344-2107
  - For CISM needs, please contact [Phil\\_Basak@nps.gov](mailto:Phil_Basak@nps.gov)
  - To reserve the MCC, please contact [YEAmembers@gmail.com](mailto:YEAmembers@gmail.com) or [Bethany\\_Gassman@nps.gov](mailto:Bethany_Gassman@nps.gov)
- Cornell permit approved for interview with Cam.
- Work continues on MCC and Meridian Trust permits.

### **Backcountry Office**

- Conducting testing of the *recreation.gov* backcountry permit system.
- Preparing for 11/8 Backcountry Operations meeting.
- Participated in Wilderness Character Training online meetings 11/3-4.

### **Corrals**

- Winter seasonal hiring.
- Returning stock from interior districts.
- Coordinating brand inspections with MTDOL.

### **Structural Fire**

- Six students completed Haz Mat Operations on 11/3. *Thank you* to all who helped with teaching and logistics.
- Gray attended Montana Mutual Aid on the 11/6 in East Helena.
- Gleason is in the process of moving to Old Faithful from Lake.
- Nick Artim (our Fire Protection Engineer) is working on a design for the burn building at the boneyard and revised design for the suppression system at the Heritage Center.

### **Administration**

- Begin PMIS project updates.
- Working on 2022 EPAPs.
- Processing performance awards.

## ***Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)***

### **BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION**

- No updates

### **CULTURAL RESOURCES Updated 11-8-21**

- **Collection Corner**
  - Happy Veterans Day! Thank you to all our Veterans for their dedicated service to our country. We also honor the army who managed Yellowstone early on!



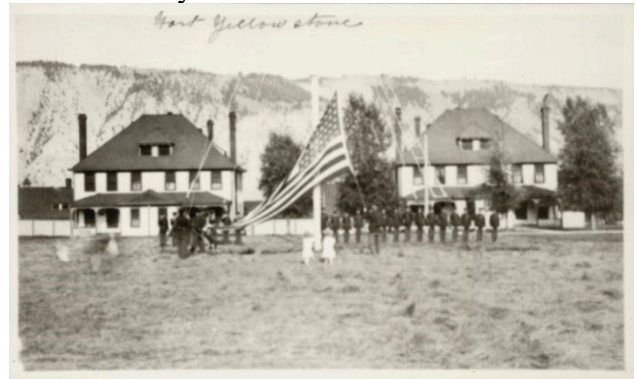
Guard mount on Mammoth parade ground, National Hotel in background, circa 1911. Inscription: 2nd Lt. Johnathan M. Wainwright Officer of day 1st U.S. Cavalry No. 7. Guard-Mount At Fort Yellowstone. YELL 11086.



Minnesota National Guard passing through Yancey's Hole, 1893. Building at left is likely saloon. Research by Bob Flather suggests lead rider is F. Jay Haynes with his stock horses 'Rock' and 'Rye'. YELL 11105.



Excelsior Geyser with military personnel in uniform observing geyser, 1912. Likely taken by member of 18th Infantry 941. YELL 142470.



Children watching soldiers raise flag at Fort Yellowstone, undated. Nichols-Child Collection. YELL 133629.



Winter ski patrol trip to Fall River, 1897. Four men (Morrison, Stitham, Holt, Lt. Lindsley) on 'bird beaked' skis, each with single long pole. YELL 7147.



Group of twelve Army scouts posing next to hot spring, 1912. Likely in Upper Geyser Basin. YELL 185160.

- The Army Era Records contain materials related to the U.S. Army's administration of YNP primarily from 1886 to 1918. It includes correspondence, soldier station logbooks, Army scout diaries, and materials that document a variety of topics such as crime (e.g. stagecoach robberies), early conceptualizations of wildlife conservation, the evolution of concessions in national parks, and the development of administrative procedures and programs which were later adopted and continued by the National Park Service.
- Read the finding aid for more information: [FINDING AID FOR \(nps.gov\)](#)
- To read more from our library collection:
- [\*The great bicycle experiment : the Army's historic Black Bicycle Corps, 1896-97\* - Kay Moore](#)
- Have you ever been on a 1900 mile bicycle trip? No? Well, this group of 20 African American soldiers completed the feat over 100 years ago – from Missoula, Montana, to St. Louis, Missouri. Read about their preparatory trip to Yellowstone that helped prepare them for their historic journey.
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- [\*Watching over Yellowstone : the US Army's experience in America's first national park, 1886-1918\* – Thomas Rust](#)
- New book alert! Published last year, this book gives detail of the army's experiences in Yellowstone. What new and surprising challenges faced army troops as they figured out how to manage this new thing called a National Park? Read to find out!
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- [\*Nez Perce summer, 1877 : the U.S. Army and the Nee-Me-Poo crisis\* - Jerome Greene](#)
- The Nez Perce War had pivotal moments in Yellowstone. This book recounts the conflict between the Nez Perce and the US Military. This book is available in our library, and has been digitized by the NPS cultural resources – you can read it free online [here](#)!
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- [\*Fort Yellowstone Historic District tour guide : the army years 1886-1918\*](#)
- Ever want to take a guided historic walking tour around Ft. Yellowstone in Mammoth? Although nothing substitutes our excellent interp staff, you CAN read about the amazing buildings and stories behind them in this unpublished document in the library collection!
- Miriam Watson will be on a 120-day detail for Yosemite National Park as the Branch Chief of Museum and Special Media. Ms. Watson will be at Yosemite from November 8 to 19, 2021. She can be reached by email, teams, or her work cell 406-589-7044

## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE

- Yellowstone National Park is asking for public comment on revisions made to the Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) and service-related operating plans, last approved in 2013. The revised plan would affect both existing and potential CUA holders and includes modifications to activity and service-based CUAs, CUA application periods,

CUA permitting fees, and management fees. Public comment will be open from November 8 - November 22, 2021. More information is available at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/YELLCUA>.

- Bison Plan and EIS - NOI package to be submitted to regional office this week, with target for public scoping start on Jan 5 2022.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE** – no update 11/8/2021

## **GEOLOGY**

- Last Wed. 11/3 Geology Program staff replaced five existing loggers in the Upper Geyser Basin with an Onset HOBO Remote Monitoring System, using wireless loggers that can send data via radio signal to a base station located on top of the Old Faithful Inn. This will provide online, near real-time temperature data from key thermal features.

**GIS AND CLIMATE SCIENCE** GIS/Climate staff have been preparing equipment for winter operations.

## **SCIENCE COMMUNICATION**

- A heads up for the call for abstracts went out for the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Scientific Conference of the GYE [Call for Abstracts and Scholarship Applications \(mailchi.mp\)](#)
  - Abstracts will be accepted starting November 15 through January 15

## **VEGETATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

- Brian Teets and Vince Nagashima are on assignment to SEKI through November 22 to address hazard trees left by the wildfires in the KNP Complex this summer. In its wake the fire left 20,000 hazard trees in the front country, which is a long-term task. Yellowstone met SEKI's request for help to address up to 1-2k of these this fall before the snow flies.

## **AIAS AND BACKCOUNTRY MONITORING**

- Last week Wed. and Thurs., Nov. 3-4, Roger Semler, Erin Drake, and Sue Mills hosted a Wilderness Workshop to help inform wilderness planning for the park.
  - YCR, Backcountry Office, WASO and IMR staff attended. Wilderness Intern Hannah Stelley is in YELL from now through March 2021 and to support the workshop and subsequent development of planning documents.

## **WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES**

Wolf Winter Study - Starts November 15 for 30 days.



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**Cc:** [NPS YELL Strategic Communications](#)  
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Just FYI, this story has been making the rounds in national news, including this article:

[Treasure Hunter Who Got Lost in Yellowstone Must Repay Cost of Rescue - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

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See attached.

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## *Squad Notes*

### *April 6, 2021*

## ***Superintendent's Office***

### **Schedules April 5-9:**

Sholly – In Monday-Friday

Tranel – In Monday-Friday

Evans – Telework Monday-Thursday, lieu day Friday

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## ***Administration***

### **Youth Programs Office**

- The Expedition Yellowstone curriculum was last published in 2004 so with residential programs suspended during the pandemic we have been using this past year to revise the curriculum. Currently, we are finalizing the history unit and the geology unit is being reviewed by YCR/Geology staff.
- We continue to assist REYP-Albright VC staff to answer phones and emails 3 or more days per week.
- Allison Newberg has returned as the YCC co-director! Thanks to Allison for all of her volunteer time with EMS and Fire across the winter.
- Distance Learning program requests keep coming in. 10 programs are scheduled for this week including a series of them for an Expedition Yellowstone group that wasn't able to visit in person.

### **Technology Services**

- The Fire Alarm System in the Canyon 10-Plex was replaced with combination Smoke, Carbon Monoxide and Heat detectors with sounder bases. This is the standard that we are implementing with all new systems installed in overnight occupancies. This design is also currently being implemented in Officer's Row 10, 11, and 12 and in many 4-Plexes due for Fire Alarm System replacement.
  - Each detector in each living unit is equipped with sounder bases that activate locally in each room.
  - Local notification reduces nuisance evacuations and mitigates complacency regarding fire alarm activation so occupants are more likely to evacuate during a fire/smoke/CO emergency.
  - If devices activate in more than one unit, the fire panel will evacuate the entire building.
  - Each sounder base emits the new low frequency audible notification which is now a Fire Code requirement for sleeping areas. Horns and strobes activate for a building evacuation.
  - The low frequency notification has proven to be more effective at waking sleeping occupants than the higher frequency devices
- If you want to find the current Radio Call Sign list pdfs or lookup someone's call sign, go to the [Yellowstone Phone Book](#) And thanks to all the Supervisors who quickly updated the call signs previously assigned to seasonal employees arriving in April.

- Lumen intends to begin work on Old Faithful NPS and Xanterra, Lake NPS, and Canyon Xanterra Fiber Ethernet projects in late April or early May depending on snow levels. Pauly Construction is the contractor that will be trenching and boring fiber optic conduit and cable for Lumen.
- Diamond Communications is submitting another proposal for task order award and work at the South Entrance Ranger Station and 10 residential quarters for 100 Mbps shared internet services. The proposed dedicated 300Mbps Ethernet to the Ranger Station was not on the IDIQ. Trenching to the residential facilities at South will be required.

### Northern Rockies Major Acquisition Buying Office

- Andrea is on a detail as the Acting Superintendent at GRKO. Rhonda Canell is filling in as the NR MABO Lead during this time.
- LIVE – Customer Education Videos on our regional SharePoint site: <https://doimspp.sharepoint.com/sites/nps-678-contracting/SitePages/Customer-Education.aspx?source=https%3a//doimspp.sharepoint.com/sites/nps-678-contracting/SitePages/Forms/ByAuthor.aspx>
- *If you are going to miss a cut off date please ensure you are coordinating with your contracting officer and putting in your late waiver request located on the requisition SharePoint site.*
- **FY21 Procurement Cutoff Dates (complete packages due to contracting)**
  - A purchase request package will be accepted when all supporting documents are complete and FBMS approvals have been entered. Incomplete requisitions will be returned and will not be considered to have met the cutoff date. Please use the PR Checklist located at the following link to ensure you are submitting all relevant documents. For all Financial Assistance actions below, including Cooperative Agreements and Task Agreements, the date listed is receipt of a complete “Package Date”, not “PR” date. <http://share.inside.nps.gov/sites/IMR/Requisitions/Checklists%20and%20Templates/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Type of Requirement and Dollar Value	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Award	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Award	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Award
New A/E IDIQs	Consult with Tammy or your MABO Lead		
New IDIQs	Contact MABO Lead	<del>January 15, 2021</del>	<del>March 5, 2021</del>
Construction - Greater than \$500,000	Contact MABO Lead	<del>January 15, 2021</del>	<del>March 5, 2021</del>
Cooperative Agreements (Competed)	Contact Kelvin Delaney	<del>January 15, 2021</del>	<del>March 3, 2021*</del>
Supplies & Services Greater than \$500,000	Contact MABO Lead	<del>January 15, 2021</del>	<b>April 16, 2021</b>
Cooperative Agreements (Sole-source/Single-Source/Noncompeted)	Contact Kelvin Delaney	<del>January 15, 2021</del>	June 11, 2021*
Task Agreements (including CESUs)	Contact Kelvin Delaney	<del>January 15, 2021*</del>	June 6, 2021*
Agreements Modifications	Contact Kelvin Delaney	<del>January 15, 2021*</del>	July 9, 2021*
Construction - \$250,000 to \$499,999	December 4, 2020	<del>March 5, 2021</del>	May 7, 2021

Supplies & Services - \$250,000 to \$499,999	December 4, 2020	<del>March 5, 2021</del>	May 7, 2021
Construction - \$25,000 to \$249,999	December 4, 2020	<del>March 5, 2021</del>	May 14, 2020
A/E Task Orders	December 4, 2020	<del>March 5, 2021</del>	May 28, 2021
New Interagency Agreements	December 4, 2020	<del>March 5, 2021</del>	June 4, 2021
Construction \$2,000 to \$24,999	January 22, 2021	April 9, 2021	June 25, 2021
Supplies & Services - \$25,000 to \$249,999	January 22, 2021	April 9, 2021	June 25, 2021
Supplies & Services - micropurchase to \$24,999	January 22, 2021	April 23, 2021	July 16, 2021
Contract Modifications	January 22, 2021	April 23, 2021	July 16, 2021
Supplies & Services up to micro- purchase	February 26, 2021	May 28, 2021	August 13, 2021
Last Day for Obligations (Anticipated)	Sept. 21, 2021		

## ***Business & Commercial Services***

Pass

## ***Facility Management and Operations***

### **ROAD REPORT**

**Present Location:** West Thumb

**Anticipated Destination:** Grant Area and moving equipment toward Sylvan Pass

**Snow Conditions:** 3'

### **OPEN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL:**

3/19/21 - Mammoth to Norris

3/19/21 - Mammoth to Canyon

3/25/21 - Norris to Madison

3/31/21 - Madison to West Entrance

4/6/21 - Madison to Old Faithful

4/15/21 - Canyon to Lake

4/22/21 - Lake to Grant Village

4/22/21 - Fishing Bridge to East Gate

5/6/21 - Grant Village to South Gate

5/13/21 - Craig Pass

NONE - Dunraven (due to construction)

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Friday, April 16th - Mammoth to Norris

Norris to Canyon

Norris to Madison

Madison to West Entrance

Madison to Old Faithful

Friday, May 7th - Canyon to Lake

Fishing Bridge to East Gate

Friday, May 14th - Lake to Grant Village

Grant Village to South Gate

Craig Pass

Friday, May 28th - Beartooth Highway (tentative)

Dunraven May not open for 2021 season due to construction.



**Photo Credit: Sasha Hill**

## Design & Engineering

### **OLD Faithful Overpass Project**

- **Please be aware that the Old Faithful interchange is not open to vehicles yet.** The contractor will be working over the next few days to install traffic control and reestablish one lane of traffic over the bridge.
  - All in-bound and out-bound administrative traffic will temporarily utilize the Fire Road to access the Old Faithful area. Roadway closure barricades and signs are in place to detour traffic in and out. The Fire road is a bit narrow for two lanes of traffic, please share the road and use caution through that area.
  - **Also, keep a look out for pedestrians walking in the area.**
  - **We anticipate the Old Faithful overpass to be open prior to the public opening date of April 16, 2021 - if not sooner.** We will send out an update when we have traffic switched over. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [Kyle\\_Stone@nps.gov](mailto:Kyle_Stone@nps.gov).

Stone, Kyle

### **North Entrance Renovation**

- I appreciate everyone's patience as we work through construction of the North Entrance station. With the season ramping up I just wanted to make sure that we are asking our employees to keep a watchful eye while navigating the construction site. **With reducing traffic to Robert Reamer for both visitor and employees, it is paramount that we adhere to the 15MPH speed limit as posted.** There will be significant amounts of construction traffic in this area for the next month and we want to make sure we are protecting our workers.
- **Project updates:**
  - Spring is here and asphalt is in our future! Over the next month HK is planning to get a majority of the project paved as weather permits. During this time there might be small shifts in traffic patterns so **please pay attention to the signs as they might change from day to day.**
  - They oversized parking across from the old Sinclair in Gardiner will be used to temporarily store some of Xanterra's vehicles while pavement is being placed in their parking area. If you can please refrain from using this area for the next couple weeks that would be much appreciated.

Ackley, Eric

### North District Roads

- Just an update for the North District Maintenance Crew – Please join us in welcoming **Jeff Oshaben**, as the new North District Roads Supervisor. If you need to contact him, his cell phone is **406-223-2773**.

Everett Munson

## **Craft Shops**

### **Carpenter and Paint**

Greetings from the Carpenter and Paint shops.

- Staff are still working, diligently, on various housing projects within Mammoth and throughout the Park.
- We have begun the finish on MA 561, installing the kitchen cabinets, interior doors, and trim work.
- Work continues on the new office for the new North District Road Supervisor.
- The crew out at Canyon has made great strides on Quarters 804G, 810D, and 820D turnovers. See new countertops and sheetrock walls below.



**Canyon 820 D**



**Canyon 820D**

- Lastly, for this week, we are beginning to install temporary steps for some of the new seasonal housing in the YAC camp.



**New Modular at YAC camp**

That's some of the highlights from our shops. Have a nice week!

Apenburg, Andreas

## ***Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)***

### **Media Relations**

News trends for the last week focused on wildlife, the sentencing of the treasure hunter and grizzly bear delisting.

### *About the Park*

- [The Guardian](#): 'I had to change who I am': 'bison' reporter Deion Broxton on his TV accent struggle
- [Salt Lake Tribune](#): Utah treasure hunter sentenced after digging in historic Yellowstone cemetery

- [Bozeman Daily Chronicle](#): Carrying on: Yellowstone's bison winter season continues as usual despite efforts to change it
- [KULR-8](#): Yellowstone Park prepares for a busy season
- [Billings Gazette](#): Yellowstone bison migration minimal; hunter kills down, trapping paused
- [Spokesman-Review](#): Rainbow trout removal project proposed on wilderness stream that flows into Yellowstone

#### *Around the Park*

- [Associated Press](#): Scientists: Grizzlies expand turf but still need protection
- [Montana Public Radio](#): Grizzly bears will retain threatened species protections
- [Powell Tribune](#): Feds recommend grizzly bears remain listed

#### *News Releases*

- [Yellowstone roads from West Entrance to Mammoth Hot Springs open for 2021 spring bicycling; Anticipate hazards and vehicles on roads](#)
- [Forrest Fenn treasure hunter digs himself into a federal sentence](#)
- [Yellowstone announces fee increases to fishing and boating permits; Additional revenue will support conservation efforts](#)

### **Digital Communications**

Social media weekly stats for 3/28/2021:

- Facebook: 1,338,358 followers (6 posts, 624K reached)
- Instagram: 1,239,848 followers (12 posts and stories, 527K reached)
- Twitter: 857,355 followers (5 posts, 399K reached)
- Flickr: 65,633 views

### **Internal Communications**

#### *YNP@Work*

- [Read](#) this week's employee newsletter
- [Last issue stats](#) (03/31/2021)
  - Readership: 305 (55%) employees opened the newsletter
  - Most clicked links
    - [USAJobs field specialist](#)
    - [So you're vaccinated, now what?](#)
    - [YNP@Work Reader Survey](#)
- Not receiving the weekly newsletter? [Sign up](#) here!

#### *Receive park updates on your phone*

- Check out the two main ways employees can [stay informed](#) about critical, work-related information via text. Help share this resource with co-workers, especially those without computer access!

#### *Employee Suggestion Box*

- Yellowstone team members can submit ideas via an [online virtual suggestion box](#)!

- Employees are able to submit their ideas with a name alongside the suggestion or anonymously.
- If you provide your name, Bethany will be able to follow up with you directly to get a broader picture of the concern/issue/suggestion. This follow-up has been incredibly helpful in addressing issues in the quickest manner.

## ***Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)***

### **Covid-related Signs for Public Spaces and Workplaces**

REYP will be coordinating covid **and** operational “temporary” sign orders this summer. Here is a link to a sign [order form](#) that you can use to order signs and sandwich boards. Please use the form to order signs. We prefer vinyl signs as they hold up longer, but these must be purchased and we will take care of that for you.

You can see pdfs of all the signs produced last year in the form and on the P drive at:  
P:\Office Services\COVID Signage

Please order the “Mask Notice” signs for buildings directly from Office Services. They are on the P drive at:  
P:\Office Services\COVID Signage\Mask Notice Buildings - order direct from Office Services

VIP Program Coordinator Joe Bueter and his team of awesome volunteers will be available throughout the summer to assist with sign delivery, installation, and maintenance needs.

Have questions or need help? Call Tami Blackford (ext. 2204), Dave Krueger (ext. 2540) or Linda Young (ext. 2248).

### **Website Statistics Point to a Busy Summer**

- We compared this period of 2021 with the same approximate timeframe in 2019. It was during this period in 2020 that we saw a massive swing in website use. Case in point:
  - Virtual tours had a MASSIVE 520,900 individual users in that 3-week period in 2020 alone. That was over half of our 968,618 total website users during that time.
  - Even those 968,618 users in 2020 was 2x to 3x more users than normal.
- With that caveat, comparing use data for 2021 to 2019:
  - Overall web traffic is up 35%
  - Home page is up 53% (174,000 vs. 114,000). In 2020 during that massive spike we had 186,000 home page users.
  - Current conditions is up 14%
  - Operating hours is up 18%
  - Maps is up 16%
  - Campgrounds is up 31%
  - Park roads is up 45%
  - Basic information is up 12%
  - Lodging is up 63%
  - Permits and reservations is up 46%

- Virtual tours is still up a massive 3,994%
- That said, two of the top pages are down
  - Plan Your Visit home page is down 2% (probably an insignificant amount or people finding the information elsewhere)
  - Webcams down 26%; however, we believe that drop reflects the fact that the Old Faithful Live Streaming Webcam is down. Dave and team will travel to Old Faithful next week to restore this ever-popular feature to full function.

So, looking at these numbers, it would not be unreasonable to extrapolate the following:

- We have 10–30% increase in visitation from 2019 numbers
- A lot of people are left without places to camp or stay

We can look back on this prediction in a few months and either laugh derisively at how wrong predictions can be, or wince at the reality of that magnitude of increased visitation.

### **NPS Mobile App Launches April 16**

The NPS Mobile App is available to all parks. Every site has the same branded and professional product regardless of size or budget. It is scalable to the needs of each park but has additional features, and new services will continue to be added. The app includes a layer of nationwide content, where a user can learn about different parks, find national news, and configure global settings such as registering for alerts and news from parks of interest. Park-specific content for every park in the NPS System is available for use online and offline – i.e., if a person wants to download the info for one particular park to use offline, they can do so. This is an especially useful functionality in parks like Yellowstone, where cell service and wifi are limited.

Thanks to Virginia Warner and Matt Ohlen, we are on track and on deadline to provide a decently robust Yellowstone experience in the new NPS app by April 16.

However, the new NPS app will have less functionality than the current Yellowstone app, which has been available for over 2 years:

- In its current level of development, the NPS app cannot integrate Yellowstone Live, so
  - No geyser predictions
  - No campground or lodge fill statuses
  - No road condition information
- No interpretive/education content
- On the plus side, the new NPS app has three added functionalities:
  - The open/closed status of VCs and campgrounds based on our structured data (i.e., the data that populates the park's official website).
  - The listing of volunteer opportunities
  - Users can access all NPS units from this one app and download the content of as many parks as you like for offline use.
- Overall, both apps “work” the same when in a park, with slight visual differences.

- Yellowstone and a few other parks worked with Harpers Ferry Center (HFC) a few years ago to develop apps that became the foundation for development of the NPS app. HFC will not force any existing apps to retire, so we can keep the NPS Yellowstone app indefinitely. HOWEVER...
  - We are uncertain how long HFC will continue to the old app code maintenance contract. The Yellowstone app may stop working when an OS upgrade occurs.
  - We will still have to maintain two completely separate sets of content 600+ sites, which is a workload.
- WASO recognizes importance of including live data in the NPS app. However, it may or may not appear in the next app update. When it does, there may be transitions from Yellowstone Live to a different Live format.
  - The new Live system has been years in the making and there is no firm ETA.
  - There is no plan for addressing Campground and Lodge fill status in the same, simplified way as we have now... it will be possible, but more technical.
    - Same for the geyser predictions.
  - The visitor center messages are on the list to be completed after the new live system is released, but there may be a period where we are having to maintain two systems, just like the app.
  - As yet, there is no path forward relative to including interpretation/education content, but we will continue to advocate for this functionality.
    - There is a disconnect between WASO IT and WASO Interpretation/Education.

### **More From the Branch of Planning and Media**

#### Exhibits:

- Fishing Bridge: Exhibit content development continues; will transmit massive changes to the contract designer/fabricator next week. Working with FMO on building rehab projects to be done this summer. Coordinating with Yellowstone Forever relative to work in the bookstore space.
  - Canyon VEC exhibit refresh: content and designs are being finalized and will be transmitted to contracting in May.
  - Mammoth Hotel exhibits: Small exhibit project on the history of the hotel (part of the mitigation outcome of the NEPA compliance process) to be part of the Canyon VEC exhibit contract.
  - Waysides:
    - Mount Washburn panels ready for installation this summer.
    - Obsidian Cliff panels ready for fabrication. Installation early this summer.
    - Uncle Tom's history panel ready for fabrication. Installation early this summer and removal of old trail portal sign.
    - Canyon Rims: About halfway through content development and designs. Temporary signs will be printed for start of season and fabrication/installation of permanent exhibits is expected by July.
    - Dangerous Ground: Illustrator working on modification to the artwork.

## Publications

- Summer visitor guide draft in development. Review will be coming out by 4/16.
  - R&I 2021 edits underway. Anticipated completion is early May.
  - Maps being developed for Canyon Rims panels.

## Signs

- See information at top of REYP Squad Notes.

## Digital

- Apps:
  - Updated content for both apps with 2021 seasonal dates.
    - Finalizing the last few places that will appear in the first version of the new NPS app.
    - Working on adding the audio tours to the new app this week.
    - Working on an organization structure for the new app early next week.
    - Starting our testing of all app content 4/8–4/15 for the official announcement of the app on 4/16
    - Preparing the app web page with updated content and preparing some social media posts about the two apps.
- Web:
  - Completing updates for CUA, permit, fee, and operating hours as they come in.
  - Uploaded the water quality reports.
  - Updated road information to highlight the Tower–Canyon road closure on top-visited pages.
  - Released the April edition of the home page with the overall theme of water.
- Resource Education Videos
  - MSU students actively working on two new winter-related films.
- Social Media
  - Continuing to post on resources and providing some visitation tips.

## Training

- Developing Academy training for partners (XPR, YF, CUA's)
  - Developing REYP Field Operations training.
  - Developing timeline and process for a prototype online employee orientation training.
  - Ongoing coordination of Standard Operating Procedures and Job Hazard Analyses. These have been inconsistently available, resulting in each location developing its own SOP's or having none at all. Transitioning to a One Team approach to the development, updating, and maintenance of this essential operational guidance.

## **Summer Operations/Updates**

On March 29, Deputy Director Shawn Bengé issued a memorandum to all NPS units in which the NPS formally established reduced occupancy in National Park Service facilities for pandemic response. The DOI Covid-19 Workplace Safety Plan recommends a reduced occupancy standard of 25% of normal occupancy. This standard must be applied when 100% occupancy can be readily determined. This standard also must ensure that at least six feet of physical distance between people present in the facility can be maintained. If 25% of normal occupancy cannot be

readily determined, we must establish a building occupancy level that allows a minimum of six feet of physical distance between people present in the facility. These standards also apply to concessioner and partner spaces/operations.

We will work closely with George Larsen, and Phil Basak/Chris Flesch to interpret and implement these standards in our planning for summer operations. The memo has also been conveyed to the Yellowstone Forever Retail Sales Team and Maintenance Manager, and we will work closely with YF to apply guidance to bookstore spaces.

It is likely this guidance will evolve over the months between now and the target opening date of July 1 for the visitor centers listed below. We will carefully monitor all developments and adjust accordingly.

As of April 6:

Phase 1 Visitor Centers: Target Opening Date is July 1.

- Albright VC, Mammoth Hot Springs: Lobby, information desk, YF bookstore; basement exhibits and restrooms will remain closed initially and decisions to open will depend on staffing capacity and covid guidance.
- Old Faithful Visitor Education Center: Lobby, information desk, YF bookstore, public restrooms. Exhibits and theater will remain closed initially and decisions to open will depend on staffing capacity and covid guidance.
- Canyon Visitor Education Center: Lobby, information desk, YF bookstore, public restrooms. Exhibits and theater will remain closed initially and decisions to open will depend on staffing capacity and covid guidance.
- West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center: A facility shared with the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce – not a federal facility and therefore not covered by the mask mandate in federal facilities. Currently, West Yellowstone Chamber requires masks in conformity with Gallatin Country standards. Facility opening is tentatively targeted for July 1, but the date could move forward or back depending on covid guidance and mask requirements.

Phase 2 Facilities: Opening Uncertain or Facilities Closed for the Season

- Norris Geyser Basin Museum: Unstaffed. Opening under review based on concerns about visitors and crowding in small spaces.
- Grant Visitor Center: Closed initially; the building will need “sneeze guards,” stanchions, signs, and other covid management/mitigation devices. These items will be added as the Grant area opens and access is possible.
- West Thumb Contact Station: YF will operate a small sales function; NPS will be roving the West Thumb Geyser Basin area.

Not open in 2021:

- Madison Information Station
- Museum of the National Park Ranger
- Fishing Bridge Visitor Center

REYP Rangers will conduct resource education/protection roving activities in the Upper Geyser Basin, Midway Geyser Basin, Fountain Paint Pot, Firehole Lake Drive, Madison-West Entrance corridor, Norris Geyser Basin, Canyon Area (North and South Rims, Overlooks, and trails) Mud Volcano, Hayden Valley, Yellowstone Lake shore turnouts and overlooks, West Thumb Geyser Basin, Mammoth Developed area, and the northern road corridor (North to Northeast Entrances). Staffing levels will be insufficient to offer a schedule of formal ranger-led programs. Staff will be available to support requests for VIP tours, talks, etc.

## *Resource and Visitor Protection (RVP)*



Congratulations to Eric Amundson upon receiving the Superintendent's Commendation for his efforts and investigation into the Forrest Fenn treasure hunter, Rodrick Craythorn. Craythorn entered the park during the COVID-19 closure last year and disturbed several graves in the Fort Yellowstone Cemetery. He was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment, 6 months home confinement and ordered to pay \$31,000 in restitution to the park.

Chris Flesch will be detailed to Grand Teton as Acting Chief Ranger for PP-09 and 10.

### **North:**

#### **LE Incidents**

- Mandatory appearance VN issued for possession of natural resources (antlers).
  - Whiteout conditions and multiple trees down along NE Entrance Road on 3/30.
  - Investigating a possible sexual assault which occurred on the Old Yellowstone Trail.
  - Unattended fire in the campground led to 3 minors in possession of alcohol. VN's issued for both.
  - Report of visitor using a cattle prod on bison along the roadway – vehicle was located later and occupants were interviewed. No cattle prod was used – it was a selfie stick. Warning issued.

## **Fire, EMS & SAR**

- Fire alarm at YCC 8-plex due to cooking smoke.
- Fire page to Canyon VEC for water flow alarms caused by frozen pipes
- Mutual aid fire response to 10 miles north of Gardiner for a grass fire. Welding work on a bison fence ignited the grass and burned 1-2 acres before it was suppressed. No damage to structures or other property.
- Mutual aid response to Gardiner for possible stroke patient – ALS ambulance transport to Livingston.
- Mutual aid response to Cooke City for open tib-fib fracture of left leg received from ice sliding off the roof. Patient was life flighted from Pebble Creek.

## **Other**

- Dunraven Pass Construction project has started again for the summer. Temporary closure implemented at Tower Jct., on 4/1.
- Road from Mammoth to West opened to bicycle traffic on 3/31.

## **West**

### **West Incidents/LE:**

- Several citations for speed on Hwy 191. One **82 mph in a 55 mph zone**.
  - Horn Hunting continues. Horn hunters using park lands to access USFS areas. Patrols and investigations ongoing.
  - Mutual aid from Gallatin County Sheriff K9 Unit on recovered stolen car from the week before. Vehicle was returned to owner from California.
  - Highway 20 in Idaho closed for a short period due to blowing and drifting snow.
  - Several fishermen contacted on the Madison River just inside the park near West Yellowstone. Warnings for fishing in closed area. Mutual aid from MTFWP and USFS.
  - Open to non-motorized travel between West entrance and Mammoth. Several days of warm weather brought out many bikers and walkers! **60+ vehicles** parked at the Chamber in town and at the park entrance. **Well over 100 bikers/walkers** on a few different days. Many drive ups wanting to enter the park unaware the West Entrance is closed to motorized vehicles. Seeing more E-bikes. Several warnings to bikers (not riding single file, etc.). Several warning to bikers on the West Entrance road prior to opening to bikes (closed area).



**Over 50 vehicles (Parking lot almost full) parked at West Yellowstone Chamber on the park boundary accessing non-motorized access from the West Entrance.**



**A Group of Bicyclists Enter Yellowstone Through the West Entrance.**

- Power out at Madison and Old Faithful multiple days.
- Two seasonal LE hires backed out. Recruited and hired two more for summer.
- Snow surveys completed.
- Multiple staff on non-pay status and AL.
- Multiple staff to fire training in Mammoth.
- District VRP Supervisor meeting.

*Ambulance Status:*

- Wheeled Medic 24 in service at Gallatin/West.
- Wheeled Medic 18 in service at Madison.
- Low Pressure Tire Ambulance in service at Old Faithful (Craig Pass response).
- Snowbulance in service at Old Faithful. (Craig Pass response).

*Engine Status:*

- Engine 7 in service at Old Faithful.

Air Ambulance (Air 3) available from West Yellowstone.

EMS/Fire Incidents:

- Several fire alarms at Old Faithful.

**Yellowstone Interagency Communication Center**

**MARCH Stats**

	Calls For Service	911	Admin	OutBound	Total Phone Calls
<b>2021</b>	933	71	1428	665	2164
<b>2020</b>	696	76	1430	583	2089
<b>2019</b>	722	70	1535	479	2084
<b>2018</b>	794	72	1527	733	2329
<b>2017</b>	706	Testing	New	System - Not	Accurate
<b>2016</b>	662				
<b>2015</b>	623				

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Traffic Hazard Debris</b>	14	8	26	10	14	7	4
<b>Medical</b>	5	12	9	12	5	13	12
<b>Permit Violations</b>	10	7	4	2	3	5	1
<b>Reckless driving</b>	10	5	0	2	3	3	2
<b>Boiling/Thermal</b>	6	1	1	4	1	0	0
<b>Traffic Stop</b>	248	147	119	175	181	175	225
<b>Welfare Check</b>	12	6	5	12	6	2	1

<b>Fire Alarm Activation</b>	5	14	10	10	9	11	10
<b>MVA/Include Slide Off</b>	30	21	23	21	13	24	17
<b>Snowmobile Contact</b>	12	8	7	10	14	11	n/a

### **Visitor Services Office**

Fees:

- Working the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier of GS-04 VUA cert to hire last 4-5 positions at entrances.
  - Reviewing resumes, scheduling interviews for North Entrance supervisor position.
  - Answering questions regarding Spring Bicycling on phone, web, email, and updating maps, and handouts – *Thanks, Dagan!*
  - Continued work on reconciling 2020 fish permit vendor accounts and annual report.
  - Completed 2<sup>nd</sup> Assessment for GRTE Fee vacancy.
  - Ordering supplies/passes/brochures for entrances.

VSO:

- Evan is working on March visitation statistics.
- Ongoing – issuing park suppliers, contractor passes, and wedding permits.
  - Academic Fee Waiver requests are starting to increase in number.
  - Refining a statistics report for the Supt's Office for vehicle number comparisons.

Permits:

- Rachel is back in the office - now teleworking only part time
  - Working with Xanterra Location Managers and NPS Public Health to determine guidelines for religious services for the summer.
  - Hiring a volunteer position to assist with film monitoring this summer. Announcement on *volunteer.gov* will be out soon.
  - Collaborating with other parks on how the new ruling is affecting certain requests.
  - Submitted Compendium changes to WASO regarding new film ruling in Yellowstone; waiting on reply.
  - Collaborating with the Public Affairs Office to determine new system for employee interviews since some low-impact filming requests including employees on camera may not need a permit.
  - Film permit requests are ramping up for the 2021 season, low-impact filmmakers are exempt from permit requirements.
  - Working with the Yellowstone Employee Association on new permit for the Mammoth Community Center and the 2021 permit for the Yellowstone Adventure Summer Camp operated by LPLC.

### **Trails**

- Peale Island workgroup meeting #2.
- Continued budget and procurement carryout.
- Continued applicant review, hiring and onboarding of staff.
- Extended WG-5 MW cert, returned WL-7 Leader cert.
- Continued planning with youth partners.

- Working on interdivisional agreements.
- Glenn attended a State of MT Safety Fest class.
- Signing staff up for Respiratory Fit Testing.
- Attending to Trails' vehicle recalls with the garage.

### **Backcountry Office**

- Conducted the lottery and started processing backcountry reservations on April 1.
- We received 1,702 applications prior to April 1 – 700 more applications than this date in 2020. Ten years ago we had around 600 applications in the April 1 lottery. The 1,702 applications is the most ever received prior to April 1 and represents a 26% increase over the previous high in 2019.
- Lottery applications typically take about 3 weeks to process. With the increased volume and decreased early season staffing, we estimate it taking 5 weeks to process all of the applications.
- The 1,702 applications represent only the amount received prior to April 1. Applications continue to come in daily. All signs point to a very busy year in the backcountry.

### **Emergency Services**

- Organizing and providing ongoing vaccine clinics.

### **Corrals**

- Getting corrals and pens cleaned and manure spread.
  - Finishing up a packsaddle rebuild.
  - Packing a new mule and riding new horses.
  - Working on purchasing a new horse.

## ***Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)***

### **GEOLOGY**

- In this week's Yellowstone Caldera Chronicles article, Greg Vaughan, a USGS research scientist, writes about the ephemeral nature of geothermal areas, which are extremely ephemeral in terms of geologic time. New geothermal areas can heat up quickly and older systems tend to cool down slowly. You can read Greg's article here: [Yellowstone's Cool Thermal Areas \(usgs.gov\)](https://www.usgs.gov/centers/yellowstone/science/yellowstone-cool-thermal-areas)
- A drilling crew is working in the area west of the NE entrance road between the Trout Lake parking area and the Pebble Creek campground. The road lies upon massive landslide deposits that most likely dammed the Soda Butte Creek and created a lake. So, when you look at the Round Prairie area from the road, think about a lake water level over your head by a couple of feet that was around sometime in the last 12,000 years or so. At some point the damming landslide deposits were breeched, and the lake drained. Round Prairie is what is left behind. A team of WFLHD geologists, university researchers and Yellowstone Geology Program members are looking to find out when these landslides happened and assess the hazard of further landslides in the area.

## **GIS AND CLIMATE SCIENCE**

- A map showing the new park districts has been updated as the cover page for the Ranger Map Book. It can be found at P:\MAPS\YELL Maps Internal Use Only\Ranger Map Book. The PDF 00\_COVER\_v20210224.pdf is just the districts. It is also the cover page for the entire map book, Ranger Mapbook 20210319.pdf.
- Staff just completed a map titled Historic Buildings of Mammoth, a joint project with Cultural Resources and the Deputy Supt Office. Staff are also working on compliance maps for Midway to be included in documents for public comment and creating maps for new West Entrance Historic District designation.
- Staff finished a Survey 123 mobile mapping application to be used on tablets for mapping wetlands.

## **SCIENCE COMMUNICATION**

- Planning continues for the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Scientific Conference on the GYE with the Abstract Review Committee and Scholarship Committee meeting this week.
- C. Reid is on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning team and is working among these committees to help with coordination.

## **VEGETATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

- J. Klaptosky is coordinating with S. Wacker, C. Geremia, and H. Robison on restoration activities in the Gardiner Basin and conducting inspections of contractor construction vehicles.
- H. Anderson worked with GIS staff who developed a Survey 123 mobile mapping application to be used on tablets for mapping wetlands.

## **WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES**

Nothing new to report

## **YELLOWSTONE VOLCANO OBSERVATORY MONTHLY UPDATE**

U.S. Geological Survey

Thursday, April 1, 2021, 12:21 PM MDT (Thursday, April 1, 2021, 18:21 UTC)

YELLOWSTONE VOLCANO (VNUM #325010)

44°25'48" N 110°40'12" W, Summit Elevation 9203 ft (2805 m)

Current Volcano Alert Level: NORMAL

Current Aviation Color Code: GREEN

### Recent work and news

In the past month there were three major water eruptions of Steamboat Geyser, on March 3, 18, and 27. This brings the total number of eruptions for the year to 7. During winter months, the interval between Steamboat eruptions is longer than during the summer, probably due to lower groundwater levels in the absence of runoff from snow melt. If the geyser follows the patterns established since 2018, we expect to see the time between eruptions decrease as summer approaches.

### Seismicity

During March 2021, the University of Utah Seismograph Stations, responsible for the operation and analysis of the Yellowstone Seismic Network, located 105 earthquakes in the Yellowstone National Park region. The largest event was a minor earthquake of magnitude 2.4 located 16 miles southeast of Mammoth, WY, on March 3 at 2:31 PM MST.

A small swarm of 12 earthquakes, with magnitudes between -0.1 and 1.8, was recorded in the area of Old Faithful, Yellowstone National Park, during March 9–16. The largest event of the swarm occurred on March 9 at 2:29 PM (MST) and was located nine miles north-northwest of Old Faithful.

Earthquake sequences like these are common and account for roughly 50% of the total seismicity in the Yellowstone region.

Yellowstone earthquake activity remains at background levels.

### Ground deformation

Deformation rates and styles at Yellowstone, as recorded by continuous GPS stations, have been steady over the past year. Subsidence of Yellowstone Caldera, which has been ongoing since 2015, continued at an average rate of 2-3 cm (about 1 in) per year. In the area of Norris Geyser Basin, no significant uplift or subsidence has been detected by a nearby GPS station since the start of 2020.

An example of GPS data can be

found at [https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.unavco.org%2Finstrumentation%2Fnetworks%2Fstatus%2Fpbo%2Fdata%2FNRWY&data=04%7C01%7CHillary\\_Robison%40nps.gov%7C0b830ed79084442e53d808d8f854cb32%7C0693b5ba4b184d7b9341f32f400a5494%7C0%7C0%7C637532390350494960%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JELT5jShHe8a6%2BJ5xRyk2fFsK6tuatv53e0Cmxowslk%3D&reserved=0](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.unavco.org%2Finstrumentation%2Fnetworks%2Fstatus%2Fpbo%2Fdata%2FNRWY&data=04%7C01%7CHillary_Robison%40nps.gov%7C0b830ed79084442e53d808d8f854cb32%7C0693b5ba4b184d7b9341f32f400a5494%7C0%7C0%7C637532390350494960%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JELT5jShHe8a6%2BJ5xRyk2fFsK6tuatv53e0Cmxowslk%3D&reserved=0) (click on Static Plots / Cleaned)

The Yellowstone Volcano Observatory (YVO) provides long-term monitoring of volcanic and earthquake activity in the Yellowstone National Park region. Yellowstone is the site of the largest and most diverse collection of natural thermal features in the world and the first National Park. YVO is one of the five USGS Volcano Observatories that monitor volcanoes within the United States for science and public safety.

YVO Member agencies: USGS, Yellowstone National Park, University of Utah, University of Wyoming, Montana State University, UNAVCO, Inc., Wyoming State Geological Survey, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, Idaho Geological Survey

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# YNP@Work

For Employees of Yellowstone National Park



American dipper at Mound Terrace NPS / Diane Renkin

**March 31, 2021**

**News**

## Forrest Fenn treasure hunter digs himself into a federal sentence

This week, Rodrick Craythorn was [sentenced in federal district court](#) for digging in Fort Yellowstone's cemetery while looking for the Forest Fenn treasure. This case is one of Yellowstone's most significant investigations of damage to archaeological resources in recent history and the first significant ARPA felony conviction in the park. Way to go team! Thank you to the Yellowstone law enforcement and archaeological teams who worked on this complex case.

## Respiratory fit testing poll

Staff who will need a respirator fit test this year (i.e. N95, KN95, etc.), should fill out this fit testing [Doodle Poll](#).

- Taking the poll will help the Safety Services Office pick the best week to provide fit tests this spring.
- Questions? Contact [Kevin Gappert](#), Occupational Safety & Health Manager.

## How are we doing?

This week, NPS employees across the agency will be providing input to their mid-season performance evaluations. In a similar way, we want to hear from our YNP@Work readers. How are we doing? Take this brief [10-question survey](#) to let us know how this newsletter can best serve you!

## Summer youth work project requests

Work project requests for youth work groups (YCC, MCC, Groundwork) are being solicited from park staff. Use the [online form](#) to submit your proposed project to Mike Coonan for review. Work project requests are due April 5.

## Quicklinks

[Park Strategic Priorities](#)

[Reopening Plan](#)

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Employee Handbook](#)

[Exit Clearance Form](#)

[Squad Notes](#)

[Suggestion Box](#)

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# Safety & Wellness

## Yellowstone COVID-19 information

- [Sign up online](#) to be added to the COVID-19 vaccination list.
- Visit Yellowstone's [employee intranet page](#) for information regarding COVID-19.
- Request PPE, cleaning supplies and ask questions via email: [YELL\\_IMT@nps.gov](mailto:YELL_IMT@nps.gov).

## You've been vaccinated, now what?

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic. The CDC shares a few things fully-vaccinated people can [now do safely](#) as well as a few ways to continue to [protect yourself and others](#).

## National Drug Take-Back Day

Approximately 50,000 young children are brought to the emergency room each year because medications were left within reach. Take the opportunity to properly dispose of your expired and unused drugs on [National Drug Take-Back Day](#).

- Saturday, April 24 from 10am-2pm drop off any expired or unused prescription drugs at the Yellowstone Forever

## Wellness Links

[Lead from where you stand \(OL\)](#)

[Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#)

[Suicide Prevention](#)  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

[NPS Employee Support Links](#)

headquarters building in Gardiner.

### **Zen with Jen**

Start your day off with intention. Jen Morey from the park's CISM team will be leading 15-minute mindfulness meditation sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-8:15am.

- View the meeting invite [here](#).

## **Life & Leisure**

### **Virtual bring a kid to work day**

Gather the family around and join your colleagues and some special guests on April 22, for a fun-filled "Virtual Bring a Kid to Work" day featuring live and pre-taped presentations for all age groups, age-appropriate activities and an art contest! The full agenda can be found on the [Bring a Kid to Work Day](#) page. DOI employees may RSVP by using the [registration form](#).

### **Yellowstone Co-Op Employee Recreation Program (YCERP)**

YCERP is the largest, most diverse recreation program offered in any national park! Learn more about activities, seminars, and events being held near your location.

- **Gym and Rec Office hours:** At this time, the gym is open!
  - Masks/face coverings required.
  - Social Distancing in effect. Please keep at least 6 feet away from others.
  - Use gym wipes (or disinfectant spray) before and after equipment use.
  - [Click here](#) for gym and rec office hours of operations.
- **Fitness Classes:** Yoga, iRest, and Circuit Training classes are being offered by Dyanne Singler via Zoom. Please email [Dyanne](#) to sign up for any of these classes.

### **Community news near you**

- [Cody, WY](#)
- [Gardiner, MT](#)
- [Jackson, WY](#)
- [West Yellowstone, MT](#)

## **Training**

### **Required computer training**

New this year, the required annual information management training (previously called FISSA) will have individual due dates based on when employees last completed training.

- DOI Talent will send notifications indicating course due dates.
- Course completion is required for an employee to maintain computer access.

### **Reinvent yourself**

- Mindfulness for pandemic wellbeing
- Clifton strengths
- Get the best of your stress
- Boost your communication skills
- Federal risk management process

Learn more about these opportunities [online](#)!

## **Jobs**

[USAJOBS.gov](#) connects job seekers with federal employment opportunities. As the

federal government's official employment site, [USAJOBS.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov) provides resources to help the right people find the right jobs.

### Current job postings

- [Park Ranger \(Interpretation-Language\)](#)
- [Park Ranger \(Protection\) \(GL 5-9\)](#)
- [Field Program Specialist \(Detail\)](#)

### NPS jobs, details, and internal postings

The National Park Service continues to strive to support employees in their career development. The leadership of the NPS embraces the concept of a learning ecosystem for professional development where people can, if they choose, gain knowledge, skills and experience through many different paths. [Learn more](#) about the current opportunities available within the NPS.

### DOI Career Connection

DCC empowers employees to gain a broader understanding of DOI, participate in cross-training opportunities, and increase their proficiency in desired technical and professional skills. This Program is for all DOI employees (non-SES) who have at least one year of federal service in the Government. [Learn more](#) about the opportunities available.

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Craythorn was found digging in Fort Yellowstone's cemetery in late 2019 and early 2020, while looking for a treasure believed to be worth millions. Rangers and special agents of the National Park Service discovered seventeen sites of illegal excavation, including damage to an historic grave. The cemetery is a multicomponent archeological site with historical human burials. The cemetery is included in the National Register of Historic Places and more specifically designated on July 31, 2003, as a National Historic Landmark. Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872 as the nation's first national park, and the U.S. Army was dispatched to the park in 1886 to protect its natural features and wildlife. Originally established as Camp Sheridan in 1891, it evolved into Fort Yellowstone and served as the Army headquarters until their departure in 1918. The Army began internments in the cemetery in 1888. At least 54 people were buried in the cemetery between 1888 and 1916, most of them civilian employees of the Army and relatives of military personnel.

A Santa Fe, New Mexico, art dealer named Forrest Fenn buried a chest of gold, silver, and gems in the western United States and then left a clue-filled poem to solve its location. The investigation into this matter revealed that Craythorn had done extensive research on the Forrest Fenn treasure and documented his efforts to family and friends. Craythorn did not find the treasure during his criminal adventure. It was found later in Wyoming by another person. "Yellowstone is one of the country's most popular national parks and we must do everything in our power to investigate and prosecute those who damage and destroy its natural and cultural resources. A national park is no place to stage an adult treasure hunt motivated by greed. The harmful actions of Mr. Craythorn, no matter the reason or intent, destroyed valuable archaeological resources that cannot be undone", stated Acting United States

Attorney Bob Murray. “I am pleased with the results of this case. The teamwork between Assistant United States Attorney Stephanie Hambrick and the rangers and special agents with our National Park Service resulted in the successful prosecution of a crime that a sentence of imprisonment is rarely imposed. Craythorn deserves time in a federal prison, no matter the length. Yet this case really serves to remind those enjoying our national parks the importance of respecting and preserving it for the whole of America”, Murray said.

“This is the most significant investigation of damage to archaeological resources in Yellowstone National Park’s recent history,” said Superintendent Cam Sholly. “I want to sincerely thank law enforcement officers, special agents, archaeological staff, the Department of Justice District of Wyoming and the U.S. District Court Judge for their outstanding work on this complex case.”

“This is an example of a highly egregious resource violation stemming from the Forrest Fenn treasure hunt saga,” said Yellowstone National Park Chief Ranger Sarah Davis. “Today’s action by the DOJ sends a clear message that these types of transgressions will be aggressively investigated and prosecuted.”

Additional Information and Resources:

Website: [Fort Yellowstone Cemetery \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/fortyellowstone/cemetery.htm)

Images: [News Media](#) | [Flickr](#)

See attached for full release.

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## FORREST FENN TREASURE HUNTER DIGS HIMSELF INTO A FEDERAL SENTENCE

Acting United States Attorney Bob Murray announced today that **RODRICK DOW CRAYTHORN**, 52, of Syracuse, Utah, was sentenced by Chief Federal District Court Judge Scott W. Skavdahl, for excavating and damaging archeological resources in the cemetery of the Fort Yellowstone National Historic Landmark in Yellowstone National Park. Craythorn received a sentence of six months of imprisonment plus six months of home detention, to be followed by two years of supervised release. He was also ordered to pay \$31,566 in restitution.

Craythorn was found digging in Fort Yellowstone's cemetery in late 2019 and early 2020, while looking for a treasure believed to be worth millions. Rangers and special agents of the National Park Service discovered seventeen sites of illegal excavation, including damage to an historic grave. The cemetery is a multicomponent archeological site with historical human burials. The cemetery is included in the National Register of Historic Places and more specifically designated on July 31, 2003, as a National Historic Landmark. Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872 as the nation's first national park, and the U.S. Army was dispatched to the park in 1886 to protect its natural features and wildlife. Originally established as Camp Sheridan in 1891, it evolved into Fort Yellowstone and served as the Army headquarters until their departure in 1918. The Army began internments in the cemetery in 1888. At least 54 people were buried in the cemetery between 1888 and 1916, most of them civilian employees of the Army and relatives of military personnel.

A Santa Fe, New Mexico, art dealer named Forrest Fenn buried a chest of gold, silver, and gems in the western United States and then left a clue-filled poem to solve its location. The investigation into this matter revealed that Craythorn had done extensive research on the Forest Fenn treasure and documented his efforts to family and friends. Craythorn did not find the treasure during his criminal adventure. It was found later in Wyoming by another person.

“Yellowstone is one of the country’s most popular national parks and we must do everything in our power to investigate and prosecute those who damage and destroy its natural and cultural resources. A national park is no place to stage an adult treasure hunt motivated by greed. The harmful actions of Mr. Craythorn, no matter the reason or intent, destroyed valuable archaeological resources that cannot be undone”, stated Acting United States Attorney Bob Murray. “I am pleased with the results of this case. The teamwork between Assistant United States Attorney Stephanie Hambrick and the rangers and special agents with our National Park Service resulted in the successful prosecution of a crime that a sentence of imprisonment is rarely imposed. Craythorn deserves time in a federal prison, no matter the length. Yet this case really serves to remind those enjoying our national parks the importance of respecting and preserving it for the whole of America”, Murray said.

“This is the most significant investigation of damage to archaeological resources in Yellowstone National Park’s recent history,” said Superintendent Cam Sholly. “I want to sincerely thank law enforcement officers, special agents, archaeological staff, the Department of Justice District of Wyoming and the U.S. District Court Judge for their outstanding work on this complex case.”

“This is an example of a highly egregious resource violation stemming from the Forrest Fenn treasure hunt saga,” said Yellowstone National Park Chief Ranger Sarah Davis. “Today’s action by the DOJ sends a clear message that these types of transgressions will be aggressively investigated and prosecuted.”

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Additional Information and Resources:

Website: [Fort Yellowstone Cemetery \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/fortyellowstone/)

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# **Archeological Resources Victim Impact Statement**

**Fort Yellowstone Cemetery  
(48YE0752)  
Fort Yellowstone National Historic Landmark  
(48YE1057)  
Yellowstone National Park, WY**

**Incident # NP20049219**

Respectfully Submitted  
by

Elizabeth A. Horton, Ph.D.  
Park Archeologist

Yellowstone National Park  
National Park Service  
United States Department of the Interior

Good morning your Honor and thank you for allowing me a few minutes to speak today. My name is Sarah Davis and I am the Chief Ranger at Yellowstone National Park. I know this is probably unusual for the government to provide a victim impact statement, but the nature of this case is different from most and my presence here today is to provide the court with an understanding that even though no bodily harm came to a person, and the digging of holes were the only visible damage, the effects run much deeper. When the government presents its case, it does not show the emotional impact, the internal pain that the actions of the suspect have caused. When reports are written they based on facts. Today, Yellowstone would like to make sure everyone understands that the government is made up of people and cases like this take a personal and emotional toll.

Cultural resources, including the Fort Yellowstone Cemetery and archaeological sites, are tangible assets that embody the cultural history of the park, a reservoir of information invaluable to humanity. The park's cultural resources, protected since 1872, represent the material embodiment of one of the largest and most complete continua of human occupation in the western United States.

The Fort Yellowstone Cemetery is a contributing resource to the Fort Yellowstone National Historic Landmark. A National Historic Landmark is a type of property that is officially recognized by the United States government for its outstanding historical significance. Fort Yellowstone is significant for its association with the military administration of Yellowstone National Park and for the impact the principles and policies developed during the military administration of Yellowstone had on the emerging conservation and national park movements in the United States in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Within the historic cemetery, the actions of Roderick Dow Craythorn resulted in disturbing two human gravesites. One belongs to Mr. Frank Welch, a teamster for the park's Engineering Department who has the unfortunate distinction of being the first documented human fatality by grizzly bear in the park. His headstone was moved and his grave was partially unearthed. Mr. Welch's wooden coffin lid was broken through near his shoulders and skull, resulting in the exposure of the inner coffin void. As I performed the Resource Damage Assessment for Mr. Welch's burial, we found pieces of the broken coffin lid throughout Craythorn's backfilled hole, and could smell Mr. Welch's decomposing remains. It was extremely disheartening that he was not allowed to rest in peace because of Craythorn's actions.

Immediately to the west of Mr. Welch lies Mr. William Maher, a civilian employee of the Army Quartermaster Division. Mr. Maher's Spanish American War Veteran Grave Marker was removed from his gravesite and replaced in an area where Craythorn had dug a large hole over 4 ft. wide and 3 ft. deep. We will return Mr. Maher's Spanish American War Veteran Grave Marker and the last pieces of Mr. Welch's coffin lid to their rightful locations once the ground thaws this spring.

Archaeology is the study of how humans lived in the past. Scientists in this field use artifacts (the objects made and used by people) and other physical remains to understand how past peoples lived: what they ate, what tools they used, what types of housing they built, how they adapted to their surroundings, and what factors influenced their decisions. The original context of these materials is extremely important as it is the interrelationships between these items that are examined to achieve a greater understanding of past peoples.

As an archeological site, the Fort Yellowstone Cemetery has the potential to provide information significant to our understanding of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century occupation of Yellowstone National Park, as well as our understanding of prehistoric people's use of this area. Artifacts that the NPS recovered during the Resource Damage Assessment consist of two chert flakes (a flint-like material), one obsidian flake, and one obsidian scraper. A common tool type on prehistoric sites, the scraper has evidence of intentional edge sharpening and usewear associated with food processing and the fabrication of leather, bone, and wooden tools and ornaments. These archeological resources have the potential to yield information on cultural history, resource procurement, as well as how to determine how individuals and communities travelled and traded across the landscape through obsidian sourcing.

Over 135½ cubic feet of soil was disturbed within the cemetery by Craythorn's actions. This is the most significant ARPA felony incident in Yellowstone National Park in terms of the scope and scale of the disturbance since the enactment of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) in 1979. Archaeological resources are non-renewable; if the original context of the artifacts and other materials is not properly documented during their removal, such as during scientific excavations, those resources are irrevocably injured and associated information on the past is lost forever.

Mr Craythorn, your actions were not only disturbing, but your actions resulted in the loss of information, loss of context, loss of history, to not only the early YNP occupation of the land, but also the prehistoric and Native Americans who were here long before. I personally am angered by the overarching reason for the damage done to Mr. Welch's remains and Fort Yellowstone Cemetery. And that is the reason was a poem and a treasure hunt. A treasure hunt where the writer of the poem specifically said it's not buried and it's not in a cemetery. Mr Craythorn ignored this because of greed. He ignored the shutdown of the Park to protect each other from the global pandemic, because of greed.

Yellowstone National Park was the first national park and was established in 1872. The Yellowstone National Park Protection Act says "the headwaters of the Yellowstone River ... is hereby reserved and withdrawn from settlement, occupancy, or sale ... and dedicated and set apart as a public park or pleasuring-ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people." In an era of expansion, the federal government had the foresight to set aside land deemed too valuable in natural wonders to develop. In 1916 the National Park Service was established and its mission defined in the NPS Organic Act: "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

The over 800 employees who protect and serve Yellowstone, live by this mission. The words conserve, and Unimpaired. Mr. Craythorn maybe to you this was just treasure hunt, but to the park employees it was much more than that.



**From:** [Warthin, Morgan E](#)  
**To:** [Davis, Sarah](#); [Flesch, Christopher](#); [Basak, Philip J](#)  
**Subject:** Warthin, Morgan E shared "2017-10-18 Forrest Fenn Related SARs" with you.  
**Date:** Monday, March 8, 2021 3:25:51 PM  
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2017-10-18 Forrest Fenn Related SARs

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**Subject:** Re: Details to inform our brainstorm this Thursday  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:30:25 PM

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Sounds great. Thanks Chris.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:23 PM  
**To:** Davis, Sarah ; Warthin, Morgan E  
**Subject:** Re: Details to inform our brainstorm this Thursday  
I confirmed that Phil will be available and I will work to call in as well on Monday.

Thanks,  
Chris

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**From:** Davis, Sarah  
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**To:** Davis, Sarah ; Flesch, Christopher

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See attached.

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## *Squad Notes*

*January 12, 2021*

### *Superintendent's Office*

#### **Schedules January 11-15:**

Sholly – In Monday-Friday

Evans – Telework Monday-Thursday, lieu day Friday

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### *Administration*

Pass

### *Business & Commercial Services*

Pass

### *Facility Management and Operations*

#### **North District Roads**



ND crews currently plowing and dealing with ice issues, currently working with Xanterra, Concessions Management on frozen creek behind Mammoth Cabins.

Dealing with icy road conditions, and the local sheep keep kicking down rocks in the Gardiner Canyon

Munson, Everett

### **Design and Engineering**

**Mammoth:** In 2020, all 31 homes were manufactured and delivered to the Mammoth site. All but 3 have been lifted into place. The remaining 3 will be placed in the Spring of 2021. Also, in 2020 the site work contractor was able to complete about 75 percent of the utility work. Currently, most work is suspended for the winter and is anticipated to resume the first week in April. In the upcoming construction season, construction crews will finish installing modulars, complete final utility connections, install concrete sidewalks and curbing, and pave the site with asphalt. As of today, the site is on track to be completed by September 30, 2021.



FIGURE 1 - FURNITURE STAGED IN LIVING ROOM OF DOUBLE WIDE UNIT.



FIGURE 2 - PICTURE OF MAMMOTH SITE FROM ABOVE THE YCC BUILDINGS.

**Old Faithful:** In 2020, all 10 modular homes were installed at the site.

Currently this site is also in winter suspension with work anticipated to resume the third week in May. In the upcoming construction season, construction crews will complete final utility connections, finish site grading, and install concrete sidewalks and curbing. As of today, the site is on track to be completed by August 1, 2021.



**FIGURE 3 - MODULAR HOME SITES 1-4 AT OLD FAITHFUL.**

**Bechler Site Work:** With a late start in 2020, crews were only able to complete the clearing of trees and grubbing of stumps.

Currently this site is also in winter suspension with work anticipated to resume the third week in May 2021. In the upcoming season, construction crews will install the new modular units. One of which will be a new visitor contact station. This season the construction crews will also complete utility connections and other site improvements alongside a new solar system that will power the site. The solar system is being installed by Northwestern Energy. As of today, the site is on track to be completed by September 30, 2021.



**FIGURE 4 - CLEARING COMPLETED AT BECHLER IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEW MODULAR HOMES AND CONTACT STATION.**

**Modular Fabrication:** In 2020, Northstar Systembuilt out of Redwood Falls, MN was able to fabricate and deliver 41 modular homes to Yellowstone. Eleven of those modular homes being single bedroom units and the others being two-bedroom units. There are 40 obsolete homes sites that remain throughout the park and we are currently getting ready to order additional units to be delivered this year. The remaining sites are South Entrance, Grant, Lake, Canyon, Norris, Northeast Entrance and West Yellowstone. Work on these sites are anticipated to start this construction season, with completion of the work in 2022.



**FIGURE 5 - TWO-BEDROOM MODULAR CONSTRUCTION IN FACTORY.**



**FIGURE 6 - WORKERS PREP PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL IN FLOOR FRAMING AT FACTORY.**



**FIGURE 7 - SINGLE BEDROOM UNIT TRANSPORTED THROUGH MAMMOTH ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.**

**Brink of the Upper Falls:** A new vault toilet has been installed at the Brink of Upper Falls visitor use area. The unit was installed in October 2020 and has two separate restroom stalls.



**FIGURE 8 - THE NEW BRINK OF THE UPPER FALLS VAULT TOILET.**

**Old Faithful Overpass:** In 2020 the Old Faithful overpass presented many challenges for park operations with issues encountered during construction. We are working closely with the Denver Service Center to decide the best path forward contractually in 2021 to limit impacts to the park. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

At this time, work is anticipated to resume in May of 2021. It's expected that work will continue for several months into the 2021 season. Whether or not the overpass will be open to traffic to start the season is currently being evaluated by a team of Engineers. More to come on that as we get closer to our opening dates.



**FIGURE 9 - OLD FAITHFUL OVERPASS IN NOVEMBER 2020.**

Stone, Kyle

## ***Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)***

### **Media Relations**

News trends for the last week focused on the treasure digger's guilty plea Steamboat Geyser and wildlife.

#### *About the Park*

- [NPR](#): Fenn treasure seeker pleads guilty to digging in a Yellowstone cemetery
- [New York Times](#): The cold case of what's heating up Yellowstone's Steamboat Geyser

#### *Around the Park*

- [Idaho Mountain Express](#): Wolves lost endangered species protection this year. Idaho may offer a glimpse of what's ahead for them nationwide.
- [Bighorn Radio Network](#): Grand Teton campgrounds to be reservation only in 2021

### **Digital Communications**

Social media weekly stats for 1/10:

- Facebook: 1,325,389 followers (6 posts, 641K reached)
- Instagram: 1,211,259 followers (13 posts and stories, 360K reached)
- Twitter: 842,208 followers (3 posts, 300K reached)
- Flickr: 45,195 views

## Internal Communications

### *Save the date: All employee call*

- Tuesday, January 19 from 8:30-10am, Superintendent Cam Sholly will host an employee call to cover a range of topics, including COVID-19 updates, vaccinations, upcoming park projects, and summer seasonal hiring. Details on how to call in for the meeting will be sent later this week.

### *Vaccinations for employees*

- On January 4, 2021, the Park County (MT) Health Department worked in collaboration with Medcor and the NPS to administer the first round of COVID-19 vaccinations in our community. [Read more](#) about this and other vaccination opportunities in the email from Public Health Officer, George Larsen.

### *YNP@Work*

- Read [this week's newsletter](#)
- [Last issue stats](#) (01/13/2021)
  - Readership: 353 (54%) employees opened the newsletter
  - Top clicked links:
    - [Employee Pub to-go menus](#)
    - [Responding during challenging times](#)
- Not receiving the weekly newsletter? [Sign up](#) here!

### *Receive park updates on your phone*

- Check out the two main ways employees can [stay informed](#) about critical, work-related information via text. Help share this resource with co-workers, especially those without computer access!

### *Employee Suggestion Box*

- Yellowstone team members can submit ideas via an [online virtual suggestion box](#)!
  - Employees are able to submit their ideas with a name alongside the suggestion or anonymously.
  - If you provide your name, Bethany will be able to follow up with you directly to get a broader picture of the concern/issue/suggestion. This follow-up has been incredibly helpful in addressing issues in the quickest manner.

## ***Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)***

### **Nature Notes**

#### **Singing Lake**

If you live at Yellowstone Lake, you likely are among the fortunate few to have experienced this natural phenomenon. In response to a request from PAO (a reporter is writing a story about Yellowstone Lake “hum”), Lake Supervisory Ranger Kristine Brunsman answered questions and shared her experiences and those of Ranger Addy Falgoust. If you are unfamiliar with this extraordinary phenomenon, read on! And if you have experienced it for yourself, we suspect no two experiences are the same.

**Is it real?** *Yes! I've been lucky enough to hear the lake sing for the last three winters.*

**What's it sound like?** *The sound is hard to characterize. In 2018 and 2019, the sound was rather dull and often reminded me of corrugated metal flapping in the wind or maybe a far-off mechanical sound, like the engine of an airplane. This winter, in December 2020, I heard songs I'd never heard before - more ethereal notes, with whomps and whoops and whooos - akin to sonar pings or the call of a whale deep in the ocean. It gave me goosebumps. I like to imagine there's a mystical creature that lives in the depths of Yellowstone Lake calling out a lonely song, its roars echoing in isolation.*

**What are the theories for it?** *My hypothesis is that a combination of ice cap, air and water temperature, wind and wave action, and echoing off the crown of the mountains that encircle Yellowstone Lake create the perfect environment for the sound. I'm sure localized tremors and underwater thermals also play a role in the notes we hear.*

**What are the patterns as to when it occurs?** *It seems to happen most early in the winter or later in spring when the lake is capped in ice. We may hear it intermittently or for a few days in a row. This winter, we had extremely cold days early in the season and the lake began to freeze without its usual blanket of snow. It would make sense that the snow acts as a muffler in most years, which is why it was so clear, crisp, and loud this December.*

**Do people mistake certain other sounds for it?** *Most often, especially people who don't know to listen for it, mistake the metallic sound for a large vehicle or heavy machinery off in the distance or simply wind in the trees.*

### **REYP Winter Operations, week of January 3 - 9**

#### **Visitor Contacts**

- West Thumb Warming Hut – 543
- Fishing Bridge Warming Hut – 124
- Madison Warming Hut – 521 contacts
- Mammoth Area – 159; Resource Warnings (wildlife, thermal) 26;
- Tower/Lamar Valley Area – 54; Resource Warnings (wildlife) 18
- Canyon Warming Hut (visitor center lobby): 547 visitors reported by Guides, with REYP contacts at 121. Rove at locations in Hayden Valley and t17 warnings were issued on a variety of infractions.

#### **Visitor (and some Commercial Guide) Comments**

A group of visitors were mildly upset that Boiling River is still closed.

#### **Employee Observations**

Mammoth Hot Springs: In the aftermath of the two week holiday period, no off-boardwalk travel was observed and off-trail tracks were minimal.

Lamar Valley: Resource warnings have mostly been made to address safe parking – i.e., not parking in the middle of the road, or vehicles only partially pulled into a pullout.

Blacktail Plateau: A dead coyote was discovered and reported.

Canyon: Wildlife sightings included wolves in Gibbon Meadows and a mountain lion on North Rim Drive near Grandview Point. The mountain lion sighting information was reported to Dan Stahler.

Canyon: REYP rangers continue to work with commercial guides to improve coordination of lobby use and maintain conformity with the established capacity of the lobby. Guides have been responsive to suggestions for staggering group arrivals and outdoor options during better weather conditions.

From Nicole Sedgeley at Madison: A snowmobile guide said that, "The guides love the propane heaters at the warming hut! They have really helped reduce the crowding inside the warming hut and kept our guests warm." They went on to request that something similar to those be installed at Old Faithful.

Madison: We had one visitor get confrontational with Will, the Xanterra Warming Hut employee this week. He was asked by Will to wear a mask inside, and according to Will the visitor became agitated, throwing his wallet at Will, using profanity, and storming out of the building. When I arrived to help, the visitor remained agitated and did not want to listen to my explanation of the regulations inside the building. I talked with the visitor's snowmobile guide about the situation and the guide assured me that he would not let that visitor into any other buildings that day. When I saw the guide later that afternoon, he reported no other issues with that visitor had happened.

Madison: The wolves have been a major focus of everyone's attention and discussions this week. The signs have been posted and the guides are aware of the hazing operations. A lone wolf walked right in front of Madison Information Station this morning. Not sure the status of which pack this wolf is/was a part of.

Having the wildlife sightings on the whiteboard outside the warming hut has been a big success. Many people -- guides, and visitors alike -- routinely check and talk about the sightings.

Fountain Paint Pot has continued to be a good roving location. There were many cheers, laughs and smiles as people watched a recent eruption of Fountain Geyser. The wind was blowing all the steam back on the boardwalk and one woman was standing right in the steam, smiling, and said, "I love this! This is so cool!"

### **General**

Jon Nicholson, Mammoth Supervisory Park Ranger, will be moving from that position to a new job in the Yellowstone Center for Resources. Jon's last work day with REYP is Friday, January 15. Jon has anchored frontline REYP operations at Grant and Mammoth Hot Springs. His exceptional dedication and hard work have benefitted hundreds of thousands of visitors and through information and interpretation, contributed to the preservation of Yellowstone's natural and cultural resources. Jon has also represented the NPS with special groups including

international delegations, Yellowstone Forever donors, and dignitaries at all levels of government. Thank you, Jon, for all you've contributed to Yellowstone's visitors and resources. We wish you the best in your new job at YCR!

The Chief's Office is gathering information and coordinating work on Program Reviews/Presentations. REYP's are scheduled for February 9 and 10.

Preparations are underway for the arrival of seasonal certificates and the hiring of the summer workforce. In conformity with park plans, hiring will begin with Wave 1 rehires from the summer of 2020.

As part of her role serving on the Intermountain Region's Interpretation and Education Advisory Council (IEAC), Tami Blackford is working with a committee to develop and deliver Interpretation Leaders Training. "Ranger Reboot: Leading Through Dynamic Change" will be held on February 17-19, 2020. The training will be offered virtually to regional Chiefs of Interpretation and will include sessions on Business Acumen, Managing Up, Visitation and Social Science, Strategic Planning, and a Leader's Panel: Leadership at every level, that will include soon to be Deputy Supt Mike Tranel. Dave Krueger is providing Teams platform support and facilitation for the training.

## ***Resource and Visitor Protection (RVP)***

### **North**

#### **Law Enforcement**

- Mandatory appearance violation notice issued for PCS in the Mammoth CG.
- 4 mandatory appearance VN's issued for Boiling River closure violation – 3 warnings issued.
- Several slide-offs across the district on a daily basis.

#### **Fire & EMS**

- Mutual aid to Gardiner Ambulance for ALS provider – elderly patient transported to Livingston.
- Mutual aid to Gardiner Ambulance for ALS provider – repeat patient with catheter complications – transport to Livingston.
- Mutual aid request to Gardiner Ambulance for catheter patient again.
- 1/8 Mutual aid request to Cooke City for an avalanche on Republic Pass – six skiers caught in an avalanche. One person injured and short hauled by a Teton County helicopter to Cooke City. Patient placed in Northeast ambulance for assessment and packaging and flown to Billings by Guardian life flight.

At the same time a forest service LE Officer rolled her snowmobile and fractured her leg on Lulu Pass – Officer contacted Park County, WY SAR and was able to get herself back to the trailhead.

#### **Other**

- Elk carcass removed from Chinese Gardens.

## Lake

- Lake and Backcountry District staff conducted the first avalanche control mission on Sylvan Pass for the season, triggering 17 avalanches, four of which released significant amounts of snow and debris.
- A ranger, enroute to West Yellowstone, encountered a snowcoach with a guide and two visitors, all of whom allowed a group of 15 wolves to pass within 20 yards of them. All three individuals were cited to court for approaching wildlife.
- Lake District, West District, and Teton NP staff continue to deal with the same pack of wolves which have become increasingly habituated to humans.



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- A number of warnings were issued to snowmobile and snowcoach groups for various minor infractions.
- A 911 hang-up led to an emergency response on the East Entrance Rd. A snowmobile group was found, but reported no problem. Call was likely a pocket-dial.

## West

### **West Incidents/LE**

- 4 MA citations to 2 individuals at Old Faithful riding two stroke snowmobiles in from the South Entrance without a guide.
- 3 MA citations west of Madison junction for approaching wildlife as a result of wolf pack on the road near Madison area.
- Medical response to Madison warming hut, no transport. Patient was able to self transport.
- MVC slide off callout Hwy 191 MP 21
- MVC slide off callout Hwy 191 MP 24



**MVC Semi slide off callout Hwy 191 MP23. Full road blockage for recovery.**

- Mutual Aid request from the Gallatin County Sheriff for MVC just outside of the park on Hwy 191.
- Mutual aid request from GCSO for a rollover on Hwy 20.
- Two rollover crashes and a 3<sup>rd</sup> single vehicle crash all at the same time on Hwy 20 – Mutual Aid to GCSO.
- Propane leak – mutual aid to HBEMS/Fire (same time as above three MVC's).
- WYPD mutual aid for lost snowmobiles at West Entrance.
- Wapiti pack regularly sighted near Madison Junction, approximately 16 wolves seen. Later hazed when loitering in the road by NPS units.
- Hwy 191 trailheads seeing heavy use. Some pullouts full to capacity.
- Dave Ross's retirement flag flown at Bechler. Lots of traffic on the Cave Falls road.



*Dave Ross's retirement flag flies high above Bechler. Thank you for your many years of service, Dave!*

- **West EMS/Fire:**

*Ambulance Status:*

- Wheeled Medic 24 in service at Gallatin/West.
- Mattrack Medic 22 (pickup truck slide in ambulance) in service at Madison.
- Low Pressure Tire Ambulance in service at Old Faithful.
- Snowbulance in service at Old Faithful.

*Engine Status:*

- Mattrack Engine 7 in service at Old Faithful.
- Air Ambulance (Air 3) no longer available from West Yellowstone until next spring.

**Visitor Services Office:**

**VSO:**

- Initializing the December 2020 winter visitor stats.
- VSO received 129 visitor phone calls last week and responded to 189 visitor emails.
- Kristen is working with Tami Blackford from REYP to find more efficient ways to manage trip planning functions among our two programs.

- Rich completed snowmobile training last week. Evan will attend the winter skills avalanche training next week.
- Evan has revised the lost and found SOP to improve communication and clear written guidance for the field locations. It will be shared with field staff in the next few weeks.

#### **Fees:**

- The Fee supervisors are working on hiring seasonal VUA GS-4 and GS-5 positions and campground hosts.
- Preparing *Recreation.gov* production sites for four campgrounds to go on reservation this spring: Norris, Mammoth, Pebble Creek, and Slough Creek. We are also working with *Recreation.gov* on creating online digital fishing permits for this coming summer.
- The West Entrance is getting new replacement cash register equipment from Arctic IT to solve ongoing hardware issues.

#### **SUP's/Filming:**

- Rachel is processing a number of winter film permit requests.
- *Thank you* to the interior film monitors for helping monitor the film crews.
- Kristen and Rachel are presenting the MCC Focus Group recommendations to the SLT on Tuesday, to continue the MCC operations under a new SUP and seek project funding to address long-term building needs and improvements.

#### **Emergency Services**

- 8 total parkwide EMS calls, 5 mutual aid, 1 North District, 2 West District.
- FY2021 Ambulance order has been submitted to the Auto Shop.
- New Mutual Aid SAR Protocol is being drafted for the park, in cooperation with the park's EOC, Dispatch and County SAR coordinators.
- Sending first wave of oxygen tanks to be hydrotested. Upon return, will pull some from the interior for round two.

#### **Communication Center (YICC)**

The number of calls for service continues to increase in comparison with other years. We handled 279 CFS this week as compared to 231 in 2020, 179 in 2019, 161 in 2018, 166 in 2017 and 142 in 2016 and 2015. This increase means that we are keeping at least two Telecommunicators on duty every shift to handle the workload. There were 18 slide off MVA's, 3 MVA, 6 medicals, and 1 thermal trespass. Our cooperating stakeholder had two separate backcountry incidents in the Cooke City area, an avalanche with airbags deploying for the 3 people who were caught in it and a separate snowmobile accident with a fractured leg this week.

We answered 395 total phone calls, 367 were administrative and 28 were 911 calls. All calls were answered within 3 minutes.

### **Central Backcountry Office**

- Backcountry reservation applications for 2021 are coming in at a steady pace.
- Calls/requests for winter backcountry permits are above average. There were twice as many backcountry permits issued in December 2020 than in December 2019.
- Backcountry permits continue to be issued remotely via phone/email. South Entrance staff have been helping issue backcountry permits.
- Preparing annual reports and compiling statistics. For the year, backcountry permits were up 7% compared to 2019 (despite no backcountry permits being issued March 24-June 14).

### **Structural Fire**

- Mark Gleason is on leave and deployed with the Montana Air National Guard for approximately 6 months.
- VIP's are working hard around the Mammoth Fire Cache. They have put all the required equipment and hose on Truck 51 so that the apparatus is ready for service.
- The Wyoming first quarter fire training is open. We have had several sign up for classes.
  - 7 signed up for Firefighter 1
  - 3 signed up for Apparatus Driver Operator – Pumper
  - 1 signed up for Fire Officer 1
  - 1 signed up for Fire Instructor 1
- The Wyoming Apparatus Driver Operator – Pumper & Aerial from the fourth quarter of 2020 will complete their final skills training and course exams the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Met via conference call with Fire Protection Engineer Nick Artim. Nick will be assisting the structural fire program on a long term plan. He will be arriving in the park in midMarch to perform an assessment of the Heritage Center suppression system and to provide a design for the structural fire burn building. We will then work on building a model on fire systems, fire suppression procedures, fire training improvements, and fire prevention.
- Yellowstone Structural Fire was accepted to participate in an NFPA beta program for building community risk assessments utilizing fire codes. Once the risk assessment is completed, then a community risk reduction plan will be established. Yellowstone is the NPS representative and was one of 250 departments chosen nationally to participate in the beta program.

### **Trails**

- Combined park Temp WL7 Crewleader VA opened 12/22, planned 1/11 COB extended to 1/19.
- Combined park Temp WG3 Trails Laborer VA opened 12/23 COB 1/06/21.
- YELL Temp Animal Packer VA opened 12/22 COB extended to 1/19/21.
- YELL Temp Packer Helper VA planned COB reached app cap and closed 12/26.
- PMIS quarterly reports and adjustments.
- Snowmobile Refresher training.

- Continued program review work.
- Staff on furlough.

### **Corrals**

- Picking up horses for bison ops and Coggins testing.
- Coordinating brand inspections with MTDOL.
- Leather shop projects.
- Starting to coordinate with volunteers for summer projects.

### **Administration**

- Working on PCS information, lapse information.
- Getting AFS updated and reconciled for Status of Funds for the first week of February.

## ***Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)***

### **VEGETATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

- January 11-14, Teets/Nagashima and volunteers conducting Winter Wildlife Surveys on the west side of the park.
- Last week responded to request to remove a tree from West Developed Housing that was too close to a newly installed chimney.
- Hiring certs have arrived and seasonal RM/AIS hiring will be ongoing.

### **WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES**

Last week rabbit hemorrhagic disease (RHDV2) was confirmed in southeast Wyoming. It has not been documented in YELL, Idaho, or Montana but please be on the lookout for dead rabbits, hares, or pikas (lagomorphs). Do not touch or move them, but contact John Treanor, Wildlife Health Program, if you have observations or reports. He will work with you to determine whether cases should be submitted for testing and how to proceed. Please record observations of sick or dead lagomorphs including date, location, species, and number of carcasses. Include photos if possible.

We had several reports of wolves from the Wapiti pack sitting on the road with people closely approaching them. We have hazed them before, so we are working with RVP to implement more aggressive hazing - bean bags <25 yds, rubber bullets>25 yds, cracker shells, and paint ball rounds.



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## This Week and Looking Ahead

- The [Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday](#) on January 18 marks the 26th anniversary of the day of service—“a day on rather than day off”—to commemorate the civil rights leader’s life and legacy.
- January’s [National Park Getaway](#), the newly dedicated Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial in Washington, DC, honors the life and legacy of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force in World War II and our 34th president.

## In Case You Missed It

- A man indicted in September [pleaded guilty](#) last week in federal court to charges of excavating or trafficking in archeological resources and injury or depredation to US property while looking for treasure at Yellowstone National Park.

## Partner News

- National Park Foundation corporate partner Nature Valley [has committed an additional \\$3 million](#) to restore trail access in parks and public lands and support outdoor exploration grants.
- As part of its ongoing [webinar series](#), the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA), an NPS partner, is offering “Supporting Public Arts: Indigenous Artists Share Their Vision” on January 12 and “Native Chefs Explore Food Sovereignty” on January 25.

## Social Media Moments

- As you #PlotYourPath this month and throughout 2021, keep your eyes open for visual delights like [this mushroom](#) at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. (Photo: NPS/Johnson)
- Even if you are far from Rock Creek Park in DC, making a healthy park plan for [#PlotYourPath Fridays](#) is a affirmative way to launch 2021.
- Following #RecreateResponsibly principles may vary from [park](#) to [park](#)—following them not only keeps you and others safer, it also helps ensure that these cool places will be around for others in the future, too.

### **Safety, Health, and Wellness**

Making connections: As we celebrate the 100th anniversary this year of the partnership between the US Public Health Service and NPS, Dr. Booker T. Washington was way ahead of the effort when he [launched](#) National Health Improvement Week in 1915.

## Going Digital

Embrace your inner armchair explorer and [discover](#) history, architecture, archeology, and culture across the US States in national parks or at sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

## Featured Virtual Experience

Animals take new paths every day, leaving behind unique and interesting tracks. [Test your track knowledge](#) with our animal tracks guessing game.

## Quick Links

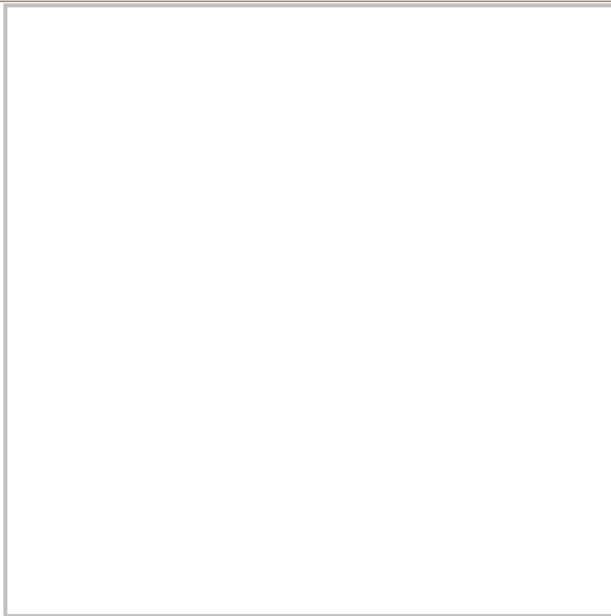
Information about the NPS Coronavirus Response: [Employees](#) | [Partners](#) | [Public](#)

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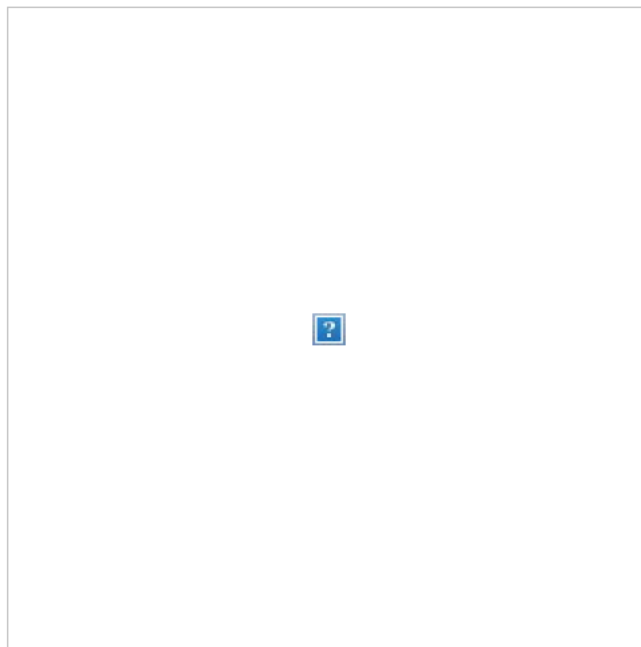


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See attached, happy new year!

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## *Squad Notes*

### *January 5, 2021*

## ***Superintendent's Office***

### **Schedules January 4-8:**

Sholly – In Monday-Friday

Evans – Telework Monday-Friday

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## ***Administration***

### **Property/Supply/Office Services**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Semi-Annual Weapons and Ammunitions Inventory Certification: The Property Office will send out inventories to the designated CEs next week. The completed inventories will be due back to the Property Office before 26 Feb 2021. Inquiries can be directed to Evan Dickey, Supply Property Technician on email or phone (x2086).

### **Youth Programs Office**

- All PMIS projects are entered for the FY23 SCC.
- Most staff are on non-pay status this week and the majority remain in non-pay for the month.
- The Canteen remodel is coming along and we are looking forward to moving offices from the trailer next to YCR later this month.

### **Technology Services**

- A PR has been approved for a task order for new 300Mbps Ethernet Broadband service to the South Entrance Ranger station. Fiber Optic cable is already built to the Ranger Station. This service would replace HughesNet Satellite for the Ranger Station and Kiosks as soon as possible. Telecom is investigating possibilities for residential internet in many of the housing units.
- If approved in Spring 2021, construction of the 187 miles of fiber optic cable proposed by Diamond NII, would likely not begin until Spring 2022.
- Residential satellite internet to housing units at Northeast, Lamar, and Tower is on hold until an IDIQ contract can be developed and awarded to a qualified Satellite Internet Service Provider (ISP)
- The Avtec Scout Dispatch Radio console computer upgrade has been completed as a part of the FLREA radio replacement project. There are 8 consoles in the Comm Center, 2 at Wildland Fire Dispatch, 1 at the Fire Cache, and 2 in the Radio Shop. In addition to the Scout Consoles, there are 9 software-based Ranger dispatch consoles throughout the park that allow RVP and resource managers to communicate between districts.
- Washington has disallowed use of several software tools used by the NPS. One is a network traffic tool. If you are experiencing network outages, please call the CSS Help Desk at x2062. Another is a remote desktop support tool. CSS is limited in some remote support, but still able to work with machines remotely.
- Washington is asking all telework computer users to connect this week into the Pulse Secure VPN. They ask you to stay connected for several hours while they push updates to each computer. (The entire NPS network will be much slower while this takes place.)

- AccessParks has been unable to turn up WiFi service to Xanterra operated dorms and the fast food restaurant at Old Faithful. They have equipment on Mount Washburn that is not functioning and have made several trips to attempt to bring up their link and turn service up at Old Faithful.
- Tech Services is requesting Lumen to provide NPS with an order for fiber optic broadband for the new North Entrance Station. The North Entrance currently gets internet from the HRC over an unstable dry copper pair that is leased from Lumen.

### **Northern Rockies Major Acquisition Buying Office**

- Coming soon – Customer Education Videos on our regional SharePoint site – launching late January 2021: <https://doimspp.sharepoint.com/sites/nps-678-contracting/SitePages/Customer-Education.aspx?source=https%3a//doimspp.sharepoint.com/sites/nps-678-contracting/SitePages/Forms/ByAuthor.aspx>
- The FY21 Requisition Site is up and running. We have begun FY21 planning outreach. If your division can please load your FY21 requirements to this spreadsheet: [https://doimspp-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/ahannon\\_nps\\_gov/EYRuiJkXqoVMqbImD2mobqMBnKjYkDgmQgsPXPmkgFe-jw?e=1ZqmLs](https://doimspp-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/ahannon_nps_gov/EYRuiJkXqoVMqbImD2mobqMBnKjYkDgmQgsPXPmkgFe-jw?e=1ZqmLs) a CO will be assigned to the requirement and will reach out to discuss an acquisition plan to the listed Park Contact in Column E. We have pre-loaded known recurring requirements as well as IDIQs, BPAs and contracts with option years.
- Please ensure you are keeping your contract specialist updated on any onsite work. A [Risk Assessment](#) should be discussed with the park, the contractor and the contract specialist. Once the assessment is complete the CS will update the MABO Lead with whether a contract is suspended or continued. Status of open contracts are noted [here](#).
- **FY21 Procurement Cutoff Dates (complete packages due to contracting)**
  - A purchase request package will be accepted when all supporting documents are complete and FBMS approvals have been entered. Incomplete requisitions will be returned and will not be considered to have met the cutoff date. Please use the PR Checklist located at the following link to ensure you are submitting all relevant documents. For all Financial Assistance actions below, including Cooperative Agreements and Task Agreements, the date listed is receipt of a complete “Package Date”, not “PR” date. <http://share.inside.nps.gov/sites/IMR/Requisitions/Checklists%20and%20Templates/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

<b>Type of Requirement and Dollar Value</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Award</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Award</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Award</b>
FLREA FY21 Funding – Under \$250,000 New A/E IDIQs	November 5, 2021 (for Dec. 31, 2021 award) Consult with Tammy or your MABO Lead	--	--
New IDIQs	Contact MABO Lead	January 15, 2021	March 5, 2021
Construction - Greater than \$500,000	Contact MABO Lead	January 15, 2021	March 5, 2021
Cooperative Agreements (Competed)	Contact Kelvin Delaney	January 15, 2021	March 3, 2021*
Supplies & Services Greater than \$500,000	Contact MABO Lead	January 15, 2021	April 16, 2021
Cooperative Agreements (Sole-source/Single- Source/Noncompeted)	Contact Kelvin Delaney	January 15, 2021	June 11, 2021*
Task Agreements (including CESUs)	Contact Kelvin Delaney	January 15, 2021*	June 6, 2021*
Agreements Modifications	Contact Kelvin Delaney	January 15, 2021*	July 9, 2021*
Construction - \$250,000 to \$499,999	December 4, 2020	March 5, 2021	May 7, 2021
Supplies & Services - \$250,000 to \$499,999	December 4, 2020	March 5, 2021	May 7, 2021
Construction - \$25,000 to \$249,999	December 4, 2020	March 5, 2021	May 14, 2020
A/E Task Orders	December 4, 2020	March 5, 2021	May 28, 2021
New Interagency Agreements	December 4, 2020	March 5, 2021	June 4, 2021
Construction \$2,000 to \$24,999	January 22, 2021	April 9, 2021	June 25, 2021
Supplies & Services - \$25,000 to \$249,999	January 22, 2021	April 9, 2021	June 25, 2021
Supplies & Services - micropurchase to \$24,999	January 22, 2021	April 23, 2021	July 16, 2021
Contract Modifications Supplies & Services up to micro- purchase	January 22, 2021 February 26, 2021	April 23, 2021 May 28, 2021	July 16, 2021 August 13, 2021
<b>Last Day for Obligations (Anticipated)</b>	Sept. 21, 2021		

# ***Business & Commercial Services***

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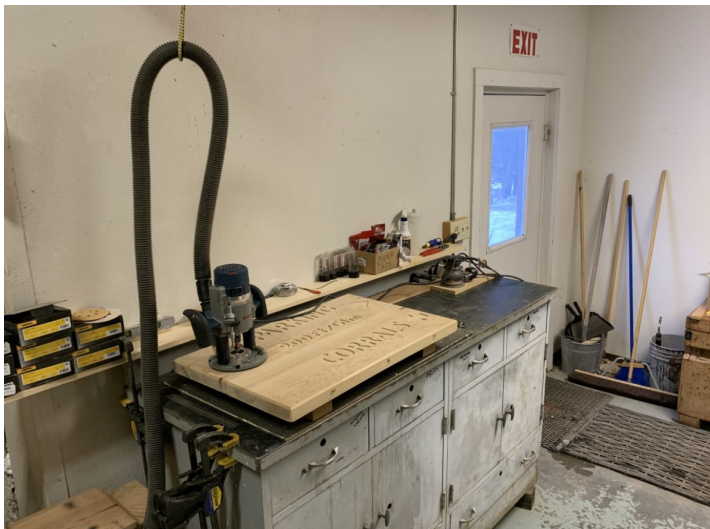
## ***Facility Management and Operations***

### **Lake District – Facility Management**

- Grooming operations continue to run smoothly.
- Staff continue to maintain trails and bathrooms throughout the district as well as in Norris.
- Xanterra and other Oversnow Operators are doing a great job sanitizing and maintaining cleanliness at the Canyon Visitor Center.

Hollobaugh, Andrew

### **Sign Shop (Mammoth)**



- The Sign Shop has been busy working on signage for the Tower/Canyon areas and feature signs for Old Faithful. Examples above.
- Staff are writing up a new Sign Request Document too.

Schaefer, Scott

### **Facility Management Contracting**

The Saber Contractor is currently working on 3 building sites within the Fort area and numerous locations with the interior of the Park.



1. Housing unit 16 has been set back down on its new foundation and crews have completed the concrete and final site grade. The rear porch has been repaired and new siding has been installed. The electrical power has been reconnected and the heat is back on. Interior carpenters have begun working on the interior to complete the remodel. Scheduled completion date of 01/30/2021.



2. The Canteen remodel is in its last stages of remodel with most of the interior painting complete. Construction workers are installing flooring and electricians are installing lighting, electrical outlets and a ceiling fan. The Project is scheduled for completion 01/14/2021



3. Contractor OK2 Construction has been installing wood burning stoves in numerous locations within the interior of the Park and will continue to install a total of 29 wood burning stoves to complete wave number two. 15 installs have been complete as of 01/06/2021.

Froelich, Randy

## ***Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)***

### **Media Relations**

News trends for the last week focused on the treasure digger's guilty plea, geology, archeology.

#### *About the Park*

- [Powell Tribune](#): Bighorn Canyon leader to become new deputy superintendent in Yellowstone
- [Smithsonian Magazine](#): The lost history of Yellowstone
- [Mountain Journal](#): Should park landmarks honor people of infamy?
- [Billings Gazette](#): Study answers questions about Steamboat Geyser, world's tallest, in Yellowstone National Park
- [Fox 13](#): Utah man pleads guilty in Yellowstone dig seeking treasure

#### *Around the Park*

- [Jackson Hole News & Guide](#): Have experts found a solution for Yellowstone region's looming whitebark pine crisis?

- [Wyoming News Now](#): Judge dismisses latest bear management lawsuit

#### *News Releases*

- [Yellowstone National Park treasure hunter pleads guilty](#)

### **Digital Communications**

Social media weekly stats for 12/20:

- Facebook: 1,321,059 followers (6 posts, 289K reached)
- Instagram: 1,204,234 followers (12 posts and stories, 297K reached)
- Twitter: 841,651 followers (4 posts, 257K reached)
- Flickr: 80,948 views

Social media weekly stats for 12/27:

- Facebook: 1,322,129 followers (5 posts, 544K reached)
- Instagram: 1,206,884 followers (10 posts and stories, 421K reached)
- Twitter: 842,634 followers (3 posts, 323K reached)
- Flickr: 59,296 views

Social media weekly stats for 1/3:

- Facebook: 1,324,367 followers (4 posts, 1.1M reached)
- Instagram: 1,209,948 followers (7 posts and stories, 388K reached)
- Twitter: 844,276 followers (3 posts, 362K reached)
- Flickr: 70,032 views

### **Internal Communications**

#### *YNP@Work*

- [Last issue stats](#) (11/18/2020)
  - Readership: 319 (55%) employees opened the newsletter
  - Top clicked links:
    - UsaJobs.gov
    - [Supply Center Sharepoint Site](#)
- Not receiving the weekly newsletter? [Sign up](#) here!

#### *Receive park updates on your phone*

- Check out the two main ways employees can [stay informed](#) about critical, work-related information via text. Help share this resource with co-workers, especially those without computer access!

#### *Employee Suggestion Box*

- Yellowstone team members can submit ideas via an [online virtual suggestion box](#)!
  - Employees are able to submit their ideas with a name alongside the suggestion or anonymously.
  - If you provide your name, Bethany will be able to follow up with you directly to get a broader picture of the concern/issue/suggestion. This follow-up has been incredibly helpful in addressing issues in the quickest manner.

## ***Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)***

### **Steamboat Geyser Updates**

On Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> Steamboat Geyser erupted for the 48<sup>th</sup> (and last) time in 2020. Since the beginning of Steamboat's most recent period of activity on March 15, 2018, Steamboat has broken the previous annual eruption record set in 1964 (28 eruptions), with 29 eruptions in 2018, 48 eruptions in 2019, and 48 eruptions in 2020.

On Saturday, January 2, Steamboat Geyser erupted for the first time in 2021.

### **Reminders: Winter Operations Guidance**

The 2020-21 Winter Operations Blue Book is available at:

<http://share.inside.nps.gov/sites/IMR/Yell/EmployeeInfo/SnowmobileTraining/SitePages/Home.aspx>

#### **Initial Snowmobile Training**

All NPS employees, volunteers and contractors are *required* to receive **initial snowmobile training** in person. This training is provided annually but is only required once prior to the first time you operate a snowmobile.

Please contact Joe Bueter if you will be operating a snowmobile this winter but have not yet received initial snowmobile training.

#### **To arrange initial training in the districts, please contact:**

Mammoth: [joe\\_bueter@nps.gov](mailto:joe_bueter@nps.gov) or [jonathan\\_nicholson@nps.gov](mailto:jonathan_nicholson@nps.gov)  
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#### **Refresher Snowmobile Training**

Once you have attended the initial snowmobile training (above), **Refresher training** is required annually and is available online by clicking [here](#). The online refresher is now on MS Forms and may be taken by anyone with the link even if not on a government computer.

To date, 78 people have completed online Refresher Training with an average score of 89.7.

The online refresher has migrated to MSForms and is formatted as a quiz. You must score at least an 85% to pass. Click the "View Results" button after completing the quiz to see your score and correct answers.

The program will not automatically enforce a retake if your score is below 85. It will only provide you your score and it is up to you to retake. The test can be taken multiple times. An

Excel sheet captures the information entered by participants and score. Anyone can view the spreadsheet to verify who has completed this training and who may still need to take it, etc.

### **Winter Operations, 2020-21**

Visitor observations and comments for the two week holiday period appear below.

#### **Visitor (and some guide's) Comments**

A visitor was upset when they found out Boiling River was closed.

Thank You for the warm place (Canyon)

My guests pay taxes, why are they not allowed to eat in warmth? (Canyon)

Great day, Miss the Rangers!(Canyon)

Out at 2pm, Great Day; Otters at Uncle Tom's; Nice and Toasty; Let it Snow; Thank You; Limit sucks, half my people have to eat outside.

#### **Employee Observations**

Significant thermal trespass continued and REYP and RVP have been collaborating during these incidents. RVP has been great at responding and explaining protocol to visitors while REYP has reported off-trail travel, photo documented violations, and completed witness reports for use in court. Dalton created a quick way to map specific violation locations using Google Earth and Word. RVP employees and the judge have liked the maps enough that multiple RVP rangers now use this technique...they refer to the diagrams as "Dalton Maps"....!

The paved area between Palette and Cleopatra Springs remains a hot spot for off trail travel. It seems without a visible boardwalk, people feel it is okay to leave the area between the snow polls. In one day, a ranger counted 12 off trail snow angles and multiple sets of far-off trail tracks in that area.

In general, the guides are coping great with the COVID restriction. As they have become familiar with our protocols this winter, they have mostly been able to monitor themselves. There are still some guides that take their guests into the crowded lobby, but most see the crowd and come back out in a few minutes. Mike and Stephanie speak individually with the guides that need information re: the set-up this year.

Kudos to all the guides for their patience as we work out the kinks of this new system this year. They are complying with our requests and trying to police themselves re: moving groups in and out of the CVEC.

People are wearing masks when not eating.

#### **Events/Incidents**

On 12/31, Dalton assisted RVP after a family of 18 was observed by visitors going off boardwalk at the terraces.

On 12/26/2020, a ranger came across six or seven bison near the boardwalk by Canary Springs. The bison seemed agitated and visitors approached and clapped at the bison. The ranger stayed in the area for over an hour to provide safety information and bison interpretation to visitors as well as keep people a safe distance away. After that time, it was near sunset and there were no longer visitors in the area.

Challenges were shared early in the week with gaining snowmobile guide compliance with the 24-capacity limit in the CVEC lobby.

## ***Resource and Visitor Protection (RVP)***

### **North**

A very busy weekend to start off the New Year:

#### **Law Enforcement**

12/28 - Multiple slide offs across the Northern Range. Exxon wrecker also went off road while working on other slide offs.

1/2 - Vehicle slid off roadway at Barronette Meadows. Shortly afterwards a 30' RV slid off the road at the same location and blocked the road for several hours until a heavy wrecker from Livingston arrived.



**RV off the road at Barronette Meadows on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

- Two mandatory VNs issued for Boiling River closure violation – along with a dog on the trail. Lots of other people found inside the closure area over the weekend.
- Four mandatory VNs issued for off trail travel at the terraces.
- Contact for a group with a dog in the backcountry – individual had weapons and marijuana in plain view in the front seat at Lamar stock trailhead. Further investigation revealed he was a convicted felon and was in violation of his probation – Individual transported to Gallatin County Detention Center.
- Mandatory VN issued for PCS after vehicle stop near the North Entrance. A large amount of marijuana, edibles, and paraphernalia.

### **Fire & EMS**

Mutual aid request from PCSO for a dislocated shoulder in Cooke City. ALS reduction of dislocation on scene and party was able to be transported by private vehicle.

### **Resource**

12/28 - Tower Falls Ski Trail closed for the day/night due to carcass with wolves on it near the road and trailhead. Carcass moved the next morning and trail reopened.

### **Other**

Snow surveys completed – Lupine & Norris.



PCS confiscated on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Marijuana, edibles, and paraphernalia

## Lake

- Conducted snow surveys at Lake and Norris (in support of North District).
- Two vehicle incursions at South Gate resulting in VNs.
- Work forecasting unstable snow conditions on Sylvan Pass.

## West

### **West Incidents/LE**

- Slide off crash Hwy 191 MP 21, Airbag deployment. HEBEMS requested as mutual aid. No injury. Damage to vehicle and tree.



- Rollover crash callout Hwy 191 milepost 16. HBEMS and Fire requested mutual aid.



- Several other slide off crashes on Hwy 191 without injury or damage.
- Multiple snowmobile crashes without injury.
- Saturation patrol New Year's Eve on Hwy 191.
- One citation for **86 MPH** in a 55 mph zone on Hwy 191. Several other speeds written above 70-75 mph.

- Several wheeled vehicles driving up to west entrance (some getting stuck). A business in town was telling clients they could drive to the gate/sign. Business was contacted and issue hopefully rectified.
- Hwy 191 Trailheads seeing heavy use. Some pullouts full to capacity.
- West boundary patrol north of West Yellowstone. No incursions. Contacted duck hunters near park boundary. Assisted Gallatin county sheriff and USFS with stuck wheeled vehicle on USFS snowmobile trail.
- Nez Perce Tribe plans to harvest 50 bison soon.
- Snow survey completed along Hwy 191. Low snow.



### **New signs installed at Old Faithful Overpass for winter vehicles**

- **West EMS/Fire:**

*Ambulance Status:*

- Wheeled Medic 24 in service at Gallatin/West.
- Mattrack Medic 22 (pick up truck slide in ambulance) in service at Madison.
- Low Pressure Tire Ambulance in service at Old Faithful.
- Snowbulance in service at Old Faithful.

*Engine Status:*

Mattrack Engine 7 in service at Old Faithful.

- Air Ambulance (Air 3) no longer available from West Yellowstone until next spring.
- EMS/Fire Incidents:
  - Multiple fire alarm responses at OF Lodge and OF Inn. No fire.
  - Multiple oversnow responses for crashes and other medicals.

#### **West Incidents/LE, December 20-26:**

- EMS, 60-year old male with shortness of breath @ Geyser Grill in OF - Medic Response.
- HWY 191 Slide off MVC - MP 21, no damage.
- Mutual Aid Request from GCSO/HBEMS for snowmobile MVC with two patients 8 miles north of town. 10 y/o female with broken leg and male with broken arm.



- Report of semi vs. pickup truck on HWY 191 in park. One injured. HBEMS and GCSO responded mutual aid. Crash happened just outside park. MHP investigated. NPS assisted mutual aid.
- Large LPT broke down near OF needed towed out.
- A few stuck vehicles in oversnow area at the West Entrance.
- Medical/Trauma @ Madison Warming Hut, Snowmobile MVC Face Laceration - AMA.
- Snowmobile Head-on MVC vs. Snowcoach @ Biscuit Basin, minor injury.



- Snowmobile crash into the park from West Yellowstone along Boundary Street. Sled totaled, rider injured and transported by Hebgen Basin EMS.



- Boundary/Hunting snowmobile patrols along West boundary north of West Yellowstone. Snowmobile tracks along park edge, foot and ski tracks inside park. MT State and Tribal Bison Hunt ongoing. Bird hunting active along park boundary.

- West Boundary Snowmobile patrol off of South Plateau.



**Rangers Jamie Hanson and Sean Powell dig out a stuck snowmobile along the park boundary**



**Snowmobiles at West Entrance**

- EMS training at Old Faithful

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#### **EMS/Fire Incidents:**

- Multiple oversnow responses for crashes and other medicals.

## **Visitor Services Office:**

### **VSO:**

- VSO received 106 visitor phone calls last week and responded to 119 visitor emails.
- Evan is seeking feedback from field supervisors on a new vehicle decal distribution process for 2021 for COVID mitigation, to simplify and reduce workload for all involved, while still maintaining accountability.
- Kristen is working with Tami Blackford from REYP to find more efficient ways to manage trip planning functions among our two programs.

### **Fees:**

- West, East, and South entrances have been welcoming winter visitors on snowmobiles and snow coaches.
- The Fee supervisors are working on the VUA seasonal GS-4 and GS-5 certificates and beginning the hiring process for next summer.
- Preparing *Recreation.gov* production sites for four campgrounds to go on reservation this spring: Norris, Mammoth, Pebble Creek, and Slough Creek.

## **SUP's/Filming:**

- The LPT winter courier rig was fixed in Billings and returned to action just in time for Santa and his elves Christmas Eve visit to the park. *Thank you to the team at the garage who helped facilitate its quick fix and return to the park.*



**Santa and his elves visit interior staff on the courier run 12/24/20**



**Santa and winter courier Rachel Cudmore visit Carly Scheid and Abby Tomaszewski at Grant**

- Rachel continues to work with Snoopy Preschool to update their permit for 2021.
- Rachel is working to finalize Silver Tip Rach's new 5-year SUP beginning Jan 2021.
- Rachel is working with the Mammoth Community Center Board on closing out their SUP and developing a transition plan. The MCC Board members resigned effective December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- We are developing a project proposal for the MCC based on feedback and discussion with the MCC Focus Group.

### **Emergency Services**

(no report)

### **Communication Center (YICC)**

December 27 to January 2 was the busiest in the last 6 years. We handled a total of 270 calls for service as compared to 214 in 2019, 191 in 2018, 104 in 2017, 177 in 2016, 170 in 2015 and 187 in 2014. This week's total means we handled close to 40 calls for service a day. We answered 40 911 calls, 245 admin calls for a total of 285 inbound calls. All phone calls into the office were answered within 3 seconds. We placed 144 calls out of the office to support those calls for service. (Calls to tow companies, calling out resources and other similar calls.) There were 55 traffic stops park wide including one on a snowmobile. We handled 7 motor vehicle accidents including 2 rollovers. There were 21 slide off MVA's during the week needing assistance. There were 3 OB campers and 2 thermal trespass.

Shannon Pohle is out on furlough.

## **Central Backcountry Office**

(no report)

### **Structural Fire**

- Mark Gleason is on leave and will be deploying with the Montana Air National Guard in January for approximately 6 months.



**Britton Gray traveled to Appleton, WI to pick up the ladder truck that was rebuilt.**

### **Trails**

- Combined park Temp. WG5 & WG7 Maintenance Worker (Trails) VAs extended and closed 12/28.
- Combined park Temp WL7 Crewleader VA opened 12/22 closes 1/11/21.
- Combined park Temp WG3 Trails Laborer VA opened 12/23 closes 1/06/21.
- YELL Temp Animal Packer VA opened 12/22 closes 1/04/21.
- YELL Temp Packer Helper VA opened 12/22 closes 1/11/21.
- Glenn on leave through 1/03/21 and staff in non-pay status.

### **Corrals**

- Completing work on new portable stock.
- Winter pasture animal check.

- Rebuilding tack in leather shop, repairing tack from districts in preparation for next season.
- Riding stock in preparation for winter bison ops.
- Coordinating with Montana Department of Livestock for NPS brand inspections.

### **Administration**

Admin staff are finalizing FY21 spending plans and personnel programming in AFS.

## ***Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)***

### **VEGETATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

- January 4, 2021 – Winter Use Adaptive Management Plan (WUAMP) Winter Wildlife, Air Quality, and Soundscape monitoring programs welcomed three VIPs for the monitoring season (Grace Smith, Alex Zaideman, and Matt Olson). Thank you to Grace, Alex, and Matt.
- January 4 - 7, 2021 - Winter Wildlife monitoring field training across winter wildlife/over-snow-vehicle interaction survey area (Norris Jct. - Madison Jct. - Old Faithful - West Yellowstone). These staff will also evaluate trees for removal that pose potential safety (fire) threats to housing related to recent installation of wood burning stoves in West Entrance housing development.
- Completed and submitted to USACE the annual wetland mitigation monitoring reports for Norris to Golden Gate 1 and 2 and Elk Park.

### **WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES**

Aerial net-gunning capture occurred during December 14-16, with 15 wolves from 4 packs, 14 elk, and 9 bighorn sheep (McMinn Bench, Specimen Ridge, Druid Peak) netted and radio-collared.

Dan Stahler and crew darted and removed a mountain lion from a snare above Gardiner on December 16<sup>th</sup> to assist Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. The female cat was fine and radio-collared.

Erin White co-authored a paper in the scientific journal PNAS entitled "The 2018 reawakening and eruption dynamics of Steamboat Geyser, the world's tallest active geyser" that was released today.

- Variations in rainfall and snow melt were probably responsible for the changes in timing between eruptions and re-activation of Steamboat Geyser, and possibly for the variable period of other geysers as well.
- In the spring and early summer, with melting snow and rain, the underground water pressure pushes more water into the underground reservoir, providing more hot water to erupt more frequently.
- During winter, with less water, lower groundwater pressure refills the reservoir more slowly, leading to longer periods between eruptions.
- Because the water pushed into the reservoir comes from places even deeper than the reservoir, the water is decades or centuries old before it erupts back to the surface.
- Water shortages and drought can have extreme impacts on geysers.

- Climate change will likely change eruption dynamics over time.

Dan Stahler and company will conduct cougar capture and collaring between now and March 30th. Capture involves the use of trained hounds (typically two dogs wearing GPS tracking/training collars allowing us to recall them when needed) that are released on fresh cougar tracks to tree a cougar for safe darting, handling, and release. The primary capture areas will be in the Black Canyon of the Yellowstone River to Tower, Mount Everts, Sepulcher/Reese Creek area, and Slough/Lamar. Each capture day, Dan will check in with the Comm Center and/or district-specific rangers to report the area they are working in, and check out at the end of the day.



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Count one of the indictment alleges Craythorn did knowingly and unlawfully excavate, remove, damage, alter and deface, and attempt to excavate, remove, damage, alter, and deface archeological resources, in particular the Fort Yellowstone Cemetery in Yellowstone National Park between October 1, 2019 and May 24, 2020.

The second count alleges Craythorn, during the same period, did willfully damage, injure, and commit depredation against property belonging to the United States. Craythorn was reported to have been searching for Forrest Fenn's treasure in the Fort Yellowstone Cemetery when these acts allegedly occurred.

Forrest Fenn, an art dealer and author from Santa Fe, hid a treasure chest containing gold, rare coins, jewelry, and gemstones somewhere in the Rocky Mountains. The Fenn treasure spurred a decade long search. Treasure hunters used clues from a book Fenn had written to scour the west hoping to find the fortune. The chest was eventually located in Wyoming in June, 2020. Forrest Fenn passed away several months later.

Craythorn, 52, of Syracuse, Utah, made his initial appearance in Federal Court on October 22, 2020 before Chief Federal Magistrate Judge Kelly H. Rankin and entered a plea of not guilty to both counts. He is set for trial on December 14, 2020 in U.S. District Court in Casper, Wyoming. An indictment is an allegation and Craythorn is presumed innocent until convicted.



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## *Squad Notes*

### *August 25, 2020*

## ***Superintendent's Office***

### **Schedules August 24-28:**

Sholly – In Monday-Tuesday

Kenney – In Monday-Thursday

Evans – In Monday-Thursday

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## ***Administration***

### **Property/Supply/Office Services**

- The Supply Center will close at noon on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for year-end inventory, and re-open on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth Programs Office**

- **Expedition Yellowstone** – This in-park residential education program has been cancelled for September-December impacting 28 groups and 864 participants. Staff are creating a virtual EY experience including film segments and distance learning programs for the schools that would have attended this fall.
- **Office Move:** Staff are in the process of consolidating into the north office trailer to allow for removal of the south trailer in mid-September. The proposed new office space will be in the Canteen Gym. All staff will move once the Canteen is ready later this year or early next and the second office trailer will be removed. The trailers were placed in 2003 as temporary offices during remodel of the Tech Services and Admin buildings. The original intent was to remove them from the Fort Yellowstone National Historic Landmark District in 2006 after completion of the Admin Building.

### **Technology Services**

- Email yell\_radio\_shop@nps.gov to schedule **mobile radio work**. Never remove radios on your own. The radio shop tracks the location of each mobile radio by the vehicle that we installed it in. When radios are removed from vehicles we lose track of where they are and are unable to complete our Formal Property inventory. If mobile radios disappear or are damaged, the Cognizant Employee assigned to the vehicle may be held liable.
- The restoration project on Mount Washburn continues mostly on schedule. Concrete detail work is looking good.
- Dave Kelser is back in Technology Services helping us out on a radio shop detail through November 1. (vice Dan Downing) Email [YELL\\_Radio\\_Shop@nps.gov](mailto:YELL_Radio_Shop@nps.gov) if you need mobile radio work or need a portable radio.
- CSS has updated their SharePoint page. This can be a useful after-hours resource. <https://doimsp.sharepoint.com/sites/NPS-YELL-HelpDesk>
- CenturyLink 100Mbps Upgrade at **Heritage Resource Center**: 48 count fiber optic cable has been installed at the HRC. We are waiting for CenturyLink to complete the circuit connection.

- CenturyLink is beginning the construction and installation of 100Mbps circuits to Xanterra facilities at the Gardiner HR Building, Mammoth Hotel, Lake Lodge, Lake Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, Lodge, and Snow Lodge.
- CenturyLink has been slow to respond regarding the mishandled NPS order for 100Mbps at OF Ranger Station and Lake NPS IT building. Technology Services has been persistent in reminding them of their commitment.
- We received a request for a right-of-way for Xanterra 100Mbps services to the Canyon Registration Building. This would require up to 1 mile of new conduit and fiber from the CenturyLink Central Office by the Maintenance Building to the Canyon Registration Building.
- Diamond Communications: GRTE fiber optic line (including South Ranger Station): Test fiber through 09/25, projected handoff to carriers complete by 11/19/20. Drafting Newsletter for Public Scoping Notice for a Proposal to Install a Fiber Optic Network in Yellowstone National Park (see Compliance Notes). Appraisal for use and occupancy fees are underway.

### **Northern Rockies Major Acquisition Buying Office**

- We will no longer be accepting late packages for construction or A&E. If you have missed a cut off date for services or supplies ensure you complete a PR Late Waiver Form for FY 20 Link [Here](#). For a late requirement to be approved you must be ready to upload the package upon notification of approval as well as have the personnel to complete the required approvals in FBMS in a timely manner.
- Please ensure you are keeping your contract specialist updated on any onsite work. A [Risk Assessment](#) should be discussed with the park, the contractor and the contract specialist. Once the assessment is complete the CS will update the MABO Lead with whether a contract is suspended or continued. Status of open contracts are noted [here](#).
- FY20 Procurement Cutoff Dates: **All dates have passed**
  - Complete packages are due to contracting by the cutoff dates
    - *A purchase request package will be accepted when all supporting documents are complete and FBMS approvals have been entered. Incomplete requisitions will be returned and will not be considered to have met the cutoff date. Please use the PR Checklist located at the following link to ensure you are submitting all relevant documents. For all Financial Assistance actions below, including Cooperative Agreements and Task Agreements, the date listed is receipt of a complete “Package Date”, not “PR” date.* <http://share.inside.nps.gov/sites/IMR/Requisitions/Checklists%20and%20Templates/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

## ***Business & Commercial Services***

Pass

## ***Facility Management and Operations***

### **Obsolete Housing Replacement**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

August 25, 2020 - 2pm

Conference Call

**Purpose:** To successfully execute the replacement of 64 obsolete housing units in the park as directed by the Secretary. Our work will be the model for the entire National Park Service.

<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	<b><u>Role</u></b>
Peter Galindo	Project Lead
Eric Ackley	Landscape Architect
Kyle Stone	Civil Engineer
Lynn Chan	Landscape Architect/Sustainability Program
Robin Park	Environmental Protection Specialist
Zehra Osman	Cultural Resources Specialist
Bethany Gassman	Internal Communications Specialist
Chris White	Electric Shop Supervisor
Claude Long	Plumbing Shop Supervisor
Yasmine Tom	Administrative Assistant

- YCC Update
  - Expect/Estimated 10 doublewides to be stitched by end of this week. They are setting about two per day.
  - Jorgenson will be tasked to help with groundwater mitigation.
  - AAA installed:
    - 12" water line today.
    - Service line connections on Wed, Aug 26.
    - A sewer line along the 8-plex on Wed, Aug 26.

Discussion on Electricity in Modular Units.

- Ideal to be done before next Spring (2021)
- Needs to coincide with AAA schedule.
- Unclear if sockets are installed yet on the modulars.
  - Typically housing contractors supply meter base and Northwest Energy services to it.
  - Generally written in the contract.

**Task: Kyle to follow up with team/Chris about how services are designated in the contract.**

Discussion on Exterior Water Spigots

- Per unit versus communal?

**Task: Eric to review site plan and suggest 3-4 areas where water spigots could go.**

- Old Faithful Update
  - Promark to mobilize at the end of this week!
  - Expect foundations set on Monday, Aug 3
    - 10 units in all to be installed at OF.
  - JTR contract awarded yesterday – Notice to proceed to process shortly.
- Bechler Update
  - Eric Ackley/Brian Teets to oversee tree trimming on Bechler Road 9/11-9/13.
    - Compliance approved!
    - Request from Zehra to mark trees, around the Bechler VC, to be saved.
    - Effort to clear trees at Solar array slated for a different date.
- Phase 2!
  - West, Madison, Grant and South entrance surveyed for new housing sites.
  - Abandoned trailers (3) at GV ready for removal within Westervelt contract.

**Task: Randy to work with Westervelt in order to remove those old trailers at Grant.**

- Furniture Update
  - Draft Furniture Purchasing Standards (nearly complete!) should be done by Thursday Aug 8/27.
  - Contracting will not take action on our request until after the close of the FY.
  - Joy Perius is working with Duane Bubac and region to secure CFF funds.
  - Lloyd Krueger has created a project in PMIS for furniture.
  - Bethany Gassman created and completed the draft IGCE, which identifies estimates for each location.

Meeting adjourned 2:23pm

### **Phase 1 – YACC Camp Housing Project**

(Photos provided by, Audiovisual Production Specialist, Jake Frank)



YACC Camp Housing Project: setting the first new house (2)  
by Yellowstone National Park







## ***Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)***

### **Media Relations**

News trends for the last week focused on the wildfires, employee testing, wildlife, and coronavirus.

#### *About the Park*

- [National Parks Traveler](#): UPDATE | Acting National Park Service Director says lack of rangers shouldn't restrict park access
- [News Tribune](#): Stolen branch on Yellowstone visitor's SUV leads ranger to more illegal cargo, feds say
- [Psychology Today](#): Wolf leader pairs stay together for life
- [NBC Montana](#): Wyoming fire crews manage Lone Star Fire

#### *Around the Park*

- [Montana Public Radio](#): Yellowstone gateway sees more tourists, fewer workers during summer peak
- [Smithsonian](#): How Native Americans bring depth of understanding to the nation's national parks

#### *News Releases/Heads Ups*

- [Biologists to extend grizzly bear captures for research purposes in Yellowstone National Park; Public reminded to heed warning signs](#)
- [Additional information about the Lone Star Fire in Yellowstone National Park](#)
- [Smoke from the New Lone Star Fire Temporarily Closes Road in Yellowstone National Park](#)
- [Yellowstone National Park implements backcountry fire restrictions due to very high fire danger](#)
- [UPDATE: Additional 121 Yellowstone employees negative for COVID-19; A total of 1,499 Yellowstone surveillance tests have now returned negative since early June](#)

## Digital Communications

Social media weekly stats:

- Facebook: 1,263,046 followers (15 posts, 737K reached)
- Instagram: 1,128,478 followers (17 posts, 351K reached)
- Twitter: 831,846 followers (10 tweets, 817K reached)
- Flickr: 100,880 views

This week's #WhatWeDoWednesdays featured [Exhibit Specialist Bianca Klein](#). Comments:

- What great insight into what happens behind the scenes there. Thanks for being there and for all you do to preserve, protect, and encourage people to care about this amazing place.
- This is a fantastic post! Most people are not privy to what goes on behind the scenes when they enjoy an exhibit. Many hours go into park signage, kiosks and visitor information centers at Yellowstone and around the country. It's great to give some recognition to those involved from design and construction to installation.
- Talk about a dream job!!
- What an excellent job! You can tell they are meticulously organized and planned for many accessibilities and easily to be understood!

## Internal Communications

*YNP@Work*

- [Read this week's issue](#) of YNP@Work
- [Last issue stats](#) (8/19/2020)
  - Readership: 405 (70%) employees opened the newsletter
  - Most popular links clicked:
    - [Housing Improvement Project Photos](#)
    - [Yellowstone Sustainability Report](#)
- Not receiving the weekly newsletter? [Sign up](#) here!

*Receive park updates on your phone*

- Check out the two main ways employees can [stay informed](#) about critical, work-related information via text. Help share this resource with co-workers, especially those without computer access!

*Employee Suggestion Box*

- Yellowstone team members can submit ideas via an [online virtual suggestion box](#)!
  - Employees are able to submit their ideas with a name alongside the suggestion or anonymously.
  - If you provide your name, Bethany will be able to follow up with you directly to get a broader picture of the concern/issue/suggestion. This follow-up has been incredibly helpful in addressing issues in the quickest manner.

## ***Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)***

### **Norris Geyser Basin Museum – New Exhibits!**

Last week, new exhibits for Norris Geyser Basin Museum were delivered and installed (photos below). The new exhibits replace outdated exhibits from the 1990's and focus on the unique and dynamic hydrothermal geology of Norris Geyser Basin.

Built in 1929, Norris Geyser Basin Museum is one of three Trailside Museums (along with Fishing Bridge and Madison Museums) that were designated National Historic Landmarks in 1982. Their rustic design became known as “Parkitecture,” and then as now, they helped visitors learn about the park.

The new exhibits have been updated with the latest science and combined with wayside exhibits throughout Porcelain and Back Basins and a self-guiding booklet, help visitors explore Norris Geyser Basin at their own pace and level of interest.

Many thanks to the following employees who helped during the project:

- Tim Townsend, Walt Durling, and RVP staff for helping with the temporary parking lot closure; and Bethany Gassman, for notifying employees of the temporary closure;
- Rick Sendra and Glenn Duncan for electrical work;
- Dan Smith for ramp fabrication and installation;
- Everett Munson, TJ Britton, Doug MacCartney, Effie Orser, and Facilities Management staff for window replacement, old panel removal, cleaning, patching, and paint touchups;
- Tami Blackford, Mary Wilson, Dave Krueger, Joe Bueter, Jim Peaco, Virginia Warner, Miles Barger, and Walt Durling for assistance with unloading exhibits and ensuring safe transit from the parking lot to the museum;
- Graci Avila for staff coordination and museum preparation;
- Jeff Hungerford, Annie Carlson, Mark Wolf, YVO partners, and many more who helped with multiple reviews of exhibit plans;
- Katharina O'Reilly and Randy Froelich for contracting assistance;
- To anyone not on this list, please accept our apologies and let us know – we will update future Squad Notes!







## **Old Faithful Visitor Education Center Marks its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



### **OLD FAITHFUL VISITOR EDUCATION CENTER** **Grand Opening August 24 & 25, 2010**

On August 25, 2010, the new Old Faithful Visitor Education Center was dedicated and opened its doors to welcome visitors from around the world. It achieved the first Gold Level LEED designation for a Yellowstone National Park facility and incorporated sustainable, energy efficient elements that were unique at that time. With massive windows to frame Old Faithful Geyser in eruption, innovative exhibits, web cams, geyser predictions, a Young Scientist exhibit hall, theater, and donor wall of honor, the Old Faithful VEC was an immediate success.

The Yellowstone Park Foundation -- known today as Yellowstone Forever -- raised \$15.1 million of the \$27 million needed for design and construction of the new visitor education center. The \$12 million balance was provided by the NPS Line Item Construction Program. Major corporate and foundation donors include ConocoPhillips, Inc., Unilever, Coca-Cola Foundation, Toyota U.S.A., National Science Foundation, and the Kresge Foundation. Thousands of donations from visitors became part of the story.

A special event on August 24<sup>th</sup> was held to honor the many whose love for Yellowstone and iconic Old Faithful Geyser made possible a gift to people for decades to come.

Since its opening, the Old Faithful VEC has recorded 13,126,852 visits. Its average annual visitation is greater than that of some 300 NPS sites!

### **This Week in the Chief's Office**

Work continues on the FY 21 budget planning and programming exercise.

Reviewing programs and projects funded with FLREA and CFF fund sources. Also reviewing projects and programs that have received grants or donations from or through Yellowstone Forever. A grant cycle is not anticipated in the coming months, so we are exploring how to move forward with high priority needs and work.

Fiscal Year 20 closeout continues and the next Status of Funds is due on Wednesday, September 2. A reminder: Any last minute, emergency purchasing must be approved through CIO first and all purchasing needs to be wrapped up as soon as possible and no later than **September 4th**. Anything over \$500, including all fund sources, must go to Pat Kinney, through CIO, for approval.

Various tasks associated with job announces are underway.

### **REYP Visitor Contacts: Week of August 16 - 22, 2020**

#### **Fishing Bridge-Lake**

Visitor contacts—3,819

Resource warnings—421

#### **Bridge Bay Ranger Station**

Visitor contacts – 428

#### **Grant-West Thumb**

Visitor contacts—3,437

Resource warnings—28

#### **Old Faithful**

Visitor contacts – 9,282

Resource warnings – 273

#### **Old Faithful VEC “Pop Up” contact station**

Visitor contacts – 3,207

#### **Madison**

Visitor contacts – 887

Resource warnings – 33

#### **West Yellowstone VIC, outdoor station/walk-up window**

Rove contacts -- 998

Resource warnings – 0

#### **Mammoth**

Visitor contacts – 4,097

Resource warnings – 200

### **Tower-Lamar**

Visitor contacts – 622

Resource warnings -- 95

### **Norris**

Visitor contacts – 4,414

Resource Warnings – 40

### **Canyon**

Visitor contacts – 4,646

Resource warnings – 489

Total Visitor Contacts for the week = 35,837

Total Resource Warnings for the week = 1,579

Total Visitor Contacts May 18 – August 22 ..... 314,483

Total Resource Warnings May 18 – August 22 ..... 22,255

## **Ranger Observations/Visitor Comments**

### **Old Faithful**

#### Employee Observations

Visitors were confused by the road closure between Old Faithful and West Thumb Junction caused by smoke from the Lone Star fire. Rapidly changing developments added to the challenge of visitor communications.

### **Lake-Fishing Bridge**

#### Employee Observations, Ken Kyburz

REYP rangers spent 24 hours staffing the East Entrance last week. We appreciate a note of support from East Entrance Supervisor Brian Perry: “Hi Kristine, I would like to send out a big thanks to interp for all your help at the East Entrance. Your folks have done an amazing job! Your assistance has been greatly appreciated. Thanks again, Brian>”

Roving Hayden Valley and working bison jams remain a big part of the work week. Staff recommend using megaphones to enhance their ability to be heard and communicate vital safety messages to visitors.

### **Mammoth/Tower/Lamar**

#### Visitor Comments

A visitor felt that our Jr. Ranger book is "better" than most parks because it is more educational than other places.

#### Employee Observations

The parking lines for the Mammoth Public Restroom parking lot have faded and are hard to see. Parking problems might improve if repainted.

A ranger was told that he had a great job as he escorted a bison across the Lamar River Bridge.

We experienced a sharp decline in requests for Jr. Ranger books this week.

## **Norris**

### Visitor Comments

Many visitors expressed concern for their health and safety due to the smoke and smog covering the basins.

Many visitors voiced concerns about basin boardwalks being in rough shape. Multiple visitors report falling through boards and/or tripping on boards and nails.

### Employee Observations

Parking lot seems less busy this week.

### Events/Incidents

On morning rove 8/16, Ranger Jason found sponge-y paper hearts strewn into pools of Porcelain Basin. These were reported to Com. Center and LE filed a report.

## **Canyon**

### Visitor Comments

Visitor upset that the newspaper showed AT&T coverage at Canyon and it wasn't available. "It's borderline criminal that a park as important and large as Yellowstone has such terrible cell phone coverage."

### Employee Observations

Again, very good mask compliance around the village area, but next to no masks seen in Hayden Valley or in the Canyon.

## **Branch of Interpretive Planning and Media Development**

### **Digital Media**

- **Web Team:** The next Web Team meeting is August 26 at 11 am. Please contact Dave Krueger (David\_Krueger@nps.gov) if you would like to join the virtual meeting. We will be discussing the September highlights, recent updates, and how to develop places shared content.
- **Website and App Updates:** Updates to facilities and services are ongoing. If you need any web page or app site updates, please contact Dave Krueger at David\_krueger@nps.gov.
- **Interpretive Stories:** Four new interpretive stories will make their way onto the iOS version of the NPS Yellowstone app. The stories delve into fire, Grand Canyon geology, bald eagles, and lodgepole pines.

- **Social Media:** We have continued to provide resource education and visitor experience posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Thanks to one of our seasonal interpreters, Jon Heiner, for providing video footage of a bison fight that his wife captured while they were out enjoying the park. Needless to say, the video is one of the highest viewed and engaged social media posts ever. We also provided education on Clark's nutcracker, lichen, and bison Flehman response; as well as information about the first principle of Leave No Trace.

### **Training, Ongoing**

- Ken Watson is working with Field Operations employees to strengthen communications between REYP and YCR relative to natural and cultural resource information and updates. Funneling questions through Ken provides a means for getting updates to REYP employees without having multiple employees contacting YCR experts with the same questions.
- Ken and Tammi Corchero, with consultation from Joe Bueter, are reviewing REYP Visitor-Wildlife Safety work guidance and related sub-district training to identify differences in work practice and underlying philosophy, develop or reinforce consistency of methods, then revise and update training and SOP's.
- Ken is monitoring training offered by the NPS and connecting employees to opportunities for a variety of online learning events.

## ***Resource and Visitor Protection (RVP)***

### **North**

- Individual arrived at Albright VC and announced he had found the Forest Fenn treasure. Investigation revealed the "treasure" was a large rock taken from Sheepeater Cliff.
- SAR carryout on Solfatara Trail for ankle injury. Patient refused any further assistance or transport upon return to the trailhead.
- Resource case at Chinese Gardens – individual witnessed collecting rocks, had a large collection of obsidian, and was also in possession of a metal detector. – Mandatory appearance VN issued for possession of natural resources and possession of a metal detector.
- 2 Mandatory VN's issued for off trail travel on Mammoth Terraces.
- 2 VN's for unsafe ops to motorcyclists passing vehicles through the Gardner Canyon.
- Ambulance transport from Terrace Grille to Mammoth Clinic and eventually on to Livingston hospital.
- Fire page for smell of propane at the Comm. Center. Cause of smell was identified and fixed.
- Mutual aid to Gardiner Ambulance – ALS transport to Livingston.
- ALS transport from Clinic to Livingston.
- Assisted jail staff with booking prisoners and doing a blood draw.
- Bull Moose appearing around Geode Creek.

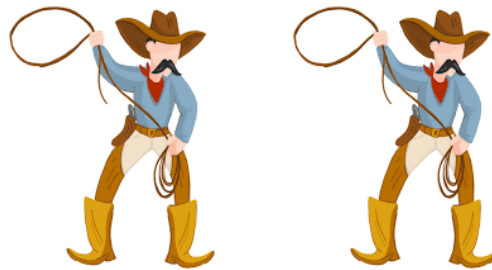
## Lake

After the weather and call volume both lowering last week, this week was hot and busy: Multiple Motor Vehicle Collisions, most involving bison.

- Motorcycle MVC with life flight for operator.
- Vehicle vs. bison. Vehicle was totaled and the bison was deceased.
- Another minor vehicle vs. bison in Hayden Valley.
- Vehicle vs. bison on the East Entrance road – vehicle totaled, bison injured.
- One of our Hayden Valley bison (fed up with traffic?) rammed a vehicle stuck in a bison jam, but the bison left the scene before a statement could be taken.

8/19 - started off a wild run of EMS/SAR calls with 4 simultaneous calls, including one that required a carry out from Red Rock Trail in the Canyon.

- Carry out from the North Rim Trail for a broken leg.
- 8/22 - SAR for a person over the edge was dispatched out at the brink of the Lower Falls. However, the patient was never located as he was reportedly rescued by “two cowboys with a rope.”



*(not our actual heroes)*

- A camper at Grant, likely high/drunk, threatened the Camp Host. Situation resolved with a mandatory court appearance.
- Three DUIs this week (two in two days!):
  - DUI report by an off-duty cop that led to an arrest on the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Parkway (JDR) by YELL rangers.
  - DUI arrest after a drunk driver collided with another vehicle and kept driving, then made the mistake of driving right back by while the victim was making a report to law enforcement.
  - DUI arrest at Canyon. The passenger also got arrested after being found to possess a wide variety of controlled substances.
- Possible gang graffiti linked to MS13 found along Gull Point Causeway.
- In two days the East Entrance had two very argumentative/abusive visitors who were refusing to pay. One turned around when law enforcement got there and the other decided to pay.

## **WEST**

### **West Incidents/LE:**

#### Commercial Vehicle Inspection Statistics:

Yellowstone National Park, US Hwy 191, Fawn Pass Trailhead – 8/19-20, 2020

- Total Inspections: 54
  - Violations: 88
  - Out of Service Violations: 32
  - NPS Violation Notices Issued: 10
  - Commissioned rangers participating: 4
  - Non-commissioned NPS: 1
  - NPS volunteers: 4 Montana Inspectors: 4
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- MA citation for individual digging rocks/specimens in Specimen Creek off Hwy 191.
  - DUI arrest of noncompliant suspect. Transported to WYPD – refused breath test and a blood draw warrant was issued. The subject was uncooperative and looking for a fight throughout the entire process. Mutual aid from WYPD. Transported to Mammoth Jail.
  - DUI arrest north of Terrace Springs. PCS, obstruction of driver's view charges.
  - Lengthy investigation of assault with minor injuries reported between adult family members traveling in an RV; assault took place on JDR Memorial Parkway and was reported at Old Faithful.
  - Report of DUI and possible assault between visitors at Barne's Hole. Unable to respond due to several other ongoing incidents. Follow up investigation ongoing.
  - Sexual assault investigation at Old Faithful.
  - West gate runner at 0630 hours- turned out to have sovereign ideologies - several MA citations issued.
  - MVC Elk Park (one vehicle), injured patient transported to Big Sky, major damage to vehicle and trees.
  - Protesters on OF boardwalk with loudspeakers moved to First Amendment area.
  - Mini SAR at Riverside geyser. Individual needed assistance getting back to parking lot.
  - Hatchet in a tree and food storage violation at Madison Campground.
  - Report of commercial vehicle entering gate. Was instructed by gate staff to turn around but didn't. Unable to respond due to several other ongoing incidents.
  - Lost day hikers on Electric Peak contacted and assisted by Gallatin BC rangers. They started from the Gardiner side and ended up at Sportsman Lake and eventually at Hwy 191 on the Gallatin side.
  - Resource damage (live trees cut/broken, rocks moved, ground scarred, etc.) from an illegal fire on Fan Creek.
  - Courtesy ride to group from MP 17 to West Yellowstone, MT.



- **Other incidents:** multiple property damage only crashes, several disabled vehicles, separated parties.
- **Other citations/MA's:** multiple for speed (one **100 mph** in a 55 mph zone), suspended license, expired registration, no insurance, thermal trespass (several), improper food storage, driving suspended, PCS, unsafe operation, failure to maintain control, obstructing traffic and fishing without license.
- **Warnings:** Multiple for speed, open container, OB camping, floatation (tubes) in the rivers. Also dogs off leash, expired registration, failure to maintain lane, improper food storage, drone use, and entering a closure.

#### **Mutual Aid:**

- MHP wrote MA citation for speed on Hwy 191 (85 mph in a 55 mph zone).
- Non-compliant arrestee mutual aid request to WYPD. Use of WYPD Intoxilyzer and facility. See incident above.
- Multiple minor assistance requests from local agencies.

**West EMS/Fire:**

- *Ambulance Status:* Medic 18, Medic 20 and Medic 24 in service.
- *Engine Status:* Engine 3 and Engine 7 in service at Old Faithful.

**EMS/Fire Incidents:**

- EMS BLS transport from OF clinic. Head injury
- EMS transport from OF to Idaho Falls, ID. Mental health patient. LE requested and transported via ambulance.
- EMS transport of MVC patient to Big Sky Hospital.
- Fire alarm at OF Lodge
- Multiple MVC responses and transports out of OF clinic.
- Ambulance crews have continued to assist with traffic/wildlife jams and other incidents.

**West Resource/Other:**

- West District Traffic Ranger Greg Russell worked 6 traffic jams in the West corridor, trash pickup, assisted disabled vehicles, visitor courtesy transports and multiple incidents including MVC's and the commercial vehicle inspection. Greg has also been great at educating visitors who are violating park regulations, including dogs off leash, floatation devices on waterways, food storage violations and fishing regulations.
- Local West District EMS/SAR based training.
- Multiple resource patrols while continuing to clear district trails.
- Multiple fishing compliance checks, BC user checks within BC.
- Montana State DOT repaving/chipseal project finishing up along Hwy 191 within the park. Speed limits are back to 55 mph, no delays and roadway striping is in place. Crews plan to come back in the fall to seal the paint.

Incident Type	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Total # of CFS</b>	691	786	723	1010	817
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	177	291	287	362	312
<b>Thermal Trespass</b>	16	5	5	6	12
<b>Vandalism</b>	3	1	0	1	3
<b>MVA</b>	20	20	26	38	26
<b>Camp out of bounds</b>	75	37	18	108	46
<b>DUI</b>	3	2	4	1	1
<b>Unattended pets in vehicle</b>	6	4	2	3	4
<b>Medical</b>	23	25	37	41	44
<b>Drugs</b>	2	3	8	6	1
<b>Drone</b>	3	7	2	7	3
<b>Phone Calls</b>					
<b>Total</b>					
<b>911</b>					
<b>Admin</b>					

#### **Visitor Services Office:**

##### **VSO:**

- The office received 586 calls and 207 emails last week. Calls decreased from the week before but remain steady.
- Completed July visitor stats (+2% compared to 2019), briefed the superintendent and public affairs office on the data collection, IRMA's formulas and back-end calculations.
- Revised May and June stats to include overnight numbers and fix the non-rec number entry, which resulted in higher recreational numbers for May and June than previously reported. Updated in IRMA and press release went out last week.
- Evan and Kristen have been working with other parks in the region on traffic counters. We purchased a new pilot traffic counter for the North Entrance project to test in 2021 and if successful, work towards centralizing the entrance traffic counters throughout the park.
- The team is reviewing the cost-recovery permit fees, analyzing program costs, and proposing new cost-recovery fee proposal for 2021 prices. (SUPs, filming, boating & fish permits)

#### Fees:

Thank you to Serina Holguin and Emily Duhigg for their assistance at the North Entrance Station this season! The team celebrated with a distanced ice cream social at Arch Park last week to thank them for their great work.



#### SUP's/ Filming:

- Rachel is working with Cornell University on a film project about Clark's nutcrackers.
- Working on cost recovery analysis and fee proposal for FY21.

#### Wildland Fire

- 700 Fox dispatched for: 3 SARs, 3 life flights, 3 fires and filled multiple resource orders, primarily for Lone Star Fire initial attack.
- Very High Fire Danger
- Backcountry/Stage 1 Fire restrictions in place
- 6 wildfires to date in the park.
- Most all of our resources have returned from supporting fires elsewhere.
- Lone Star Fire 3 miles south of Old Faithful is 660+ acres and has a Type 3 IMT managing it.
- Still on track for a 250+ acre fuels treatment at Grant Village starting as early as Mid-September.

## **EMS**

8/22-23 – Emergency Services Staff provided initial response and support to the Lone Star Fire.

8/22 – Responded to the report of a fall, over the edge at the brink of the lower falls, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Subject was assisted by bystanders.

8/20 – ES staff supported COVID-19 surveillance testing efforts including administering 200+ tests and providing transport of testing materials and samples.

Prior week's noteworthy incidents:

- Fishing Bridge – Charlie Priority for a sick individual vomiting and experiencing high blood pressure. Transported by EMS to Cody hospital.
- Lookout Point – EMS responded for a report of an individual having shortness of breath at the bottom of the Red Rocks Trail. Pt was able to walk out, but was then transported to Cody for a cardiac evaluation.
- West Thumb Geyser Basin – Head on motor vehicle accident with multiple patients transported to hospital for evaluation.
- Monument Trail – Individual with broken leg short-hauled by Yellowstone Helitack ship out of the backcountry and brought to ambulance. Transported to hospital by EMS.
- Gardiner – NPS units responded for a 2 year old patient who fell into a campfire. Pt was flown by helicopter to EIRMC.

Training/Administration:

Doctors and medical staff from medical control and Western Michigan University EMS visited the park to observe Emergency Services Operations and provide Advanced Life Support training and protocol updates.

8/5 – ES staff participated in intensive technical rescue scenario based on training at Terrace Mountain. (photo below)



### **Admin**

- Supervisors had 8/21 deadline to get extension information to their Administrative Personnel.
- Busy updating FPPS actions for terminations.
- Updating CCL information for final spending in FY20.
- Working towards a September 2 Status of Funds.
- Budget Analyst is currently working on FY21 programming.

### **Central Backcountry Office**

- Backcountry Permit totals for the past 3 weeks:
  - 8/2-8: 540 (433 in 2019)
  - 8/9-15: 491 (388 in 2019)
  - 8/16-22: 469 (365 in 2019)
  - Overall 26.5% higher than last year for the same period.

- Staff from Concessions, REYP, Admin/Youth Programs, and RVP/North Entrance have helped out the past few weeks transcribing messages and processing payments. This has been greatly appreciated!
- Closures of Pelican Valley and several campsites have kept us busy contacting visitors and rerouting backcountry trips.
- Closed backcountry campsite OG1 after reports of the pit toilet being full and overflowing with waste and trash. OG1 is one of the more popular sites this summer as it's only 1 mile from the trailhead.
- Notified about Lone Star Fire at 2000 hours on Saturday. Started the process of closing campsites/trails and contacting backcountry visitors.

### **Trails**

- Trail asset survey and tread reconstruction undertaken on the upper Miller and Hoodoo Basin Trails.
- Bridge construction, drainage and erosion control undertaken on the Snake River Canyon Trail.
- Tread reconstruction, rock causeway, drainage and creek crossing repair continues on the South Boundary Trail near Mariposa Lake.
- Bridge repairs and safety mitigation trail assessments done on the Grizzly Lake, Xanterra Corrals and Gneiss Creek Trails.
- Finalization and obligations to Trails budget spending plan completed for status updates.

### **Justice/Jail**

- Arrests and cases picked up last week as did prisoner transports, jail in custody numbers and court cases.
- Most defendants in court plead guilty this Monday.
- One still in GCDC pending a hearing on Wednesday who is being held partly due to multiple charges of interfering with officers throughout the arrest.
- Main cases continue to be DUI and generally include other resource and public safety issues.

### **Corrals**

- Packing support for trails Snake District
- Wagon support for BC rangers – Slough Creek
- Processing quarantine bison, first round
- Billings Horse Sale
- Josiah out of the office this week.

## ***Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)***

### **VEGETATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS - Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>**

- RMOps responded to alert from Willie Burkhardt regarding a hazard tree near entrance of Old Faithful Inn. The tree was taken down as it was split and presented a risk to visitors.

### **WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES**

#### **Yellowstone Lake**

**Lake trout suppression.** Total for the week was 12,850 lake trout, bringing the total for the season up to 204,400. Although catch in the small meshes are up slightly overall from last year, they are still lower than this time for the previous 4 years. Much more importantly, we continue to see numbers of larger, older fish decline. Total lake trout catch in large mesh is currently 17,900; compared to the same weeks, it was 24,700 in 2019, 33,200 in 2018, 29,800 in 2017, and 47,400 in 2016. The crew continues checking stomachs for ciscos. No ciscos have been found.

#### **Streams Restoration**

The Gibbon River between Little Gibbon Falls and Virginia Cascades was treated with the piscicide Rotenone. During the treatment, the last of the remaining brook trout in this section of river were removed. This was the final year of applying piscicide to this area, paving the way for introducing Arctic grayling and westslope cutthroat trout. Three hundred westslope cutthroat trout were stocked immediately following chemical treatment. Arctic grayling and cutthroat trout were found in abundance during the treatment, indicating that they have been drifting downstream from the Grebe/Wolf Lakes, an area that has been intensively stocked the past three years. We also found westslope cutthroat fry in a tributary near Virginia Cascades, suggesting that the dispersing fish have naturally spawned and are reproducing in this section of the river. With competition from brook trout eliminated, the native species will thrive in the Gibbon River upstream of Virginia Cascades.



**From:** [Townsend, Timothy G](#)  
**To:** [Davis, Sarah](#); [Flesch, Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Dispatcher Accolade  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:17:42 AM

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FYI - see attached messages.

Tim Townsend  
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**From:** Schwartz, Tom J  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** Hummel, Robert B ; Hill, Dean F ; Johnson, Kaelyn X ; Townsend, Timothy G ; Amundson, Eric D  
**Cc:** Lewis, Casey E  
**Subject:** Re: Dispatcher Accolade

I agree, Mammoth sounded like Portland, OR yesterday but without all the violence. But a very busy day.

In Lamar we can only hear the dispatch side of things all day as we can not hear north direct in the station or in vehicles (unless we are close to Mammoth).

Bryce, Dean, Kelsey, and Renee and other agencies in Mammoth/Gardiner were the direct recipients of Ellen's hard work done well.

We had few calls and stops in Lamar and an MVC and 700 did great for us too.

Kaelyn, I just wanted to note one thing (I tried to call you but you were off) as a minor clarification for the motorcycle MVC at Lava Creek.

I believe Kelsey and Renee (on duty patrol) were at Obsidian Cliff with the Forrest Fenn resource guy.

When the MVC happened I believe 700 paged Tower EMS first which is fine as Mammoth or Tower folks will always roll either way in 5 seconds to help.

I do not believe Mammoth EMS was paged first or at all. Bryce and Dean were working out prior to shift and were available as were possibly other on/off duty EMS providers in Mammoth.

Mammoth folks were a lot closer to the scene and I believe as protocol/standard practice should have been paged first due to the proximity of the call to Mammoth.

If Mammoth had no response to the page, or inadequate needs or ALS were not available, or there were multiple patients, sure, page Tower, we're coming!

Tower folks got there as fast as we could based on bison everywhere and the patient was taken care of.

Please do not take this the wrong way, Ellen did a great job yesterday, all day, as did the entire staff in 700.

This one aspect of yesterday's madness could have been important if the patient/incident was more serious in nature.

Thanks - nice job Ellen and all our dispatchers.

Tom

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**From:** Hummel, Robert B

**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2020 12:21 AM

**To:** Hill, Dean F ; Johnson, Kaelyn X ; Townsend, Timothy G ; Amundson, Eric D ; Schwartz, Tom J

**Cc:** Lewis, Casey E

**Subject:** Re: Dispatcher Accolade

Agreed, Ellen did awesome tonight. She has been doing an excellent job all summer and tonight was very well done. Definitely well above average for someone new to dispatch.

Bryce

Bryce Hummel

U.S. Park Ranger

Yellowstone National Park

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**From:** Hill, Dean F

**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2020 11:50 PM

**To:** Johnson, Kaelyn X ; Townsend, Timothy G ; Amundson, Eric D ; Schwartz, Tom J

**Cc:** Hummel, Robert B ; Lewis, Casey E

**Subject:** Dispatcher Accolade

Tonight, from the time Bryce and I came on at 1500 until the end of the night, the North District was non-stop calls. Ellen Rick was our dispatcher on North for the majority of the evening. She did a fantastic job staying on top of units, where they were, and what they were going to. At one point there were 3 medicals, a DUI crash in Gardiner, and struck baby deer all

going on at once, and she did not miss a beat. She responded to all units promptly and provided the information that was asked for. She relayed information between units on calls in Gardiner and units up in Mammoth, that due to the constraints of North Direct units weren't able to speak to each other directly. She made calls to MHP and PCSO to get units to come down to Gardiner and assist. She properly dispatched Gardiner and Mammoth units to appropriate EMS calls, and Gardiner Ambulance to Mammoth when the Mammoth ambulance was already out of the area. She followed officer requests and instructions when asked to make certain notifications or dispatch particular units. She stayed on top of pending calls, promptly dispatching units when they freed up from previous calls.

With the craziness and hecticness of the evening Bryce and I would like to recognize Ellen for her great work tonight.

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**From:** [Warthin, Morgan E](#)  
**To:** [NPS YELL Strategic Communications](#); [Davis, Sarah](#); [Flesch, Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** Forrest Fenn finally shared photos of his discovered treasure amid doubts that it was actually found  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 11:05:36 AM

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## **Forrest Fenn finally shared photos of his discovered treasure amid doubts that it was actually found**

As soon as Forrest Fenn announced that his treasure was found earlier this month, rumors swirled about whether it had really been found or if the treasure hunt had been a hoax all along.

Read in CNN: <https://apple.news/ANmVh22M0RTmoxk9PR3u3LQ>

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**From:** [Evans, Kerrie L](#)  
**To:** [NPS YELL All Employees](#); [NPS YELL Seasonal Employees](#); [Leslie Everett](#); [Idean contact](#); [Wendie Carr](#); [gycc.coordinator@gmail.com](#); [Diamond, David M](#); [EJohnson@yellowstone.org](#); [mark Contact](#)  
**Subject:** 6-16-20 Squad Notes  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 5:11:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [6-16-20.pdf](#)

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See attached.

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## *Squad Notes*

### *June 16, 2020*

### ***Superintendent's Office***

#### **Schedules June 15-19:**

Sholly – In Monday-Friday

Kenney – In Monday-Friday

Evans – In Monday-Wednesday

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### ***Administration***

#### **Property/Supply/Office Services**

- The **Annual Physical Inventory of Accountable Property** was sent out to the Custodial Property Officers (CPO) and Cognizant Employees (CE) 22 May 2020. The completion date for these inventories is **22 Jun 2020**. When you have your inventories completed, send them to the Supply Property Technician, Evan Dickey, [evan\\_dickey@nps.gov](mailto:evan_dickey@nps.gov). Thank you.

#### **Completed inventories by Division/Org Code**

- 90% - MANAGEMENT
- 10% - INTERPRETATION
- 30% - RANGERS
- 100% - MAINTENANCE SPECIAL PROJECTS
- 15% - MAINTENANCE NORTH UNIT
- 0% - MAINTENANCE SOUTH UNIT
- 50% - ADMINISTRATION
- 0% - MAINTENANCE WEST UNIT
- 90% - CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT
- 20% - YELLOWSTONE CENTER FOR RESOURCES
- 100% - XANTERRA PARKS & RESORTS

#### **Youth Programs Office**

- Education staff are gearing up to lead a Gardiner-based Youth Conservation Corps crew from July 6-August 7. Staff are training this week with the Backcountry Office to lead crews in trailhead sign installation in July.
- Education staff were trained last week in Visitor Use Management social science data collection. The Education Specialists and YCC Crew will be assisting with data collection on average 2 days per week this summer.
- A few distance learning programs are still being hosted for school groups this week.

#### **Technology Services**

- **New Dell Storage Array:** Replacement network storage arrays (hard drives) are scheduled for delivery by July 1, 2020. These storage arrays will replace the existing hard drives holding all data for the network drives in Mammoth (G:, I:, K:, N:, O:, P:, U:, V:,

etc.). More information will be provided on scheduling and potential data unavailability as we transition to the new hard drives.

- **New Avtec Radio Console Computers/Servers:** The radio shop is working with the selected vendor (ACG) to replace 14 Avtec radio dispatch computers and two Gateway servers in the Comm Center, Wildland Fire Dispatch and Telecom. All hardware has exceeded its useful life and is an in-kind replacement on new operating systems. Project completion is expected by July 30. No outages are expected.
- **New NON-LE Radios:** 300 Motorola APX1000 radios are being shipped. These are the last of the non-encrypted/non-LE radios being purchased on the Radio Upgrade FLREA project.
- **New Codan Base Stations:** Delivery of 10 new base stations were received in Technology Services / Radio Shop. Factory custom configuration was not up to the Yellowstone requirements so extra time is being spent to change and test equipment settings so it will perform correctly on our system. It is likely we will ask the vendor for consideration.
- **Portable Radio Deliveries:** If you have employees who still need radios/pagers you can email [yell\\_radio\\_shop@nps.gov](mailto:yell_radio_shop@nps.gov) to arrange for pickup at the back of Telecom. Or to arrange a delivery to your location, contact VIP Bob Greenburg by email ([bob\\_greenburg@partner.nps.gov](mailto:bob_greenburg@partner.nps.gov)) or phone (344-2462). The property form for all equipment must be signed by the individual being issued the equipment.
- **Underground Utility Locates (One Call)**
  - Underground utility locates are required anytime the ground is disturbed in developed areas.
  - Locates in Recommended Wilderness are only required within 50 feet of any trail head or developed structure, i.e. cabin, gauging station, solar array, etc.
  - **Provide a clear and accurate map of the location of your dig.** Clearly mark the specific area on your map. Email the map to [debra\\_guernsey@nps.gov](mailto:debra_guernsey@nps.gov) or [bret\\_deyoung@nps.gov](mailto:bret_deyoung@nps.gov).
  - Mark all dig locations with white paint or white flags **BEFORE** submitting your locate request.
  - **Allow AT LEAST 3-TO-5 FULL BUSINESS DAYS** for all non-emergency locate information submitted here to be organized and called in to WY or MT One Call.
  - FOR LARGE LOCATES (i.e. more than 2 separate dig sites), contact Deb Guernsey **at least 7 days in advance** at [debra\\_guernsey@nps.gov](mailto:debra_guernsey@nps.gov) or 307-344-2470 for instructions on how to submit your Locate request.
  - Call 307-344-2470 or 307-344-2070 if you have questions.
  - Emergency Locates e.g. broken water/sewer lines, buried power lines, do not require advance notice.
  - Locate tickets are valid for 14 days after the legal start time. After 14 days you must resubmit the ticket if you are still digging in the area
  - Submit your requests using the form [NPS Utility Locate Requests](#).
  - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=urWTBhhLe02TQfMvQApUIJwCEP3XXeNCjJen8hGxUQJUNDg4M1AwV1IGUFFUNUxFQ0NOVUwwRVhPNS4u>

## Northern Rockies Major Acquisition Buying Office

- Reminder – a late purchase request waiver must be completed for all requests that have missed the cut off dates. A link to the form is on the [Regional Requisition Program Site](#).
- Please ensure you are keeping your contract specialist updated on any onsite work. A [Risk Assessment](#) should be discussed with the park, the contractor and the contract specialist. Once the assessment is complete the CS will update the MABO Lead with whether a contract is suspended or continued. Status of open contracts are noted [here](#).
- FY20 Procurement Cutoff Dates: [\(link to the full schedule\)](#)
  - Complete packages are due to contracting by the cutoff dates
    - *A purchase request package will be accepted when all supporting documents are complete and FBMS approvals have been entered. Incomplete requisitions will be returned and will not be considered to have met the cutoff date. Please use the PR Checklist located at the following link to ensure you are submitting all relevant documents. For all Financial Assistance actions below, including Cooperative Agreements and Task Agreements, the date listed is receipt of a complete “Package Date”, not “PR” date.* <http://share.inside.nps.gov/sites/IMR/Requisitions/Checklists%20and%20Templates/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

## ***Business & Commercial Services***

### Operations:

The YELL Concessions Team is working to establish its periodic evaluation schedule of all concession contract services offered during the summer season. The team is responsible for conducting evaluations to assess operations relative to the established service standards. The YELL team is implementing a fully collaborative periodic review/contract review process and will be inviting and encouraging other NPS and concession team members (District leadership, etc.) to participate, if available or to provide input, when evaluations are conducted, allowing other perspectives and expertise to benefit the program/partnerships.

Yellowstone currently has 364 Commercial Use Authorizations, consisting of 248 companies, operating for the 2020 season (reported 426 CUAs last week but realized duplication error in database). The park continues to receive inquiries, applications and COVID plans from those wishing to operate. Additionally, the park is receiving a number of inquiries from tour bus companies interesting in operating again. Commercial Services Management has drafted a COVID-19 mitigation plan template to share with interested tour bus companies as they will also be required to submit a plan before they are allowed to operate, and only when the park, State leadership, and Public Health officials determine appropriate. Commercial tour bus operations will be reassessed when the park transitions to Phase III.

Now in Phase II of the park's re-opening plan, many of the concession operations are open and visitor services available, including: cabins with private baths, General Stores, restaurants (providing Grab N Go food only - no sit-down dining, at this point), gift shops, Service Stations - wrecker and repair services - with more coming on-line in the next couple of

weeks including campgrounds, marina services, and trail rides. For the most updated information on facility opening/closing schedules, please see: [Facilities - Yellowstone.xlsx](#).

Asset Management: Lake Lodge Kitchen punch list review completed. Work continues on the Grant Lodges door replacement project. Coming soon: a pre-construction conference will be held at Mammoth quarters M8, located next to the Haynes building, for the roof replacement project and work will begin shortly thereafter.

## ***Facility Management and Operations***

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## ***Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)***

### **Media Relations**

News trends for the last week focused on the coronavirus, Yellowstone Forever, and reopening.

#### *About the Park*

- [CBS Denver](#): Masks, closed campgrounds & distancing:  
A western road trip during the pandemic
- [National Parks Traveler](#): Yellowstone  
Forever crippled by overambition, lack of financial transparency
- [Newsweek](#): Bison versus bear filmed at Yellowstone National Park
- [Idaho State Journal](#): Yellowstone opens with classic beauty and small crowds
- [popculture](#): 'Dateline' working on  
Lori Vallow case update after investigators discover remains on Chad Daybell's property
- [Bozeman Daily Chronicle](#): Bullock urges Montanans to stay vigilant against virus

#### *Around the Park*

- [Cowboy State Daily](#): Wildfire closes highway between Cody and Yellowstone
- [Cody Enterprise](#): State pursues sewage testing despite issues
- [Livingston Enterprise](#): Community coronavirus testing program launched

#### *News Releases*

- [179 Yellowstone employees test negative for COVID-19 in second round of tests; Update on visitor statistics / Backcountry reopens June 15](#)
- [Yellowstone day ride permit program enters fourth year](#)

### **Digital Communications**

- Social media stats, week ending 6/14/2020:
  - Facebook: 1,255,058 likes (4 posts, 375K reached)
  - Instagram: 1,047,673 followers (5 posts, 364K reached)
  - Twitter: 826,000 followers (1 tweets, 116K reached)
  - Flickr: 71,701 views

### **Internal Communications**

*Catch the replay*

Safety Days has gone digital this year! In case you missed them, view the past recordings (see below). Trouble viewing the video? Contact Bethany Gassman@nps.gov who will assist with additional viewing options.

- [Bear Safety with Kerry Gunther](#)
- [COVID-19 updates with Chris Flesch](#) (Covid-19 screening, how to obtain PPE and supplies, Q&A)
- [Learning about Employee Resources](#) with Stefanie Wacker and Bethany Gassman

#### *YNP@Work*

- [Read this week's YNP@Work](#)
- [Last issue stats](#) (6/10/2020)
  - Readership: 348 (66%) employees opened the newsletter
  - Most popular links clicked:
    - [Lessons Learned: Say WATT?](#)
    - [June Wellness Challenge](#)
    - [Pronouns in Email Signature](#)

#### *Employee Suggestion Box*

- Yellowstone team members can submit ideas via an [online virtual suggestion box](#)!
  - Employees are able to submit their ideas with a name alongside the suggestion or anonymously.
  - If you provide your name, Bethany will be able to follow up with you directly to get a broader picture of the concern/issue/suggestion. This follow-up has been incredibly helpful in actually addressing issues in the quickest manner.

## ***Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)***

### **Field Operations**

Field Operations staff at all locations are expanding roving activities. REYP rangers answer questions, educate visitors about park regulations such as staying on trails in thermal areas, watching wildlife from safe (and legal) distances, provide impromptu talks on a full spectrum of park resources and issues, and during this summer of ongoing pandemic response, may encourage visitors to social distance and explain other park recommendations such as wearing masks.

The presence of uniformed NPS employees provides a deterrent to thoughtless or deliberate vandalism. Sign and wayside exhibit inventories and condition assessments are being compiled, and resource conditions are noted. Thermal areas receive careful attention in order to compile long term observations of the behavior of hot springs, geysers, mud pots, and fumaroles, and thermal feature/area vandalism (including objects that accidentally or deliberately find their way into thermal features) is noted and remedied when feasible.

### **Roving Ranger Contacts by Location:**

#### Lake

**1280** visitors contacted

**49** Resource Warnings given.

Old Faithful

**4,077** Visitor Contacts

**181** Resource Warnings

Grant

**2,805** Visitor Contacts

**110** Resource Warnings.

WYVIC

**289** Visitor Contacts

**0** Resource Warnings

West-Madison-Artist Paint Pots-Firehole Geyser Basins corridor

**425** Visitor Contacts

**4** Resource Warnings

Mammoth

**2672** Visitor Contacts

**369** Resource Warnings

Norris

**676** Visitor Contacts

**24** Resource Warnings

Canyon

**842** Visitor Contacts

**89** Resource Warnings

Total Visitor Contacts = 13,066

Total Resource Warnings = 826

**Ranger Observations**

**Old Faithful**

Over the past week the Old Faithful team has noticed that visitation is overall fairly low, with parking lots at OFVEC not filling up or overflowing just yet. However we are starting to see a fair number of vehicles parking at Midway Geyser Basin. We have also noticed that visitors are not social distancing, and crowds are forming out at Old Faithful with various different people gathering together in close proximity. Staff have also noticed an uptick in resource damage, as there have been people marking bacterial mats and walking their dogs on the boardwalks. Few visitors are wearing masks. Rangers are being asked about where visitors can obtain hiking information and Jr. Ranger Booklets.

## **Lake-Fishing Bridge**

Here is Lake we are seeing substantially reduced visitation, and anecdotally, an uptick in local visitors from 11 and 22 counties. Few people are wearing masks, but many are social distancing appropriately. My staff are using the techniques they learned from Joe Bueter to encourage a safe distance with verbal and physical cues.

I'd say larger animal jams are one of the riskier things happening since we have so many people competing for space in a small area. We're also seeing some issues with the one-way directional signage at Mud Volcano. While most people are following the signs, when bison block the boardwalk visitors are then conflicted about whether to pass too close to the bison or turn around and walk the wrong way.

Additionally, we're working on getting Bridge Bay Ranger Station running as a contact station. It's been set up so that visitors can queue outside and we can still speak to them through a window that's been fitted with lexan and sell boat permits, answer questions, etc. We plan to have that staffed 8-12 once Bridge Bay Campground opens on Wednesday. So far, we've done two trial runs which have gone very well.

## **Mammoth**

Visitation around Mammoth seemed to increase this last week as did the number of resource warnings. The majority of the warnings were due to visitors approaching elk. I witnessed a near miss, where an elk charged and stopped short of a young boy. While running away the boy stumbled and cartwheeled away from the danger.

COVID related - Request for Junior Rangers is increasing as more families arrive in park. Most visitors are not wearing masks, but groups are physical distancing on the boardwalks.

## **Norris**

General observations are that about 1/4 of visitors are wearing masks, 90% of them are social distancing. No negative interactions.

## **General**

On Friday, June 12, Steamboat Geyser erupted for the 100<sup>th</sup> time since this cycle of eruptive activity began in 2018.

Training continues, with sessions on workplace culture (Green Dot training), CPR and First Aid, and required DOI training making up the majority of training assignments. De-escalation Training is also being modified to better align with the visitation of Yellowstone NP and sessions will be offered throughout summer.

Distribution of bear safety and bear education materials is underway parkwide.

New designs for NPS bulletin board displays have been developed and are being distributed. These will clean up the often chaotic appearance of posted flyers; provide easier maintenance

when materials become faded, stained, or torn; and provide consistency and accuracy of prioritized messaging.

## ***Resource and Visitor Protection (RVP)***

### **CRO**

John Vonk from Saguaro National Park has been selected as the acting EMS/SAR coord. He will EOD in the park July 5<sup>th</sup> for a 120 day detail.

Chris Flesch continues to coordinate all matters related to COVID.

Sarah Davis is working with Tim Townsend on the Jail Supervisor position.

### **DISTRICTS**

#### **Backcountry**

#### **Lake**

#### **North June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup>**

On June 8<sup>th</sup> a grizzly bear killed an elk calf on the Parade Grounds in front of Officer's Row and while being hazed out of the area, ran behind officer's row and the Admin. Building before being hazed out of the developed area.

More elk calves being born – closed off several different areas temporarily to protect people from angry cows. Lots of people being charged.

Multiple Mandatory Appearance VNs issued for separate incidents of possession of natural resources, including antlers and obsidian from Obsidian Cliff.

NPS employee reported a drone being flown around Upper Terraces, unable to locate which delayed flight operations at the helibase for several minutes.

Steamboat geyser erupted for the 100<sup>th</sup> time since its recent period of frequent activity starting in 2018. Eruption occurred on Friday evening around 11:00pm. Reports that people would be OB camping to witness the event were curtailed by LE presence or bad weather.

Multiple mandatory VN's issued for reckless motorcycle: speed, traffic control device, interference, skull and antlers, no BC permit.

Lots of bear jams around Tower and wolf activity around Slough Creek.

MVC's - car vs bison near Buffalo ranch, no injuries but bison was killed, car towed.  
- 2 vehicle minor MVC at bear jam Tower Hill

- vehicle almost backed over the edge Floating Island Lake, used engine 6 to stabilize until tow truck arrived.
- axle broke on snowmobile trailer Hubbard Hill , traffic control until tow arrived.

Agency Assists - lockout in Cooke City

- Cooke City medical - transport patient to Livingston.
- Cooke City medical, patient refused transport prior to NPS arrival.

Maintenance installed a 2nd vault restroom at entrance to Slough Creek.

### **West June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### **West Incidents/LE:**

- Two adults and child ran across the thermal bacteria mats within the Grand Prismatic boardwalk loop creating resource damage. Cited mandatory appearance. Investigation ongoing.
- Partial thickness burn to foot of child who stepped off trail into thermal runoff near Fairy Falls trailhead.
- Two adults charged with collecting archaeological lithics along Highway 191. Cited for mandatory court appearance.
- Visitor domestic disturbance at Old Faithful Cabins safely resolved.
- Fisherman approached by Grizzly bear while fishing in Firehole River. Escorted by Rangers to safety.
- 3000+ cars through the west entrance gate in one day.



Traffic lanes and “Stop Ahead” painted at West Entrance. Will help with flow of traffic into entrance and create a safer environment for employees (employees have been hit by vehicles in the past). Painting of lanes at 10 am caused significant traffic backup into town.

- DUI arrest
- Mandatory court appearance issued for drone.
- Forrest Fenn treasure reported to be found! Rumor is near West Yellowstone/Quake Lake area. <https://www.outsideonline.com/2414537/forrest-fenn-treasure-found-what-happens-next>
- **Other incidents:** Graffiti/Vandalism in bacterial mats at Grand Prismatic, irate visitor at the entrance station over entrance permit, reckless driver report from Gallatin County (resulted in speed citation in park), distressed hikers on Observation Trail, lost keys in a dumpster, Rangers responded towards Appolinaris Spring to backup North units, transit bus crash with deer Hwy 191, visitor assist for lost car, report of missing employee (turned out was being transported in ambulance).
- **Other citations/MA's:** multiple for speed, suspended license, unsafe operation after hitting an elk, Out of bounds camping, Possession of controlled substance and thermal trespass
- **Warnings:** Multiple for speed, Multiple for out of bounds camping, expired registration, failure to maintain lane, disorderly conduct.
- **Mutual Aid:** request from West PD for disgruntled former employee at McDonalds banging on the locked door. Subject fled and was stopped on park boundary and issued trespass warning.
- Montana State DOT repaving project ongoing along Hwy 191 within the park. Reduced speed to 35 mph and one lane closures 24 hours a day.
- Lots of traffic on the Bechler/Cave Falls road. Bechler Ranger Station now accessible to wheeled vehicles. Seeing increased traffic in Bechler area.
- Bechler staff have moved into Bechler Ranger Station.
- Rangers continuing to complete required training, orienting new employees, summer prep etc.

#### **West EMS/Fire:**

- *Ambulance Status:* Old Faithful 18 and 14 in service at Old Faithful. Medic 20 in service at Madison.
- *Engine Status:* Fire Engine in service at Old Faithful.
- EMS/Fire Incidents: Thermal Burn at Fairy Falls, difficulty breathing patient to Idaho Falls, Chest pain patient to Idaho Falls
- EMS program staff are operational at Madison and Old Faithful. They will provide EMS service at the EMT and Paramedic levels.

#### **West Resource/Other:**

- West District Traffic Ranger worked 10 traffic jams, assisted with projects and incidents.
- Madison Campground VIP hosts arrived and have begun training and orientation.

- New West district SAR cache cleaned and organized
- Bison have been moving across the landscape (in and out of the park).
- Trail clearing continues in lower elevation backcountry areas not clogged with snow.



## **BRANCHES/PROGRAMS**

### **Administration**

### **Central Backcountry Office**

- Preparing for remote backcountry permit issuing when the park opens to backcountry camping on June 15.

- Calls for information increased significantly once the announcement was made that backcountry camping would open on June 15.
- Created and added 10-day backcountry campsite availability calendar to the backcountry camping page on the park website. The calendar is updated daily by CBCO staff.

### **CommCenter**

The past week the Yellowstone Interagency center handled 759 calls for service as compared to 771 in 2019, 826 in 2018, 769 in 2017 and 1031 in 2016. We answered 1276 phone calls (all of which were answered within a 5 second period) of which 52 were 911 calls and 1224 were administrative in nature. Last year we answered 1266 total phone calls of which 125 were 911 and 1141 were administrative in nature.

Total calls for service included 231 traffic stops, 50 camping out of bonds, and 4 thermal trespass calls.

### **Corrals**

- Shoeing stock to go to the districts
- Riding and preparing stock for the districts
- Horsemanship training at Lake and Snake with the backcountry rangers

### **Emergency Services**

### **Justice Program**

Justice/Jail operation supported several cases and arrests including a DUI conviction, several obsidian collection cases and a thermal trespass case. One of the obsidian cases is being handled by a jail Seasonal who initiated the case. Busy week with onboarding another seasonal, multiple online and small group trainings. All available staff had a productive outdoor staff meeting. Travis Halls last day of duty was last Friday as he has military duty to fulfill leading up to his EOD at Smokies.

### **Structural Fire**

Gleason

- Swapped Command 2 for Command 4 and then set up Command 4 for the summer season

- Provided an overview of lessons learned on the electrical hazard that was present during a response the week before in Gardiner
- Working with local maintenance staff to install washer and dryer in the Lake Engine Bay
- Issued Certificate of Occupancy in Lake, Canyon, and Bridge Bay
- Responded on several fire calls
- Worked with WASO Structural Fire on test bank validation
- Brought E-85 to Mammoth for repair

#### Gray

- Annual leave on Monday and lieu day on Friday
- Virtual meeting with Structural Fire Work Group for writing a new concessions and partners chapter for RM-58
- Issued Certificate of Occupancy at Grant
- Walk through on the construction work at Madison Ranger Station
- Worked on E-85 and ordered a new master drain assembly for the pump

#### **Trails**

- Seasonal Staff EOD 6/7. Ongoing orientation and training.
- Most crew staff transitioning from 4-10s M-Thurs to 8-10s Tues-Tues compressed schedules.
- 1 group working OF area trails continues on 4-10s for the pp including repair and removal of fencing on the Fountain Flat Road near Grand Prismatic Overlook.
- Surfacing and deck improvements on the Hellroaring Suspension Bridge supported by pack stock.
- Recon and clearing on the Sheffield Cr. Trail for access to the South Boundary Trail.
- Joint planning meeting site visit re: Long Trail and other North and South Rim Trail issues.
- Continued planning, compliance, SOPS for projects and COVID-related needs.
- Continued work with FAOs and partners on interdivisional youth agreements and volunteer projects.
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#### **Visitor Services/Fees**

##### **Fees:**

- Parkwide visitation has been steadily increasing during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of full reopening, with an average visitation this past week of 67% of 2019 levels. The weekend was busier, with 90% of 2019 on Saturday and 83% of 2019 on Sunday.

- The VSO staff are reviewing current fee rates and doing comparability studies for campgrounds, fishing permits, boat permits, and special use permit fees.

#### **VSO:**

- The VSO team answered a record of 1,018 phone calls last week. (This is a 224% increase from the same week in 2019 with 453 calls.) The team answered 158 emails. Thanks to Albright staff for helping us out in the office!
- The majority of visitor calls are asking if the park is open, if reservations are required for entrance, and if campgrounds and other facilities are open.

#### **SUPs:**

- Working with religious organizations to revise service schedules, so far the LDS and Catholic groups have cancelled for the season. ACMP has sent a revised schedule and have yet to hear from the 7th Day Adventists.
- Newly revised SUP webpage is live!
- Rachel continues to work with REYP and GIS to create a First Amendment Handout and updates for the web. Will run by DRs for final approval before released.
- We are starting to issue permits for weddings and church services for groups of 10 or less.
- Effective immediately, all new wedding requests for the chapel will require a wedding permit in addition to a reservation. Weddings that already have reservations are grandfathered in; weddings cancelled due to COVID, have a year to reschedule without the additional permit requirement. Thanks to the chapel committee for their continued upkeep and management of the historic building.
- Old Faithful Cycle Yellowstone tour just applied for their annual fall ride from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful; Rachel will be working with West DR and CRO to determine if an event this size will be allowed this year.

#### **Film:**

- Expedited permit for KGB out of Jackson Hole to shoot non-thermal b-roll for GoRV over the weekend; they were shooting a ski video in the Beartooths and wanted some Yellowstone footage. Rachel coordinated with the USFS to ensure permit compliance across agencies.
- Cornell Lab of Ornithology has revised their filming application which they cancelled in March to film Clark's Nutcrackers, staff and researchers. They will be filming non-thermal b-roll in June and film with talent at a later date.
- Multiple annual film permit renewals

## **Wildland Fire**

- Helicopter 3BH is pre-positioned at Montrose, Colorado for fire response with a crew of 8.
- Hazard fuels reduction work at Northeast Entrance continues.
- Remote Automated Weather Station yearly maintenance and fire effects plot data recording continues.

## ***Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)***

### **CULTURAL RESOURCES**

- Kudos to all emergency staff that responded to the freon leak at the HRC. Everyone from dispatch to first responders (IC, fire truck, ambulance) all reacted quickly and really cared about not only the safety of the building but also the safety and welfare for all personnel in the building. Marty/maint. also responded quickly to assess the problem and ensure that the leak was stopped and assess what was needed to fix the problem. A great team effort!

### **GEOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY**

- In coordination with Ray McPadden (YELL's Wild & Scenic River Coordinator), park hydrologist Erin White and hydrology intern Maddie McKeefry collaborated with staff from YELL's RVP, GRTE's RVP, USGS, NPS-WRD, and USFS to acquire the first set of acoustic doppler current profile (ADCP) measurements on the Lewis and Snake Rivers Tuesday June 2. These data were collected to support flow quantification for the Wild and Scenic River designated segments in YELL. YCR staff thank YELL & GRTE RVP for their extraordinary support and coordination. The next ADCP measurement is Tuesday June 9.
- The Reese Creek pipeline project was completed on June 5. A final walk-through with stakeholders occurred on May 29 with YCR staff Ann Rodman, Stefanie Wacker, and Erin White.
- Madeline (Maddie) McKeefry, Hydrology Assistant, joined the YCR last week from the USGS NOROCK in Bozeman. Maddie will work with Erin White through the end of November. Please welcome Maddie to YELL!

### **SCIENCE COMMUNICATION**

- The 2019 Bear Report was published online and a subset of the reports will be printed.
- The 2019 Fisheries Report is in production.
- Working on the first all digital edition of *Yellowstone Science* focusing on grazing. Look for this issue in late June!

### **VEGETATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

- Hazard tree removal is continuing in campgrounds (CGs). RMOps staff felled 27 trees in Norris CG this week. Indian Crk, Slough Crk, and Pebble Crk. CGs will be done June 22-25. All Xanterra campgrounds, but Bridge Bay have been assessed and that information has been passed or is being passed onto Xanterra. Bridge Bay will be surveyed 6/10.

- A lot of timber is recovered this way – RMops would like to coordinate with/engage in the park's firewood program/plan.

## **WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES**

Lake trout suppression. Over 75,100 lake trout have been removed from the Yellowstone Lake population, with 22,040 of those removed this past week. At this time last year, we had removed just 68,100. We were able to get started earlier this year, thus have had more nets in the water compared to this time last year. However, catch rates in both small and large meshes are down slightly compared to this time last year: small mesh catch per unit effort (cpue) was 7.8 lake trout per net night fished in 2019 and 7.2 in 2020; large mesh cpue equaled 1.7 lake trout per net night fished in 2019 and 1.5 in 2020. Both are good signs, but it is too early in the season to say anything definitive.

Both Hickey Brothers and NPS crews fished large mesh in the non-motorized zone of South Arm this week. This is an area where we find gravid fish in the fall but have not located a specific spawning site. We were able to tag and release 7 lake trout. These along with others tagged in previous years could help with the question of where those fish are spawning. One loon was seen in the closed area well west of the netted area and one was heard calling south of Peale Island, also well away from the netted area.

The NPS lake trout removal crew gillnetted 2,031 lake trout from both the South and Southeast Arms this past week. Large mesh accounted for 461 of these fish. Catches have been dropping in the larger meshes, those nets have been taken out of the water and replaced with smaller mesh, which is the reason for increase in catch with little increase in effort. Gillnetting occurred M-F, with almost all work happening on the boat Cutthroat. The Cutthroat has been running well and Nathan Mansor has been doing most of the captaining.

Lake trout telemetry. Tagging occurred 4 days this week with 21 lake trout receiving surgically implanted acoustic tags. To date, 3 tagged lake trout have been recovered this year. The first was a mature female originally tagged in 2016 whose tag was no longer working. Unfortunately, the other 2 were fish tagged in the last 2 weeks. Total tagged for the season is currently 35 still in the lake. The north portions of Breeze Channel and West Thumb were tracked on Wednesday. Locations were obtained for 8 lake trout. Tracking was cut short for Covid-19 testing. A map with location and depths was produced and given to Hickey Brothers netters the same day.

## **Stream Restoration**

Streams crew was in upper Pebble Creek for the week collecting YCT for spawning. 17 adult female and 32 adult male YCT were collected and held in live cars for later spawning. Crews will head back in on Monday. Staff from MTFWP Big Timber Hatchery will also go to Pebble Creek and hopefully spawn the YCT on Tuesday (16th). USFWS personnel will be on hand on Tuesday to collect tissue samples for a complete health analysis of the system. (NPS staff will not be camped with biologists from outside YNP and will wear masks and maintain safe distancing while working)

### **Bison Restoration**

This winter 105 bison were entered into the Rehoming Program as an alternative to being sent to slaughter. YNP captured 548 bison at the Stephens Creek Facility during February-March 2020 to reduce conflicts when large numbers of bison migrate out of the park. The 105 bison will undergo a 1-2.5 year quarantine for brucellosis before being transferred to the Fort Peck Tribes

YCR and Corrals staff completed installation of 1,700 of 5' woven wire fence needed to separate animals into separate pens for males and females. Animals must be separated by two fences ten feet apart to prevent nose-to-nose contact and potential disease transmission. Completion of this benchmark will allow us to begin the multiyear testing program, which involves catching and blood-testing each animal for brucellosis every 30 days this summer.

YCR, Corrals, and Special Projects staff completed installing feeding infrastructure needed to keep bison healthy. Bison are fed high quality alfalfa pellets to simulate the nutritious foods they would get in the park, but cannot get while in the 10-20 acre quarantine pens. Making this happen included laying a 16' x 16' gravel foundation and installing a 30 ton overhead feed silo. The silo is adjacent to the quarantine pens and visible from Highway 89N about mile marker 5. Each week, YCR and Corrals staff fill 6 wheeled feeders each holding 2 tons of pellets and provide another 10 tons of long-stem grass hay to the bison.

### **Trumpeter Swan Restoration**

As part of a long-term trumpeter swan restoration program, two swan territories - Swan and Grebe lakes - had artificial eggs deposited under incubating females. The live eggs, taken from the nest, will be placed in an incubator. In approximately two weeks, live swan cygnets will be brought back and placed under the female on the nest. They will be raised by that pair as normal. This procedure has been done many times with swans and has been successful previously at Grebe Lake. The purpose is to reduce mortality due to predation and failure due to nest flooding, both previously documented during the incubation phase. Once the swan population is no longer in danger of extirpation, this practice will end. This is a public/private partnership with Ricketts Conservation Fund and the Wyoming Wetlands Society.



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## *Squad Notes*

### *June 9, 2020*

### ***Superintendent's Office***

#### **Schedules June 8-12:**

Sholly – In Monday-Friday

Kenney – In Monday-Friday

Evans – In Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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### ***Administration***

#### **Property/Supply/Office Services**

- *Reminder for Cognizant Employees (CEs) and Custodial Property Officers (CPOs):* Property inventories are due 6/22/19. CPOs, please ensure all your CEs have signed and returned their inventories before you sign your certification statement. So far, we've received only 16 of 110 (15% complete). If you have questions please contact Evan Dickey at x2086.

#### **Youth Programs (pass)**

#### **Technology Services**

- **Mount Holmes Repeater:** Went down Sunday morning. Flight scheduled during Tuesday weather window cancelled due to weather. On Wednesday, found and replaced a bad transmitter. Back on line at 1000.
- **Norris Network and Phones down Friday June 5:** A ticket was submitted to CenturyLink Friday to repair the T1 circuit that supports network/phone circuits. Circuit including network and phones back up on June 10.
- **Diamond Communications Fiber Optic Network Proposal:** Diamond Communications began burying fiber optic cable in Moose Wyoming last week. Yellowstone is in contact with Diamond Communications on a regular basis regarding their application for 192 miles of fiber optic network along Yellowstone road corridors.
- **East Entrance Network:** Josh and Jerry installed temporary 300' cable on the ground between the Ranger Station and Entrance Station to bypass the poor wireless network extender. Network to entrance station improved with the temp cable. The in-house trenching/fiber optic project will occur when all materials and equipment for the project arrive in Yellowstone.
- **AccessParks application for Xanterra Wi-Fi:** The second public comment period on the effect to historic properties has gained a lot of attention again. The need for a second period of public comment is due to the applicant releasing more information to be shown to the public.
- **Grant and Lake Verizon:** Grant Verizon continues have microwave link issues between the cell site and Mount Washburn. Lake Verizon has not been cut over to the new higher capacity Verizon circuit yet. Both locations continue to suffer from dismal service. If you have a personal cell phone and live at Grant or Lake, we encourage you

to call Verizon customer service and report poor service in your area of residence. Telecom has been contacting Verizon engineers on a regular basis to complain about poor service and we encourage them to complete their planned improvements. While it is in Verizon's best interest to meet the needs of their wireless customers, the NPS has no authority to require them to do so other than the authority to terminate their permit upon expiration or for abandonment.

- **Dan Downing retired last week:** and we miss him already. Dan was a great asset to the radio shop and to the Branch of Technology. If you need radio assistance, email John Darr and Trent Coppinger at [yell\\_radio\\_shop@nps.gov](mailto:yell_radio_shop@nps.gov).
- **Portable Radio Deliveries:** If you have employees who still need radios/pagers you can email [yell\\_radio\\_shop@nps.gov](mailto:yell_radio_shop@nps.gov) to arrange for pickup at the back of Telecom. Or to arrange a delivery to your location, contact VIP Bob Greenburg by email ([bob\\_greenburg@partner.nps.gov](mailto:bob_greenburg@partner.nps.gov)) or phone (344-2462). The property form for all equipment must be signed by the individual being issued the equipment.
- Excavators and diggers; **When submitting a request for Underground Utility Locates in Wyoming or Montana, please give Technology Services at least 7 business days lead time** ahead of your excavation date whenever possible.
  - While One-Call requires excavators to call in a Locate 48 business hours before you intend to dig, all Locates tickets require preparation, and some require a lot of preparation. In general, the more complex your locate is, the earlier you should submit your request to Technology Services.
  - Emergency Locates e.g. broken water/sewer lines, buried power lines, do not require advance notice.
  - NPS Excavators and anyone digging anywhere, please use (and bookmark) the following link to submit all NPS Utility Locate Requests.
  - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=urWTBhhLe02TQfMvQApUIJwCEP3XXeNCjJen8hGxUQJUNDg4M1AwV1IGUFFUNUxFQ0NOVUwwRVhPNS4u>

### **Northern Rockies Major Acquisition Buying Office**

- Andrea is out and will be unavailable June 1-12. Molly Lynam will serve as Acting MABO Lead she may be reached at (307) 739-3447 or [molly\\_lynam@nps.gov](mailto:molly_lynam@nps.gov)
- Please ensure you are keeping your contract specialist updated on any onsite work. A [Risk Assessment](#) should be discussed with the park, the contractor and the contract specialist. Once the assessment is complete the CS will update the MABO Lead with whether a contract is suspended or continued. Status of open contracts are noted [here](#).
- FY20 Procurement Cutoff Dates: [\(link to the full schedule\)](#)
  - Complete packages are due to contracting by the cutoff dates
    - *A purchase request package will be accepted when all supporting documents are complete and FBMS approvals have been entered. Incomplete requisitions will be returned and will not be considered to have met the cutoff date. Please use the PR Checklist located at the following link to ensure you are submitting all relevant documents. For all Financial Assistance actions below, including Cooperative Agreements and Task Agreements, the date listed is receipt of a complete "Package Date", not "PR"*

date. <http://share.inside.nps.gov/sites/IMR/Requisitions/Checklists%20and%20Templates/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

## ***Business & Commercial Services***

### **Operations:**

426 CUAs have been processed to date for 2020 and 155 COVID operating plans have been reviewed and acknowledged (many CUA holders hold multiple authorizations thus 426 CUAs / 166 COVID plans). There are a couple more COVID plans to review that were received over the weekend. 18 Stock Outfitter concessioner COVID plans have been reviewed and acknowledged; 1 is pending review and acknowledgement. All commercial operators must present their authorization letter (acknowledgement) at the entrance station to confirm COVID plan submittal and gain entry.

The park's Concessions Management and Back Country Offices coordinated a spring meeting via conference call with Saddle and Pack Stock contract holders on Tuesday, June 2. The call allowed for concession contract and back country office updates prior to operating season. Fifteen stock contractors attended the conference call meeting. Two contract holders, to date, have advised they are not operating this year due to health concerns.

WASO has released a memo announcing an extension of the moratorium on releasing concession contract opportunities through July 30, 2020. The park found information on the WASO memo on the public commercial services site and expects to receive information regarding same at the park level in the very near future. The memo states *"As we continue to consider the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on park operations, travel restrictions, and group gathering restrictions and work to develop a fair and consistent approach for managing prospectuses Servicewide, we have determined to continue the moratorium on releasing solicitations for concession contracts and leases through July 30, 2020. We may extend this moratorium as the situation continues to evolve."* YELL has two concession contracts currently in prospectus development and awaiting release: YELL002 (retail, food and beverage - general stores) and YELL004 (automotive service stations, towing). The park is following up with WASO for guidance specific to these two contracts. More to come...

As reported previously, James Lewis will EOD at YELL later this week as a Concessions Management Specialist. Jim was most recently a Park Ranger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Evansville, Indiana, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resources/Conservation from the University of Alabama.

### **Asset Management:**

The final punch list inspection at the Lake Lodge Kitchen project took place on Monday (June 8) after being rescheduled from last week. The certificate of occupancy was signed Friday for the Lake Lodge.

The roofing project at Mammoth building M8 next to the Haynes building will begin this week.

We are expecting a report on Laurel Dorm from an environmental contractors testing of the

facility this week or next, which should disclose the effectiveness of mitigation measures put in place last fall to address moisture concerns.

## ***Facility Management and Operations***

**COMPOSTABLES** - The park is, once again, collecting residential compostables from bins located at the Mammoth Community Center (MCC), and Mammoth Hotel/Aspen Dorm recycling sites. If you collect compostables at home, or in the office, please bag-it and deposit inside the designated bins.

The park can only collect residential compostables from the Mammoth area and does not provide in-house collection containers. Individuals wishing to haul their residential or office compostables from the interior, to deposit in a Mammoth bin, are welcome to do so.

Compostables are collected annually, June 1-October 1, from park restaurants, employee dining rooms, the MCC, and the Mammoth Hotel/Aspen Dorm sites. Last year 555 tons were collected (instead of going to the landfill) and mixed with wood chips to create compost at the West Yellowstone Compost Facility. The material is utilized by area construction contractors, Gardiner/Mammoth Earth Day give-away, and some park projects. If you have questions, or would like to receive 11x17, Do/Don't poster(s) for compostables, contact **Lori Gruber x2314**, or **Lynn Chan x2622**.

Accepted	NOT accepted
food scraps	NO pet waste
paper towels	NO cardboard
tissue	NO clothing items
grass clippings	NO tree
coffee filters	branches/weeds
eggshells	NO chunks of wood
pet hair	NO cooking oil/grease
dirty paper bits	NO ash
sawdust	NO metal
	NO glass

**ELECTRONICS** - You have the Power to Recycle E-Waste. The collection site is a locked shed behind the Mammoth Supply Center. Contact Supply Center staff for the key at 344-2081, Mon-Fri, 7-5:30. The flier of items that can/cannot be recycled is located at [P:/Recycle/Recycle eWaste 2020.pdf](#). If you have questions, contact **Jim Williams, Lori Gruber or Lynn Chan**.

**THRIFT** - There are nine thrift stores located from Livingston to Belgrade and they all make it easy to drop off items, large and small. Think of these stores the next time you spring clean, downsize, minimize, or prepare to move. This helps the park reduce the amount it dumps in the landfill and may benefit a person in need.

**Gruber, Lori #2314**

# You have the Power to Recycle E-Waste

Located in locked shed behind Mammoth Supply Center.  
For key, contact Supply Center staff, 344-2081, Mon-Friday, 7-5:30.



## ACCEPTED ITEMS

Alarm Clocks	Flat Screen Monitors	PDA's
Answering Machines	Flat Screen TVs	Power Strips
Bathroom Appliances (hair dryers, curling irons)	Game Consoles	Power Tools
Boom Boxes	Game Controllers	Receivers
Cable Boxes	Hard Drives	Rechargeable Batteries (NiCad, NiMH, Li-ion, lead acid)
Cables & Cords	Home Stereos and Speakers	Record Players/Turntables
Calculators	Hubs (computer)	Routers
Cameras	Inkjet Printers	Satellite Receivers
Car Stereos	iPads, iPods, iPhones	Scanners
CD Players	Joysticks	Servers
Cell Phones	Keyboards	Speakers
Circuit Boards	Kindles/Nooks (eReaders)	Tablets
Clock Radios	Sm. Kitchen Appliances (microwaves, blenders)	Surge Protectors
Computer Speakers	Laptop Computers	Stereo/Home Receivers
Computer Towers	Laptop Docking Stations	Telephones (any type)
Conferencing Equipment	Laser Printers	Track Balls
Copier Combos	Loose Circuit Boards	TVs (ONLY flat screen, LCD, LED. <b>NO TUBES!</b> )
Cordless Telephones	Mice	Typewriters (electric)
CPUs	Microwave Ovens	UPS Power Supplies
Data Switches	Modems (cable and standard)	Vacuum Cleaners
Desktop Copiers	Monitors (ONLY flat screen, LED, LCD. <b>NO TUBES!</b> )	VCR/DVD Combos
Dot Matrix Printers	Movie and Slide Projectors	VCRs
Drives (NO Discs; CD Rom, floppy)	MP3 Players	Video Cameras
DVD Players	Paper Shredders	Video Gaming Systems
eReaders	PC's	
Fax Machines		

## NOT-ACCEPTED

Air Conditioners  
Alkaline Non-Rechargeable Batteries (see below)  
Car Batteries  
CD Rom, floppy discs  
CFL Bulbs  
Console TVs  
CRT Monitors (OLD TUBE TYPE!)  
CRT TVs (OLD TUBE TYPE)  
Discs (CD Rom, floppy)  
Large Major Appliances  
Light Bulbs  
Lithium Batteries  
Ovens  
PCB Ballasts  
Projection TVs  
Refrigerators  
Smoke Detectors  
Thermostats (old ones contain mercury)  
Wet Cell NiCad Batteries

Household Alkaline Batteries; to Supply Center or Admin Mail-room hallway (tape terminal end of 9 volt batteries only)  
Toner/Ink Cartridges for refill; to Mammoth Computer Support Services (include your name)

## **FLEET Operations**

When dropping off vehicles or equipment at one of the garages (Mammoth, Madison or Lake), we require 4 pieces of information.

- Plate number
- Mileage or hours
- What is the issue with the piece of equipment?
- Who we need to contact when it is complete?

If you come in with those pieces of information, it will make the process go a lot smoother.

**Monroe, Tom #2321**

## **Special Projects**

2020 Chip Seal Schedule:

- July 7th - River Side drive near the West Entrance. It will be closed the 7th, 8th and 9th of July
- July 8th and 9th - Lava Creek to Frog Rock
- July 13th through July 17<sup>th</sup> - Gibbon Meadows to Frying Pan Springs, to include Norris Junction
- July 20th through July 24<sup>th</sup> - Frying Pan Springs to Willow Park

**\*\*Subject to change.**

**Powell, Marty #2358**

## ***Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)***

### **Media Relations**

News trends for the last week focused on the park reopening and Yellowstone Forever.

#### *About the Park*

- [Montana Free Press](#): With tourists returning, surveillance testing ramps up in Yellowstone and gateway communities
- [Conde Nast Traveler](#): What Yellowstone's phased reopening means for summer travel
- [USA Today](#): Researchers discover 'cataclysmic' ancient super-eruptions in Yellowstone hotspot track
- [Money](#): Forrest Fenn, who started a famous hunt for hidden treasure, says his chest has been found
- [Billings Gazette](#): Yellowstone Forever suspends educational arm, citing pandemic ills
- [Cody Enterprise](#): Yellowstone Park employees test negative for coronavirus

#### *Around the Park*

- [East Idaho News](#): UPDATE: Human remains found at the Daybell home

- [Bozeman Daily Chronicle](#): Health official: New cases not cause to walk back reopening
- [Montana Public Radio](#): Wastewater testing for COVID-19 in southwest Montana tracks baseline illness
- [Explore Big Sky](#): How COVID-19 is grounding Montana's toughest communities
- [Livingston Enterprise](#): If you open, will they come?

#### *News Releases*

- [Yellowstone reports zero positive COVID-19 tests in first round of employee testing; May visitation through Wyoming entrances 70% of 2019; First three days of Montana entrances 45% of 2019](#)

#### **Digital Communications**

- Social media stats, week ending 6/6/2020:
  - Facebook: 1,252,280 likes (5 posts, 390K reached)
  - Instagram: 1,042,726 followers (8 posts, 376K reached)
  - Twitter: 826,502 followers (4 tweets, 458K reached)
  - Flickr: 85,946 views

#### **Internal Communications**

##### *Virtual Safety Days Webinars*

In case you missed the first two safety webinars, you can check out the recordings! Trouble viewing them, contact Bethany Gassman@nps.gov who will assist with additional viewing options.

- [Bear Safety with Kerry Gunther](#)
- [COVID-19 updates with Chris Flesch](#) (Covid screening, how to obtain PPE and supplies, Q&A)

##### *YNP@Work*

- Last issue stats (6/3/2020)
  - Readership: 357 (67%) employees opened the newsletter
  - Most popular links clicked:
    - USAjobs
    - [Voter Registration](#) (click "Departments/Offices" >>"Elections Office")

##### *Employee Suggestion Box*

- Yellowstone team members can submit ideas via an [online virtual suggestion box](#)!
  - Employees are able to submit their ideas with a name alongside the suggestion or anonymously.
  - If you provide your name, Bethany will be able to follow up with you directly to get a broader picture of the concern/issue/suggestion. This follow-up has been incredibly helpful in actually addressing issues in the quickest manner.

## ***Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)***

**REYP Staff, 2020**

As of this week, most of the Field Operations employees have arrived. In this unusual year of isolation and self-paced training, we are pleased to welcome the 2020 REYP Rangers. List by District/Subdistrict and Branch, they are:

**Acting Deputy Chief, Field Operations – Tami Blackford**

**West District (Rich Jehle, District REYP Ranger)**

Old Faithful

Rebecca Roland, Supervisor

Phil Officer, Supervisor

Hester Mallonee

Brandon Krebs

Mike Vogel

Butch Bach (starts work in August)

Mike Carter

Andres Escalante

Nicholas Espinsosa

Evangelina Forster

Gilberto Molina

Maya Nielson

John Reifenberg

Madison-West Entrance

Will Abbott

Jake McCommons

Nicole Sedgeley

AJ Ferrara

**Lake District (Rich Jehle, Acting REYP District Ranger)**

Grant

Helen Johnson, Supervisor

Laura Bueter

Luz Chase Bayless

Julie Hankins

Karley Nugent

David Valdivia

Lake-Fishing Bridge

Kristine Brunsman

Addy Falgoust

Ken Kyburz

Harlan Kredit

Molly Mercer

Jim Riley

**Lake District (Mary Wilson, Acting REYP District Ranger)**

Canyon

Mike Twist, Supervisor  
Stephanie Carter  
Gayle Eisner  
Tyler Gordon  
Robert Riley  
Laura Sitts  
Kristina Trent

**North District (Mary Wilson, REYP District Ranger)**

Mammoth  
Jon Nicholson, Supervisor  
Ava Joiner  
Dalton Dorrell  
Christopher Eddy  
John Heiner  
Jason Magers  
Kelly Morehead  
Vanessa Vought  
Bill Wengler (Tower-Lamar-Northeast)  
Nico Woods Kos

Norris  
Graci Avila, Supervisor  
Lindsey Brendel  
Jaclyn McIlwain  
Andrea Shiverdecker  
Gabby Sigala Orozco

**Branch of Interpretive Planning and Media, Tami Blackford, Deputy Chief**

Dave Krueger, Web Manager/Digital Media Specialist  
Peggy Olliff, Media Specialist  
Bianca Klein, Exhibits Specialist  
Virginia Warner, Interpretive Media Specialist (Temporary)  
Tammi Corchero, Training and operational support  
Joe Bueter, Parkwide VIP Program Manager, Coronavirus Planning and Response  
Jim Peaco, Park Photographer/Audiovisual Technical Specialist  
Diane Renkin, Administrative Support Specialist  
Ken Watson, Interpretive Specialist, Training and Development

Ken Watson EOD'd during the closure and quarantine phase of park operations, so we would like to welcome Ken to the park and REYP Team! Ken joins his wife, Miriam, Yellowstone's new museum curator. Ken brings experience as the Chief of Interpretation, Partnerships and Visitor Services at Cedar Breaks National Monument, where he also served in a detail as Acting Superintendent. He worked in Yosemite as a Wilderness Education and Outreach Ranger, and recently completed a detail in Shenandoah National Park as the Acting Wilderness and Backcountry Manager. Ken has worked in Interpretation at Katmai, Everglades and Great Basin,

as a VUA at the Grand Canyon, and in various positions with the Forest Service. His broad experience will be valuable in his new role leading the REYP Training Academy, where he will facilitate Resource Education training for partners and NPS employees, resource and issues-focused education forums, and coaching for CUA guides and partners. Ken's two children Sasa (8) and Micah (4) are settling in with all the new friends they have found at the park. Ken enjoys hiking, wildlife viewing, building unusual LEGO creations for the kids and woodworking.

### **Field Operations**

Field Operations staff at all locations are expanding roving activities. REYP rangers answer questions, educate visitors about park regulations such as staying on trails in thermal areas, watching wildlife from safe (and legal) distances, provide impromptu talks on a full spectrum of park resources and issues, and during this summer of ongoing pandemic response, may encourage visitors to social distance and explain other park recommendations such as wearing masks.

The presence of uniformed NPS employees provides a deterrent to thoughtless or deliberate vandalism. Sign and wayside exhibit inventories and condition assessments are being compiled, and resource conditions are noted. Thermal areas receive careful attention in order to compile long term observations of the behavior of hot springs, geysers, mud pots, and fumaroles, and thermal feature/area vandalism (including objects that accidentally or deliberately find their way into thermal features) is noted and remedied when feasible.

Locations include:

- Mammoth Hot Springs Developed Area (elk calving, elk rut)
- Mammoth Terraces
- Mammoth – Tower – Lamar wildlife roving
- Norris Geyser Basin
- Canyon, North and South Rims, Overlooks
- Hayden Valley
- Mud Volcano
- Lake Butt and Lake turnouts
- West Thumb Geyser Basin
- Old Faithful Developed Area/Historic Tour
- Old Faithful Geyser, Upper Geyser Basin
- Black Sand, Biscuit Basin (technically, Upper Geyser Basin)
- Midway Geyser Basin
- Firehole Lake Drive
- Fountain Paint Pot
- Madison – West Entrance wildlife roving
- Gibbon Falls, Artist Paintpot

### **Field Operations – Ranger Observations**

**Lake – Fishing Bridge:**

Worked a bear jam and it was fairly calm and very manageable. Visitors were pretty mindful of others space and mostly kept together in the group they were in. Some of the wildlife photographers were a little more cozy, but not bad. One or two did have masks.

- Roved LeHardy Rapids and observed people at Mud Volcano. At LeHardy only a few groups passed through besides the wildlife photographers shooting shots of the Harlequin ducks.
- At Mud Volcano, observations were made from the opposite side of the parking lot to view the lower loop and the lower part of the upper loop. 95 percent of visitors were following the directional signage. There were large and small groups of people but most of them were spread out and following the signs. About 15 people were wearing masks.
- Families with kids asked for stickers. Pleasant interactions.
- Overall most visitors were following guidelines. Family groups do not social distance but would not expect them to. Visitors were from Colorado and West Virginia.

### **Mammoth**

- 215 contacts/60 warnings (mostly too close to elk)
- Visitors remain enthusiastic and overall positive when engaging employees. In the Mammoth area, the majority of our resource warnings have been visitors approaching elk.
- An employee did have a visitor snap off a sarcastic comment this weekend about the fact he was wearing a mask.

### **Canyon**

- 69 contacts/8 warnings

### **Norris**

- Roving is going fine so far. About 1/4 of visitors are wearing masks. Some approach closely but no one has been opposed when the ranger backs away to create distance and/or put on their mask.

## **Branch of Planning and Media Development**

### **Publications Program**

- The second run of the Summer Visitor Guide is being printed this week and will be in the park on 6/12.
- Area Trail Guides are being printed this week.
- Bulletin board signs have been designed, printed, and delivered to Albright VC and Norris Geyser Basin.
- Signs and posters are able for visitor centers, wildlife safety, and other park needs.

- Dave assisted Rachel Cudmore on finalizing a new site bulletin on First Amendment options within the park and is working on including it in the YELL Index (YELL 321 will be its designation when finished).

## **Exhibits Program**

### ***Visitor Centers***

- **Norris Museum:** Exhibit fabrication at Color-Ad, Inc. is proceeding. The accessibility ramp was installed last week and looks great. Many thanks to Dan Smith for his expert fabrication skills and to all involved in installation. Tasks still needing to be completed prior to installation include window installation, electrical, as well as a good clean. The tentative installation date has been pushed to late July/early August, however, that may change based on the contractor's travel safety analysis.
- **Fishing Bridge VC:** The solicitation package was announced for bids and will be open until July 1, 2020.
- **Canyon VEC:** New exhibit designs for three areas at Canyon were reviewed by park resource specialists, YVO scientists, and other park research partners. Bianca is compiling comments to prepare for Pacific Studio when they return to work in late June.
- **Repairs/maintenance/cleaning:** Jim and Bianca are continuing to make the cleaning and opening rounds at all visitor centers. Please let them know if you have something that needs to be repaired, or looked at on the next trip.

### ***Waysides***

- **Wayside Geodatabase:** The Collector app basemaps are ready and testing is underway. Many thanks to Julie Rose for her work the last two months getting the app ready!
- **Mt. Washburn Tower Exhibit:** Work has started on gathering the team and materials for this project.

## **Props & Purchases**

- **OF Props:** The order was inspected and is waiting at Supply for courier delivery this week.
- **FB Warming Hut Props:** The order is here and will be shipped with the courier once the new panel arrives to replace a printing mistake.
- **OF Prediction Board Stickers:** Four more stickers were ordered and are being shipped by courier to OF this week.
- **Stanchions & Polydura signs** - an additional order of 30 stanchions is pending availability and shipment in July. Pricing is being sought for an additional 500 polydura signs.

## **Division SharePoint and File Plan, GoToMeeting**

- **Division SharePoint Site:** Please let Bianca (P&M) or Jon (Ops) know if you need any assistance adding files or links.
- **Division File Plan:** Underway.
- **GoToMeeting:** Acquired seat for division, short tutorial available on SharePoint.

## **Digital Media**

## **Web**

- Dave continues to update operating hours and dates for services throughout the park based on inputs to the [Facilities spreadsheet](#). Updates occur on web pages, within the NPS structured data system, and within sites in the park app.
- Dave has released the June version of the home page.

## **App**

- Dave has updated several sites within the app.
- Dave worked with Jennifer Armstrong to record the Mud Volcano audio tour.
- Dave submitted the audio files and created new sites in the area for the Mud Volcano audio tour.
- The Mud Volcano audio tour is officially live in the app.

## **Videos**

- R.J. Sindelar, our film contractor, has resumed filming for our upcoming elk film.
- Dave worked with R.J., Dan Stahler, and Rachel Cudmore to set up an interview session with Dan, which will provide the majority of narration for the elk film.

## **Social Media**

- We started back into social media now that the park opening periods have passed.

## **Yellowstone Live and Interactive Maps**

- Dave worked with WASO to get Yellowstone Live (and all NPS.gov maps) back online after WASO forgot to update server certificates, resulting in all Live feeds and maps to be blocked.

## **Training**

- REYP seasonal employee training, with appropriate social distancing and in groups of no more than 10, is ongoing.

# ***Resource and Visitor Protection (RVP)***

## **CRO**

On June 1, 2020, Yellowstone-Grand Teton Special Response Team (GRTE SRT) received a request from Deputy Chief of Operations and Policy, Lena Pace. The request was to supplement U.S. Park Police (USPP) personnel in Washington, D.C., with the violent protests associated with the George Floyd tragedy. On June 2, 2020, GRTE SRT traveled to Washington, D.C., and began working on June 3, 2020. GRTE SRT provided 5 team members to the operational request. The team consisted of Ryan Bock (YELL), Dan Kowalski (YELL), Gabe Gassman (YELL), Brad Griest (GRTE) and Jake Olson (ISB).

Because of GRTE SRT's previous relationship with USPP SWAT, the teams were integrated and formed one team. The team acted as a quick reaction force located in Lafayette Square. The mission was to protect and maintain a safe distance from the White House fence replacement/re-construction project for demonstrators to safely exercise their first amendment rights.

Building on a previous training partnership, SRT integrated seamlessly with the SWAT team and was able to provide additional less lethal capabilities and tactical assets.

A majority of the violent and destructive portions of the demonstrations were completed by Tuesday night. GRTE SRT participated in no significant less lethal deployments and assisted with a major incident involving two national guardsmen being struck by lightning in Lafayette Square.

As of Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the five team members contributed a total of over 380 hours in both Lafayette Square and East Executive Avenue as an integrated unit with USPP SWAT

## **DISTRICTS**

### **Backcountry**

- The outfitter meeting occurred on Tuesday morning.
- Canyon, Lake, and Snake River Staff completed backcountry specific training this week. Clearing trail with hand tools, and hanging food-poles on Monday and Tuesday. This was completed along the east shore of Yellowstone Lake and at campsite 7L8 on the Flat Mountain arm, so that we could take advantage of doing needed work as a part of the training. Kayak training was completed on Thursday. Completed repair work on the Canyon Corrals on Wednesday.
- Mammoth and Tower operations picked up their stock early in the week. Both operations are out clearing trails. The north end trails opened for day use on Monday.
- The last LE seasonal EOD'd this week at West. West crew is clearing trails.
- Bechler staff finished moving from West to Bechler. Bechler area and trails opened on Monday. Bechler staff worked on backcountry specific training.

### **Lake**

A coyote was hazed at West Thumb. The coyote was not actively engaging with visitors, but it was very comfortable with human presence. It was weaving under the boardwalk with visitors above it without any fear.



Reports of a wolf between Chittenden Bridge and Mud Volcano have been coming in. The wolf is becoming aggressive towards humans. Direction for aggressive hazing for this wolf has been issued and may save the animal.

Brink of the Upper Falls opened to the public this week. The end section of railing was not part of the contract, so rangers and maintenance teamed up to clean the area of construction debris. Together they also constructed buck and rail fencing along a portion of the walk that was considered hazardous so the area could open.



A crane tipped over while working on the new bridge in the Pelican area. EMS, Structural Fire, and Law Enforcement responded. The contractors were able to get the equipment back in an upright state with the use of tie downs and forklifts. No one was injured in the incident.



We are in the process of finishing our orientation for seasonals and two newer seasonals have started R.O.E. Two permanents are also headed back to FLETC and FTETP respectively.

### **North**

2 significant elk incidents this week:

- Xanterra employee suffered broken/dislocated shoulder after falling while being chased by an angry cow elk. The elk did not make physical contact with him. Multiple employees spent several hours monitoring the elk which were chasing people in the area. One elk was bear sprayed twice.
- A seasonal Medcor employee was charged by an elk behind HRC while walking her dog. Deployed bear spray 4 separate times to keep the elk back. The elk struck and killed her dog. Employee remained trapped for several minutes until a Park County Deputy was able to get her safely away after being trapped himself.

Lots of elk hazing and close calls around Xanterra cabin, rec hall, and hotel area over multiple days.

12 Fire calls for Mammoth fire this week, including 4 calls in one day.

- Propane leak in lower Mammoth – assisted by Tower Fire Company / Refrigerant leak in the HRC Bldg / truck backed over electrical transformer box near Xanterra Warehouse / Smoke in the Mammoth Hotel Map Room

5 Ambulance transports to Livingston this week + 2 ALS mutual transports with Gardiner ambulance.

Kelsey Bauer and Casey Lewis are now endorsed as Park Medics and doing ALS runs with other providers to get checked off.

Several separate contacts and several VN's issued for closure violations at Boiling River.

4 Resource-related VN's issued and 3 Possession of Controlled Substance VN's issued this week.

Lots of out of bounds campers throughout the district.

Plenty of bear and wolf activity in Lamar.

MVA - Truck & fifth wheel trailer off road near Tower Jct. - no injuries.

Old Gardiner Road opened for the season.

## **West**

### **West Incidents/LE:**

- Report of hit and run crash on Highway 191 in construction zone, vehicle located by West PD resulting in pursuit through West Yellowstone, then out of town on Highway 20 and into Idaho. Vehicle spike stripped near Ashton, ID. Suspect arrested on Felony eluding charges and DUI. West Yellowstone PD, Fremont County, ID Sheriff, US Forest

Service, Idaho Fish and Game and Idaho State patrol all involved.

<https://localnews8.com/news/local-news/2020/06/05/suspect-arrested-after-two-state-pursuit/>

- Mutual aid request from West PD for another vehicle pursuit coming from Fremont County, ID on Highway 20. Vehicle never made it to Montana.
- Search and Rescue for female off of Divide Trail searching for the Yellowstone “Caldera Pin” on her phone. Several others stopped and asked about the “Caldera Pin” location while incident was ongoing.
- West Entrance opened June 1. Lines of cars at entrance by 8:15 a.m.



- Opening day out of bounds camper at Madison Junction with possession of controlled substance, resource damage from illegal fire, food storage violations, rock collecting and driving off road.
- Rollover crash on West Entrance Road. No injury. Driver left scene and was likely DUI. Mutual aid from Hebgen Basin Fire and EMS and West PD.
- Consent contact (visitor pulled up to rangers to ask for directions) was subsequently arrested for drug DUI. DRE later concluded medical rule out for a medical condition. Driver was un-arrested and cited for possession of controlled substance.
- Protest sign in reference to George Floyd placed at Yellowstone entrance sign on west entrance road.
- Mutual Aid assistance to Gallatin County Sheriff's Office for multiday SAR involving lost dementia patient. Patient located in remote, steep, forested terrain at dusk and extricated via short haul.





- Other incidents: Multiple forest Fenn treasure hunters (Fenn announced the treasure has been found!), visitor vehicle lockout, bear in Old Faithful developed area, unattended vehicle parked multiple days in park and report of tour buses at Old Faithful.
- Other citations/MA's: Multiple for speed (one at 93 mph in a 55 mph), suspended license (x2), out of bounds camping, possession of controlled substance and food storage violation.
- Warnings: multiple for speed, expired registration, failure to maintain lane

- Montana State DOT repaving project ongoing along Hwy 191 within the park. Reduced speed to 35 mph and one lane closures 24 hours a day.
- Lots of traffic on the Bechler/Cave Falls road. Bechler Ranger Station now accessible to wheeled vehicles. Seeing increased traffic in Bechler area.
- Bechler staff have moved into Bechler Ranger Station.
- Rangers completing required training, orienting new employees, summer prep, etc.

#### **West EMS/Fire:**

- Ambulance Status: Old Faithful 18 and 14 in service at Old Faithful. Medic 20 in service at Madison.
- Engine Status: Fire Engine in service at Old Faithful.
- EMS/Fire Incidents: Transport of patient from Old Faithful clinic to Idaho Falls, ID
- EMS program staff are operational at Madison and Old Faithful. They will provide EMS service at the EMT and Paramedic levels.

#### **West Resource/Other:**

- Technical gear sorting and organization within West District.
- Trail clearing has begun in lower elevation backcountry areas not clogged with snow.
- Bison have been moving across the landscape (in and out of the park).

### **BRANCHES/PROGRAMS**

#### **Administration**

- Finalized the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Status of Funds for the division. Checking report for Park Status of Funds.
- Administrative Staff sending out monthly budget reports and working on spending plans with program managers.

#### **Central Backcountry Office**

- Preparing for remote backcountry permit issuing when the park opens to backcountry camping on June 15.
- Marked and submitted line locates for trailhead installations in preparation for training YCC staff and installing trailhead exhibits later this month.
- Concessions Management and the Central Backcountry Office typically conduct an annual meeting with the commercial stock outfitters in early June. This year the meeting took place as a conference call on June 2.
- Developed maps and signs for closures in the Tower/Canyon and Gardiner's Hole areas.

#### **Comm Center**

This past week the Yellowstone Interagency center handled 618 calls for service as compared to 822 in 2019, 765 in 2018, 740 in 2017 and 896 in 2016. We answered 1104 phone calls (all of which were answered within a 5 second period) of which 49 were 911 calls and 1055 were administrative in nature. Last year we answered 950 total phone calls of which 107 were 911 and 843 were administrative in nature.

Total calls for service included 187 traffic stops, 37 camping out of bounds, and 4 thermal trespass calls.

The center is still down one seasonal dispatcher due to background check not being completed.

### **Corrals**

- Shoeing stock to go to the districts and packers to start packing this week
- Riding and working with stock to prepare for the summer work
- Inspecting hay fields for 2020 hay contract
- Retrieving panels from winter pasture capture pen

### **Emergency Services**

### **Justice Program**

### **Structural Fire**

### **Trails**

- Seasonal staff ongoing orientation and training.
- Continued staff intermittent telework; inventory and repair work in Trail Caches.
- Project scoping, set up, and work at Mammoth area trails, Storm Point, Canyon Rims, Lamar area Trailheads.
- Continued planning, compliance, SOPS for projects and COVID-related needs.
- Continued work with FAOs and partners on interdivisional youth agreements and volunteer projects.
- Wildland Fire program admin work.

### **Visitor Services/Fees**

#### **Fees:**

- The West, North and Northeast entrances opened on June 1, 2020. With all five entrances open, the park welcomed 29,502 vehicles this week, compared to 54,361 during the same week in 2019 (54.3%).

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>D W</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>2020 TOTAL</b>	<b>2019 Total</b>	<b>% of 2019 visitation</b>
6/1/2020	M	529	831	378	721	1060	<b>3519</b>	7101	49.6%
6/2/2020	T	489	676	383	706	1345	<b>3599</b>	7641	47.1%
6/3/2020	W	430	688	374	733	1486	<b>3711</b>	8055	46.1%
6/4/2020	Th	578	750	327	734	1552	<b>3941</b>	8180	48.2%
6/5/2020	F	624	889	366	766	1870	<b>4515</b>	8016	56.3%
6/6/2020	Sa	679	1027	577	998	2225	<b>5506</b>	7843	70.2%
6/7/2020	Su	696	970	444	905	1696	<b>4711</b>	7525	62.6%

- Kristen spent Wed. 6/3 at the South Entrance Station, meeting with the team and learning the operation. She also met with AIS inspectors at Lewis Lake and Bridge Bay.

#### **VSO:**

- The VSO team answered 682 calls last week and 143 emails.
- We've started seeing an increase in callers asking if they need a reservation to enter the park.
- We also learned that some callers are seeing an outdated version of our website if they have the websites cached on their phone or computer. If the site has been opened before in certain browsers, the browser defaults to the last time the page was opened, which is now outdated information. Many callers stated they saw on the website that we were closed and called to ask if we were open. We're recommending callers refresh their webpages and that seems to work.

#### **Film/SUPs:**

- Rachel issued the Little People Learning Center's adventure camp SUP.
- The permit and film office is transitioning to phase 2 operations, which will allow groups of up to 10 people to gather under an SUP with a COVID prevention plan.

- Rachel met with Pat and Sarah to discuss the Mammoth Chapel SUP, conducted a site visit and discussed the permit process for weddings held at the chapel.

### **Wildland Fire**

- Helicopter 3BH is on-contract and ready for fire, rescue, and project support as requested.
- Crew training continues.

## ***Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)***

### **CULTURAL RESOURCES**

- Kudos to all emergency staff that responded to the freon leak at the HRC. Everyone from dispatch to first responders (IC, fire truck, ambulance) all reacted quickly and really cared about not only the safety of the building but also the safety and welfare for all personnel in the building. Marty/maint. also responded quickly to assess the problem and ensure that the leak was stopped and assess what was needed to fix the problem. A great team effort!
- Cultural Resources and Technology staff held an onsite pre-construction meeting with VIKOR (a Verizon sub-contractor) and Summit Sealants to discuss the rehabilitation of the historic Mt. Washburn Fire Lookout. Participants discussed materials, logistics, strategy, safety and timelines. The rehabilitation of the lookout is one of several mitigation measures that resulted from the compliance process for the up-grades and telecommunication mounting structure at Mt. Washburn
- Heritage and Research Center Opening
  - At this time the HRC is open to internal researchers. Staff are developing plans for opening to outside researchers.
  - Please make an appointment or request materials by email at Yell Heritage Center@nps.gov
  - For library research, please search library books at [http://wyld.sdp.sirsi.net/client/en\\_US/ysl/](http://wyld.sdp.sirsi.net/client/en_US/ysl/) and email requests to the Yell Heritage Center@nps.gov to schedule a time for curbside pickup service. Email requests with library card number or requesting a card
  - Archival research: Search online finding aids on the park web site (<https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/historyculture/archives.htm>) and then schedule an appointment via Yell Heritage Center@nps.gov to conduct research
  - Email Yell Heritage Center@nps.gov to schedule an appointment to research in the museum
  - Please be prepared to wear a mask during your visit to the Yellowstone Heritage and Research Center.

### **GEOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY**

- In coordination with Ray McPadden (YELL's Wild & Scenic River Coordinator), park hydrologist Erin White and hydrology intern Maddie McKeefry collaborated

with staff from YELL's RVP, GRTE's RVP, USGS, NPS-WRD, and USFS to acquire the first set of acoustic doppler current profile (ADCP) measurements on the Lewis and Snake Rivers Tuesday June 2. These data were collected to support flow quantification for the Wild and Scenic River designated segments in YELL. YCR staff thank YELL & GRTE RVP for their extraordinary support and coordination. The next ADCP measurement is Tuesday June 9.

- The Reese Creek pipeline project was completed on June 5. A final walk-through with stakeholders occurred on May 29 with YCR staff Ann Rodman, Stefanie Wacker, and Erin White.
- Madeline (Maddie) McKeefry, Hydrology Assistant, joined the YCR last week from the USGS NOROCK in Bozeman. Maddie will work with Erin White through the end of November. Please welcome Maddie to YELL!

## **SCIENCE COMMUNICATION**

- The 2019 Bear Report was published online and a subset of the reports will be printed.
- The 2019 Fisheries Report is in production.
- Working on the first all digital edition of *Yellowstone Science* focusing on grazing. Look for this issue in late June!

## **VEGETATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

- Hazard tree removal is continuing in campgrounds (CGs). RMops staff felled 27 trees in Norris CG this week. Indian Crk, Slough Crk, and Pebble Crk. CGs will be done June 22-25. All Xanterra campgrounds, but Bridge Bay have been assessed and that information has been passed or is being passed onto Xanterra. Bridge Bay will be surveyed 6/10.
  - A lot of timber is recovered this way – RMops would like to coordinate with/engage in the park's firewood program/plan.

## **WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES**

Wolves: Continued hazing of several habituated wolves in the Hayden and Lamar valleys.

### Yellowstone Lake

Lake trout tagging: Original plans for 2020 lake trout telemetry monitoring called for tagging 188 lake trout. With current staff and budget reductions, this number was reduced to 77 for this field season. This week, with three days of tagging, we were able to equip 16 lake trout with acoustic transmitters. Analysis of a fin clip from each fish will allow a positive sex identification, which is important during spawning tracking. Fin clips will be submitted to a lab in Idaho at the end of tagging for this analysis.

Lake trout gillnetting: Catch rates are dropping in all meshes as is usual after the first few weeks after ice-off. Typically they will continue to drop until the adults start their spawning movements in mid August. Overall catches are lower than seen in the last few years. Catch rates are very similar to what we've seen for this time of year in small meshes and down slightly in the larger meshes.

The NPS lake trout suppression crew caught 807 lake trout in gill nets this week. Gill nets were predominantly large mesh and all set in the South Arm. One boat was gillnetting M-F. The crew

has been starting at 5 am, which has allowed them to be off the water by early afternoon as the wind picks up.

Total lake trout removed: 53,927 with a catch rate of 5.8 fish per net. Last year at this time, crews had removed 45,140 lake trout with a catch rate of 6.1 per net. This is based on about a 19% increase in effort over this time last year, primarily due to ice off conditions between years.

Weather and boats: Saturday, at 5:30 am, crews were met with 3-foot waves and winds gusting up to 30 mph, so 3 of the 4 Hickey Brothers crews left their nets for another day. The fourth crew, working in the West Thumb, was in a fairly protected area of the lake and were able to lift their nets.

Lake trout fry trapping: Traps were set for lake trout fry at Thomas Bank, Carrington Island, Olson Reef, and FMA Elbow and 63 fry (total length ranged from 22 - 29 mm) were collected (3 at Olson Reef, 60 at Thomas Bank). Electrofishing for lake trout fry occurred at Carrington Island and Thomas Bank and 0 fry were collected. One 600' gillnet with 1/4" bar measure (micromesh) was set for 24 hours just east of Olson Reef and captured one juvenile lake trout 85mm in total length. These young lake trout will be analyzed to estimate hatch dates at Yellowstone Lake spawning sites.

Temperature logger stringers were set at the four historic plankton sampling sites (West Thumb, South East of Stevenson (Main Basin), South Arm, and Southeast Arm). These data are analyzed for long-term monitoring of abiotic conditions (DO and temperature) within Yellowstone Lake.

#### Stream Restoration

Communicated with Chris Phillips at Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks Fish Hatchery in Big Timber to establish tentative schedule for stocking Grayling fry in upper Grayling Creek in September.

Westslope cutthroat trout gametes were collected from the Sun Ranch brood pond and are being reared at the hatchery there for stocking to the upper Gibbon River tributaries.

Crew made a day trip into upper Pebble Creek to assess YCT spawning condition. Snow and water were high and water temperature was low. Fish sampled were not ready to spawn. Will reassess next week. Gametes will be collected to supplement the state of Montana YCT broodstock. This brood source will be used in the Buffalo Creek restoration.



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I do hope so yet there are naysayers.

*"...there's a lot riding on Fenn's claim that his treasure has been found. A lot of questions remain — Who found Forrest Fenn's treasure? Where was it? What happens now? — but it seems the story is far from over."*

<https://money.com/forrest-fenn-treasure-found/>

	<h2>Forrest Fenn's Treasure Has Been Found   Money</h2> <p>A famous modern-day treasure hunt that has captivated hundreds of thousands of people around the world may have just come to an end. Last year we reported on Forrest Fenn, the elderly art collector who claims to have hidden a chest full of gold, jewelry and other precious items in the Rocky Mountains about a decade ago — and now he says someone has finally found his stash.</p>
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**From:** Stephens, Beverly (Grace) Grace  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 9:18 PM  
**To:** Sholly, Cam ; NPS YELL Senior Leadership Team  
**Cc:** Flesch, Christopher  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Multimillionaire Forrest Fenn's treasure hidden, worth \$1M, found in Rocky Mountains  
Is this true?!!

Grace Stephens

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Multimillionaire Forrest Fenn's treasure hidden, worth \$1M, found in Rocky Mountains

## Multimillionaire Forrest Fenn's treasure hidden, worth \$1M, found in Rocky Mountains

*From [Wow](#), a Flipboard magazine by [Vincent Brown](#)*

SANTA FE, N.M. -- Famed art and antiquities collector Forrest Fenn, who hid \$1 million in treasure in the Rocky...

**[Read it on Flipboard](#)**

**[Read it on abc7chicago.com](#)**



**From:** [Amundson, Eric D](#)  
**To:** [Davis, Sarah](#); [Mar, James P](#); [Silva-Banuelos, Jorge](#); [Kenney, Patrick](#); [Flesch, Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** Forrest Fenn confirms his treasure has been found | Local News | santafenewmexican.com  
**Date:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 1:59:10 PM

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Howdy All,

Thought I'd share some positive news for us all!

[https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local\\_news/forrest-fenn-confirms-his-treasure-has-been-found/article\\_37006cfe-a8d7-11ea-8653-873ca96e31ef.html](https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/forrest-fenn-confirms-his-treasure-has-been-found/article_37006cfe-a8d7-11ea-8653-873ca96e31ef.html)

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**To:** [Sholly, Cam](#); [Davis, Sarah](#); [Flesch, Christopher](#)  
**Cc:** [Lyle, Jody D](#); [Veress, Linda H](#); [Smith, Christopher A](#)  
**Subject:** Heads Up: FBI news release about search in park  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 1:12:15 PM

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I wanted to take a moment and fill you all in about ongoing conversations I have had with the FBI PIO regarding the Vallow investigation and search in the park.

- The FBI PIO, Sandra Barker, reached out to me about a month ago and said that she was interested in disseminating a news release at some point in time about the ongoing investigation and search in Yellowstone. Her logic was that she had and continues to receive media inquiries about the search and wants to acknowledge publicly that a search occurred in the park. I concurred with her that we too had received inquiries.
- At that time, she asked about a joint release between the FBI and YELL. The release would acknowledge the search in the park and remind park visitors not to conduct their own search (if possible, we want to avoid the Forrest Fenn syndrome).
- I agreed with her that a joint release would be ideal.
- A few weeks ago, ISB Chris Smith and I spoke (he had received a media inquiry from the Fox News Crime Stories with Nancy Grace show about the search) and Chris also suggested a public statement to Yellowstone visitors. Chris is my ISB contact for now while Les is on a detail.
- Chris and I drafted language and shared it with Sandra.
- Now, Sandra is in the process of drafting the release. Once complete, she will share it with me. I will then share it with all of you, Chris Smith, and per Chris's request Kathy Kupper at WASO Comms, so that you can react to it, edit it, etc.
- Sandra and my tentative plan is to push send on the release as the search in Yellowstone wraps up (so as not to compromise the search and bring undue attention to the searchers). Sandra will make the release public and then Yellowstone will share it with employees, partners, and news media (our process will be the same as when we shared the 1st FBI Vallow release). If Sandra and I get multiple inquiries while the search is ongoing, we may push send during the search. There have been leaks in this investigation and because it is so high profile, we both anticipate a leak that could lead to media asks either before or during the search.
- Once the release is public, Yellowstone's response to all media inquiries will be that this is an ongoing investigation and we'll redirect reporters to either the FBI or the Rexburg Police Department. In addition, I anticipate national, regional and local TV outlets to come to the park to do stand ups and collect b-roll. Per the FBI and Rexburg, Yellowstone will not be doing any news media interviews. Of note, an assistant to Nancy Grace (Fox News) reached out to the public affairs office a few weeks ago asking about camping options in the park in the middle of June.
- Sandra and I are also talking about what communications would look like if investigators find something during the search.

I welcome your thoughts on all of this.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** 6-02-20 Squad Notes  
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**Attachments:** [6-02-20.pdf](#)

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See attached.

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## *Squad Notes*

### *June 2, 2020*

## ***Superintendent's Office***

### **Schedules June 1-5:**

Sholly – In Monday-Friday

Kenney – In Monday-Friday

Evans – In Monday-Thursday

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## ***Administration***

**Supervisors:** mid-season reviews were **due June 1<sup>st</sup>**

- For full-time permanent GS employees with EPAPs in DOI Talent
  - Step 3 was due May 26, 2020 for employees to provide their accomplishments to date and supervisors to provide their review of the employee's progress.
  - Step 4, electronic signatures, were due June 1, 2020
- For paper copy EPAPs (all other permanent and TERM employees) mid-season reviews should be completed on the DI-3100 form.
- Seasonal employee performance plans should be established per HR Bulletin 05-08, using the Supplement 1 and Supplement 2 forms. (Available on the P drive at **P:\Employee Appointment Docs\EPAP\DI-3100 FORMS and guidance.**

### **Property/Supply/Office Services**

- Annual Formal Physical Inventories have been issued to all Custodial Property Officers. Completed inventories are due NLT 22 Jun 2020.  
Inventory Status: 10% complete

### **Youth Programs Office (Final)**

- In process of hiring Gardiner YCC crew of 6 youth. July 6-August 7. As a day program, the enrollees will be coming into the park Monday-Friday to work on installing bear boxes, trailhead signs, social science data collection, and other projects.
- Montana Conservation Corps – hiring 2 MCC crews this year. One project will be at Storm Point Trail and the other will be working on Mammoth Campground projects.
- Staff continue to provide Distance Learning programs for interested schools and groups.

### **Technology Services (Draft)**

- At this time, Technology Services and CSS have a nearly full presence in the workplace with some telework still authorized. Appointments are preferred over walk-ins. Please contact us for appointments and we will make sure someone can meet you in Mammoth or in the field at your location.
- **Portable Radio Deliveries:** If you have employees who still need radios/pagers you can email [yell\\_radio\\_shop@nps.gov](mailto:yell_radio_shop@nps.gov) to arrange for pickup at the back of Telecom. Or to arrange a delivery to your location, contact VIP Bob Greenburg by email

([bob.Greenburg@partner.nps.gov](mailto:bob.Greenburg@partner.nps.gov)) or phone (344-2462). The property form for all equipment must be signed by the individual being issued the equipment.

- **Help us save money on the Cell Phone Bill:** If you have not used or **no longer need the Hot Spot feature on your Smart Phone**, please email [lori\\_wilkinson@nps.gov](mailto:lori_wilkinson@nps.gov) and [deb\\_guernsey@nps.gov](mailto:deb_guernsey@nps.gov) so we can remove the feature and save park funds. The cost for the Personal Hot Spot feature on smart phones recently increased from \$4.00/mo to \$5.00/mo. To support the recommendation for more telework, in March, Technology Services added Personal Hot Spot features to ALL Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) smartphones. If you don't use this feature, please let us know so we can deactivate it.
- **Supervisors; please do not send your arriving employees to check in to Telecom/CSS in 2020.**
  - New employees can proceed to their duty station
  - Building Access ID Cards and Radios (pagers) will be mailed/delivered to them after they arrive.
  - Property sheets must be signed by employees (not supervisors) before radios and pagers are scheduled for delivery.
  - More details can be found at [2020 Seasonal Check-In .docx](#)
  - Please let Deb Guernsey know of any expected or actual no-shows/cancellations. [Debra\\_guernsey@nps.gov](mailto:Debra_guernsey@nps.gov)
- **Excavators and diggers; When submitting a request for Underground Utility Locates in Wyoming or Montana, please give Technology Services at least 7 business days lead time** ahead of your excavation date whenever possible.
  - While One-Call requires excavators to call in a Locate 48 business hours before you intend to dig, all Locates tickets require preparation, and some require a lot of preparation. In general, the more complex your locate is, the earlier you should submit your request to Technology Services.
  - Emergency Locates e.g. broken water/sewer lines, buried power lines, do not require advance notice.
  - NPS Excavators and anyone digging anywhere, please use (and bookmark) the following link to submit all NPS Utility Locate Requests.
  - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=urWTBhhLe02TQfMvQApUIJwCEP3XXeNCjJen8hGxUQJUNDg4M1AwV1IGUFFUNUxFQ0NOVUwwRVhPNS4u>
- **Mount Washburn Concrete and Window Restoration:** Summit Sealants Inc. Pre-Construction meeting was Tuesday June 2. They have an impressive resume for custom concrete repair and restoration. We expect to see good things happen to the historic fire lookout. This restoration work is part of the mitigation requirements as a result of the adverse effects of the microwave upgrade in 2019.

## **Northern Rockies Major Acquisition Buying Office**

- Andrea is out and will be unavailable June 1-12. Molly Lynam will serve as Acting MABO Lead she may be reached at (307) 739-3447 or molly\_lynam@nps.gov
- Please ensure you are keeping your contract specialist updated on any onsite work. A [Risk Assessment](#) should be discussed with the park, the contractor and the contract specialist. Once the assessment is complete the CS will update the MABO Lead with whether a contract is suspended or continued. Status of open contracts are noted [here](#).
- FY20 Procurement Cutoff Dates: [\(link to the full schedule\)](#)
  - Complete packages are due to contracting by the cutoff dates

*A purchase request package will be accepted when all supporting documents are complete and FBMS approvals have been entered. Incomplete requisitions will be returned and will not be considered to have met the cutoff date. Please use the PR Checklist located at the following link to ensure you are submitting all relevant documents. For all Financial Assistance actions below, including Cooperative Agreements and Task Agreements, the date listed is receipt of a complete "Package Date", not "PR" date.*

<http://share.inside.nps.gov/sites/IMR/Requisitions/Checklists%20and%20Templates/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

## ***Business & Commercial Services***

Operations: The team continues to review COVID-19 safety plans as they are submitted for CUA holders and Saddle and Pack Stock Outfitter contract holders. To date, over 136 CUA plans and 14 Stock Outfitter plans have been reviewed for completeness, and communication sent to those entities advising them they are authorized to operate in the park. CUA and Stock Outfitters must present their authorization letter at the entrance station to confirm COVID plan submittal and gain entry. Additional Commercial Use Authorization applications are also being submitted now that the park is opening and will be processed as soon as possible.

In lieu of an annual spring meeting of the Saddle and Pack Stock Outfitter contract holders, a conference call has been set for Tuesday, June 2, to touch base and provide park and back country office updates prior to their operating season.

YELL has two concession contracts currently in prospectus development, YELL002 (retail, food and beverage - general stores) and YELL004 (automotive service stations, towing). A moratorium was placed on prospectus development by WASO Commercial Services due to COVID-19 through early June. The park understands that a guidance memorandum from WASO Commercial Services is to be received by the field in the very near future providing an update and status on prospectus/contract development. More to come...

New team member: James Lewis will be joining the YELL Business and Commercial Services team as a Concessions Management Specialist, scheduled to EOD next week. Jim is currently a Park Ranger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Evansville, Indiana, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resources/Conservation from the University of Alabama.

Asset Management: This week the punch list inspection will be done at the Lake Lodge Kitchen project. Work continues on the Grant Lodges door replacement project. Work has been completed on the Old Faithful Inn West Wing carpet replacement and the roof replacement on the G5 quarters at the North Entrance. A pre-construction conference will be held at Mammoth quarters M8, which is located next to the Haynes building for the roof replacement project and that work will begin.

## ***Facility Management and Operations***

**COMPOSTABLES** - The park is, once again, collecting residential compostables from bins located at the Mammoth Community Center (MCC), and Mammoth Hotel/Aspen Dorm recycling sites. If you collect compostables at home, or in the office, please bag-it and deposit inside the designated bins.

The park can only collect residential compostables from the Mammoth area and does not provide in-house collection containers. Individuals wishing to haul their residential or office compostables from the interior, to deposit in a Mammoth bin, are welcome to do so.

Compostables are collected annually, June 1-October 1, from park restaurants, employee dining rooms, the MCC, and the Mammoth Hotel/Aspen Dorm sites. Last year 555 tons were collected (instead of going to the landfill) and mixed with wood chips to create compost at the West Yellowstone Compost Facility. The material is utilized by area construction contractors, Gardiner/Mammoth Earth Day give-away, and some park projects. If you have questions, or would like to receive 11x17, Do/Don't poster(s) for compostables, contact **Lori Gruber x2314, or Lynn Chan x2622.**

Accepted	NOT accepted
food scraps	NO pet waste
paper towels	NO cardboard
tissue	NO clothing items
grass clippings	NO tree
coffee filters	branches/weeds
eggshells	NO chunks of wood
pet hair	NO cooking oil/grease
dirty paper bits	NO ash
sawdust	NO metal
	NO glass

**ELECTRONICS** - You have the Power to Recycle E-Waste. The collection site is a locked shed behind the Mammoth Supply Center. Contact Supply Center staff for the key at 344-2081, Mon-Fri, 7-5:30. The flier of items that can/cannot be recycled is located at [P:/Recycle/Recycle eWaste 2020.pdf](#). If you have questions, contact **Jim Williams, Lori Gruber or Lynn Chan.**

**THRIFT** - There are nine thrift stores located from Livingston to Belgrade and they all make it easy to drop off items, large and small. Think of these stores the next time you spring clean,

downsize, minimize, or prepare to move. This helps the park reduce the amount it dumps in the landfill and may benefit a person in need.

## You have the Power to Recycle E-Waste

Located in locked shed behind Mammoth Supply Center.

For key, contact Supply Center staff, 344-2081, Mon-Friday, 7-5:30.



### ACCEPTED ITEMS

Alarm Clocks	Flat Screen Monitors	PDA's
Answering Machines	Flat Screen TVs	Power Strips
Bathroom Appliances (hair dryers, curling irons)	Game Consoles	Power Tools
Boom Boxes	Game Controllers	Receivers
Cable Boxes	Hard Drives	Rechargeable Batteries (NiCad, NiMH, Li-ion, lead acid)
Cables & Cords	Home Stereos and Speakers	Record Players/Turntables
Calculators	Hubs (computer)	Routers
Cameras	Inkjet Printers	Satellite Receivers
Car Stereos	iPads, iPods, iPhones	Scanners
CD Players	Joysticks	Servers
Cell Phones	Keyboards	Speakers
Circuit Boards	Kindles/Nooks (eReaders)	Tablets
Clock Radios	Sm. Kitchen Appliances (microwaves, blenders)	Surge Protectors
Computer Speakers	Laptop Computers	Stereo/Home Receivers
Computer Towers	Laptop Docking Stations	Telephones (any type)
Conferencing Equipment	Laser Printers	Track Balls
Copier Combos	Loose Circuit Boards	TVs (ONLY flat screen, LCD, LED. <b>NO TUBES!</b> )
Cordless Telephones	Mice	Typewriters (electric)
CPUs	Microwave Ovens	UPS Power Supplies
Data Switches	Modems (cable and standard)	Vacuum Cleaners
Desktop Copiers	Monitors (ONLY flat screen, LED, LCD. <b>NO TUBES!</b> )	VCR/DVD Combos
Dot Matrix Printers	Movie and Slide Projectors	VCRs
Drives (NO Discs; CD Rom, floppy)	MP3 Players	Video Cameras
DVD Players	Paper Shredders	Video Gaming Systems
eReaders	PCs	
Fax Machines		

### NOT-ACCEPTED

Air Conditioners  
Alkaline Non-Rechargeable Batteries (see below)  
Car Batteries  
CD Rom, floppy discs  
CFL Bulbs  
Console TVs  
CRT Monitors (OLD TUBE TYPE!)  
CRT TVs (OLD TUBE TYPE)  
Discs (CD Rom, floppy)  
Large Major Appliances  
Light Bulbs  
Lithium Batteries  
Ovens  
PCB Ballasts  
Projection TVs  
Refrigerators  
Smoke Detectors  
Thermostats (old ones contain mercury)  
Wet Cell NiCad Batteries

Household Alkaline Batteries; to Supply Center or Admin Mail-room hallway (tape terminal end of 9 volt batteries only)  
Toner/Ink Cartridges for refill; to Mammoth Computer Support Services (include your name)

## Obsolete Housing Replacement

### Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2020 - 2pm

Conference Call (866-656-2875 Pass code: 8579319)

**Purpose:** To successfully execute the replacement of 64 obsolete housing units in the park as directed by the Secretary. Our work will be the model for the entire National Park Service.

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Role</b>
Peter Galindo	Project Lead, Facilities Engineer
Bob Kammel	Deputy Chief, Facilities Design and Engineering
Lynn Chan	Landscape Architect & Sustainability Program, Facilities
Kyle Stone	Civil Engineer, Facilities
Eric Ackley	Landscape Architect, Facilities
Robin Park	Environmental Protection Specialist
Zehra Osman	Cultural Resource Specialist
Addie Wickham	CFIP Administrator & Engineer, XPR
Yasmine Tom	Facilities Administrative Assistant

- Modular Contract Update
  - Changes and improvements to the exteriors will be finalized this week.
  - The first order should be out this week.

Peter/Kyle
- YCC Demolition Contract
  - Contract went out to do demo work of the shed and dorm.

Bob
- Bechler Design Update
  - 90% design drawings are now on the pdrive.
  - Please send comments back to Eric by COB Tuesday, 6/1
- Bechler Compliance Updates
  - Limited compliance concerns.
  - Survey of area already done.
  - None of the testing sites within the known archaeological sites.
  - Robin compiled milestone orders (3 entries) into one compliance package.
    - Peter is the project lead.
    - Streamlined and all related to housing improvement.
  - Letter sent to SHPO for consultation on Bechler.
    - Timeline will depend on when we hear back from them.
  - Lynn Chan's drawing is the most comprehensive of the bechler location.
    - There may be a possibility of another shed to house the solar batteries at Bechler.

- Bechler Boring/Geo Tech Tests at Bechler
  - Jorgenson to submit proposal soon.

Peter/Robin/Zehra/Lynn

**Task: Robin to follow up with SHPO about possibility of delays to Geo tech drilling.**

**Task: Kyle to work with Dave Ross regarding configuration of (interiors) at Bechler Visitor Contact station.**

Meeting Adjourned 2:20pm

## ***Office of Strategic Communications (OSC)***

### **Media Relations**

News trends for the last week focused on the park reopening, the Wi-Fi proposal, and earthquakes.

#### *About the Park*

- [Union-Bulletin](#): Yellowstone reopens after 7-week closure
- [Bozeman Daily Chronicle](#): ‘Busier and busier’: Montana entrances to Yellowstone open to visitors
- [NBC Montana](#): Montana entrances reopen at Yellowstone National Park
- [Wyoming Public Media](#): Yellowstone National Park seeks public comment on impact of Wifi expansion plan
- [The Journal](#): National parks hope visitors comply with virus measures
- [Scottsbluff StarHerald](#): Yellowstone Facebook Live broadcast attempts to dispel wolf myths

#### *Around the Park*

- [Montana Public Radio](#): Montana entering Phase 2 of COVID-19 reopening plan
- [Insider](#): Nearly a dozen earthquakes close to Yellowstone National Park recorded in 24 hours
- [Billings Gazette](#): Yellowstone gateway towns brace for 20-50 percent pandemic tax drop

#### *News Releases*

- [Yellowstone to open Montana entrances June 1](#)

### **Digital Communications**

- Social media stats, week ending 5/31/2020:
  - Facebook: 1,223,611 likes (4 posts, 530K reached)
  - Instagram: 1,040,112 followers (3 posts, 437K reached)
  - Twitter: 826,702 followers (3 tweets, 240K reached)
  - Flickr: 60,078 views

### **Internal Communications**

#### *YNP@Work*

- Read this week’s [YNP@Work](#). Last issue stats (5/6/2020)
  - Readership: 350 (66%) employees opened the newsletter

- Most popular links clicked:
  - USAjobs
  - [Pandemic Bingo](#)

### *Employee Suggestion Box*

- Yellowstone team members can submit ideas via an [online virtual suggestion box](#)!
  - Employees are able to submit their ideas with a name alongside the suggestion or anonymously.
  - If you provide your name, Bethany will be able to follow up with you directly to get a broader picture of the concern/issue/suggestion. This follow-up has been incredibly helpful in actually addressing issues in the quickest manner.

### **Communications Roundtable met on June 1**

- **Attendees:** Jody Lyle, Dave Krueger, Becky Smith, Morgan Warthin, Ashton Hooker, Becky Wyman, Laura White, Ivan Kowski, Jake Frank, Rachel Cudmore, Hillary Robison, Kristen Kosick, Bret De Young
- **Issues and messages related to COVID-19 and June 1 opening:**
  - Just be aware: After the NPS news release went out last week stating the park was day use only, Xanterra opened a few cabins in Mammoth on June 1.
  - Surveillance testing for employees began last week. The park will share results.
  - Backcountry permits and Bechler: Will pick specific date in the future to begin issuing backcountry permits. Bechler can be used for day use.
- **Misc topics:**
  - Beartooth opened last Friday.
  - Aggressive wolf at Otter Creek – visitor posted a picture on social media last week: Hillary looked into this. YCR is monitoring and hazing at least 3 different wolves in Pelican Creek and Lamar Valley areas.
  - Kristen: Montana entrances did a soft opening at 8:30 a.m. before the 10 a.m. reopening time – going well so far on reopening day (June 1). Public calls up 85% compared to this time last year. They are using an announcement box instead of voicemail.
- **News Media / Public Affairs:**
  - Interviews today: KBZK live, NBC Montana taped, Bozeman Chronicle
- **Internal Communications:**
  - Housing update: first units arriving to Old Faithful and Mammoth in August. Great work by the interdivisional housing team to keep this project moving forward.
- **Digital Communications:**
  - Ashton provided an overview of social media comments last week after the opening announcement. Mostly positive, asking lots of trip planning questions.
  - Dave is keeping up on web and app updates – lots of changes to facilities and services!
    1. Updated home page and operating hours page – changing daily. Please use facilities spreadsheet (linked below) for most up-to-date operating hours info.
    2. [Facilities spreadsheet](#) with opening/closing date.

3. Updates to the YELL app (new version published!). Encourage visitors to download the YELL app.
  - Ivan: Video for issuing backcountry permits is online.
- **Video / Audio Production:**
  - Jake: working on script for short-form summer visitation video for social media (adding COVID-19 messaging). Will also add info about buying passes in advance and downloading the app. Filming this week.
  - Rachel: Issuing filming permits for groups of two for b-roll footage. Waiting to issue permits for larger groups.
    1. July 6-8: aerial film project will be happening in the park.
  - Dave: Contract is good to go to work on REYP elk film.
- **Publications / Signs / Correspondence:**
  - Dave: Working on signs for Upper Terrace Loop (will now be closed to vehicles). Possible signs for Brink of the Lower Falls. Bulletin board signs for around visitor centers.
  - Hillary: 2019 Bear Report will be online June 3. Fisheries report is in production.

## ***Resource Education & Youth Programs (REYP)***

### **REYP Field Operations**

Field Operations have conducted vehicle-based roves with the goals of observing visitors and compiling information about visitor numbers, behavior in general, compliance with COVID-19 mitigation measures, and home states as represented by license plates. Sign and wayside exhibit inventories and condition assessments are being compiled. Resource conditions are also being noted, especially in thermal areas where vandalism has been documented.

Observations from the last days of May appear below.

#### From Jake McCommons (Madison):

On Sunday 5/31 along the Firehole River: None of the parking lots seemed full. I did not see anyone with masks. I saw a few flyfishermen.

On Monday 6/1 from 8:30-Noon I drove the West-Madison-Fairy Falls trailhead corridor. In the morning there were virtually no cars going West with most traffic flowing East in spurts. No issues, but also no masks being worn by visitors. When driving south along the Firehole I had to manage traffic for a herd of bison cows and red dogs that were causing an ebbing and flowing traffic jam. I received a lot of shouts of "Thank you!". No issues other than a few people slowing for pictures. As I continued to drive around I didn't see any parking lots full but also didn't notice anyone wearing a mask.

#### From Kristine Brunsman (Lake):

We have tons of wolf activity in Hayden right now, which has been exciting for everyone. Overall, visitors have been generally very well behaved (particularly noteworthy at jams where they "self-managed"), maintaining social distancing suggestions, and following directional signage at Mud Volcano.

From Michael Carter (Old Faithful):

Over the last few days, I mostly saw large groups/gatherings of visitors at the Old Faithful and Midway GB boardwalks. (I only saw small groups of visitors on other trails in the district). While monitoring/predicting Old Faithful's eruptions, several dogs were seen on the boardwalk (near the benches), though occasional visitors read the warning signs and stopped or turned back at that point.

As I was walking through the VC parking lot, several visitors asked where they could get fishing licences. Most of them seemed to be annoyed when I told them that only the gateway communities were selling them and that they couldn't be obtained in the park at the moment.

From Will Abbot (West)

Sunday 5/ 31, 8am-Noon - Observational auto rove-

Individual contacts 17; most questions were about "where to see wildlife."

Gibbon Falls- no visitors present, Firehole Canyon 4 visitors seen

Fountain area- about 35 vehicles total, singles, family groups

Midway- 5-20 vehicles

Firehole Lake Drive- 7 vehicles- (4 waiting for Great Fountain geyser eruption).

Overall, traffic nearly non-existent.

No unusual circumstances.

From Helen Johnson (Grant):

Elk are beginning to return to West Thumb and storing their calves under the boardwalk, leading to significant closures and ending the one way traffic COVID precaution temporarily. Two staff members observed elk charging one another on the boardwalk Thursday afternoon. By Monday one way traffic was restored in West Thumb Geyser Basin and all boardwalks were reopened.

From Phil Officer (Old Faithful):

On Monday 6/1, 5 hats were reported scattered about the runoff channels of Midway Geyser Basin

Several visitors expressed surprise that they could not exit the Montana Gates prior to today (many said that they were aware that you couldn't enter from Montana but didn't know you couldn't leave).

Visitors have called asking about the status of Beartooth Highway.

Rebecca found a few instances of images/writing carved into bacterial mats on Geyser Hill.

Visitors have been seen multiple times too close to bison

## Visitor Center Updates

- **Old Faithful VEC:** Sneeze guard installation completed. Working on SOP's for visitor center operations, including procedures and schedules for sanitizing work areas and techniques for managing visitor numbers and social distancing. Stanchion layouts and social distance mapping for the lobby have been completed.
- **Canyon VEC:** Sneeze guard installation taking place this week. As at Old Faithful VEC, SOP development is underway. Stanchion layouts and social distance mapping for the lobby are in development.
- **Albright VC:** Sneeze guard installation will begin when Canyon is completed. New stair treads to be installed on or around June 18. FM recommends 2 day minimum to air the building from the toxic odor caused by the epoxy used to install the treads.
- **REYP sends a big THANK YOU to Boyd Tippetts for his great work on the Canyon and Old Faithful VEC sneeze guards!**

## Branch of Planning and Media Development

### Exhibits Program

#### Visitor Centers, ongoing:

- **Norris Museum:** Exhibit fabrication at Color-Ad, Inc. is proceeding. Tasks still needing to be completed prior to installation include ramp and window installation, electrical, as well as a good clean. The tentative installation date is proposed for late June/early July however that may change based on the contractor's travel safety analysis.
- **Fishing Bridge VC:** The solicitation package was announced for bids and will be open until July 1, 2020.
- **Canyon VEC:** New exhibit designs for three areas at Canyon were reviewed by park resource specialists, YVO scientists, and other park research partners. Bianca is compiling comments to prepare for Pacific Studio when they return to work in early June.
- **Repairs/maintenance/cleaning:** Jim and Bianca are continuing to make the cleaning and opening rounds at all visitor centers. Please let them know if you have something that needs to be repaired, or looked at on the next trip.

#### Waysides, ongoing:

- **Wayside Geodatabase:** Julie is progressing with the GIS data and the app is ready for testing this week.
- **Mt. Washburn Tower Exhibit:** Work has started on gathering the team and materials for this project.

### Props & Purchases

- **OF Props:** The order was placed on 5/22 and is expected to arrive on June 1.
- **FB Warming Hut Props:** The order was placed on 5/22 and is expected to arrive on June 1.
- **OF Prediction Board Stickers:** Four more stickers were ordered on 5/22 and are expected to arrive on June 1.
- **Stanchions** - an additional order of 30 is pending availability and shipment in July.

### **Division SharePoint and File Plan, GoToMeeting**

- **Division SharePoint Site:** Please let Bianca (P&M) or Jon (Ops) know if you need any assistance adding files or links.
- **Division File Plan:** In process.
- **GoToMeeting:** Acquired seat for division, short tutorial available on [SharePoint](#).

### **Digital Media**

#### **Web, ongoing:**

- Dave has updated the operating hours and dates for services throughout the park.
- Dave has updated the structured data system for select visitor centers and campgrounds
- Dave has gotten approval for the process of keeping these dates current on a rolling basis.
- Dave has upload several video tours and education videos.
- Dave has released the May version of the home page.

#### **App**

- Dave has updated several sites within the app.

### **Social Media**

- We have continued to post across Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with a variety of resource education and share-a-memory style of posts.

#### **Training, ongoing:**

- Staff is conducting training sessions for REYP seasonal employee, with appropriate social distancing and in groups of no more than 10. Topics include:
  - Scenarios/Radios (Joe & Tammi)
  - Thermal/Boardwalk Safety (Joe & Rebecca)
  - Mental Health/Managing Stress - Virginia

## ***Resource and Visitor Protection (RVP)***

### **CRO**

Members of the YELL/GRTE SRT are assisting the US Park Police in Washington DC, protecting monuments and other NPS assets.



SRT Members with Acting US Park Police Chief Greg Monahan in Lafayette Square near the White House.

## **DISTRICTS**

### **Backcountry**

- 5/25-26 Brad, John, Kevin, and Mari assisted corrals with retrieving the Park stock from winter pasture.
- Jim McHugh and Hannah Wilkins EOD'd with the Central Backcountry Office.
- The snow has melted off the road at Bechler. Dave, Sean, and Stanley moved to Bechler for the season.
- 5/28 Brad went to Bechler to meet with Dave and look at Bechler Operations.
- Training with the seasonal staff occurred on most days.

## Lake

A coyote was hazed at West Thumb. The coyote was not actively engaging with visitors, but it was very comfortable with human presence. It was weaving under the board walk with visitors above it without any fear.



Reports of a wolf between Chittenden bridge and mud volcano have been coming in. The wolf is becoming aggressive towards humans. Direction for aggressive hazing for this wolf has been issued and may save the animal.

Brink of the Upper Falls opened to the public this week. Parts of the walk were not completed by the contracting company so Rangers, both Protection and Maintenance, cleaned the area of construction debris as well as constructed buck and rail along a portion of the walk that was considered hazardous so the area could open.



A crane tipped over while working on the new bridge in the Pelican area. EMS, Structure Fire, and Law Enforcement responded. The contractors were able to get the equipment back in an upright state with the use of tie downs and forklifts. No one was injured in the event.



We are in the process of finishing our orientation for seasonals and two newer seasonals have started R.O.E. Two permanents are also headed back to FLETC and FTETP respectively.

## **North**

- Elk calving season has begun – multiple calves were born in the admin and housing area this past week. Elk calf stashed inside the Supply Yard that was separated from its mother was moved and eventually reunited.
- Mutual aid request for a kayaker in the water in the Yellowstone River – large mutual aid response, but kayaker was found to not be in distress.
- Mutual aid request for suicidal subject at Carbella – subject ultimately released to the care of a friend.
- Through traffic to Cooke City is picking up. Lots of warnings for speed and closure violation (not through travel). VN's issued for speed, closure violations, PCS, and expired registration.
- Mutual aid medical outside Cooke City (mountain bike accident). Cody ambulance came all the way to Cooke and transported the patient.
- NE VUA staff is up to 3 employees and has been staffed seven days a week for the park closure.
- Mollie pack took down a moose and an elk at Round Prairie.

## **West**

### **West Incidents/LE:**

- DUI drug arrest
- Investigation for Amphetamines and Marijuana found in dorm at Old Faithful
- Mutual Aid assistance to Gallatin County Sheriffs Office for multiday SAR involving lost dementia subject.
- Other incidents: Disabled semi blocking traffic on Highway 191, multiple Forest Fenn treasure hunters, visitor vehicle lockout, bear in Old Faithful developed area, unattended vehicle parked multiple days in park and report of tour buses at Old Faithful.
- Other citations/MA's: Multiple for Speed, Out of bounds camping, Possession of controlled substance and food storage violation.
- Warnings: Multiple for speed, expired registration, Entering COVID closures, failure to maintain lane, disobey a traffic control device, Watercraft use (inner tubes used to search for Fenn treasure).
- Multiple antler hunters have been out within the park along the north boundary off Hwy 191. Resource patrols ongoing.
- Tribal Bison hunt ongoing along West boundary. Bison hazing operations winding down out of park.
- Montana State DOT repaving project ongoing along Hwy 191 within the park. Reduced speed to 35 mph and one lane closures 24 hours a day.
- Lots of traffic on the Bechler/Cave Falls road. Bechler Ranger Station now accessible to wheeled vehicles. Seeing increased traffic in Bechler area.
- Rangers completing required training, orienting new employees, summer prep etc.

### **West EMS/Fire:**

- *Ambulance Status:* Old Faithful 18 and 14 in service at OF. Medic 20 in service at Madison.
- *Engine Status:* Fire Engine in service at OF.

- EMS/Fire Incidents: Life flight from Old Faithful
- EMS program staff are operational at Madison and Old Faithful. They will provide EMS service at the EMT and Paramedic levels.

**West Resource/Other:**



- Boundary marking along west boundary
- Technical gear sorting and organization within West District.
- EMS and swiftwater training conducted
- Trail clearing has begun in lower elevation backcountry areas not clogged with snow.

- VUA staff at West Entrance daily to document and check for authorized entry into park. As days warm, more and more visitors have been coming to the entrance. Prep for opening park June 1.
- Bison have been moving across the landscape (in and out of the park).

Please take time to congratulate Dave Ross on his announcement of retirement!! Dave will be retiring after 35 years of serving as a National Park Ranger in Yellowstone. Dave is planning to wrap up his storied career on Saturday the Fourth of July- fireworks (where you see them) can take on extra meaning this year. This has been a career worthy of fireworks and so much more! Dave's retirement will leave a powerful legacy of visitor and resource protection across the Park and specifically in Bechler's backcountry. Dave has invested great amounts of blood, sweat, and tears in his work and passion for our park- saying thank you Dave seems weak, but THANK YOU DAVE! Under the circumstances, like so many other retirements and departures this year, a traditional/proper acknowledgement/celebration of Dave's accomplishments may not be possible. Please take some time to let Dave know you're thinking of him as he is closing out this chapter of ranger life.

## **BRANCHES/PROGRAMS**

### **Administration**

#### **Central Backcountry Office**

- Seasonal staff EOD 5/24. Working on training and preparing for issuing backcountry permits remotely.
- Phone calls and email volume increased significantly once it was announced the MT entrances would open 6/1.

### **CommCenter**

Just a reminder:

Any calls for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical assistance needs to come via the Yellowstone Interagency Comm Center. DO NOT call the Ranger directly via their cellphones or radio. There is several reasons for this. Please use the phone to contact us if you have a phone available rather than by radio as we can get better information faster on the phones.

1-Officer safety- The unit may be out on a priority call with officer safety risk. Your calling them directly may put them at unnecessary risk as the phone distracts from the event they are actively working. The 911 telecommunicator knows the status of all units and is in a better position to allocate them to the correct call for their safety.

2-Liability--if you are calling them directly then you assume the same liability as a trained 911 telecommunicator. You are dispatching them to a call without the training and knowledge needed to provide a complete picture. When the courts request the tape of the call they will not have the initial call and questioning and could request that you testify as if you were the initial dispatcher for this event and hold you to the standards as you are an agent for the agency. The event is not properly documented and response times are not correct as we may not be involved until after the unit arrives on scene which can cause issues with the court process.

3-Resource allocation- we allocate resources to events based on priority and need to best protect our visitors and resources. Going direct may pull a unit that is critically needed for a priority event.

If you have any medical call needing a unit to respond dial 911

If you have any fire call needing a fire unit to respond dial 911

If you have a law enforcement emergency needing a law enforcement officer to respond dial 911

Just like you would if you were in any city. Do not call them directly. This month the YICC handled 1183 total calls for service. This is compared to 2662 calls for service in 2016 (the highest level in 7 years). The answered 2583 total phone calls with 2479 of those being admin in nature. We answered 103, 911 calls this month. All calls were answered with a 3.2 second period.

There were 373 traffic stops, 67 assist citizen calls, 46 trespass complaints, 43 camping out of bounds calls, and 41 alarm maintenance responses, We are still awaiting on the background to clear on one of our seasonal employees. NCIC training continues for field staff.

## **Corrals**

## **Emergency Services**

## **Justice Program**

We commissioned three seasonals who are training to staff the Jail. One more seasonal is expected to be added if we can make it work. Much of the staff has had some supporting role with Mammoth and ISB on the cemetery case that is under investigation. We are still entering training certificates and reports into the database and IMARS as they come in and from the stack. Court is now in session for defendants to see the judge. Masks are expected in the Justice Center, especially in the courtroom. Tim Wilkinson is acting in the LES position as a temporary/detail assignment.

## **Structural Fire**

## **Trails**

- Seasonal Staff EOD 5/24. Ongoing orientation and training.
- Continued staff intermittent telework; inventory and repair work in Trail Caches and project scoping and set up.
- Continued planning, compliance, SOPS for projects and COVID-related needs.
- Procurement for projects and crew needs.
- Continued work with FAOs and partners on interdivisional youth agreements and volunteer projects.
- Blasting training and project work conducted at Swan Lake Pit Thursday.

## Visitor Services/Fees

### Fees:

- The South Entrance welcomed 10,092 visitor vehicles and the East Entrance welcomed 7,604 visitor vehicles during May 18 – 31, 2020, for a total of 17,696 vehicles through the two entrances since reopening. (Note: these are *vehicle* numbers and not the full *visitor* stats, those will be available on [irma.nps.gov](http://irma.nps.gov) in the next two weeks.)
- The West, North and North East entrances opened this morning, June 1<sup>st</sup>. There were between 10 to 30 vehicles waiting at each entrance when we opened. (West Entrance pictured below, 8:30 am 6/1/20)



### VSO:

- The office fielded 539 visitor phone calls last week (4-day week), which is an 85% increase over the same week in 2019 (during a 75-day week). VSO received 133 emails last week, which is standard for this time of year. The majority of calls regarded reopening plans, including what areas of the park and which services were open and accessible.
- We had our highest call volume day ever with 175 calls on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. (Highest previous record was 164 calls on 7/23/18.)
- Thank you to Jon Nicholson for providing Albright VC staff to help answer visitor calls in our office. Thank you Dalton and Nicco for assisting in the office last week!

#### Film/SUPs:

- Rachel is back in the office after ~2 months of teleworking and continues to participate in the plans section on the COVID19 IMT
- Issuing annual permits for crews of 2 to film scenery and wildlife in nonthermal areas with a COVID safety plan. Denying requests that require NPS monitors right now per COVID mitigations.
- Receiving applications for larger shoots with talent, interviews, thermal filming and crews sizes up to 25 people; we will be waiting until later in the summer to approve interviews, thermal filming and large crew sizes.
- Working with Flight Over America; no permit required since they will not film from the ground. They plan to film here July 6-8 and will be in contact with 700Fox.
- Issued Special Event Permit for the Gardiner Graduation class of 2020 to have a parade (via Park street) on Sunday May 31st to carry the graduates to their outside ceremony.
- Working with the DRs to create a First Amendment handout and updated website information for normal FA operations but also to prepare for potential demonstrations that we are seeing across the country.
- Reviewing COVID safety plans for religious services

#### **Wildland Fire**

- Fire and Rescue Helicopter comes on contract this week; stationed at Mammoth Helibase.
- Orientation and training continues for new staff

## ***Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR)***

#### **GEOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY**

- On Friday, Erin White and other YCR staff (see below) participated in a final walk through of the Reese Creek pipeline project.
- On 6/2 YCR staff (White, Madeline McKeefry) will collaborate with USGS, GRTE and YELL RVP to conduct flow quantification measurements at the confluence of the Lewis and the Snake Rivers to determine peak in stream flows per the Snake River Headwaters Comprehensive River Management Plan.

#### **GIS AND CLIMATE SCIENCE**

- The Phenology Project is under way - 14 citizen science field volunteers will complete the 5th round of 2020 pitfall samples and plant observations at seven climate monitoring sites on June 5th. Ten additional lab volunteers are processing 1,000-2,000 insect samples every two weeks.
- The Citizen Science Raptor team conducted 18 nest observations for bald eagles, ospreys, and red-tailed hawks over five weeks. They are scheduling shifts to provide visitor education at Swan Lake Flat to reduce nest disturbance.

- Gardiner High School senior Alona Stacy completed her Phenology Project internship focused on spider distribution and will attend Lewis and Clark College this fall.
- Charismatic microfauna photos - eight Phenology Project photo editors, the YELL Strategic Communications Office, and a graduate student continue adding images, content, and organization to the park flickr page <https://www.flickr.com/photos/yellowstonenps/sets/72157704843714434>

## SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

- The 2019 Bear Report will be available on line Wednesday, 6/3. We're looking into having a subset of the reports printed.
- The 2019 Fisheries Report is in production.
- Working with NRSS, Alaska Park Science, and REVP to shape the first all digital edition of *Yellowstone Science* focusing on grazing. Look for this issue in late June!

## VEGETATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

- YCR staff (Rodman, Wacker, White) participated in a final walk through of the Reese Creek pipeline project on Friday 5/29 with USFS, TU, and other stakeholders. The contractor will address a few items stakeholders asked to be changed or completed before they left. The contractor will likely finish on Tues and need another day to remove their equipment and supplies.
- Vince Nagashima and AIS staff are continuing to refine protocols for visitors to complete boat inspections and obtain permits (it is a new process this season). So far all is going well, but lines are short and will get longer as visitation increases.

## WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES

Wolves: Hazing of several habituated wolves in the Hayden and Lamar valleys continues.

Yellowstone Lake restoration: Lake trout suppression is in full force now; between NPS and HBR (Hickey Brothers Research), we have 729 gill nets in the lake. This equates to about 40 miles of net, a third of which is lifted and reset each day 6 days a week. Although it is too early to put much weight in catches so far, getting a fair amount of small mesh set in West Thumb just after ice-off facilitated fairly high catches in those meshes.

For the small mesh, 31,532 lake trout have been removed this season with similar catch rates as last year, but almost twice the effort so far this year. In large meshes, 4,044 lake trout have been removed, with slightly lower catch rates this year. Total removed so far this year of 35,576 compared to just under 20,000 at this time last year. (effort spreadsheet attached)

Traps were set for lake trout fry at Thomas Bank, Carrington Island, Olson, Snipe, and FMA Elbow and 12 fry were collected (1 at Olson, 11 at Thomas Bank). Electrofishing for lake trout fry occurred at Carrington Island and Thomas Bank, and 1 juvenile lake trout 92 mm was collected. These young lake trout will be analyzed to estimate hatch dates on Yellowstone Lake spawning sites.

Water samples were obtained from Carrington Island and Elk point for analysis of phytoestrogens, potentially introduced during the organic pellet treatment of Carrington Island in Oct 2019. Plankton sampling occurred at four long term monitoring sites on Yellowstone Lake.

#### Stream restoration

Arctic grayling gametes are being reared at MFWP Big Timber Hatchery for stocking as fry to upper Grayling Creek.

Westslope cutthroat trout gametes were collected from the Sun Ranch brood pond and are being reared at the hatchery there for stocking to the upper Gibbon River tributaries.