

YNP@Work

A Daily Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Monday, July 2, 2012



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 916 AM MDT MON JUL 2 2012

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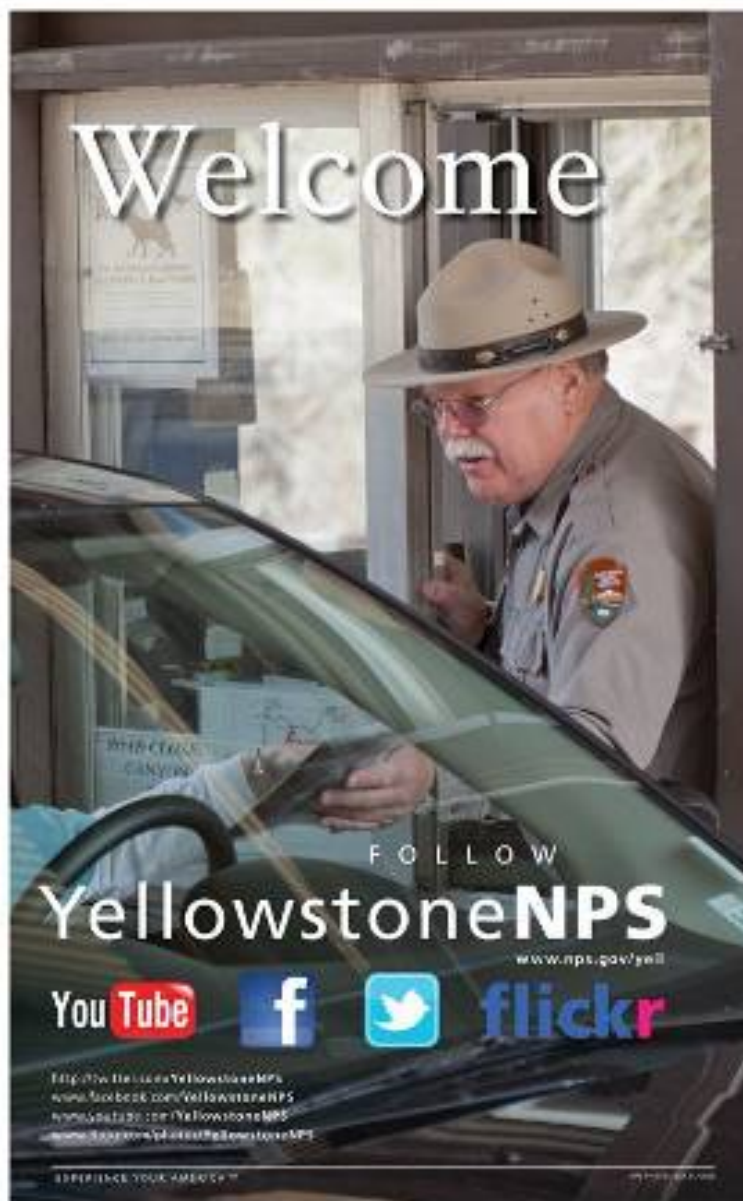
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1-You will be asked the location of the incident and what is going on there.

2-You may be asked to hold while we dispatch units to the location. If you are asked to hold, the dispatcher will come back to you and ask you for additional information and give you directions prior to the arrival of units to your location.

If you have an emergency on the roadway and have a park radio, please select the appropriate channel, and call 700 with the location and nature of the emergency.

For example, "700, 4A60 (wait for an acknowledgement from a dispatcher)
I have an emergency at Steamboat Point, 2 car motor vehicle accident, head on. I do not know if there are injuries."

This will allow us to provide the fastest and most efficient help in any emergency situation. Thank you for your assistance.

National Interagency fire Center (NIFC) Wildland Fire Outlook – July through October 2012

http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/predictive/outlooks/monthly_seasonal_outlook.pdf

Social Media

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<http://www.youtube.com/YellowstoneNPS>

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Canadian air tanker dropping retardant Thursday evening on the Blacktail Fire.
Photo by Debbie Van De Polder

Editors Note: The fire is currently estimated at 15 acres.

Small Fire Burning In Northern Yellowstone

Lightning from recent thunderstorms has started a small fire inside the northern boundary of Yellowstone National Park, along the Montana-Wyoming border.

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As of 6:00 p.m. Thursday, the fire was approximately 5 acres in size. Due to its location, dry conditions, and a forecast for dry thunderstorms Friday, the decision was made to suppress this fire.

Eight smoke jumpers and a helicopter with five firefighters and a bucket for water drops were already on scene late Thursday afternoon. A Canadian air tanker is expected over the fire early Thursday evening to help control the fire.

Smoke may be visible at times from the road, and on the Mount Washburn Fire Lookout Web Cam <http://go.usa.gov/wS9>. No roads, campgrounds or trails are closed because of this fire, and it poses no threat to visitors.

The fire danger in Yellowstone National Park is currently "Very High." The National Weather Service has issued a Fire Weather Watch for all of northwest Wyoming for Friday afternoon and evening due to expected critical fire weather conditions.

This is the fifth fire reported in Yellowstone this year. The first fires of the season were all started by people and were less than a quarter-acre in size.

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Smoking is prohibited along all trails and anywhere in the backcountry. Smoking is allowed in vehicles and along roads, near buildings, and in developed campgrounds or picnic areas if you are standing in an area at least three feet in diameter where nothing on the ground will burn.

Updated information on the Blacktail Fire can be found on the Web at <http://inciweb.org/unit/5382> or by phone 24 hours a day at 307-344-2580.

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Come and **toast/roast Michael Keator** and his wife **Mary Taber** on their June 30th retirement. The dutch oven potluck is **TOMORROW** at Lake, down past the boathouse, from 1pm -5pm. We'll have coals for dutch ovens and a grill set up for any meat you want to bring. This is BYOB and bring your own chair.

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Do you see a fellow employee who is a **safety ROLE MODEL** or do YOU have an idea for how we can **improve safety** in Yellowstone?

All employees are reminded that anyone can nominate Safety Champions or report hazards occurring in the park by going to the Safety Committee Sharepoint site (<http://inpyellshare/emsc>) and clicking on the "SRP Entry Forms" link. All nominations and reported hazards are discussed by Committee members at monthly meetings. Decisions are made using the guidelines of YNP Safety Recognition Program. The one page program description can also be found under that link.

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Fire Restrictions Lifted for Yellowstone National Park *Welcome Rains Help Crews Contain Blacktail Fire*



Recent rainfall received over most of Yellowstone National Park has increased fuel moistures to the point that the prohibition on open campfires has been lifted.

The increased precipitation also helped wildland firefighting crews suppress the Blacktail Fire near the park's northern boundary. The fire, which began July 12 and reached 29 acres, is approximately 95 percent contained, with full containment expected by next week. The 8 smoke jumpers and 5 helitack crew members who initially attacked the fire have been replaced by a 4-person wildland fire crew assigned to the park from Saguaro National Park to assist with mop-up and patrol efforts.

The lifting of the fire restrictions does not remove the responsibility for visitors to ensure that all campfires are fully extinguished, never left unattended, and are only in areas designated for their use. Visitors are reminded to be cautious when smoking in any area where there are combustible fuels.

As always, anyone negligently or willfully starting a wildland fire can be held responsible for the cost of the fire and charged with a crime.

To report any wildland fire observed in Yellowstone National Park, please call 911.

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Starting July 29, and continuing until further notice, it will be closed nightly Sunday-Thursday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. No nighttime closures Friday and Saturday nights.

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WEATHER

NWS Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park

Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 202 AM MDT THU JUL 19 2012

Today: Mostly sunny. Highs 74 to 80.

Tonight: Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows 45 to 51.

Friday: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs 72 to 78. Southwest winds around 15 mph late in the afternoon. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent.

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Todd Koel giving a fisheries operation presentation. Photo by Tanya Matthews



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Last Update: 237 AM MDT MON JUL 23 2012

Today: Patchy fog early in the morning. Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the morning...then mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the afternoon. Highs 70 to 76. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of thunderstorms 40 percent.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms in the evening... Then isolated thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the evening. Lows 43 to 49. Southwest winds around 15 mph early in the evening. Chance of thunderstorms 40 percent.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs 69 to 75. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the afternoon.

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Boardwalk crew installing new wayside exhibits at Mammoth to interpret elk natural history and visitor safety. The exhibit was designed by exhibit staff and reviewed by subject matter experts. (photo by Jo Suderman)

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Forty year seasonal Lake Interpretive Ranger Harlan Kredit talking to visitors last week. (photo by Tanya Matthews)

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Website:

<http://www.personalbest.com/PersonalBest4U/Login.aspx?login=yellowstone&password=healthy95&issue=497>

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Shawn Morrison replacing an existing light fixture with a directed light fixture (photo by Jo Suderman)

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We would like to take this opportunity to remind those staff members working in visitor centers or ranger stations to please encourage visitors to submit their sightings. Each VC throughout the park has a raptor identification binder for visitors and employees to peruse to aid identification. Fishing Bridge, Grant, Old Faithful, Madison and

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Interpretive Ranger Mark Hanna giving an interpretive talk about volcanoes and glaciation at Canyon

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July 26, 2012 10:24 am

Proposed winter plan for Yellowstone finds favor in Cody

Written by CJ Baker

Yellowstone National Park officials say nobody really liked their last proposal for managing winter travel in the park. Their new plan, however, is finding some encouraged — though still wary — local fans.

At a meeting in Cody last week, speakers generally indicated support for the draft plan. Among other things, it would keep Yellowstone's East Entrance open in the winter, allow a small increase in snowmobile visitation from recent years and let a limited number of folks snowmobile into the park without a paid guide.

"We look at this alternative from the snowmobile point of view. Is it perfect? No, we wanted a lot more, but there's opportunity here," said Bert Miller, a leader of the Cody Country Snowmobile Association and Wyoming State Snowmobile Association.

"Hopefully we can move forward and get this alternative working," Miller said.

While taking issue with some of the details, Park County Commissioner Loren Grosskopf similarly called the plan "definitely a step in the right direction, and I think all of us appreciate the step in the right direction instead of going the other way."

That sentiment was also echoed by Jeremiah Rieman, a policy adviser to Gov. Matt Mead.

"The overarching things (in the draft plan) are certainly things we can support," Rieman said in an interview with the Tribune at the meeting.

"I'm feeling better than I have at any other meeting," said Terry Dolan following the gathering. Dolan works as a commercial snowmobile guide for the East Entrance's lone winter concessionaire, Gary Fales Outfitting of Rimrock Ranch.

“It’s nice to come to a meeting that isn’t threatening to close the pass,” Dolan said during the public comments portion of the meeting, referring to Sylvan Pass which sits just inside the east gate.

However, there still was some unease in the midst of a process that has had plenty of backs and forths in the past decade.

Joel Baum, speaking on behalf of the North Fork guest ranches that make up the East Yellowstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, said despite the draft plan, he was worried the east gate might still be closed in the winter, and he worried that such a closure could affect the summer season opening.

Park Service representatives said that’s an unfounded fear, as the winter management doesn’t affect opening for the summer.

Those with the most discomfort with the plan likely are conservation groups. They had no representatives speak at the meeting, but their influence was felt.

For example, many of the comments from locals at the meeting were that the Park Service’s proposed restrictions on non-commercial snowmobiling were too restrictive. Some targets for feedback were the five-sled limit on groups (commercial groups can have up to 10 sleds), required safety equipment that includes radios, and a rule that everyone in the group go through an online test and on-site orientation check-in.

Yellowstone Management Assistant Wade Vagias candidly told the audience of about 40 people that some restrictions on non-commercial guiding are necessary “in order to make it fly.”

“There’s going to be a community out there that’s going to make an adamant stand that this is not the thing to do for Yellowstone,” Vagias said, apparently referring to the environmental community.

While snowmobiling groups, Park County commissioners and Gov. Matt Mead’s office all have praised the general direction of the plan, it goes against the major talking points of environmental groups.

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition has taken the position that all snowmobilers should be led by professional guides to ensure park rules are followed. The National Park Conservation Association and the Coalition of National Park Service Retirees have lobbied for the closure of Sylvan Pass on the basis of cost and safety.

Further, environmental groups have long pushed for the Park Service to ban snowmobiles in favor of only snowcoaches.

“The National Park Service should make an immediate U-turn on this misguided policy. After all, the growing majority of Yellowstone Park’s visitors prefer multi-passenger snow coaches, which are demonstrably cleaner than snowmobiles, which are getting dirtier. Even park officials have acknowledged that,” said Chuck Clusen, director of National Park Project at Natural Resources Defense Council, in a July 17 statement. “The only obvious and responsible path forward is to facilitate the use of snow coaches, not snowmobiles.”

The Park Service’s three previous plans have been voided in court for either having too many or too few snowmobiles.

Under the Park Service’s new proposed plan, the recent limits of up to 318 daily snowmobiles and 78 daily snowcoaches would remain in effect for the next two seasons. Beginning in the winter of 2014-2015, a completely different system would go into effect. Up to 110 “transportation events” would be allowed in Yellowstone each day. That total could be made up of any combination of snowcoaches and groups of snowmobiles that concessionaires choose, but with a caveat that no more than 50 of the events can be groups of snowmobiles. Four

of those snowmobile events would be reserved for non-commercially guided groups, where one individual would guide, but not as a paid guide. In a provision critiqued last week, all of the group's members would be required to evenly split the costs of the trip.

The Park Service would use a lottery system on Recreation.gov, where citizens would pay a \$10 fee for a chance to win a noncommercial slot.

There were plenty of questions about exactly how such a program would work, with one repeated question being: if a sledder's trip gets canceled due to weather closing the park, do they get a new day to go in?

Vagias said he didn't know the answer to that one. He described the current plan for non-commercial guiding as an incomplete house or ship.

"We've got 25 percent of this ship built, and there's a reason for that: you've all got great ideas that need to be integrated into this," Vagias said.

One of the lead Park Service employees who worked on the project, David Jacob, said the Park Service is committed to working with those who have a stake in winter use to not only help define the specifics of the noncommercial guiding program, but also to define the park's plan for adjusting the plan after it's in place.

Though Park County Commissioner Joe Tilden referred to the non-commercial guiding as "unguided," Jacob stressed that the Park Service has no interest to go back to unguided use.

"We've been warned by the courts that would not be acceptable," Jacob said.

The Park Service referenced twice the need to have a plan that will stand up in court. For example, Vagias mentioned it when asked where the Park Service came up with a new 68 decibel limit for snowmobiles beginning in 2017-18. The questioner noted that OHV parks have a 98 decibel limit.

"We are seeking a long-term sustainable solution to this, and you can read between those lines, 'defensible in court,'" Vagias responded.

More technically, Vagias said the Park Service started with an "aggressive but reasonable" 75 decibel limit for snowcoaches, then came up with 68 decibels so that a pod of seven snowmobiles would have a comparable sound output to the one coach operating at 75 dBs. Tighter limits for carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon output would also be implemented on snowmobiles and coaches in 2017-18.

Overall, the Park Service says the impact from a group of snowmobiles or a snowcoach is comparable. That's what the new method of counting "transportation events" is meant to recognize.

"It's based on the idea they (wildlife) reacts to groups instead of individual vehicles," Jacob said, adding, "Really, animals and humans are reacting to that group the same, whether it's three or four or seven or 10 (snowmobiles)."

He described the new plan as a flexible, market-based approach that also better protects Yellowstone.

The Park Service's position is in direct contrast to that of environmental groups.

For example, in a summer 2011 newsletter, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition noted that snowcoaches fit more people per vehicle and wrote that a snowcoach-only system "greatly reduces the overall disturbance to wildlife and the unique soundscape of the park."

The Park Service's full proposal can be viewed online — and comments can be submitted — by visiting www.parkplanning.nps.gov/yell and clicking the link labeled "Winter Use Plan." Hard copies of the documents can also be requested from the Park Service, and written comments may be submitted by writing to National Park Service, Management Assistant's Office, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

Yellowstone officials are seeking comments on the plan through Aug. 20, specifically looking for "something that would make the document better, that would make us to go in and change the document in some material way," Jacob said.

The process is not a vote, but he said Park Service listens to all comments and if the bulk of comments go one way, it can color what the agency does. For example, after hearing an overwhelming amount of dissatisfaction, officials scrapped the defining feature of last year's draft — variable daily limits that would have had some days set aside for less use and greater solitude based on a schedule set a year in advance.

"It was unworkable," Jacob summarized of the feedback on the varying daily use. "The variability didn't allow visitors to make plans in advance and for operators, it didn't really provide a viable business model."

The Park Service then went back and re-analyzed the plan to come with the current one.

"Your comments are really important to us to help us get this right," Jacob added. Referencing the unsuccessful prior plans, he said the Park Service hopes to make this the last process they have on winter use for a long time. <http://www.powelltribune.com/news/item/9945-proposed-winter-plan-for-yellowstone-finds-favor-in-cody>

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Range Fire: 2 miles north of Observation Peak (NW of Canyon Village)

Camera Fire: 1 mile NE of Heart Lake

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Dewdrop 2 Fire: ¼-mile NW of the Dewdrop Fire



Dream Come True: Eight-year-old Christopher Bartlett of Whiting, IN helps bellman Ed Nabors take down the flags at the Old Faithful Inn on Friday, July 27. Christopher was presented with the American flag and the OF Centennial flag as part of a Make-A-Dream trip to Yellowstone last week. He and his family also enjoyed a fishing trip on Yellowstone Lake and a park driving tour. Christopher was first diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in June 2009. This form of leukemia is most often found in children younger than age 10. Rather than pick a trip to a theme park or other destination an 8-year-old would crave, Christopher chose Yellowstone National Park. In his words, “Disneyland has too much Disney stuff,” he said. “Yellowstone has animals and camping and all the cool stuff!” Many thanks to Xanterra for helping to turn Christopher’s dream into a reality. (NPS Photos, Dan Hottle)

Wally Wines has been recovering from injuries sustained after the Slough Creek Wagon Road accident on July 18th. There have been lots of moving parts to the story, least of all Wally's transfer from Livingston hospital to St Vincent's in Billings on Monday July 23rd. He got a plane ride...

Bonnie Schwartz visited Wally yesterday in Billings, and he is doing lots better than last week, and looking pretty good! Both Wally and his wife Nicole want to thank everyone who stopped by in Livingston or Billings, and those who have called them. He has had two surgeries so far to make sure that his left leg is healing with proper circulation and to keep the muscles stretched in the lower leg. His left shoulder is still sore, but nothing appears to be broken in the collar bone or shoulder joint - so the doctors hope that mobility will slowly return as swelling goes down. His right ankle was sprained, but has gotten a lot better. He can put weight on it now. The staples they put in his head were scheduled to come out yesterday afternoon... Those lacerations have healed up well.

The plan is for Wally to head home today from Billings, but he may return for some subsequent surgery as soon as next Wednesday. Bonnie will send out another update after his next surgery...

If you want to send a card or a note to Wally and his family, the mailing address is:

PO Box 91
Pray, MT 59065

Thanks for all the help & support for Wally & his family, and for the corrals staff & operations as Wally recovers.

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Tuesday, July 31, 2012



Congratulations to Dave Donkersgoed on 15 years!

Fire Update: Please note, Fire Danger currently **VERY HIGH**.

Current Fire Restrictions: None

There are 4 small fires burning in Yellowstone, all of which are less than 1 acre in size. Each of these fires is being managed, and none pose any threat to visitor safety.

Range Fire: 2 miles north of Observation Peak (NW of Canyon Village)

Camera Fire: 1 mile NE of Heart Lake

Dewdrop Fire: NE of Fern Lake

Dewdrop 2 Fire: ¼-mile NW of the Dewdrop Fire

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life Saved!

On July 19 at approximately 8:00 p.m., Public Safety Dispatcher, Martha Downing, received a 911 call reporting a 67-year-old male had collapsed in the Fishing Bridge RV Park. The wife witnessed her husband's collapse in their trailer and quickly began CPR. She also began pounding on the walls of the trailer to gain attention from neighboring campsites. The neighbor who responded was a member of an ambulance company and carried an automated external defibrillator (AED) on his travels and administered multiple shocks. Law enforcement rangers Morgan Leech and Eric Amundson, paramedics Trenton Harper and Ben Dowdy, and SCA John Hinshaw were among the park's first responders. They provided ALS interventions and were able to recover a pulse. The man was transported to the Lake Clinic and taken by life flight to Eastern Idaho Medical Center. Prior to departing Lake Clinic, the man was alert and talking. Initial report was that he would have no apparent deficits. A good lesson to take away is that early CPR and AED work. The man was not breathing and his heart was not beating for close to twenty minutes. Great job on a life saved!

Wally Wines has been recovering from injuries sustained after the Slough Creek Wagon Road accident on July 18th.

If you want to send a card or a note to Wally and his family, the mailing address is:

PO Box 91
Pray, MT 59065

Thanks for all the help & support for Wally & his family, and for the corrals staff & operations as Wally recovers.

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is doing work throughout the park and the youth are having a wonderful time in Yellowstone. There were 22 new high school students in the program from June 10 - July 12th. Another set of 22 new 15-18 year olds will be here until August 16, working, learning, playing and growing in the park. A YCC blog is available so you can see some of the work and recreation being accomplished. Visit <http://yellowstoneycc2012.wordpress.com/>

Mammoth Perennial Weed Pull--

Please become a weed whacker! The 5th Perennial Mammoth Weed Pull is this Thursday August 2nd. Festivities will commence at 8:30 at the North District Maintenance Building. There will be a brief introduction to nonnative species in the Mammoth area and tips for identification of target species. Everyone is welcome to participate in this event with permission from their supervisor. The event will be followed by a free lunch sponsored by the Yellowstone Park Foundation and prepared by our amazing chef Denny Barford. Participants are encouraged to bring photos of mystery plants taken in the park and park staff will be available to help identify the plants in the photo. If you have questions, please contact Heidi Anderson at 307-344-2564.

In need of a ride! Anyone headed to Billings Thursday (2 Aug) afternoon/evening? I've got an early airline departure Friday morning, and don't want to leave a second vehicle at the airport for the week. I'll gladly share expenses. So...if you have room for one, please give me a call at work (x2161) or on my cell (406-848-7323). Thanks much- Roy Renkin

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Thursday Night: Mostly clear. Lows 39 to 45.

Friday: Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs 65 to 71.

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