

# YNP@Work

A Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Thursday, November 1, 2012



**Yellowstone's ballerinas** practice at the Mammoth Community Center's Performing Arts studio. The Fall Concert will be held Friday, November 9, 7:00pm, on the stage at the Gardiner School. Come out and support these hard-working dancers! (*Amanda Stover, photo*)

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**Fire and vegetation crews** set out yesterday to burn exotic weedy species in the 22-acre Cinnabar site down at Stephens Creek. Sparse fuels, cloud cover, high fuel moisture and less-than- forecasted wind speeds combined to prevent fire from carrying in the desired pattern. Areas where the fire did carry, however, resulted in a very clean burn, suggesting that prescription parameters (primarily wind speed) can be refined to meet the desired outcome. In all, the area was black-lined and approximately 20% within the perimeter was burned. Crews are discussing continuing with the effort this fall or next spring if/when weather and resources allow.

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A **section of boardwalk** at the junction north of Canary Springs is currently being replaced. The boardwalk will be closed between New Blue Spring Parking lot and Canary Spring Junction past Grassy Spring. Access to Canary Spring should still be open via upper terrace parking lot. It should be reopened by the weekend of Nov. 3rd.

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There will be a **Heartsaver First Aid and CPR training** held at the Mammoth Community Center in lower Mammoth TOMORROW from 8:30 a.m to 5:00 p.m. This class is available to any interested employee. Currently there are four available spaces in this class. The sign-up sheet is located on the P drive under the Safety Office folder at P:\Safety Office\2012 First Aid and CPR sign Up\First Aid and CPR  
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### **IN THE NEWS**

#### **Feds override city's vote to split grant money, allocate majority to the Rialto**

AMANDA RICKER, Bozeman Chronicle, October 31, 2012

Federal officials have overruled the Bozeman City Commission's vote to split a National Park Service grant and have decided that most of the money should go to the Rialto Theater.

The City Commission had voted in September to recommend dividing a \$150,000 Save America's Treasures grant among three local preservation projects: restoring the Rialto, replacing windows at the Emerson Cultural Center and saving three historic streetlights downtown.

Commissioners had wanted to allocate \$70,000 to the Rialto, \$70,000 to the Emerson and \$10,000 to the streetlights. They had supported dividing the money as well as setting performance standards in light of concerns about whether the owners of the Rialto had the financial ability to complete the work.

The owners of the Rialto and SRO Live, Bozeman couple Mary Kay Duffie and Stephen Michael Rangel, are raising money to meet the grant's matching requirement. Last month, a Butte couple filed a lawsuit against them for fraud concerning the project, allegations that Duffie and Rangel dispute. Bozeman city staff say grant contracts are being drawn up and the project appears to be moving ahead as planned. Recipients are reimbursed for money spent.

However, grant administrators for the NPS said in a recent email that while they appreciate the City Commission's input, only the Rialto and streetlights fit with the guidelines of the grant program. The Rialto is expected to receive \$140,000 and the streetlights \$10,000.

"The earmark was directed at the Main Street Historic District and the (Emerson) Cultural Center lies outside of the district," NPS program coordinator Megan Brown wrote to city staff. "If no properties within the district had applied, we could have requested an amendment to that language from the congressional staff but choosing the theater and the lights satisfies the intent of the original legislation."

With help from Montana's U.S. senators, the grant was originally awarded to the city on the heels of the 2009 natural-gas explosion downtown. The grant was intended to restore historic buildings that were damaged by the blast.

City officials tried for three years to find potential recipients, but some applicants declined the money due to a grant requirement that the building being restored be placed under a 50-year, historic preservation easement.

Brown said in her email that in addition to guidelines calling for the grant money to go to a project within the Main Street Historic District, the NPS doesn't make a practice of dividing the grants into such small amounts and the threat to the Rialto and streetlights appears greater than that at the Emerson.

If no progress is made on the Rialto or streetlight projects within six months of the grant agreement, the money will revert back to the federal government.

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### **Groups mark inaugural National Bison Day Today**

DENVER (AP) -- The first National Bison Day is taking place today.

The Colorado-based National Bison Association, the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society and the South Dakota-based Intertribal Buffalo Council agreed earlier this year to designate the first Thursday of each November as National Bison Day.

The day is giving the groups another chance to promote efforts in Congress to designate the bison as the national mammal of the United States. Lawmakers from Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Rhode Island have given support to a bill that would make the designation, which would give the animal more recognition rather than any extra protection.

### **WEATHER**

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**Tonight:** Breezy. Mostly cloudy. Scattered snow showers and rain showers in the evening...then scattered snow showers after midnight. Lows 24 to 30. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph in the evening. Chance of precipitation 50

percent.

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Isolated snow showers. Highs 35 to 41. West winds around 15 mph late in the afternoon. Chance of snow 20 percent.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows 20 to 26.

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs 38 to 44.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows 23 to 29.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy. Highs 41 to 47.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows 25 to 31.

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**Last Update:** 206 AM MDT FRI NOV 2 2012

**Today:** Partly cloudy with isolated snow showers. Highs 35 to 41. Chance of snow 20 percent.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy. Lows 18 to 24.

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy. Highs 39 to 45.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows 24 to 30.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy. Highs 40 to 46.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy. Slight chance of rain showers and snow showers in the evening. Lows 27 to 33. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

**Monday:** Partly cloudy. Highs 44 to 50.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows 27 to 33.

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patience with our staff during this busy time. In particular, we would like to thank both the Maintenance and Resource and Visitor Protection divisions for their assistance and cooperation with our field crews, as their support in the past has been essential for safe and productive field seasons.

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### **IN THE NEWS**

#### **Montana's free-roaming bison plan in court Monday**

By MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont (AP) -- A decision to allow migrating bison to roam freely across 70,000 acres outside Yellowstone National Park goes before a Montana judge Monday, as local officials and ranchers press for restrictions on the animals' movements.

State officials opened the Gardiner Basin just north of the park to migrating bison last year after they had been barred for decades.

It was an attempt to curb periodic slaughters that have killed thousands of the animals to prevent the spread of the disease brucellosis to cattle. However, few cattle remain in the disputed area, and federal agriculture officials have eased sanctions when brucellosis infections occur.

But Park County officials say the bison threaten the safety of residents in the basin, and local ranchers and the Montana Farm Bureau Federation say brucellosis remains a danger.

In two separate lawsuits, the county and ranchers have asked District Judge Wayne Phillips to block bison from the basin. A trial in the case that began earlier this year is expected to conclude Monday when state veterinarian Marty Zaluski is scheduled to testify.

Zaluski said he will address the risk of brucellosis from bison and whether that's changed with the decision on the Gardiner Basin. Also lined up to testify is and Brian McCloskey, former regional director for the U.S. Agriculture Department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Hundreds of bison flooded into the basin two winters ago, before the state formally lifted restrictions in the area. During prior testimony in the lawsuits, an undersheriff from Park County said dozens of complaints came in from residents worried about their safety. Plaintiffs in the case also said there should have been more studies done on the potential for brucellosis exposures and other problems before the free-roaming policy was adopted in April 2011.

Scientists and state officials have said that another wild animal, elk, are the biggest threat for the spread of brucellosis because they are more numerous and their movements are unrestricted.

Most bison stayed inside Yellowstone last winter due to relatively mild conditions. Thousands have flooded out in

other years.

The most recent count of the park's bison herd tallied 4,320 animals - enough to trigger a major migration this winter if conditions are right.

An immediate ruling is not expected. The two sides have until Nov. 26 to submit their final arguments and conclusions, after which Phillips has said he will rule.

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**Tonight:** Partly cloudy. Lows 28 to 34. Southwest winds around 15 mph early in the evening becoming southwest around 15 mph after midnight.

**Tuesday:** Partly cloudy. Highs 47 to 53. Southwest winds around 15 mph early in the afternoon.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear. Lows 28 to 34. Southwest winds around 15 mph.

**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy. Highs 43 to 49. Southwest winds around 15 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow in the evening...then slight chance of snow after midnight. Lows 29 to 35. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

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#### **Yellowstone-area campground study amid griz risk**

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) -- Supervisors of national forests in the Yellowstone region are about to get information that involves the potential danger of grizzly bears at dozens of campgrounds.

The data has been collected over the two years since a grizzly killed a camper at a Montana campground just outside Yellowstone National Park.

The Billings Gazette reports ( <http://bit.ly/R9LeIr> ) Forest Service grizzly bear coordinator Dan Tyres has been collecting information about 166 developed campgrounds in the region.

The information includes how many campsites and food storage boxes are present at each campground. The Forest Service also is looking over 21 years of data to see how grizzly bears are distributed in the forests.

The forest supervisors expect to get the new information at a meeting later this month.

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**Last Update:** 256 AM MST TUE NOV 6 2012

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**Wednesday:** Breezy. Partly cloudy. Highs 45 to 51. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly cloudy. Isolated rain showers and snow showers in the evening...then isolated snow showers after midnight. Lows 28 to 34. Southwest winds around 15 mph until early morning. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

**Thursday:** Scattered snow showers in the morning...then scattered rain showers and numerous snow showers in the afternoon. Snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Highs 40 to 46. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

**Thursday Night:** Colder. Snow likely. Snow accumulation of 4 to 6 inches. Lows 20 to 26. South winds around

15 mph after midnight. Chance of snow 70 percent.

**Friday:** Colder. Snow likely. Moderate snow accumulations. Highs 25 to 31. Chance of snow 70 percent.

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**Saturday:** Cloudy. Snow likely in the morning...then chance of snow in the afternoon. Highs 14 to 20. Chance of snow 60 percent.

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Come to the Supply Center, make a donation for support of the Gardiner Scout House and help yourself to **HOMEMADE BREADS!** There are a variety of different sweet breads, dinner rolls, and loaves of whole wheat and white breads. Eat it here or take some home. All donations go for the benefit of the youth of our community and are greatly appreciated!

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**Special Weather Statement**

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**Thursday:** Cloudy. Scattered snow showers in the morning...then scattered rain showers in the afternoon. Highs 42 to 48. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

**Thursday Night:** Numerous snow showers in the evening...then snow after midnight. Snow accumulation of 2 to 3 inches. Lows 24 to 30. South winds around 15 mph after midnight. Chance of snow 90 percent.

**Friday:** Colder. Snow in the morning...then numerous snow showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Snow accumulation around 3 inches. Highs 26 to 32. Chance of precipitation near 100 percent.

**Friday Night:** Colder. Snow likely. Light snow accumulations. Lows 9 to 15. Chance of snow 70 percent.

**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy. Snow likely in the morning...then chance of snow in the afternoon. Light snow accumulations. Highs 15 to 21. Chance of snow 60 percent.

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Show your appreciation of the arts in our community at the **Fall Dance Concert** at the Gardiner School stage TOMORROW at 7pm. Refreshments will be served, and our hard-working dancers will showcase their skills in ballet and modern dance and Yoga for Teens. Admission is free!

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Associated Press, November 7, 2012

Montana's bison hunt is set to open Nov. 15 in areas in southwestern Montana near Yellowstone National Park.

The annual hunt attracted 7,834 individual applicants for a limited number of either-sex bison licenses. Thirty-two residents and two nonresidents were successful in the drawing.

Only 10 of the 16 licenses set aside by law for Montana Indian Tribes were taken, so the remaining six licenses were reissued to hunters who applied for a 2012-13 bison hunting license.

Montana wildlife officials placed 92 residents and eight nonresidents on a cow/calf license roster. The cow/calf licenses will only be issued by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks if enough bison migrate into the state from Yellowstone National Park.

The bison season will close Feb. 15, 2013.

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### **Montana considers elk herd reductions to curb disease**

Associated Press, November 7, 2012

Montana wildlife commissioners will weigh in for the first time Monday on a broad plan to protect against animal disease around Yellowstone by reducing the size of some elk herds, hazing them away from livestock and building elk-proof fences.

Those are some of the proposals to curb the spread of the disease brucellosis offered by a state-sponsored citizens working group.

If wildlife commissioners adopt the group's recommendations it would open the plan to public comment.

Brucellosis has been eliminated elsewhere in the country but persists in wildlife in and around Yellowstone National Park.

Bison leaving the park are periodically slaughtered to prevent infections in cattle.

But the region's approximately 100,000 elk are more loosely managed, and numerous elk-to-cattle transmissions occurred over the last decade in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

## **WEATHER**

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### **Winter Storm Watch** **Hazardous Weather Outlook**

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**Friday, November 9, 2012**

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THSP Building and Utility Leaders  
MECH Mechanics  
CAMP Camp Crew  
DRIV Driver  
Bucket Truck  
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**Yellowstone Marine Veteran** and Public Affairs Specialist Dan Hottle of the Public Affairs Office is featured this month in a Park Service video promoting Veteran's Day 2012. You can watch the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6UVawrhW38&feature=youtu.be> or catch it on Yellowstone's Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/YellowstoneNPS>

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Club #1 (Aerobic Exercise): Leigh Anne Dunworth, REYP

Club #2 (Strength Training/Flexibility): Christine Farrar, RVP

Club #3 (Healthy Stress Reduction): Clare Cloghessy, REYP

Club #4 (Healthy Nutrition): Becky Wyman, Concessions

Club #5 (Lifestyle Choices): Debbie Van De Polder, Administration

ALL employees are ENCOURAGED to participate in the Wellness Incentive Program (WIP). Full program details can be found here: <http://inpyellshare/emsc> then click on the YNP WIP link in the top left corner of the page. Certification forms for the month of November are due to Stacey Gunther by December 5th.

Note: you may begin participating in the Wellness Incentive Program at any time. The beginning of each month marks a new chance to chart your wellness accomplishments toward a healthier you.

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Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

**Last Update:** 303 AM MST FRI NOV 9 2012

### **Winter Weather Advisory**

**Early This Morning:** Breezy. Snow likely. New snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Lows 22 to 28. South winds 15 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. Chance of snow 70 percent.

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The green and gray is an important part of our identity as National Park Service employees and wearing the uniform plays a significant role in helping impacted parks and employees resume their normal routine.

**LOCAL DONATION:** If you have new or clean gently used uniform items that you are willing to donate, please drop them off at the HRC or send them to the Curators office. WE WILL BE ACCEPTING UNIFORM DONATIONS THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 2013.

Thank you for thinking about all our fellow NPS employees who are struggling through this storm's after effects.

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[http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/environmental-groups-sue-over-wyoming-wolves/article\\_3d07ac07-7e23-5b75-a3a6-515c1f8b4b94.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/environmental-groups-sue-over-wyoming-wolves/article_3d07ac07-7e23-5b75-a3a6-515c1f8b4b94.html)

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Billings Gazette, November 15, 2012 • BY BRETT FRENCH

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That's because there are uncertainties clouding the politically charged issue of managing the Yellowstone National Park bison when they cross into the state this winter seeking forage.

[http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/bison-season-in-montana-opens-amid-uncertainties/article\\_bccd5f01-8770-5fe2-9bb2-3b839449deaa.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/bison-season-in-montana-opens-amid-uncertainties/article_bccd5f01-8770-5fe2-9bb2-3b839449deaa.html)

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## **IN THE NEWS**

### **Collared wolves from Yellowstone killed**

By MATTHEW BROWN  
Associated Press, November 16, 2012

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) -- Seven gray wolves originally from Yellowstone National Park and wearing collars for research purposes have been shot by hunters in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming in recent weeks, a park scientist said Thursday.

There has been no indication any of the wolves were taken illegally, said state officials and Dave Hallac, chief of Yellowstone's Center for Resources.

Two of the animals were from packs that no longer spend most of their time in the park, but the remainder lived and denned primarily in Yellowstone, Hallac said. Four of the seven were shot in Montana, two in Wyoming and one in Idaho.

Wildlife advocates said Thursday the killings underscore the need for a buffer zone around Yellowstone, with strict limits on wolf hunting and trapping. They warned the number of dead park wolves could quickly climb once Montana's trapping season begins next month.

Gray wolves were removed from the endangered species list last year by Congress under pressure from hunting and livestock groups.

Hallac said the number of park wolves killed so far does not threaten Yellowstone's population of 85-100 wolves.

A more immediate worry, he said, is retrieving the research collars used to track the animals' movements. Several of the hunters who shot collared wolves already have offered to return the devices, Hallac said.

"Which is great for us because we have a lot of data on those collars," he said. "We've been able to get some of the collars back and we hope to get all the collars back."

Four collared wolves were killed during prior hunts: two in 2009, when the animals were off the endangered list only temporarily, and two last year, Hallac said.

Montana this year joined Idaho in lifting its quotas on wolves across most of the state, meaning there is no longer any limit on how many can be harvested except in certain areas.

One of those areas abuts the park's northern boundary; the other is around Glacier National Park.

Only three wolves can be killed annually in the special management zone outside Yellowstone, which was established after hunters killed nine wolves there in the span of a few weeks in 2009.

Two wolves have died in the quota area so far this year. It was uncertain if that included any of the collared wolves that were shot.

"That buffer zone is a minimum buffer and this is absolutely not enough," said Kim Bean with the advocacy group Wolves of the Rockies. "These animals travel and they go in and out of the park. They don't go far, but they go far enough."

Generally, any wolf that crosses the park's boundary during hunting and trapping season is considered fair game, said Andrea Jones with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"The park boundary does not have a fence around it. Animals that have collars on them and are in Montana are considered Montana animals once they cross the border, regardless" Jones said.

Hunters, she added, are allowed to call for wolves to draw them close enough for a shot.

Electronic calls are prohibited in the state, but hunters can use verbal calls just like they can when hunting other species such as elk.

Hunters have killed at least 61 wolves in Montana, 96 in Idaho and 34 in Wyoming this hunting season.

That's a combined 191 wolves out a region-wide population of at least 1,774 animals at the end of 2011.

Government biologists say there are more than enough animals to sustain the species, but wildlife advocates and conservation groups have warned state-sanctioned hunts could again imperil the animals.

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A memorial service will be held at the Mammoth Chapel on Friday, November 30, at 2pm. Immediately following the service there will be a community potluck at the Mammoth Community Center. Please contact Debby Young at 307-344-2301 if you need any other information.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, you may send donations to the Yellowstone Association at P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

*Dan Wenk*  
*Superintendent*

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If you are interested, please sign up here: P:\Safety Committee  
(Employee)\Wellness\Chi\_Running\_Clinic\Chi\_Running\_Walking\_Sign\_Up\_Sheet

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## **IN THE NEWS**

### **National parks sit on edge of 'fiscal cliff'**

Associated Press

The National Parks Service has three budget possibilities for 2013. None looks good.

The supplemental budget Congress passed in September only funds day-to-day operations until March 27. If nothing is done before then, the service's finances will remain precarious at least until spring.

Second is a slapdash budget lawmakers hope to piece together before the end of the year.

The labors of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House on an omnibus spending bill are being called a fool's errand by skeptics in Washington. House Speaker John Boehner says reaching a bargain with six weeks remaining in the year could be capricious. But the fear of falling over the so-called "fiscal cliff" put lawmakers to work before the lame duck-session begins after Thanksgiving. Deep cuts to Park Service spending are inevitable in whatever Congress proposes in the coming weeks. Anything, though, would be better than the third option: sequestration.

It's the post-election buzzword that has Americans on edge. It's the \$1.2 trillion in automatic cuts. It's the self-inflicted coup de grace Congress imposed on itself to curtail the nation's spending. If Boehner, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and President Barack Obama can't make a deal to fix the debt and cut discretionary spending, an economic nosedive is inevitable.

"The president and Speaker Boehner are negotiating now on a potential deal to replace the sequester," U.S. Rep. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo., wrote in an email last week to the Star-Tribune. "If a deal is reached, I will evaluate it based on many criteria, including the competing demands of federal funding for parks, the military and otherwise vs. the fiscal and moral crisis that is our \$16 trillion dollar debt."

National parks are a small part of the nation's budget. It is one-14th of 1 percent of the nation's spending, said John Garder, budget and appropriations legislative representative for the National Parks Conservation Association. The small investment, though, pays good dividends, he said. For every dollar the government spends on national parks, local economies reap \$10, Garder said.

The Park Service's estimated cuts range from 8.2 percent to 10 percent. Garder said 10 percent is \$380 million out of the budget.

"It's equivalent to 200 park budgets," he said.

Sequestration would push the pause button on the park system, Garder said, and would postpone new projects, lead to hiring fewer rangers, reduce park maintenance and limit visitor services like guided tours and campfire conversations. Visitor safety could be jeopardized and many parks could close, he said.

"The American public will be outraged," he said.

At Grand Teton National Park, there were 2.7 million recreational visits, supporting \$424 million in visitor spending and 6,258 jobs in 2010, according to the National Parks Conservation Association. At Yellowstone National Park, there were 3.6 million recreational visits supporting \$334.5 million in spending and 4,881 jobs that year, according to the same report.

Scott Balyo of the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce said sequestration's biggest threat to tourism is an increase in taxes.

His community sits at the foot of Yellowstone's east gate. He said Park County benefits from what he calls trickle-down tourism because all businesses rely on passersby headed to the park. An increase in taxes will lead to a decrease in the private sector's discretionary spending, Balyo said.

"Every dollar is critical and every visitor is critical," he said.

He fears an increase in taxes will keep people from traveling or will limit tourist spending. If people aren't eating out or spending an extra night or shopping, the local economy will suffer, he said. Thirty percent of sales tax in the county, Baylo said, comes from tourists.

Allowing the parks to take a fiscal hit is like throwing the baby out with the bath water, said Bill Berg, president and founder of CoolWorks, a job placement service that works closely with the Park Service.

Both Garder and Berg said nationally the parks support \$31 billion in private-sector spending and 258,000 jobs per year. If the parks' budgets are cut, Berg said his business would take a hit.

"If parks are closed, they don't need staff. If they don't need staff, they don't need me," he said.

Joan Anzelmo is a retired National Park Service superintendent. She spent 35 years as a public servant and now lives in Jackson Hole. Because Congress had the foresight to set aside land for public benefit more than 100 years ago, the country has given a gift to the world, she said.

"I fear that if we were depending on certain public officials today, we wouldn't have Yellowstone or Grand Canyon," she said.

Anzelmo said sequestration would rip at the fabric of America and endanger the infrastructure and ecosystems of Wyoming. Wyoming is a repository for the world's unique ecosystems, not just a hub for tourists, she said.

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### **Second lawsuit filed against Wyoming wolf hunts**

By Ruffin Prevost, Yellowstone Gate

CODY, WYO. — A coalition of environmental groups filed suit in federal court in Denver on Tuesday seeking to return management of gray wolves in Wyoming to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, claiming wolves should remain classified as an endangered species.

[http://www.yellowstonegate.com/2012/11/second-lawsuit-filed-against-wyoming-wolf-hunts/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=second-lawsuit-filed-against-wyoming-wolf-hunts](http://www.yellowstonegate.com/2012/11/second-lawsuit-filed-against-wyoming-wolf-hunts/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=second-lawsuit-filed-against-wyoming-wolf-hunts)

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### **Researcher: Vaccines can't eliminate brucellosis**

LAURA LUNDQUIST, Bozeman Chronicle, November 28, 2012

The spread of brucellosis is perceived as the main problem preventing bison from being outside Yellowstone National Park year-round. Eliminating the disease is an obvious solution but an impossible one, a U.S.

Department of Agriculture researcher said Tuesday in Bozeman.

[http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/wildlife/article\\_66aba8e8-393f-11e2-bbe9-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/wildlife/article_66aba8e8-393f-11e2-bbe9-001a4bcf887a.html)

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A memorial service will be held at the Mammoth Chapel on Friday, November 30, at 2pm. Immediately following the service there will be a community potluck at the Mammoth Community Center. Please contact Debby Young at 307-344-2301 if you need any other information.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, you may send donations to the Yellowstone Association at P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

Dan Wenk  
Superintendent

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The **Lamar River District** would like to announce Daniel Kowalski has accepted the GS-9 day shift supervisor position based out of Tower Ranger Station. We are excited to have Daniel join our staff. He has accepted the position that will open by the upcoming and well-deserved retirement of Jan Cauthorn-Page this December. Daniel currently works in Yosemite Valley and has previously held positions in Grand Teton NP, the National Elk Refuge in Jackson, WY, Guadalupe Mountains NP in Texas, and Katmai NP in southwestern Alaska. His expected EOD will be in December and Daniel will reside in Mammoth with his wife Jennifer. Please welcome Daniel and Jennifer to Yellowstone when you see them this winter!

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**Sunday Night:** Windy...colder...snow. Areas of blowing snow. Moderate snow accumulations. Lows 16 to 22. Chance of snow 90 percent.

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