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A Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Monday, December 3, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Employee Meeting THIS AFTERNOON

Superintendent Wenk and Deputy Superintendent Iobst would like to invite you to an All-Employees Meeting at the Mammoth Community Center. The meeting will begin at 3:30 pm and run until 5:30 pm.

Supervisors, please allow your employees to attend this meeting if at all possible. Cookies will be provided!

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Watching our weight group meeting today at 12:00, Telecommunications conference room. Everyone welcome!

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Employee Recreation: Lunchtime yoga classes will continue through the winter on Tuesdays and Thursdays! December dates are: December 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20 and 27. There will be no class on December 25. These classes are held at the Mammoth Employee Recreation Hall from 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm.

Other activities such as (but not limited to) pickup volleyball, big screen movies, wildlife watching and full moon skis will begin again in mid-December.

***The Yellowstone Co-Op Employee Recreation Program (YCERP)**
Serving Yellowstone's Employees for over 50 Years - www.ycerp.org*

WEATHER

Administrative Travel Map Old Faithful to West Thumb/Grant and Lake to the East Entrance are CLOSED to Admin travel. **Admin Travel recording 344-7115.**

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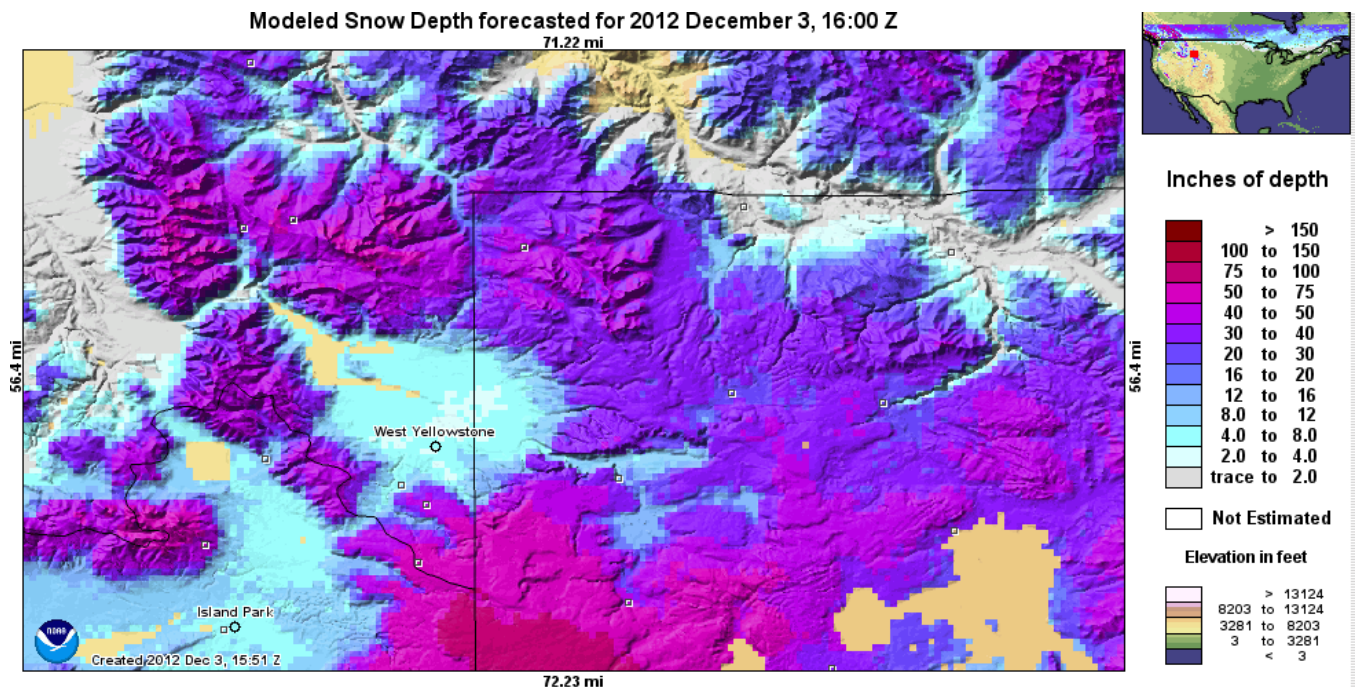
Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 325 AM MST MON DEC 3 2012

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WEATHER

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The National Weather Service has issued a **Winter Storm Watch** for Yellowstone National Park for tonight through Wednesday night. A **WATCH** means that conditions are favorable for the development of severe weather.

Later today, expect the NWS either to issue a Winter Storm **WARNING** if they believe a strong storm is headed our way or a Winter Weather **ADVISORY** if they believe the incoming storm will be more moderate. They could even decide just to cancel the WATCH.

Note that Wednesday's forecast (next page) is calling for a mix of rain and snow in the afternoon.

NWS Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park

Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 757 AM MST TUE DEC 4 2012

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Last Update: 800 AM MST FRI DEC 7 2012

The National Weather Service in Riverton has issued a **Winter Weather Advisory** for Yellowstone for snow and blowing snow...which is in effect from 2 pm this afternoon to 11 am MST Saturday

<http://go.usa.gov/gNYe>

Today: Breezy. Snow likely until late afternoon...then snow late in the afternoon. Areas of blowing snow late in the afternoon. Snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches. Highs 18 to 24. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 90 percent.

Tonight: Windy...snow. Areas of blowing snow. Snow accumulation of 4 to 7 inches. Lows 6 to 12. West winds 20 to 30 mph. Chance of snow 90 percent.

Saturday: Breezy...cloudy. Areas of blowing snow in the morning. Snow in the morning...then chance of snow in the afternoon. Snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches. Total snow accumulation 8 to 17 inches. Highs 8 to 14. West winds 20 to 25 mph decreasing to around 15 mph in the late morning and afternoon. Chance of snow 90 percent.

Saturday Night: Colder. Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of snow. Lows 2 below to 8 below zero. Northwest winds around 15 mph in the evening.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Highs 6 to 12.

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From the Cole Family:

How can we thank a community for wrapping its arms around us, blanketing us with warmth and love, and trying to take away some of the hurt in our hearts?

We were blessed to live in Yellowstone for 31 years. We always knew we could not grow deep roots there. We always knew we could not stay there forever. And yet, it will forever and always be the place we call "home."

We want our friends in Mammoth and Gardiner to know that we love you. You made us feel better in the midst of our sorrow and loneliness. You gave us food, you gave us flowers, you gave us hugs, you gave us your hearts.

We so fully understand at this time that "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main..."

We feel better for knowing you and sharing a moment in time with you.

Steve Cole's Family

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Last Update: 948 AM MST MON DEC 10 2012

Winter Weather Advisory
Special Weather Statement
Hazardous Weather Outlook

Today: Breezy...snow. Snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches. Highs 15 to 21. West winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of snow near 100 percent. Lowest wind chill readings 14 below to 24 below zero early in the morning.

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Wednesday Night: Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Lows 16 to 22.

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IN THE NEWS**Mont. shuts down wolf harvest near Yellowstone**

By MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press, Dec 10, 2012

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) -- Montana wildlife commissioners on Monday closed down the gray wolf season in some areas outside Yellowstone National Park after several collared animals used for scientific research were shot in recent weeks.

The closures prohibit hunting and trapping for the predators and include areas north of the park around the town of Gardiner.

But Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission chairman Bob Ream indicated the closures are not meant to be permanent. He said commissioners were acting to address the "particular and unique situation" of collared wolves being shot.

"It seems to be kind of a compromise," Ream said. "Is it political? Yeah, wolves are political."

The closures were approved on a 4-to-1 vote. Commissioner Dan Vermillion of Livingston cast the lone dissenting vote.

Conservation groups had lobbied for the restrictions after park officials said at least seven Yellowstone wolves - including five wearing tracking collars - were shot in recent weeks by hunters in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

Saturday marks the opening day of Montana's first wolf trapping season since the animals lost federal protections last year.

Wolf hunting has been underway in Montana for more than two months. Wildlife officials said Monday that the statewide harvest was down 18 percent this year compared to the same point in 2011.

In opposing the closures, Vermillion said there was no evidence the harvest was damaging the species long-term viability.

State officials lifted quotas on wolves across most of Montana this year in hopes of decreasing a predator population blamed for livestock attacks and driving down elk numbers in some areas.

Advocacy groups had sought a permanent buffer zone around the park. They said that was needed to protect a species that serves as a major draw for Yellowstone's 3 million visitors annually.

"The 2012 hunt has been a disaster for southwest Montana's tourism industry," said Ilona Popper with the Bear Creek Council in Gardiner. "The way this hunt is going, it looks like Fish, Wildlife and Parks is trying to and succeeding in lowering the numbers of wolves in Yellowstone and not on ranch land."

Hunting and trapping are prohibited inside park boundaries, but wolves range freely across that line.

Shooting a collared wolf is legal if done within a state's hunting regulations.

Radio collars on wolves are used to track the animals' movement, often for research. They also are used outside the park to track down and kill the predators following livestock attacks.

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PARK NEWS RELEASE

(NPS Photo, Jim Peaco)

Yellowstone Winter Season Begins Saturday

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The road from the park's North Entrance at Gardiner, Montana through Mammoth Hot Springs and on to Cooke City, Montana, outside the park's Northeast Entrance is open to wheeled vehicle travel all year.

At Old Faithful, the Geyser Grill, the Bear Den Gift Shop, and the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center open for the season on December 15. The Old Faithful Snow Lodge and Cabins and the Obsidian Dining Room open on December 18.

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Local tourism workers and environmental advocates have had front-row seats to more than a decade of public debate and court challenges over the effects of snowmobiles in the park, as well as whether to maintain access over Sylvan Pass, at the park's East Entrance.

So it is perhaps surprising that gateway community business leaders are expressing optimism—even satisfaction—with the direction park managers are taking on winter use. And not just because the most recent draft plan calls for continued snowmobile access and keeping Sylvan Pass open.

They credit outreach from park staff members, especially Superintendent Dan Wenk, with creating a sense of inclusion and cooperation in the process.

Those who know Wenk and who have worked closely with him say his straight-ahead and direct style is well-suited to tackling thorny issues, and that he is committed to reaching a winter-use solution that will stand up to

court challenges, protect the park's resources and allow gateway communities to continue to contribute to winter visitation in Yellowstone.

"He's just unflappable," said Alma Ripps, deputy chief of staff for National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis. "I've never seen him lose his temper, ever."

Ripps works in the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the National Park Service, and has known Wenk for 12 years. For the last year before Wenk was transferred to Yellowstone, Ripps worked closely with him on a variety of issues.

She described Wenk as "a calm island in a sea of frenzy," and someone who is passionate about defending the Park Service and its mission.

When Wenk was the deputy director of operations for the Park Service—the highest non-appointed position at the agency—his work included standing up to tough and sometimes hostile questions while testifying before Congress, Ripps said.

Ripps said she wasn't surprised to learn that Wenk, who started with the Park Service in 1975 and worked as a landscape architect in Yellowstone from 1979-84, was leaving Washington to become Yellowstone's superintendent.

"His heart is in the parks," she said. "That's where he's most happy."

Wade Vagias, Wenk's management assistant who has been tasked with crafting a winter-use plan that will meet agency goals and withstand legal challenges, had an offer to be the superintendent of a Park Service unit in Wisconsin. But at Wenk's request, Vagias stayed on at Yellowstone.

Though that decision was based on a number of factors, including a desire to keep his family in Yellowstone, Vagias said he was also motivated to stay so that he could help wrap up the winter-use plan and learn from Wenk.

"I have the utmost respect for Dan," Vagias said. "I've had the benefit of good mentors, and he's top amongst those."

Vagias said Wenk started his tenure at Yellowstone in February 2011 with no preconceived notions, knowing that the most important issues would quickly become self-evident.

Vagias described Wenk as "incredibly proactive" in seeking out public opinion, and said the superintendent was "acutely interested in learning the players and positions and understanding the values that underpin winter use."

Gateway praise

In tourism-dependent gateway communities like West Yellowstone, Mont. and Cody, Wyo., Wenk has won praise from key players in tourism and snowmobile circles.

"He seems to be trying to work with everybody," said Bert Miller, vice president of the Wyoming State Snowmobile Association. "We've had some very good dialog."

Snowmobiling throughout Wyoming generates \$147 million in direct annual spending and supports the equivalent 1,300 jobs, according to a report released this month from the University of Wyoming. The activity generates \$7.4 million in annual state and local government revenue.

Yellowstone, while not the main driver of those numbers, is seen by many sledders as a place where snowmobiling should be defended at all costs as a stand on principle.

In West Yellowstone, snowmobiling in and around the park is a major part of the local winter economy.

“Working through winter access, there have been multiple times that Dan came and also brought his staff for updates,” said Jan Stoddard, marketing director for the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce.

Stoddard said she has heard mostly positive comments about how winter-use planning has progressed since Wenk arrived, and that the lines of communication extend to other issues as well.

“There’s been more of a proactive communication on everything,” she said. “There’s now a constant stream of education and information coming that that really helps us with visitors.”

Scott Balyo, executive director of the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce, said Wenk has met with business owners and others in informal gatherings separate from the public meetings that can often become supercharged with emotional rhetoric from partisans on all sides.

Perhaps the most contentious such meeting on winter use came in March 2007, when then-Superintendent Suzanne Lewis faced a rancorous crowd of more than 500, most of whom were upset with a proposal to close Sylvan Pass. Lewis cited avalanche risks along the pass as the key factor in her decision. The closure would have cut off winter access from Cody, except for those willing to snowshoe or ski more than nine miles from outside the East Entrance over the 8,524-foot pass.

Lewis was accompanied at that forum by several armed law enforcement officers, a move explained by park staffers at the time as standard procedure for public meetings. But no similar police presence has been seen at any Cody event since then.

Though the preferred alternative from Lewis called for closing Sylvan Pass, public outcry from Cody residents and pressure from Wyoming elected officials brought about a working group and discussions with park officials that later resulted in a reversal of that decision.

Wenk has faced criticism from several conservation groups objecting to the risk, cost and environmental effects of using a howitzer cannon to mitigate avalanche risks along the pass, which sees only a tiny fraction of the traffic found along other winter routes in the park.

“I think it’s important to acknowledge that Sylvan Pass is probably one of the most controversial aspects of this plan,” Wenk told Yellowstone Gate during a July interview before a public winter-use meeting in Cody.

Wenk said he doesn’t have a figure in mind for how many daily visitors might justify the cost or risk of maintaining the pass.

Sylvan Pass has been managed safely under a plan developed through Lewis and the local working group, and staff analysis has shown that access over that route is appropriate, he said, so it remains open under the latest draft of the plan.

‘Transportation events’

Wenk takes a similarly agnostic approach to snowmobiles in the park, saying the preferred alternative in the plan assumes that it is appropriate for over-snow vehicle travel in the park.

“So if the basic premise is that access is appropriate, and if the impacts between snowmobiles and snow coaches are comparable, it shouldn’t matter what provides that transportation in the park,” Wenk said.

Which is why the plan measures winter travel impacts according to “transportation events,” a move that aims to defuse the controversy over specific numbers of machines in the park, and even whether snowmobiles are appropriate. Instead, vehicle travel of any kind is evaluated based on sound, emissions and effects on wildlife.

The concept is the first major new approach to the winter-use deadlock in a decade, and could provide a path forward for eventually judging snowmobiles and snow coaches by a common, or at least comparable, standard.

Provisions in the plan for keeping Sylvan Pass open and maintaining, or even raising, total numbers of snowmobiles on peak days have not been popular with conservation groups. But some of those environmental advocates who object to aspects of the plan still praise Wenk’s outreach efforts.

“I think he’s doing a phenomenal job,” said Barb Cozzens, northwest Wyoming director for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition.

Though GYC has called for closing Sylvan Pass in the winter and phasing out snowmobiles entirely, Cozzens said Wenk “is the embodiment of what we look for in community-based conservation.”

Cozzens praised Wenk for his willingness to collaborate with other groups and agencies and to engage the public on difficult issues.

Both Vagias and Ripps said Wenk works hard to listen to stakeholders, but isn’t shy about making difficult or unpopular decisions and defending those decisions when challenged.

Such a defense may become necessary early next year, when the Park Service is expected to issue a final supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and a proposed rule to guide long-term winter use.

If the past decade is any guide, one or more parties unhappy with that proposed rule will challenge it in court.

Wenk said that he has looked at the last six failed winter-use plans to make sure all issues brought up by federal judges are addressed.

“But you can never arm yourself against someone taking you to court,” he said. “I’m not driven by that. I’m driven by doing the best plan we can do.”

Vagias said Wenk has always maintained that “any action is defensible as long as it is consistent with applicable laws, regulations and policies of the Park Service. In all instances, I see him apply that filter to his decision making.”

Wenk dealt with “the biggest, ugliest, hairiest issues” while director of operations for nearly 400 Park Service units from 2007-11, Vagias said.

But winter use is hardly the only contentious issue in Yellowstone. Some Cody business owners have grumbled about slow repairs to a damaged section of road between the East Entrance and Fishing Bridge. Many landowners and public officials around Gardiner, Mont. are unhappy with Park Service efforts to find more room for bison to roam outside the park during harsh winters. And wolves and grizzly bears continue to be an evergreen source of disagreement.

“I would say that I have not yet found an issue in Yellowstone that’s not controversial,” Wenk said. “But I really can’t imagine if people didn’t care passionately about Yellowstone National Park. And I’m glad they do.”

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/yellowstone-superintendent-dan-wenk-wins-praise-for-outreach-on-winter/article_baa7ef70-eb47-5b61-b308-db73c710adc1.html#ixzz2FK6ODNWG

Research in Yellowstone Park tests new method of wildlife study

8 hours ago • By Brett French

The ground in Yellowstone National Park is littered with bones.

“We found thousands and thousands of bones,” said Joshua Miller, a conservation paleobiologist at the University of Cincinnati who conducted research in the park while at the University of Florida. “There are places you can’t walk 2 feet and not find a bone.”

That was good for Miller, who was conducting a study to see how well elk antlers and calf bones found on the landscape could tell the story of how those animals used the area when alive.

After randomly choosing sites to survey, he later went back and compared his findings with survey data the park had in its records about where bull elk congregate in the late winter when they shed their antlers and where elk calves are born.

“The bones pick up these trends very well,” he said.

The study, conducted in the park from 2005 to 2007, was a way for Miller to prove that the analysis of bones on the landscape is a way to study remote ecosystems to derive information on how wildlife use an area now, as well as in the past. Conservation paleobiology, as the newly developing field of research is called, is looking to bridge a gap in information by using earth’s biological history and applying it to modern ecosystems. Miller said understanding the interactions between species in the past can provide clues to future changes in ecosystems.

Old stories

Paleontologists have long derived stories from the study of fossils, piecing together what ancient ecosystems were like, the variety of species and even what they ate. But conservation paleobiologists like Miller see such a story revealed in much newer bones — from recently dead to 1,000-year-old bones preserved in arctic regions.

In some of the elk bones Miller and his assistants found, there were obvious teeth marks giving clues to what animal had killed the elk or chewed on the bone after the elk was dead. The age of the bone could be discerned by its decomposition. And when many bones of the same individual or species were found in the same place, called a death assemblage, piecing that information together revealed more clues as to how the animals used the land when alive.

“That was what was so neat about the calf bones,” he said. “I found them in the calving area,” despite the fact that the predators that killed the calf — bears, mountain lions and wolves — easily could have carried the small calf far away from the site.

“We were only finding those neonates in the calving grounds,” he said. “It was a really fine match to what we know about the elk calving grounds.”

By finding the calf bones, Miller is assured that the area was important to elk cows and their calves. So in an area with little or no data on elk distribution, looking to bones on the landscape could provide biologists and conservations with a wealth of information on how the ungulates use an area.

Looking back

Looking at the bones also can provide information that predates research, going back decades or even centuries if bones are preserved, and can average the data over a longer time span than annual surveys.

Studying bones is also a low-impact way of looking at ecosystems that may be fragile, like those in the Northwest Territories, the arctic or remote areas of Russia and China. Miller is now putting his methodology to work in the arctic, studying caribou calving grounds. The grounds are clearly marked because female caribou drop their antlers near their calving grounds, leaving decades-long evidence of their fidelity to certain sites.

“In my long-term studies of bones, it has struck me that many ecologists have been missing useful information that is available in bones lying about on modern landscapes,” Anna Behrensmeyer, vertebrate paleontology curator at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History, said in a statement. “Josh is showing the potential of using bones, antlers and other remains to monitor what animals have been doing for the past decades and even hundreds of years.”

Behrensmeyer said she hopes taphonomy — the study of the processes affecting organic remains as they become fossilized — as a research tool spreads from its traditional place in paleontology and archaeology into the realm of ecology.

“Sometimes we taphonomists feel like a small voice in the universe — it’s hard for the dead to capture the attention of scientists focused on understanding living organisms and ecosystems,” she added.

Rich in data

Yellowstone was important to Miller in his study because it has such a rich research history.

“Yellowstone is one of the few places in the world that has the quality of data that we needed,” he said. “It’s rare and valuable in that sense.”

Although millions of people visit the park each year, Miller and his associates were able to find areas off the beaten path to conduct the study. He said he was impressed by the people he met visiting the park, calling them “keen to learn.” He also praised the managers and researchers in the park, saying their knowledge and expertise “speaks highly of the resource we have.”

Head for bones

Miller has been interested in paleontology for a long time. He stepped into the new realm of conservation paleobiology as a way to test the fossil record.

“What does it mean when we’re finding bones in one area and not another?” he began wondering years ago.

To help him in his field research, Miller said, he spent weeks and months in natural history museums carefully sketching the different bones of animals in the museum collections to memorize the skeletons of different species.

“After that, you get good at identifying small nuances in bones,” he said.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/research-in-yellowstone-park-tests-new-method-of-wildlife-study/article_a1ab890a-5bfc-5bed-9894-a45ca34d5ccf.html#ixzz2FK7ArZFe

WEATHER

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NWS Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park

Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 755 AM MST MON DEC 17 2012

Today: Windy...snow. Areas of blowing snow. Snow accumulation of 5 to 9 inches. Highs 24 to 30. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph. Chance of snow near 100 percent.

Tonight: Windy. Areas of blowing snow in the evening. Snow in the evening...then chance of snow after midnight. Snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches. Total snow accumulation 6 to 15 inches. Lows 3 to 9. West winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph decreasing to 15 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph after midnight. Chance of snow near 100 percent.

Tuesday: Breezy...colder. Mostly cloudy. Chance of snow in the morning...then slight chance of snow in the afternoon. Highs 9 to 15. West winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 30 percent.

Tuesday Night: Colder. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows 1 below to 7 below zero. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the evening.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Highs 6 to 12. Lowest wind chill readings 11 below to 21 below zero in the morning.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows 2 below to 4 above zero. Wind chill readings 16 below to 26 below zero.

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Tuesday, December 18, 2012



Yellowstone Supervolcano Weather Forecast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **2013 Winter Blue Book** is now available! You can find it on the "P" Drive under Blue Book Winter/Bluebook_2013 along with a separate file which shows a park map with locations of fueling stations and warming huts.

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Dec 28- Normal

JAN 1- NO COURIER (New Years Day!!)**Jan 2- REPLACEMENT RUN**

Jan 4- Normal

The HR Office will be closing at 2:00 pm on **today**, December 18th. The office will reopen at 8:00 am **tomorrow**, December 19th.

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Employee Safety Committee-Wellness Newsletter

The focus this month: Ideas for putting **YOU** at the top of your holiday gift list; the latest **cold care advice**; tips for avoiding post-exercise **ache**; 6 places **GERMS** love, **Healthful Holiday Appetizers**; How's your posture?; Do you know when you might need help with your headaches?; and the annual **Safe Gift Guide for the Safety Champion** in your family.

Employees may now access the December edition of the Wellness Newsletter by clicking on the website link below OR by going to the Employee Safety Committee Sharepoint site where this and all previous editions are saved as pdf's. Feel free to print and share this information with your family.

Website: <http://www.personalbest.com/PersonalBest4U/Login.aspx?login=yellowstone&password=healthy95&issue=530>

Sharepoint site: <http://inpyellshare/emsc> under Documents-Health and Wellness Information, folder Personal Best Documents, folder December: Personal Best 4 U Newsletter December

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More details to follow....Stay tuned!

PRESS RELEASE

Shooting Restriction in Effect 12/20 Between Hwy 191 & Boundary of Yellowstone N.P.

West Yellowstone, MT – The Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest will be issuing a winter shooting restriction going into effect Thursday, December 20 at midnight, prohibiting the discharge of firearms in the area between U.S. Hwy 191 (Hwy 191, to the east) and the Boundary of Yellowstone National Park. The restricted area covers Highway 191 right of way, parking areas, the Boundary Ski Trail, trailheads and developed campgrounds.

The restriction covers an area approximately 1.4 miles wide and 3 miles long and falls between the north boundary of West Yellowstone, MT and the north bank of the Madison River near Bakers Hole Campground (T13S, R5E, Sections 11,15, 22, and 27).

“The shooting restriction surrounding the Boundary Ski Trail and falling between Hwy 191 and the boundary of Yellowstone National Park is to provide for public safety in and around the area during hunting season, specifically bison at this time of year,” said Cavan Fitzsimmons, Hebgen Lake District Ranger. “A popular groomed cross-country ski area with both classic and skate tracks, along with other developed facilities are located within the area.”

The shooting restriction closure order will be rescinded with the oncoming of spring; when snowmelt conditions prevent the use of the ski trails or the close of the bison hunting season, whichever comes first, or at the discretion of the Hebgen Lake District Ranger.

For additional information contact the Hebgen Lake Ranger District at 406-823-6961. General information on the Gallatin National Forest can be found online at www.fs.usda.gov/gallatin.

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Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 220 AM MST TUE DEC 18 2012

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Wednesday Night: Breezy. Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows 3 below to 3 above zero. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Wind chill readings 15 below to 25 below zero.

Thursday: Breezy. Not as cold. Partly cloudy. Highs 16 to 22. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Lowest wind chill readings 13 below to 23 below zero in the morning.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of snow. Lows 8 to 14. Lowest wind chill readings 13 below to 23 below zero in the evening.

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Friday Night: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows 12 to 18.

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Wednesday, December 19, 2012

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Special thanks for all the love and support and meals and driving and hat knitting and kid/doggie care that have pulled us through the first half of my chemotherapy treatment. Your encouragement and love of community means more to our little brood that you could ever know. We continue to be inspired by the support and positive about the road ahead. Happy Holidays and lots of love from the Reid Family

P.S. When you jump out of bed tomorrow morning, I hope you'll have a moment of gratitude for that! It really is the little things...CR

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The **Business Shuttle** is only to be used for Xanterra, YPSS, NPS and Yellowstone Association employees with work related travel needs. Employees wishing to go to Old Faithful for leisure will not be allowed to book seats but may show up at the MHS Hotel by 7:00am to see if there are any space available seats (restrictions may apply.) This is at your own risk as there may be seats down but no seats back and you could be stranded at Old Faithful. Please be advised that Xanterra employees with business needs have priority booking on this shuttle. It may be possible that NPS, YA and YPSS employees with business needs will be bumped. It will be the responsibility of the NPS, YA and YPSS to make alternate travel arrangements should this occur. Becky Wyman is the booking rep for the NPS. Please contact her at Becky_Wyman@nps.gov or (307)344-2271. Jennifer Morey can also assist. She can be reached at Jennifer_Morey@nps.gov or (307)344-2271.

The Gardiner / Mammoth FM Association-Music in Our Mountains for 35 Years

Currently Serving Up:

KXLB	KEMC	KMTN
106.3	103.9& 104.9	105.5

The association has licenses and equipment to rebroadcast on 5 frequencies. Station selection is a combination of stations we are able to receive and listener preference. The Gardiner / Mammoth FM Association is a non-profit 501(c)(4) relying on volunteers and donations from individuals and businesses to maintain FM radio service from Bunsen Peak and Elk Plaza.

Annual maintenance and equipment replacement is expected to cost about \$5,000 for the next 5 years; then approximately \$1,000/year to maintain the equipment and pay utilities and other expenses. We were left with \$5,000 in 2005 when the association reformed and have made that last to this point, but the account has now dipped below \$1,000.

Keep the Music Alive and Make a Donation!

To donate please send a check to: Mr. Rick McAdam, President
Gardiner/Mammoth FM Association
PO Box 194
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190

It was previously announced that the road between Tower Junction and the Old Buffalo Picnic area would be closed to all travel this winter due to the construction zone. After re-consideration we've decided to allow backcountry skiing and snowshoeing through this area. It will not, however, be groomed. Xanterra will still groom an alternate trail on the wagon road to Yancey's Hole as planned. Parking at the junction will be the same as in the past. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused. Brian Chan

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Special thanks for all the love and support and meals and driving and hat knitting and kid/doggie care that have pulled us through the first half of my chemotherapy treatment. Your encouragement and love of community means more to our little brood than you could ever know. We continue to be inspired by the support and positive about the road ahead. Happy Holidays and lots of love from the Reid Family

P.S. When you jump out of bed tomorrow morning, I hope you'll have a moment of gratitude for that! It really is the little things...CR

IN THE PRESS

Groups: create wolf buffer zone around Yellowstone

12 hours ago • Associated Press

CHEYENNE — A conservation group is calling on state and federal officials to create no-shooting zones around Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks to reduce the killing of wolves.

WildEarth Guardians and other conservation groups have filed lawsuits challenging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's transfer of wolf management to Wyoming.

Trophy hunters have killed 39 wolves in a zone around Yellowstone since the state took over management in October. The state says another 20 wolves have been killed elsewhere where wolves are unprotected.

Wendy Keefover of WildEarth Guardians says too many wolves are dying. Wildlife managers say about 300 wolves were outside of Yellowstone, where no hunting is allowed, when the state took over.

Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead said he's confident in state management and has no plans to change policies.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/groups-create-wolf-buffer-zone-around-yellowstone/article_a586585c-cde1-5201-b12d-7c3ff0c5dc9b.html#ixzz2FbYgpBYp

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Computer Support will be closed **today**. We will be open until noon but after that you can call Jim Monk at 2439 and emergency questions can be directed to Lori at 307-250-6850.

There's still time to sign up for the **Winter Solstice Yoga Workshop** TONIGHT from 6-8 p.m. at the Mammoth Community Center. Come ring in the holiday with some much-needed relaxation and rejuvenation time for yourself. Mats are provided and light snacks and drinks will be served around a cozy fire afterward. Contact Amanda Stover at 317-416-3811 or at <http://amandastover.weebly.com> for more information.

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Today- Normal (potential Santa Run on this day) PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE WILL BE CHILDREN IN THE INTERIOR FOR SANTA TO VISIT otherwise it'll be just the elf!!

Dec 25- NO COURIER (CHRISTMAS)

Dec 26- REPLACEMENT RUN

Dec 28- Normal

JAN 1- NO COURIER (New Years Day!!)

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The **Finance Office** will be minimally staffed the rest of the week. Finance staff will be attending FBMS training the entire week. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact Zach Allely at x2560 or cell (406) 570-8639.

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Supply/Property Bulletin: The Supply Center and Property Office staff will be attending the local FBMS 40 hour training this week. We will still plan to get personal packages sorted for pickup but our regular services will be extremely limited. We hope to keep the Supply Center doors open during regular business hours with the assistance of staff from other offices. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Agle at 344-2085.

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Monday: Chance of snow in the morning...then snow likely in the afternoon. Moderate snow accumulations. Highs 18 to 24. Chance of snow 70 percent.

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Friday: Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of snow. Highs 14 to 20.

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Saturday Night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows 3 to 9.

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