

YNP@Work

A Daily Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Monday, October 3, 2011

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Oct. 3 - Closures
Fishing Bridge General Store
Grant Village Mini Store
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Old Faithful Lower General Store

E-MAIL ISSUES TODAY? If your last name starts with A-K, and you are a Lotus Notes Client User, you may encounter problems with your email today. If Notes is not working properly for you on Monday, please call CSS and we will help you point your mail to the new server.

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IN THE NEWS

No news items today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DEADLINES:

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RE-RUNS

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UPDATE--There are several Special Projects **paving projects** planned, some of which started Monday:

- Paving the new dorm parking area at YCC.
- Paving the large parking area directly across from the Power House apartments.
- Paving the top of the hill above the Mammoth campground to the "old" 45th parallel.
- Paving from the High Gardiner River Bridge to Lava Creek.

The specific dates of pavement projects will vary depending on weather and could run through November 19.

ACTING ASSIGNMENTS / OUT OF THE OFFICE

No assignments to report

FIRE UPDATE

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CALENDAR ITEMS

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WEATHER FORECAST**NWS Zone Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park, WY**

Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 254 AM MDT MON OCT 3 2011

Today...Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the afternoon. Highs 61 to 69. South winds around 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent.

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening... Then isolated rain showers and snow showers after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the evening. Lows 32 to 40. South winds around 15 mph early in the evening becoming south around 15 mph after midnight. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday...Breezy. Mostly cloudy. Isolated rain showers in the morning...then scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the afternoon. Highs 54 to 62. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

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IN THE NEWS

Grizzly killed after DNA links to 2nd mauling

By MATTHEW BROWN - Associated Press - Oct 3, 8:35 PM EDT

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_YELLOWSTONE_BEAR_MAULINGS_MTOL-?SITE=VARIT&SECTION=US&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2011-10-03-20-35-31

Winter use delay draws praise

By MARK HEINZ - The Cody Enterprise - Posted: Monday, October 3, 2011 4:12 pm

http://www.codyenterprise.com/news/local/article_f98a7448-ee0c-11e0-8c20-001cc4c03286.html

House Poised To Pass 6-Week Government Funding Bill, Avert Shutdown

Huffington Post - Andrew Taylor - 10:25 am EDT

WASHINGTON — Congress is poised to fund the government for six weeks to give President Barack Obama and lawmakers more time to work out some \$1 trillion of unfinished agency budgets for the fiscal year already days old.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/04/house-government-funding-bill_n_993970.html

RECENT NEWS RELEASES

October 03, 2011

Grizzly Bear Captured and Euthanized

A grizzly bear sow and two cubs captured by Yellowstone National Park staff have been linked to the scene of the recent mauling death of a hiker in the Hayden Valley

<http://www.nps.gov/yell/parknews/11105.htm>

October 03, 2011

Experience Yellowstone Before Winter Sets In

As the season winds down, there is still a little time to come and enjoy the park – hike, bike, drive, take photos, watch wildlife, geyser gaze, etc. Do it soon, though, as only a few facilities remain open.

<http://www.nps.gov/yell/parknews/11104.htm>

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Last Update: 2:22 am MDT Oct 4, 2011

Today: Scattered rain and snow showers before noon, then scattered rain showers. Some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55. South southwest wind between 14 and 16 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. Total daytime snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Tonight: Rain showers likely before midnight, then scattered rain and snow showers. Some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. South southwest wind around 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Wednesday: Scattered rain and snow showers before noon, then rain showers likely. Some thunder is also possible. Cloudy, with a high near 51. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RIVERTON WY

601 AM MDT TUE OCT 4 2011

...MAJOR CHANGE TO UNSETTLED AND MUCH COLDER WEATHER LATER THIS WEEK...

http://forecast.weather.gov/showsigwx.php?warnzone=WYZ001&warncounty=WYC039&firewxzone=WYZ140&local_place1=Yellowstone+National+Park+WY&product1=Special+Weather+Statement

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Obama signs short-term spending bill

By ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press – Oct 5, 2011

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama signed the continuing resolution, which funds the government through Nov. 18, into law early Wednesday morning, the White House Press Office confirmed.

<http://www.federalnewsradio.com/?nid=108&sid=2569027>

FWP kicks off public hearings on plan to relocate Yellowstone Park bison

Associated Press, Oct. 5, 2011 HELENA — Montana wildlife officials are heading to Deer Lodge to kick off a series of public hearings on their proposal to relocate dozens of Yellowstone National Park bison.

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_856ca9ea-ef52-11e0-bfff-001cc4c002e0.html

The battle for Yellowstone Lake

Park authorities go to war to protect native cutthroat trout

Carly Flandro, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Oct 5, 2011

Inside Yellowstone National Park is a great green-blue lake, one that is much larger than the rest and mostly void of people. It's pristine and wild, switching from calm and peaceful to thrashing and violent, from cold summer lake to frozen winter expanse.

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/yellowstone_national_park/article_3fd38450-ef00-11e0-b31e-001cc4c002e0.html

Feds release Wyoming wolf delist plan

Associated Press – Oct. 5, 2011 CHEYENNE - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday released a plan for removing wolves from endangered species status in Wyoming that would codify a compromise between protections in the Yellowstone region and allowing wolves to be shot on sight elsewhere in the state.

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_60efb192-eeb8-11e0-bcd7-001cc4c002e0.html

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FARE THEE WELL: Join us for an ice cream social to say farewell to Linda Mazzu on Thursday, October 6th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM in the Superintendent's conference room. Please bring your own bowl, spoon and cup, as well as any funny stories you'd like to share!

Thanks from Chris Farrar to all those who were able to attend the EAGALA Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning Demonstration last Saturday in Gardiner. If you would like more information, please contact Chris 406-223-9190.



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BEARTOOTH CLOSING: You may have seen an Associated Press news bullet about the Beartooth Highway closing on Tuesday. What they failed to mention is that the road is closing Tuesday, Oct. 11. So you still have 5 days to take a scenic drive, weather permitting, of course. We have asked the AP to clarify this date so no one misses out!

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WEATHER FORECAST

As of 0630... showers are already moving into our area, with light showers all along the MT/ID border. These showers are moving to the NE. <http://imapweather.com/> This rainfall is a precursor to a major Pacific storm headed our way. Much colder weather with widespread mountain snow is headed our way Thursday into Friday. Higher elevations in the Tetons could see 6-12 inches from this storm, with 4-10 inches forecast for the Absarokas.

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Last Update: 345 AM MDT WED OCT 5 2011

Today...Cloudy. Scattered rain showers in the morning...then numerous rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may produce small hail in the afternoon. Highs 49 to 55. South winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Tonight...Numerous rain showers...snow showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening...then numerous rain showers and snow showers after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce small hail in the evening. Snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Lows 29 to 35. South winds around 15 mph early in the evening. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Thursday...Widespread snow showers and numerous rain showers in the morning...then rain likely and snow in the afternoon. Snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Highs 43 to 49. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

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IN THE NEWS

Dozens speak against plan to relocate Yellowstone Park bison

Associated Press | Posted: Thursday, October 6, 2011 5:58 am

DEER LODGE — Ranchers and landowners on Wednesday packed the Powell County Community Center, just a few miles from what has become ground zero in the debate over whether there is a place for wild bison on Montana's landscape.

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_28debc10-f013-11e0-8012-001cc4c03286.html

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HRC Trail Closure: The railroad bed trail will be temporarily closed behind the HRC starting today for the Century Link construction crews working on the fiber optic bore project. The trail will be closed for the duration of the project which is anticipated to be less than one week.

For history buffs: This is a pretty amazing video (not too long) of the CCC at work in Yellowstone. There are lots of other Yellowstone videos on this site as well - including some listed under Yellow Stone in the search. – From Charissa Reid:

http://www.criticalpast.com/video/65675051744_CCC_National-Park_waterfall_mountains_Old-Faithful-geyser

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FRIDAY...A STRONG AUTUMN STORM THAT WILL BE TRACKING NORTHEAST FROM THE GREAT BASIN TODAY TO WYOMING TONIGHT WILL PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL FOR MUCH OF THE MOUNTAINS OF WESTERN AND NORTHWESTERN WYOMING TODAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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[Last Update:](#) 754 AM MDT THU OCT 6 2011

Rest Of Today...Snow showers likely and numerous rain showers. New snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Highs 41 to 47. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Tonight...Snow and rain likely in the evening...then snow after midnight. Snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches. Lows 26 to 32. Northwest winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Friday...Snow likely in the morning...then chance of snow in the afternoon. Snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches. Total snow accumulation 4 to 10 inches. Highs 34 to 40. West winds around 15 mph. Chance of snow 70 percent.

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ROAD/FACILITY CLOSURES DUE TO SNOW

Due to heavy snow and unsafe road conditions, the ONLY park roads open at press time is the North Entrance road from Gardiner, MT to Mammoth Hot Springs, and the Northeast Entrance road from Mammoth to Tower Junction and on to Cooke City.

Projected opening times/dates have not been established at this time. Please check our 24-hour road information line for updates at 307-344-2117.

Upcoming Scheduled Closures:

2011 ROAD & FACILITY CLOSINGS (End of day)		
OCT. 9	OCT. 10	OCT. 11 (snow may close roads earlier)
Old Faithful Inn, Gift Shop, Dining Room & Bear Paw Deli	Canyon Wrecker Service	Road – Tower Fall to Canyon Jct (Dunraven Pass) 8:00 a.m.
	Mammoth Service Station	Road – Beartooth Pass (Long Lake via Beartooth to Montana State Line) 8 a.m.
	Mammoth Hotel, Dining Room, & Cabins	
	Old Faithful Wrecker Service	

IN THE NEWS

FWP closes one unit to wolf hunting

Posted: Oct 6, 2011 8:32 AM by Mark Holyoak (KPAX News)

HELENA, MT - Effective at sunset tonight (Thursday), Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks ordered the end of wolf hunting in a small area immediately north of Yellowstone Park because hunters reached the quota of three wolves. Officially, it's subunit 313-316 of wolf management unit 390. With 11 days to go in the wolf archery season, hunters took 11 animals of the statewide 63 wolf quota.

The general big game rifle season begins Oct.23. Montana has an overall wolf quota of 220 wolves.

RECENT RELEASES**Yellowstone Tops Three Millions Visitors for Third Straight Summer**

<http://www.nps.gov/yell/parknews/11106.htm>

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mark Vallie (Maintenance) for **25 Years** of Service!



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<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?zoneid=WYZ001&TextType=1>

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Tonight...Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Scattered snow showers. Lows 25 to 31. West winds around 15 mph early in the evening. Chance of snow 50 percent.

Saturday...Not as cool. Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of snow in the morning. Highs 40 to 46.

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Beartooth Pass (Long Lake via Beartooth to Montana State Line) 8:00 a.m.

NEED Government vehicle returned from Bozerman to Mammoth on Tuesday or Wednesday. If you can help, please call the Public Affairs Office at ext. 2013 or 2012

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[Last Update:](#) 235 AM MDT TUE OCT 11 2011

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Today...Breezy. Numerous snow showers and rain showers. Snow accumulation up to 2 inches. Highs 38 to 44. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

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Wednesday...Breezy. Partly cloudy. Isolated snow showers in the morning. Highs 39 to 45. West winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 20 percent.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 12 - Employee Safety Committee Meeting;10:00 am at the Superintendent's Conference Room in Mammoth. All are welcome to attend. Agendas and minutes can always be found at the Employee Safety Committee Sharepoint site at <http://inpyellshare/emsc>.

If you would like to listen to the meeting via conference call, use the toll free number and participant code listed below. Toll free number 888 930-9220 Participant Code 1885448

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's energy efficiency month! Learn tips to increase your efficiency from InsideNPS and the Department of Energy: <http://inside.nps.gov/index.cfm?handler=viewnpsnewsarticle&type=Announcements&id=11085>
<http://www.energysavers.gov/tips/>

-The Green Team

ACTING ASSIGNMENTS / OUT OF OFFICE

YCR: Doug Madsen will be the Acting Chief of the Resources Compliance and Science Coordination Branch for the next several weeks. A 120 day detail for the Branch Chief's position should begin in early November and we hope to have the position filled permanently by mid-winter.

You can contact Doug at 307-344-2017 for assistance with project compliance and planning, science communications, or research permitting.

North District Maintenance: Oct. 10-17

Everret Munson will be acting Supervisor in the Mammoth Area for Roads. Everret's radio Number is 9 Hotel 25 and can be reached by phone in the morning at 344-2348.

Pat Krause will be acting Supervisor in the Tower/ Beartooth area. Pat's radio Number is 9 Tango 24 and can be reached by phone in the mornings at 344- 2818.

ROAD WORK:

Special Projects Roads has completed road overlays for the season. This week crews will be cleaning up areas of waste asphalt and sweepings on the overlay projects.

Next week, if weather permits, the crew will be patching the digouts on Officers Row and Lower Mammoth by Little People's.

IN THE NEWS

Guest column: Where the buffalo roam once more

Bozeman Chronicle; By Jeff Welsch, guest columnist | Posted: Thursday, October 6, 2011 10:06 am

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/opinions/article_3df6e1fa-f035-11e0-a861-001cc4c03286.html

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ROAD CLOSURE UPDATE: Dunraven Pass is now closed for the season to visitor traffic.

Dunraven Pass is open for Administrative Traffic with the following restrictions:

- High-clearance, 4-wheel drive vehicles only
- Snow tires or chains required
- Must carry snow shovel, winter gear
- Parties required to check in with the Communications Center prior to and following travel over the pass (radio/cell phone/sat phone)
- Parties required to have ability to communicate with the Communications Center from the road in the event of an emergency

This road is minimally patrolled and will no longer be plowed or maintained. Road conditions will be updated very infrequently. Yesterday morning there were 1.5 to 2 inches of snow on the road both north and south of the pass. The road may be closed to admin. travel with little notice as conditions deteriorate. Call 344-7115 for current admin. travel status.

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Grand Teton, Interior Department disagree over requirements for genetic viability.

By Cory Hatch, Jackson Hole News and Guide, October 12, 2011

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http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art_id=7824

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By Cory Hatch, Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Date: October 13, 2011

http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art_id=7826

Yellowstone National Park staff killed a wolf Saturday after the animal approached park visitors and employees on multiple occasions, apparently in search of human food.

A park ranger shot the 110-pound male wolf from Mollie's Park near the Mary Bay area. The wolf was estimated to be 2-4 years old.

"Since July ... we've been documenting seven different cases where this wolf has approached to ... within a few feet of staff and visitors," park spokesman Dan Hottle said.

The wolf, easily recognizable because of black, horizontal "racing stripes" in its fur, circled people in an apparent effort to see if they had any food in their hands or in their backpacks. Most of the encounters took place in the Fishing Bridge area, park officials said.

The wolf also lunged at people "not really unlike a large dog that's jumping in to get food that you might have hiding on you," Hottle said. "We're not clear if it was lunging in to bite or just to get closer."

Park staff tried to haze the wolf with noise, clear paint balls and bear pepper spray, but the wolf continued its attempts to get food.

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Grizzly bears force road closure in Grand Teton

Associated Press | Posted: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 2:15 pm

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_18dff242-f50f-11e0-bf3e-001cc4c03286.html

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Associated Press | Posted: Thursday, October 13, 2011 4:33 pm

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BOZEMAN — Grizzly numbers in and around Yellowstone National Park dropped slightly this year, indicating the region's bear population could be leveling off after decades of steady growth, researchers reported Thursday.

An estimated 593 bears are roaming the region of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, said Mark Haroldson, a bear researcher with the U.S. Geological Survey. That's down from 602 last year.

"Statistically, the evidence is it's flattened out," Haroldson said.

Since the mid-1980s, the region's bear population had grown at an average rate of 4 percent annually, Haroldson said.

Grizzlies now occupy 19,000 square miles in the three-state region and are pushing into areas where they haven't been seen since the species was driven to near-extinction in the early 20th century, biologists say. Conflicts between bears and humans hit record levels last year, and two hikers were killed by grizzlies this summer in Yellowstone National Park.

The region's forests can only support so many bears, said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Chris Servheen.

Mature male bears will run off or kill younger bruins, he said. And younger bears that disperse in search of unoccupied territory are more likely to run into problems with humans that can get them killed. Those include attacks on livestock that prompt authorities to euthanize problem bears, run-ins with hunters who shoot bears out of self-defense, and attempts to cross busy roads in heavily traveled areas.

"We're now at such a size in population that we've got bears where they really can't live in the long-term," Servheen said.

Grizzly bears are protected as threatened under federal law in the lower 48 states. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has sought to lift the threatened designation in the Yellowstone area, but environmental groups persuaded a federal judge in Montana to keep protections in place.

An appeal by the government is pending before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. A ruling is expected soon.

The release of the latest grizzly population figures came during a gathering of federal and state officials from agencies that have played a central role in the animal's recovery. The group also reviewed two recent bear maulings that killed 59-year-old John Wallace of Michigan and 57-year-old Brian Matayoshi of California.

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Park bear biologist Kerry Gunther said he conducted an informal survey of park visitors following the maulings and found that only 16 percent of day hikers were carrying bear spray.

2 new cases of brucellosis confirmed in Park County, Wyoming

Associated Press | Posted: Thursday, October 13, 2011 5:00 pm |

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_6f39dc34-f5f0-11e0-9cf1-001cc4c002e0.html#ixzz1alax6oB0

Bringing back the bison: Group pushes reintroduction to Montana public lands

By BRETT FRENCH Of The Gazette Staff | Posted: Thursday, October 13, 2011 12:15 am

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By Kurt Repanshek - National Parks Traveler - October 17, 2011 - 1:00am

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**Yellowstone wolf skeletons studied for clues to their lives**

Brett Fench, The Billings Gazette, Friday, October 14, 2011

Despite loose and missing teeth, disease and an injury from being kicked by an elk, at 7 years old, wolf #8M was still hunting elk in Yellowstone National Park as the alpha male of the Rose Creek pack.

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_16a419a4-d322-54ba-8a94-fb3d46cf8dac.html

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Environmental Quality Council puts FWP in hot seat over bison

By EVE BYRON Helena Independent Record The Billings Gazette | Tuesday, October 18, 2011

HELENA -- Members of the state Environmental Quality Council unanimously agreed Monday to submit a strongly worded letter to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks requesting a delay in deciding whether to relocate bison until a statewide conservation strategy is adopted.

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_880c7652-f999-11e0-b7d6-001cc4c03286.html

Bison relocation proposal Yellowstone National Park

By Drew Steele, NBC News Monday Oct. 17th, 2011

Representatives from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks met with the Environmental Quality Council this morning to talk about the proposal to relocate bison from Yellowstone National Park.

<http://www.beartoothnbc.com/news/montana/12838-bison-relocation-proposal-yellowstone-national-park.html>

Yellowstone bison relocation plan finds tribal support at Glasgow hearing

Richard Peterson, Great Falls Tribune, October 18, 2011

GLASGOW — About 150 people attended the third and final bison relocation hearing on Monday with both sides providing sometimes contentious testimony at the Glasgow Civic Center.

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/article/20111018/NEWS01/110180304>

Tester jobs, wilderness bill included in U.S. Senate's Interior appropriations bill

By ROB CHANEY of the Missoulian missoulian.com | Saturday, October 15, 2011

U.S. Sen. Jon Tester's Forest Jobs and Restoration Act is included in the Senate's Interior Department appropriations bill, giving it a chance of passage in the 2012 federal budget.

http://missoulian.com/news/local/article_40eebc5e-f6d7-11e0-af05-001cc4c002e0.html

Experts disagree about griz numbers, implications

By MARK HEINZ | Cody Enterprise Monday, October 17, 2011

Grizzly numbers in the heart of the Yellowstone area habitat appeared to have dipped, but some experts' opinions vary regarding how much, and why.

http://www.codyenterprise.com/news/local/article_56903728-f90b-11e0-ac9a-001cc4c002e0.html

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WGFD NABS ROCK SPRINGS DEER POACHERS

Wyoming Fish and Game, October 19, 2011

PINEDALE- Two Rock Springs men recently were convicted of charges relating to shooting and abandoning a mule deer doe south of Pinedale last fall.

Andrew D. McGahuey pled guilty to wanton destruction of a doe mule deer, taking deer on private land without permission, and shooting a doe mule deer from a public roadway. David A. McGahuey pled guilty to accessory to wanton destruction of a doe mule deer.

Sublette County Circuit Court Judge Curt Haws sentenced Andrew D. McGahuey to pay \$3,000 in restitution for the deer, a \$720 fine, and loss of hunting and fishing privileges for five years. The loss of hunting and fishing

privileges applies not only to Wyoming, but 13 additional western states. Additionally, McGahuey had \$2,000 in fines and 180 days jail suspended while he serves six months probation.

David A. McGahuey was sentenced to a \$740 fine and loss of hunting and fishing privileges for five years as well. Additionally, \$4,500 in fines and 180 days jail were suspended while the elder McGahuey also serves six months probation.

On October 10, 2010, South Pinedale Game Warden Jordan Kraft received a trespass complaint from landowners of the Mountain Springs Ranch located southeast of Pinedale, WY. The report indicated two men may have shot at mule deer on their deeded property from the Scab Creek Public Access Road. Initially, the men were confronted by a ranch worker, but denied shooting and fabricated a story that they had seen other hunters shooting and watched them flee the area. The ranch worker was able to record partial license plate information from the McGahuey's truck.

Subsequent investigation revealed that the McGahueys had in fact shot a doe mule deer and left it to waste on the Mountain Springs Ranch.

"This is a good example how a concerned citizen stepping forward with information on a wrong-doing can make a big difference," said Kraft. "We wouldn't have been able to bring these individuals to justice without the efforts and concern of the members of the Mountain Springs Ranch."

Kraft also commended the work of Judge Curt Haws and assistance of the Sublette County Attorney's Office. "I think the sentence sends a strong message that wildlife is a treasured resource in Sublette County and such wildlife crimes will not be tolerated."

Anyone with information on a possible poaching incident should call the STOP POACHING hotline at 1-877-WGFD-TIP (1-877-943-3847), any Game and Fish regional office, or any Game Warden. Information can also be reported through the hunting page of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's web site at <http://gf.state.wy.us>. Any information leading to an arrest and conviction may result in a reward of up to \$5,000.00.

Ecologists question research on burns in bug-killed forests after Montana fires

By PERRY BACKUS Ravalli Republic Tuesday, October 18, 2011 5:45 am

Last summer, a wall of flame roared through a three-mile stretch of tinder-dry, bug-killed lodgepole pine forest and forced a large group of firefighters to retreat to a safety zone.

http://missoulain.com/news/state-and-regional/article_33e5c862-f930-11e0-9771-001cc4c03286.html

Bid to stop Rockies wolf hunt denied - for now

Great Falls Tribune, October, 19, 2011

BILLINGS (AP) — A federal appeals court has turned down an emergency request by wildlife advocates seeking to stop gray wolf hunts underway in the Northern Rockies.

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/article/20111018/NEWS01/111018013/Bid-stop-Rockies-wolf-hunt-denied-now?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7Cfrontpage>

National group joins whitebark pine battle

More resources needed to save the iconic, high-altitude species, researcher says.

By Cory Hatch, Jackson Hole, Wyo. October 19, 2011

A national conservation group is embarking on a five-year plan to make sure the imperiled whitebark pine persists in the Rocky Mountains.

http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art_id=7846

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BY STEPHANIE SIMON - Wall Street Journal - Friday, October 21, 2011

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203752604576643353611427770.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

In 1999, National Park Service officials set out to limit noise and air pollution from snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park. Twelve years and more than \$10 million later, they are still working on it.

The Park Service is going back to the drawing board after its latest attempt to limit motorized access to Yellowstone in winter prompted an outcry from business interests, who slammed proposed restrictions as too harsh—and from environmentalists who blasted them as too lenient. Administrators hope to produce yet another plan this spring.

In the meantime, for this winter the park service will enforce temporary limits, first imposed in 2008, that allow as many as 318 snowmobiles a day that are led by guides. It also allows as many as 78 snow coaches, which are vans or small buses modified with special treads to crawl over packed snow on designated roads in the 3,500-square-mile park.

Tourist demand hasn't even reached those caps the past three winters. So parks officials proposed cutting back even more, limiting access on certain winter days to 110 snowmobiles and 30 snow coaches.

But snowmobile and snow-coach backers say there is plenty of demand for more motorized tours, which generally cost \$100 to \$300 per person per day. They blame sluggish sales on the economy and confusion about the Park Service's plan, which has made some tour operators reluctant to expand their fleets.

"The uncertainty has been difficult," said Randy Roberson, who has been running winter tours under the Yellowstone Vacations name for 34 years. "It's been frustrating."

The world's first national park, Yellowstone stretches across northwest Wyoming into Montana and Idaho and is famous for its thundering geysers, gnarled petrified trees and secluded waterfalls. Grizzly bears and gray wolves prowl the park, as do moose, elk, bison and scores of smaller species. Most roads aren't plowed in winter; the only access is by snowmobile or snow coach or on foot, by ski or snowshoe.

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In 1999, environmental groups petitioned the National Park Service to ban the machines. Ever since, parks administrators have been trying to find an acceptable balance between environmental protection and public access.

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Environmentalists contend that even a small number of snowmobiles—which are required by park rules to be equipped with cleaner, quieter four-stroke engines—disturb animals, pollute the air and disrupt the park's solitude in winter. They want the machines banned.

"There are millions of acres outside the park where you can take thrill rides on snowmobiles," said Mark Pearson of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a conservation group.

But many business owners in small towns that serve as gateways to the park say it is crucial to the local economy to encourage, not turn away, tourists. They think the snowmobile policy is behind the decline in winter visitors from about 100,000 a year in the late 1990s to less than 70,000 a year in the early 2000s; it has held relatively steady since then, according to park service figures. Park officials point out that other factors affect visitor numbers, including heavy storms, avalanches, rock slides and road closures.

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As probably happened with your personal email address when the server move was made, it will work once – and then quit.

If you are not getting mail in your boxes on Monday, call CSS and they will fix it for you.

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YCR will host a **Halloween Frightful Feast** in the YCR Conference Room on Monday, October 31st at 4 PM.

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First Segway park opens in Denmark***Course modeled as a miniature version of Yellowstone National Park***

Friday, October 21st 2011, 4:36 PM

http://www.nydailynews.com/travel/2011/10/21/2011-10-21_firstever_segway_park_opens_in_denmark.html

The world's first off-road Segway course opened its doors in Aarhus, Denmark on Friday.

Modeled as a miniature version of Yellowstone National Park, the course offers riders the chance to steer their two-wheel Segway scooters through mountains and waterfalls in a giant indoor hall.

"We have 6,000 square meters (64,583 square feet) and have built a copy of Yellowstone National Park, with mountains and waterfalls and tracks ranging from granite to sea-shells -- all sorts of things. You get the feeling you're actually driving in the park," Paul Teichert told AFP.

"A trip in the hall is a cross between a flying carpet and skiing in the Alps. And for those who are doing one of the courses as a race, we have automatic timing mechanisms that make sure they don't cheat," Teichert said.

The Segway is a one person, two-wheel, self-balancing, electrical transportation unit.

Teichert said the Danish park was the first of its kind in the world, "and will be the biggest for a long time to come."

He said that in tests, women appeared to be better initial off-road drivers of Segways than men.

"They're more careful to start with. Men just go at it and end up on their behinds," he said.

He said senior executives of the US Segway company had announced they would be arriving in Denmark soon to study the hall.

He added that security had been a primary concern for constructors and all tracks and courses had been approved by both police and Denmark's Technological Institute.

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Sad news from Yellowstone: R.I.P. No. 642F, a collared wolf shot by a Montana hunter
(WOLF CONSERVATION CENTER [SOUTH SALEM, NY])

Montana's backcountry wolf hunt in the remote Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness along the northern border of Yellowstone National Park is officially closed. The wolf quota for this area was set at 3 (Montana's overall wolf harvest quota is 220), and among the casualties is a collared wolf who many wildlife enthusiasts had the thrill to observe. Her "name" was 642F.

<http://nywolf.org/home?p=5045>

Yellowstone ranger teaches second graders the benefits of hugging a tree
(WEST YELLOWSTONE [MT] NEWS)

Yellowstone National Park ranger Bonnie Whitman and her two search and rescue dogs, Auggie and Gator, came to Emily Rossberg's second-grade class earlier this month to give kids a better idea of what to do if they get lost in the woods, with a special presentation about the nationally supported Hug-A-Tree program.

http://www.westyellowstonenews.com/news/article_614cba5a-fc13-11e0-9cf1-001cc4c002e0.html

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By MATTHEW BROWN Associated Press | Posted: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 1:26 pm

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_066136ae-ff40-11e0-bd28-001cc4c002e0.html

Montana's newfound tolerance toward wild bison is heading to trial as cattle owners and local officials seek to prevent a repeat of last year's mass migration of hundreds of the animals out of Yellowstone National Park.

State District Judge Wayne Phillips has been asked to settle a fundamental question: Are bison in Montana free-roaming wildlife, or should they be kept out to protect private property and public safety?

Deep snows last winter prompted more than a 1,000 bison to spill out of the park into Montana. Many were captured and released in the spring, but hundreds of the animals, also known as buffalo, for a time roamed at will in the 75,000-acre Gardiner Basin.

That appeared to mark an end to the state's longstanding practice of shooting or slaughtering bison that leave the park, which claimed almost 4,000 of the animals over the last decade. But now Park County and the Park County Stockgrowers Association want to revive restrictions on bison movement.

"I'm not anti-wildlife," said Joe Sperano, a 69-year-old member of the stockgrowers' group, who runs a small number of horses and cattle on his property north of Gardiner. "The buffalo are a different deal. There was never any problem with one or two. When we've got 30 or 40 coming through my place at my time they want to go through the fences, rub on my house, destroy my irrigation pipes."

Lawsuits filed by Park County and the stockgrowers would overturn an agreement between federal and state agencies that allowed the animals into the Gardiner Basin during winter.

The suits contend free-roaming bison destroy private property, threaten the safety of county residents, and increases the chances that a disease carried by the animals could be transmitted to cattle.

An initial hearing is scheduled for Wednesday in Livingston.

Attorneys for Gov. Brian Schweitzer and two state agencies are seeking to disqualify from the case one of the stockgrowers' attorneys, John Bloomquist, because he represented the state in past lawsuits over the animals. Hearings on more substantive issues were delayed pending a decision on that issue.

Even if Phillips sides in favor of the state on the larger question of allowing bison into Montana, Park County Attorney Brett Linneweber pledged in an interview that last year's migration will not be repeated.

"The county's not going to roll over and say there's nothing we can do about it," he said. "People have a right to be safe," he said. "There are steps we can take outside the legal arena, but we would prefer not to."

Linneweber declined to offer a further explanation.

Last spring, a Park County resident who claimed his dog was being threatened by bison shot and killed at least two of the animals and wounded several others. No charges were filed.

Researchers say herds totaling tens of millions of bison once roamed most of North America. At the turn of the last century, when the species had been nearly driven to extinction by overhunting, Yellowstone offered one of the bison's last refuges.

The park's 3,500 bison now make up one of the largest wild concentrations of the animals in the world. But while they're clearly wild in the park - where careless visitors are occasionally gored by the animals, the stockgrowers lawsuit challenges that status for bison that step into Montana and contends they should be managed differently than other wildlife.

An attorney for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks disputed the claim and said Montana law has classified bison as wildlife at least since 1995.

"They are, in the end, wild animals," said attorney Rebecca Jakes Dockter. "Sometimes you can predict what their behavior will be and sometimes you can't ... That's what you have to take along with the privilege of living with wildlife on our landscape."

Since the April agreement allowing bison into the Gardiner Basin, Dockter's agency has agreed to further study the issue before deciding what actions to take this coming winter. That will include an opportunity for public comment - something that was not sought before the agreement was reached.

Attorneys in the case say they hope to have the lawsuits resolved before bison resume their winter exodus from the park's mountains in search of food at lower elevations.

The pushback from Park County and the local stockgrowers mirrors resistance to a related effort by wildlife officials to relocate up to 160 Yellowstone bison onto state wildlife management areas or tribal lands. The animals were kept in quarantine for several years to make sure they were not carrying the disease brucellosis, and are temporarily being held on a ranch outside Bozeman owned by media mogul and philanthropist Ted Turner.

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Man accused of driving Bozeman school children while intoxicated reaches agreement with prosecutors

JODI HAUSEN, Bozeman Daily Chronicle Staff Writer | Posted: Thursday, October 27, 2011 12:15 am

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/yellowstone_national_park/article_3219beb6-0057-11e1-9ace-001cc4c002e0.html

A former bus driver accused of driving Bozeman middle school students into Yellowstone National Park while over the legal limit for alcohol consumption in June has reached a plea agreement with federal prosecutors, his attorney said in a federal court document.

In his motion filed in U.S. District Court in Mammoth Hot Springs earlier this month, Kevin Leon Stark's court-appointed attorney said that though a plea agreement has been reached, "a date has not yet been set for the change of plea."

Details of the agreement were not spelled out in the document, in which Livingston attorney Alex Rate petitioned the federal government for payment since the case will be delayed for several months.

"This case is currently in a holding pattern," Rate wrote. "Sentencing in this matter will be delayed until after the trial of Jack Parrent."

According to the court's records, Jack Kane Parrent Jr.'s bench trial before U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen E. Cole has been set for Dec. 14.

In the document, Rate said Stark's sentencing could "happen as late as February 2012."

Rate declined Wednesday to elaborate on the plea deal, and attempts to reach federal prosecutors were unsuccessful.

Parrent and Stark, both of Bozeman, were working for Karst Stage in June when, after a night of heavy drinking, they drove their buses loaded with Sacajawea Middle School students into Yellowstone National Park, according to charging documents. The two have since been dismissed from the transportation company.

Parrent's blood-alcohol content — tested sometime after 7 on the morning a ranger saw the bus he was driving swerving over the centerline — was 0.12, according to court records.

Stark's was 0.05, court records state, and second tests taken about two hours later showed Parrent's blood-alcohol content at 0.091 and Stark's at 0.032.

The legal limit for passenger-vehicle drivers is 0.08 in Montana and 0.04 for commercial drivers.

Both men were charged with reckless endangerment and operating a commercial vehicle with a detectable amount of alcohol.

Parrent was also charged with drunken driving and Stark with recklessly creating a risk of public jeopardy. All the charges are misdemeanors.

Court records indicate Parrent had been convicted for drunken driving at least three previous times.

Oct 26, 3:22 PM EDT

Montana, Park County discussing bison settlement

By MATTHEW BROWN -Associated Press

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/M/MT_BUFFALO_ROAM_SETTLEMENT_TALKS_MTOL-?SITE=VARIT&SECTION=US&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) -- An attorney for the state of Montana says a possible settlement is being discussed with Park County officials who are suing to block the migration of wild bison out of Yellowstone National Park.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks legal chief Robert Lane said Wednesday the talks have focused on whether the state can manage the animals in a way that protects public safety. Lane says the animals would not be excluded from the 75,000-acre Gardiner Basin.

The county's lawsuit alleges residents were put at risk when hundreds of bison were allowed into the basin north of Yellowstone last winter. In prior years, the state had killed or herded back into the park most bison that entered the basin.

"In certain years they are going to be there no matter what we do," Lane said. "If conditions occur like they did last year, is there management we could do in terms of providing for public safety that would be satisfactory to the county?"

The settlement talks were first reported by The Livingston Enterprise based on an interview with Park County Attorney Brett Linneweber. He could not be immediately reached for comment.

Lane said no talks were underway with a second plaintiff, the Park County Stockgrowers Association. The ranchers' group earlier this year filed its own lawsuit over an agreement between federal and state agencies and tribal groups that allowed bison into the Gardiner Basin for the first time in decades.

The stockgrowers have raised concerns about the transmission of the disease from cattle to bison. The group's lawsuit has since been consolidated with the county's case.

An initial hearing in the stockgrowers' case was scheduled for Wednesday in Livingston before state District Judge Wayne Phillips. The hearing was to be limited to a request by the state to disqualify an attorney for the stockgrowers, John Bloomquist, because he previously represented the state in lawsuits over bison.

Billings Gazette opinion: Bison belong on public, tribal lands

Posted: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 12:00 am | (11) Comments

http://billingsgazette.com/news/opinion/editorial/gazette-opinion/article_a2416784-3f14-54a8-851b-1b0d03e8387b.html

When Dr. Frankenstein's monster encountered villagers they ran, frightened by his size and fearful he would harm them. The modern-day equivalent is the reintroduction of bison to Montana. Residents near the proposed reintroduction sites might as well be carrying torches and nooses as they cite a litany of fears.

Instead of fear mongering, though, let's look at the facts.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is considering placing 40 bison at each of four different sites: the Spotted Dog Wildlife Management Area, the Marias River WMA, the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation and Fort Peck Reservation.

All of the bison, which were captured after migrating out of Yellowstone National Park, have been tested and retested to ensure they are not carriers of the disease brucellosis.

The bison would be fenced in. There would be zero tolerance for bison that escaped. They would be killed.

Montana has a long tradition of restoring wildlife to the landscape and to providing animals to other states for reintroduction. Elk were reintroduced to the Missouri Breaks, bighorn sheep have been captured and transplanted around the state to bolster their numbers and wild turkeys have been established across much of Montana, to name a few.

So why have bison, which once roamed the state in great numbers before Euro-Americans wiped them out, become such outcasts?

Oddly enough, at last count there were more than 130 bison farms in Montana with 14,500 bison. Granted, most of these bison are genetically different from those that would be relocated from the quarantine facility where they are now held north of Gardiner. The Yellowstone bison are considered genetically pure, closer to their wild ancestors. Many of the farmed bison have been interbred with cattle, or bred to remove traits to make them easier to handle. No great cry went up when those farmers began raising bison. That would have been a violation of the farmers' rights. Why are these Yellowstone bison so different?

The fact is they aren't that different. They can be managed and controlled. They can play an important role in Montana's ecosystem. Bison should be reintroduced to the state, just as we've so successfully built up other once-dwindling stocks of wildlife. The calls from some members of the public to keep bison out are like Mary Shelley's fictional townsfolk, filled with fear of the "monster." Instead, let's try to live with the bison and understand the animal and its importance on the public landscape.

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Gallatin National Forest News Release - October 27, 2011

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On the evening of October 26 a hunter shot an elk near the Beattie Gulch trail which was quickly attracted multiple grizzly bears foraging in the area. The hunter did all the right things when hunting in grizzly bear country – he was hunting with a group, had bear spray, and after seeing the bears quickly backed off the carcass and notified agency authorities. Backing away from the food source and not trying to scare the bears away helped ensure the safety of the hunters and the bears.

“The Forest Service, Park Service and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks are working closely to investigate and monitor the situation,” said Ron Hecker, Gardiner District Ranger. “While it is common for bears to be in Beattie Gulch, the carcass’s proximity to the trail in a low visibility area, and the presence of multiple bears create additional safety concerns,” said Ron Hecker, Gardiner District Ranger. “We will re-open the area as soon as it is safe to do so.”

The closure includes the Beattie Gulch area from the Beattie Gulch Trailhead to the north where National Forest System lands borders private land. The closure extends southward to the Yellowstone National Park border and the west where the trail veers north and leaves National Forest System land (approximately 2.5 miles west of the trailhead on the western edge of section 12).

Remember to take necessary safety precautions when visiting public lands. Follow food storage guidelines, travel in groups of three or more, have bear spray readily accessible, and try to make noise to announce your presence. It is also important to be prepared for rapidly changing weather conditions and to ensure someone knows where you are going and when to expect your return.

For information about the emergency closure please contact the Gardiner Ranger District at (406) 848-7375.

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Slough Creek Campground closes for the season Monday, October 31.

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A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) allowing construction to begin was signed by the National Park Service Intermountain Regional Director on October 21. An Environmental Assessment (EA) proposing two alternatives was released for public review and comment in May 2011.

The project includes reconstruction of a 15.9-mile segment of the road and its associated parking areas and turnouts, as well as the rehabilitation of two bridges between the Norris campground entrance and a point just north of Swan Lake Flats known as Golden Gate. Depending upon available funding, the project could begin as early as 2014.

Improvement of the road is needed in order for the park to maintain acceptable engineering safety standards and provide a safe and enjoyable driving experience for visitors. It also serves to better facilitate park operations and emergency services, improve resource protection and enable more efficient use of park funds.

Among the highlights of the approved alternative:

- Widening the road from its current 19-22-foot width to a width of 30 feet.
- Expanding parking areas and turnouts to more adequately handle traffic volumes and reduce wildlife viewing jams.
- Shifting the road's alignment to reduce dangerous curves at Frying Pan Spring, Semi-Centennial Geyser, and the curve just north of Grizzly Lake Trailhead.
- Improving accessibility features for disabled visitors.

Improvements will be completed in phases during the early spring and late fall periods to reduce the impact on day to day operations along the route.

Copies of the EA and the FONSI are available on the National Park Service Planning, Environmental and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yell>.

IN THE NEWS

Man accused of driving Bozeman school children while intoxicated reaches agreement with prosecutors

JODI HAUSEN, Bozeman Daily Chronicle Staff Writer | Posted: Thursday, October 27, 2011 12:15 am

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/yellowstone_national_park/article_3219beb6-0057-11e1-9ace-001cc4c002e0.html

Montana, Park County discussing bison settlement

By MATTHEW BROWN -Associated Press - Oct 26, 3:22 PM EDT

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/M/MT_BUFFALO_ROAM_SETTLEMENT_TALKS_MTOL-?SITE=VARIT&SECTION=US&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

CALENDAR

GOT DRUGS? Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal. They will be collected **Saturday**, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yellowstone Association Building on Park Street in Gardiner.

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Halloween Fest – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 from 4 to 6pm at the Mammoth Community Center

Sure to be a howling good time for the whole community!

Costume Parade at 4:30pm

Grab dinner for the family - grazing fee \$5/adult and \$3/child

Haunted Homemade Chili, Halloweenies, Candy Corn Bread, & Boo-licious Baked Goods.

\$5 activity fee includes games, face painting, pumpkin decorating and goodie bag for children.

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Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows 21 to 27. Southwest winds around 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of snow in the morning... Then slight chance of rain and snow in the afternoon. Highs 34 to 40. West winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

It is that slippery time of the year again! Foot Traction Devices are available at Supply free of charge. Stop by and get your pair.

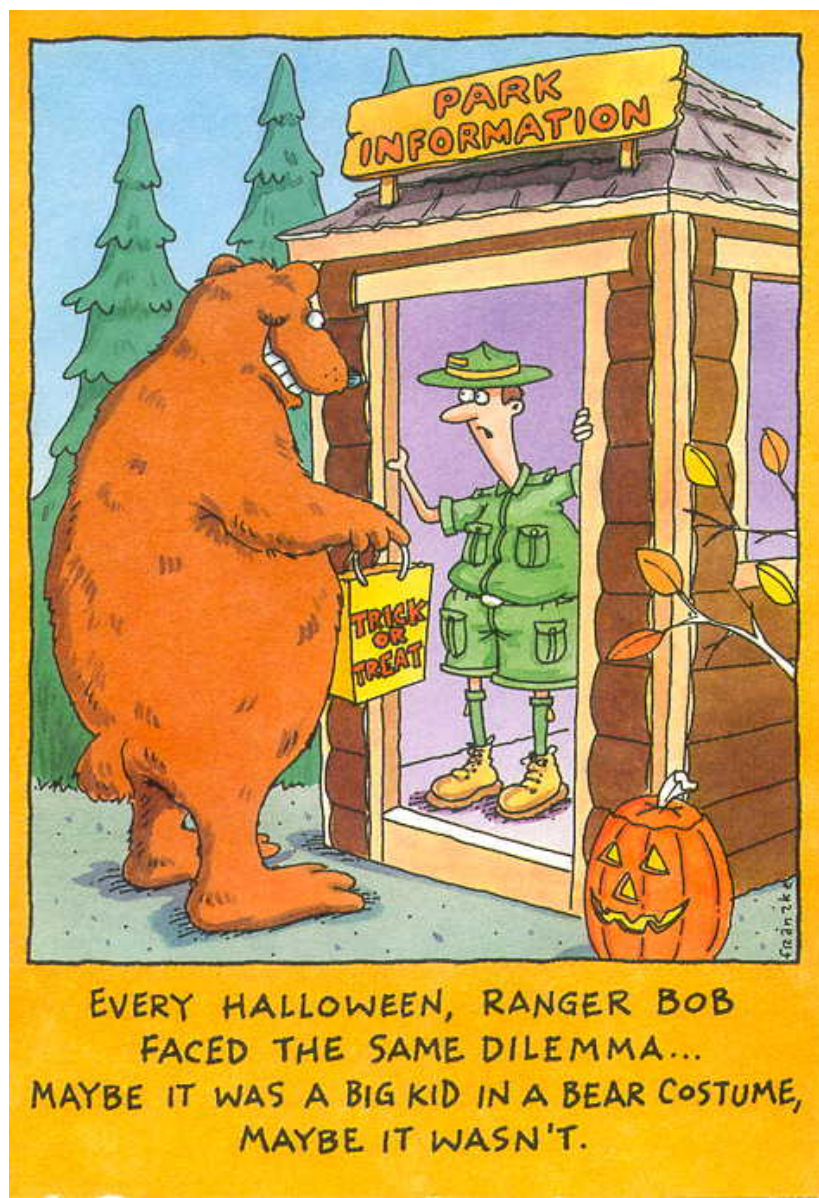
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The current edition of "PFMD Update", the official publication of the Park Facility Management Division, contains a photo and bio of Gardiner native and former Yellowstone STEP employee Steve Olig, who now works in WASO. (See page 7.) http://classicinside.nps.gov/documents/PFMDUpdate_2011_09_10_FINAL.pdf

IN THE NEWS

News Release from Grand Teton National Park

Man Injured By Bear in Grand Teton National Park

October 30, 2011 11-98

A hunter in Grand Teton National Park was injured by a bear just after 11:30 a.m. Sunday October 30. The incident occurred along the east side of the Snake River between Blacktail Ponds and Glacier View Overlooks. Bear frequenting area signs have been placed in the area.

A team of law enforcement rangers and resource management personnel are conducting an investigation of the incident. At this point it is too early to determine what species of bear injured the individual, the nature of his injuries, or if this was a defensive or predatory encounter.

The 32 year-old Jackson man was carrying bear spray and following the recommended protocols for hunting in bear country. The hunter told rangers when he spotted the bear he dropped to the ground and covered his head. He did not fire any shots at the bear and he had not killed any elk on Sunday morning.

A team of rangers responded to the scene along with Teton County Sheriffs deputies and provided emergency medical care before transporting the injured man in a wheeled litter to the roadside where he was met by a park ambulance and transported to St. Johns Medical Center in Jackson for further treatment.

Attacks by bears are extremely rare. There have been six reported bear attacks in the history of Grand Teton National Park- none were fatal. In 2007 a female grizzly bear with cubs mauled a jogger near Jackson Lake Lodge in a surprise encounter.

All hunters participating in the Elk Reduction Program in Grand Teton National Park are provided with a bear information and safety packet. The following guidelines are suggested for participating hunters:

- Hunt with a partner.
- Carry bear spray (required).
- Avoid "dark" timber during mid-day when bears may be using a day-bed.
- Have a predetermined plan of action for retrieving harvested game from the field.
- Be extra cautious after making a kill and when hunting in areas where animals have recently been harvested.

- Avoid hunting in areas where fresh bear sign is repeatedly observed.
- Avoid gut piles.

More information will be forthcoming as it is available. News media seeking interviews on Sunday, please contact Jenny Anzelmo-Sarles at 307.739.3431.

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ACTING ASSIGNMENTS / OUT OF OFFICE

No entries today.

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Tonight...Numerous snow showers in the evening...then snow likely after midnight. Snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches. Lows 19 to 25. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the evening. Chance of snow 70 percent.

Tuesday...Colder. Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Highs 23 to 29.

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