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A Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Monday, April 1, 2013



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The Yellowstone Environmental Coordinating Committee (YECC), a team of National Park Service employees, park concessioners, and non-profit partners, work together combining extensive resources to elevate the potential for sustainability achievements in Yellowstone National Park. The unique partnership was established in 2008 to facilitate communication and promote cooperation between the greater Yellowstone workforce in order to reinforce the Park's environmental stewardship programs, work collectively on parkwide environmental goals, and coordinate joint educational efforts and outreach.

The team includes representatives from NPS, Delaware North, Medcor, Xanterra, YPSS, Yellowstone Association, and the Yellowstone Park Foundation. The group is currently working on a "Climate Friendly Parks" designation, Solid Waste Diversion and Recycling program, 2013 Earth Day Celebration and the Plastic Reduction Initiative. The team meets quarterly and will be issuing progress updates periodically. Questions regarding the YECC may be directed to Mary Murphy at 344-2272 or Lynn Chan at 344-2622. -----

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wish to be a candidate for this position, please contact Sarah Willoughby in the Finance Office (x2058) for a copy of the Yellowstone Operating Procedure and the Statement of Candidacy form that needs to be submitted by **April 16.**

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You own your credit union. Credit unions are member-owned nonprofit financial cooperatives dedicated to improving members' lives. More than 95 million members own 7100 US credit unions with combined assets of \$1.02 trillion. Stockholders own banks, and banks make money for stockholders, not for customers.

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Since our credit union has no outside stockholders, after reserves are set aside, earnings are returned to members in the form of higher dividends on savings, lower loan rates, and lower-cost services. We offer a variety of services, including simple savings accounts, checking accounts and debit cards, ACH and other electronic services, and low-cost consumer loans.

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IN THE PRESS

Cash for grizzly plan saves Grand Teton park

*By Mickey Lrmhsok, Jackson Hole Daily
April 1, 2013*

Grand Teton National Park officials have scrapped a 5 percent budget cut and instead will offset the loss by selling a permit to massacre a grizzly bear.

Officials revealed details of the plan at a teleconference Friday, saying it would allow the park to plow roads that normally melt out on their own, keep naturalists at empty visitor centers 24/7, and meet federal union highway

standards requiring two workers leaning on shovels for every one digging.

Park Superintendent Mary Fibson described the park's plan as "innovative" and "potentially lucrative."

"I know this plan will have its detractors," Fibson said, "but I'm convinced it will have the least impact on the Grand Teton visitor experience and resources."

The single grizzly license will be auctioned. The person who buys it will be deputized as a park ranger for the hunt, and will wear a plastic badge.

Grand Teton Chief Ranger Nina Daywonder said the hunt will be regulated to ensure minimum impact.

"The hunter will be limited to an area in the Snake River bottomlands between Deadmans Bar and Ditch Creek," she said. "We are confident the dense forest and presence of dead and dying elk in this area will lead to an encounter."

There will be other requirements. The hunter must shoot only within a mile of the bear and is limited to an automatic weapon "of a calibre no smaller than .50 and with a magazine or belt capable of holding no fewer than 50 rounds," according to regulations released Friday. To preserve the environment, rounds of depleted uranium will be prohibited. Also, the hunter "will be required to carry a can of bear spray that's expired and must expel its contents in the area of the kill after downing the bruin," the regulations read.

The plan was protested by park critic and Jackson realtor Tim Mustard.

"It would be one thing if the government sourced this out to give a license-selling business owner or auctioneer 6 percent commission," he said. "But the park is not going to help the local economy and will be spending the proceeds on unnecessary items like toilet paper for Californians."

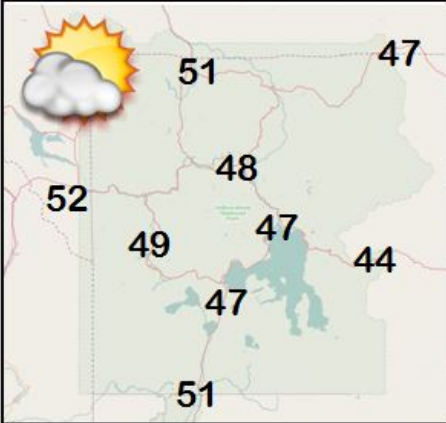
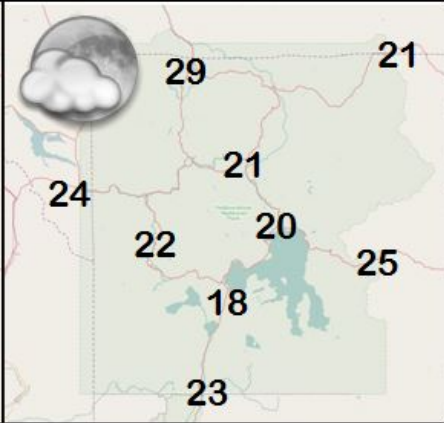
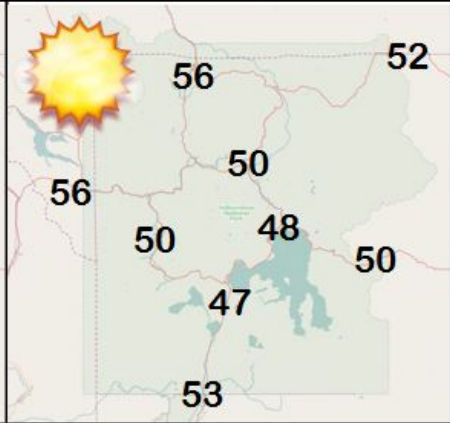
The loss of one grizzly will be insignificant to the overall population, park biologist Pain Indibutt said.

"Bear 399 has already passed on her genes several times," he said, "and, while still providing visitors with shallow, roadside entertainment, really contributes little to grizzly recovery."

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Down below

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Charles Forward, Madison USO, receiving his 5 Year Service Award.

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IN THE PRESS

Locally funded Wyoming crew begins plowing Yellowstone East Entrance road

15 hours ago • By RUFFIN PREVOST yellowstonegate.com

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK — Several tons of heavy equipment rumbled to life at the East Gate of Yellowstone National Park on Monday, as workers began what is expected to be a monthlong effort to remove snow on the road between the park's eastern boundary and Fishing Bridge.

Road workers rarely begin their day to a round of applause like that heard Monday, but they also typically aren't driving rigs sporting promotional banners and flags positioned in easy view of a group of waiting reporters and local officials.

Federal budget cuts mandated by the congressional cost-cutting deal known as the sequester have put National Park Service plows on a delayed schedule, so the big iron now moving into Yellowstone from Cody, Wyo., is being funded by local business owners and public entities.

With more than \$100,000 in local money backing the operation, tourism and business leaders aren't shy about sharing the story of how their small town has chipped in to help get Yellowstone's roads open on time. Plows were decked out with flags from the state of Wyoming and city of Cody, as well as a large Wyoming Travel and Tourism banner that read "Yellowstone or Bust."

"I don't think we could afford to buy this kind of publicity," said Cody Mayor Nancy Brown, who stood just inside Yellowstone's East Gate with a group of about 20 others who were there to watch as Wyoming Department of Transportation workers began their efforts.

Following an earlier donation of \$10,000 from the Park County Commissioners, the Cody City Council has approved spending \$5,000 in public funds on the grass-roots plowing effort, which has made headlines amid the national debate on the effects of budget cuts under the sequester.

Park officials decided to delay snow plowing in an effort to save up to \$250,000 out of a total of \$1.75 million in cuts required, a move that would have delayed opening the East Gate by two weeks.

Cody Country Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Scott Balyo said he was pleased that the community had rallied to raise local money to cover the cost for state equipment and workers who will pick up the slack and make sure the East Gate opens by May 3, as originally scheduled.

Yellowstone spokesman Al Nash said he applauded the “amazing” effort from Cody to field an “experienced crew with appropriate equipment” that will work doing a “dangerous job.”

Workers from WYDOT’s Cody and Lovell offices got an avalanche briefing Monday before they began pushing toward 8,524-foot Sylvan Pass, where conditions may require crews to use a howitzer cannon later this month to clear snow from hillsides to ensure safe plowing, Nash said.

While the road is unfamiliar and the risk of avalanche is unusual for them, WYDOT crews regularly work on similar spring plowing jobs, said Jim Thomas, a Lovell foreman who plows Highway 14A through 9,430-foot Burgess Junction in the Bighorn Mountains.

Thomas and other workers said they were proud to get the chance to open the East Entrance road, and they pledged to work hard to give donors their money’s worth.

WYDOT spokesman Cody Beers said about 10 employees would be part of the plowing crew that will work their way in from the East Gate, which is where Park Service crews typically finish their spring plowing efforts on the East Entrance road each year.

Nash said it was difficult to predict how far Wyoming crews will get, or where they might meet up with Park Service teams, but the idea is for WYDOT workers to go as far as possible toward Fishing Bridge.

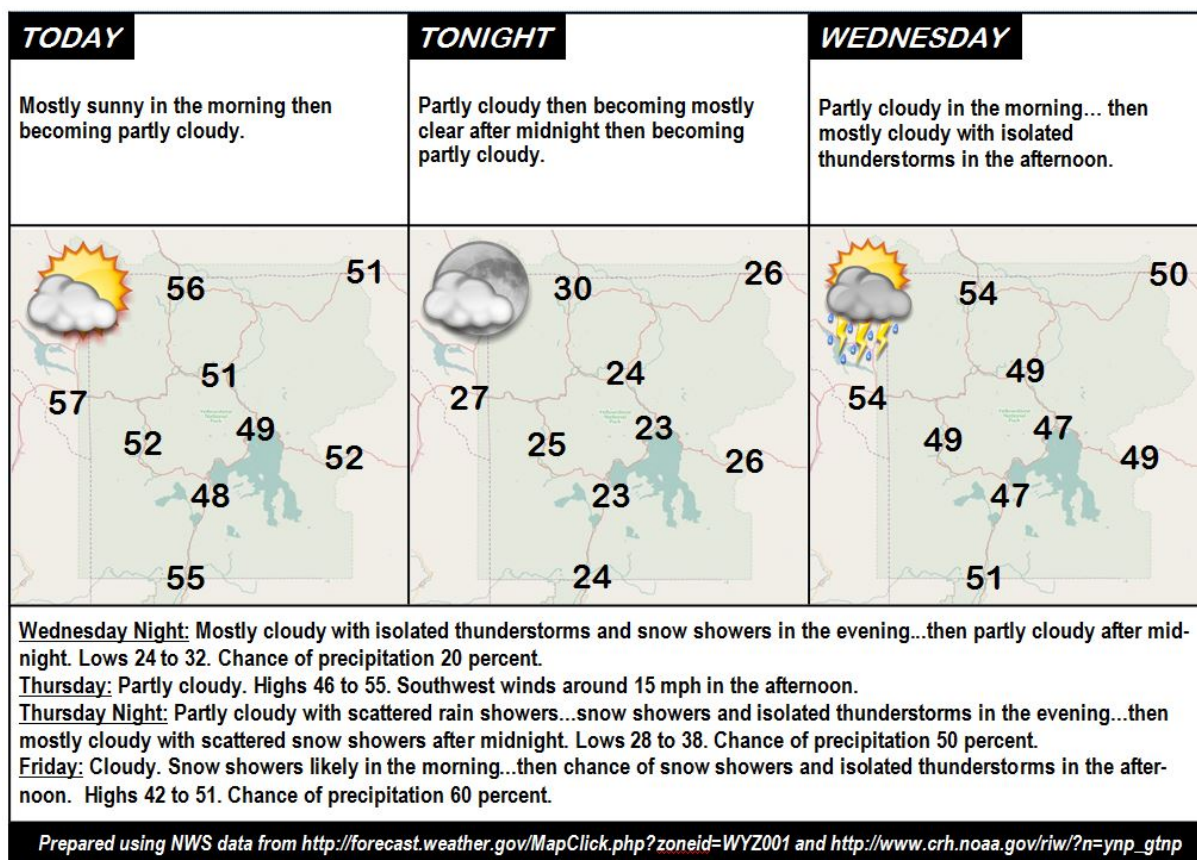
Warm, dry weather could make that easier, but spring is an unpredictable time in Yellowstone, he noted.

“We’ll see what mother nature permits,” Nash said.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/locally-funded-wyoming-crew-begins-plowing-yellowstone-east-entrance-road/article_00d14794-fb6c-5512-b11c-b9c674458480.html#ixzz2PK1GfDtq

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(Google images)

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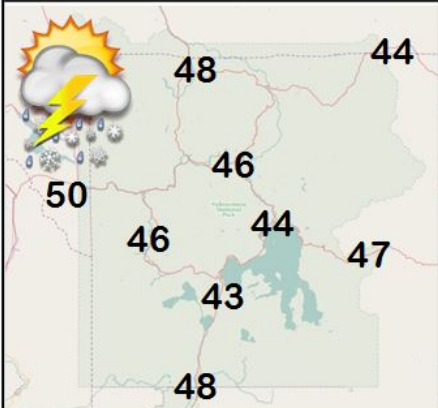
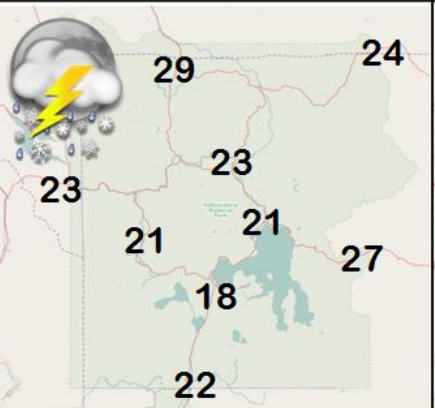
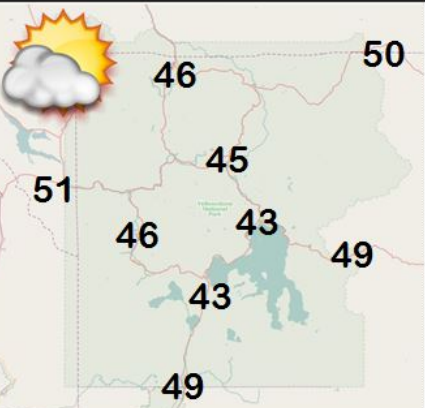
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Domestic

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Employee Safety Committee-APRIL Wellness Newsletter

In this issue: If the SHOE fits; Cancer: Where are we now?; Mind your FOOD Environment; Treatment for Depression.

Employees may access the April edition of the Wellness Newsletter by pasting the website link below into your browser OR by going to the Employee Safety Committee Sharepoint site where this and all previous editions are saved as pdf documents. Please print and share this information with your family.

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YNP Wellness Incentive Program

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Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the plan also analyzes the impact on a variety of park resources including geology and soils, vegetation and rare plants, wildlife, special status wildlife species and Yellowstone species of management concern, soundscape management and historic structures. This project has also been developed in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and other applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) and an electronic form to submit comments can be found at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/BechlerEA>. A hard copy can also be requested by calling (307) 344-7147, or by writing to Compliance Office, Attention: Bechler Administrative Area Improvement Plan/EA, National Park Service, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190.

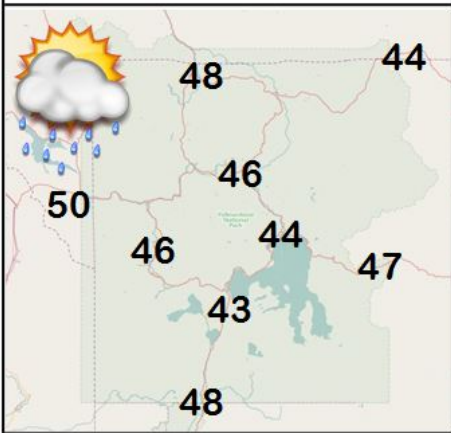
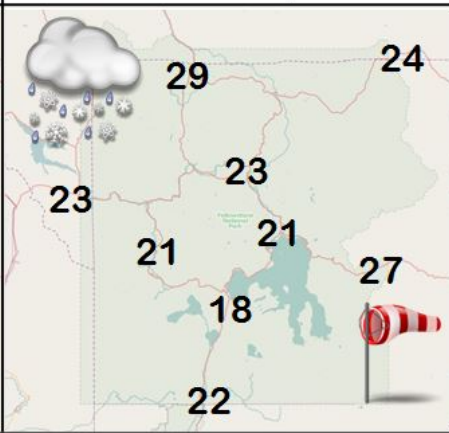
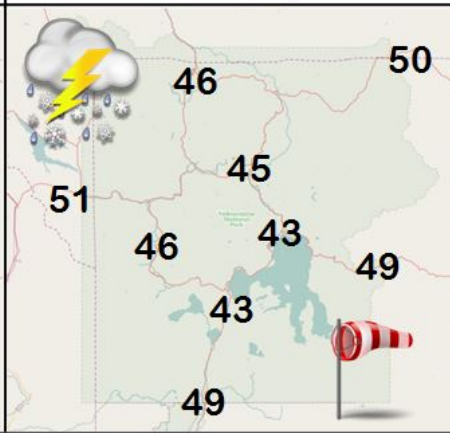
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Once comments are analyzed, a decision to implement the plan will be made by the Regional Director of the Intermountain Region of the NPS.

WEATHER

Admin Travel recording 344-7115.

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eHints usually provide reminders and tips aimed at environmental awareness at work.

This month's eHint, researched and prepared by Molly Nelson, gives the energy costs of the various things we do every day **before** coming to work.

Have you thought about the energy costs of your morning routine? Please see the eHint for some surprises.
: <http://inpyellshare/EnvMgt/EHints/eHint%20-March%202013%20-%20GreenRoutine.pdf>

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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

‘Cycle-Only’ Season Opens For Riders On Yellowstone’s West Side

Bicyclists willing to brave the often unpredictable elements of spring in Yellowstone National Park will be able to travel 49 miles of park roads from the West Entrance at West Yellowstone, Mont., to Mammoth Hot Springs beginning at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

A 14-mile section of road between the West Entrance and Madison Junction is already open for the cycling-only shoulder season as plowing crews clear snow and ice in preparation for opening the route to automobile traffic on April 26.

There is no spring bicycle-only access toward Old Faithful or Canyon during this time.

A bicycle trip into Yellowstone this time of year is not to be undertaken lightly. The quickly changing weather can be challenging, and snow and ice may still cover sections of road. Bears, bison, elk, wolves and other wildlife could be encountered at any time. No services are available along these sections of road, and cyclists should expect to encounter and yield to snowplows or other vehicles operated by park employees or construction workers traveling in conjunction with park operations.

Bicyclists are required to ride single file and follow all other rules of the road. They are strongly encouraged to carry bear spray, should be prepared to turn around and backtrack when encountering wildlife on the road, and must stay out of closed areas.

Riders need to have a plan for self rescue or repair and be prepared to be out in severe winter conditions for an extended period of time in the event they experience a mechanical breakdown, injury or other emergency. Cell phone coverage throughout the park is sparse and unreliable for communicating emergencies.

The road from the North Entrance at Gardiner, Mont., to Cooke City, Mont., at the park's Northeast Entrance is open all year to cyclists and automobiles, weather permitting.

Cyclists are urged to call 307-344-2107 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays for updated road access information, or call 307-344-2113 for 24-hour weather information before committing to any park ride. Additional planning information is also available online at <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/springbike.htm>.

Updated Yellowstone National Park road information is available 24 hours a day by calling 307-344-2117.

IN THE NEWS

Wyoming locals pick up tab for Yellowstone snowplowing

Sequester cuts idled federal plows and threatened the park's opening day. Even though most here favor limited government, this isn't quite what they had in mind.

By Mark Z. Barabak, Los Angeles Times
April 6, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

CODY, Wyo. — For many, the federal budget ax that fell last month has meant a few nicks here and there. For Joe Kondelis, it's sliced a lot deeper.

After stewing for days, the 53-year-old opened his wallet and delivered a \$2,000 check to the Cody Chamber of Commerce to help pay for snowplowing at Yellowstone National Park. It wasn't easy. Cash is scarce once Yellowstone shuts down for the winter.

But after automatic spending cuts idled the National Park Service plows and threatened to delay opening day for two weeks — two weeks that could cost his beer distributorship \$100,000 in sales — Kondelis felt he had no choice.

"You live and die by the tourist market," he said beneath a framed picture of the Budweiser logo, which loomed overhead like a portrait of the family patriarch.

Fearing an economic disaster — people planning their vacations sometimes hear just the words "closed" and "Yellowstone" and there goes the whole summer — the chambers in Cody and Jackson Hole raised \$170,000 to pay for the state to step in and fire up its snowplows. The work began last week and, barring a major storm, the park's east and south entrances will open on time in early May.

The story could end there, a happy tale of small-town pluck. Many in Cody are proud of how the community of fewer than 10,000 rallied to save the tourist season from sequestration, as the \$85 billion in cuts are called.

"It kicked us right in the pants," said Mike Darby, a partner in the Irma Hotel, which was built in 1902 by "Buffalo Bill" Cody himself. "And thank God we rose up and kicked them back. We did."

But a weave of contradictions surrounds the episode, reflecting the tension between self-sufficiency and codependence, between these Westerners' stated desire for a smaller, more limited government and reliance on the services that people have come to expect from far off, little-loved Washington, D.C.

"We all want to cut the deficit but don't want to sacrifice the lifestyle that money makes possible," said Warren Murphy, a retired clergyman and one of the few avowed progressives in this deeply conservative part of a deeply conservative state. "Sequester is just a small sample of what you get."

Dan Wenk, the superintendent of Yellowstone, is the face of the federal government around Cody and his popularity underscores the truth that it's harder to dislike a neighbor than some faceless bureaucrat inside the Beltway. When the cuts hit, Wenk had to slice \$1.75 million from his \$35-million budget and do it with the fiscal year just about half-over.

He trimmed his payroll. He scaled back travel and training programs. Finally, he decided to idle the Park Service snowplows for two weeks, saving \$30,000 a day and leaving it to the spring thaw to help clear more than 300 miles of roadway. The idea, Wenk said, was to ensure there was money left to keep Yellowstone open throughout the peak summer months. "We cut the budget in a way we thought was absolutely the least impactful," he said.

Locals were nearly unanimous in their praise for Wenk and the way he worked with community leaders and state officials to find a solution that got the plows rolling. It is a lesson, they said, that Washington should heed.

"We just talked it through," said Claudia Wade, marketing director for the county tourism office. "Everybody came to the table and said, 'How can we work this out?' Not, 'Whose fault is it?'"

There are limits, however, to that goodwill. Wade and others insist the fundraising drive, or Park Service bailout, or whatever people choose to call it, was a one-time thing. "It was an important point that we'd only do it this time," said Scott Balyo, executive director of the Cody chamber.

Even so, many worry about precedent. Kondelis, who works alongside his wife and two sons in their beverage business, explained why he contributed: "I believe in this community and we need to step forward like everybody else. But my biggest issue was ... the politics isn't going to change. So next year, they're going to say, 'Oh, you guys figured it out, you guys came to the table, so this cut was good.'"

The relationship between Washington and the West has always been fraught. The region's proud creed of independence ignores the crucial role the federal government plays in its prosperity. At the same time, few things grate more than the presumption that a distant landlord can better manage the land than the people who live on it. (The federal government controls about half of the acreage in Wyoming.)

People in Cody are used to dealing with natural disasters, like the wildfires or heavy snow that occasionally close Yellowstone and sucker-punch the economy. But this crisis felt artificial, man-made, and thus avoidable.

It's not that residents don't want to reduce the deficit. Washington needs "to grow the economy, not the government," said Jay Linderman, who owns an Italian restaurant on Cody's main drag and grudgingly gave \$200 to pay for plowing. What rankles locals is the indiscriminate nature of the sequester, which cut programs across the board without weighing individual merits.

But therein lies the perennial rub: Cuts that are welcomed in the abstract are not always appreciated when they hit home. And everything the government does, however small, touches somebody.

"If it's a national park, it shouldn't be our burden to operate," said Bob Brandt, manager of the Cody Hotel, which sits on the main highway to Yellowstone, about 50 miles away. His business contributed \$2,500 to the snowplow fund.

If not entitlement, locals at least share a feeling that Washington has obligations it mustn't slough off, even as spending declines.

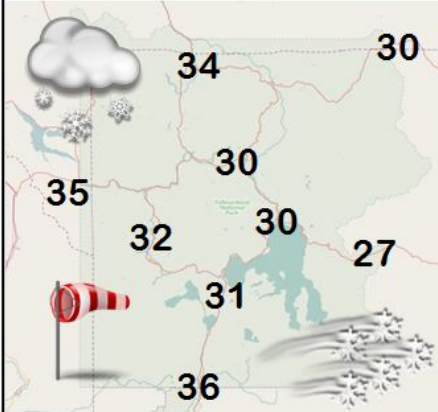
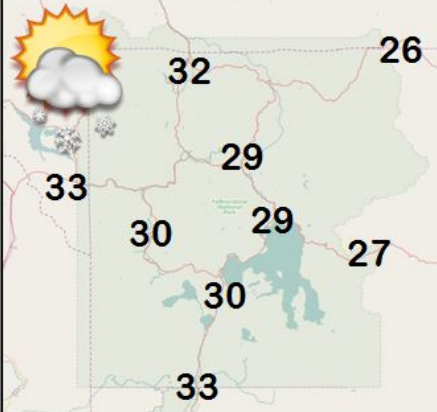
"You pay your taxes to get certain services," said Bruce Eldredge, executive director of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, a world-class museum in the center of town, which delivered a \$10,000 check to the chamber. "We would, I think, probably argue as a community that we pay our federal taxes to make sure the park is open at a specific time."

For his part, Wenk assumes the cuts made under sequester represent "the new normal." Yellowstone's budget has been shrinking for the last few years, even as the number of visitors has grown. Looking ahead to next year, Wenk said everything — including the snowplowing schedule — is on the table.

The state, meantime, has seized on the fundraising publicity to get an early jump on its summer tourism campaign. As a crowd cheered and cameras recorded the scene last week, big yellow tractors began chewing through the snow, bearing placards with the promotional theme "Yellowstone or Bust."

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Those familiar with the history of wildlife management in the Yellowstone region will recognize Reed as a key figure in a variety of important management issues, including grizzly bears, ungulates, and fisheries, during a pivotal time in the development of modern park policies. Besides his milestone work in the Department of the Interior, Reed is a lifelong conservation activist who has served six Florida governors and two presidents in many positions, including as chairman of the Florida Department of Air and Water Pollution Control. Beyond his government service, he helped found 1000 Friends of Florida and has served as both president and chairman of the board of that organization. He currently serves or has served on the boards of many other important organizations, including the Atlantic Salmon Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, National Geographic Society, and the Everglades Foundation.

The Trout and Salmonid Collection is a world-class research collection of books, monographs, manuscript collections, and other materials relating to fishing, fisheries science, and the history and culture of human relationships with salmonids. Housed in the MSU Libraries' [Merrill G. Burlingame Special Collections](#), this collection is open to the public for use on the premises in a controlled archival environment.

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‘A sense of arrival’: Commissioners get update on Gardiner Gateway Project

By Camden Easterling - Enterprise Staff Writer

GARDINER — The community of Gardiner has big plans for improving the town’s gateway to Yellowstone National Park, and Park County Commissioners on Thursday toured the project area as part of a day that also included a talk with YNP officials.

Commissioners visited with community leaders working on the Gardiner Gateway Project — a \$24.5 million effort to revitalize the town and the park’s north entrance.

Park County is one of about 15 project partners, including the National Park Service, the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, the Yellowstone Association, the Greater Gardiner Community Council, the Montana Department of Transportation and the Montana Department of Commerce.

Early in Yellowstone’s history when many visitors arrived by train, they were greeted by a depot building plus views of the iconic Roosevelt Arch, Community Council President Bill Berg told commissioners and project advocates who took Thursday’s tour courtesy of a Yellowstone Association bus.

“The whole idea was to create a sense of arrival,” Berg said.

But time went on and Gardiner grew — as did demands of modern-day vehicles — and traffic “got sort of out of whack,” Berg said. Now traffic conditions are congested as people enter the park or take pictures of the arch, Berg and others said.

Project plans

Project plans call for alleviating parking and traffic troubles. The Yellowstone Association also wants to create some space near its Park Street offices for people to safely take pictures of the arch without conflicting with traffic.

Overall, the project aims to return the “sense of arrival” Gardiner once had, Berg said.

Thursday’s tour stopped at Arch Park, just down the hill from Roosevelt Arch and near Gardiner School. The park includes a number of picnic tables and a pavilion, which on Thursday hosted napping elk. Gardiner leaders want to add an amphitheater to the location. Near the park would be a new building styled after Gardiner’s old train depot, Berg said.

The Community Council would head up efforts for that building, which would house a library and public meeting space, organizers said. The Gardiner Chamber is looking for space on Park Street it could use to create a welcome center, said Board President Daniel Bierschwale.

The project additionally calls for public restrooms somewhere in town. Also planned are improvements to storm water drainage, said Parks Frady of CTA Architects Engineers. CTA is working on the project, including advising Park County on engineering needs.

Funding and timelines

“I think you have a great opportunity for success,” Park County Commission Chairman Marty Malone told the tour group.

The project combines good plans and good partners, he said.

Total project costs are estimated at \$24.5 million, according to the project’s website. Funding sources would range from private donations to grants and government agency contributions.

Project leaders have applied for a Federal Lands Access Program grant through the Federal Highway Administration. The request was for about \$10.3 million, according to the grant application. Local matching funds would add about \$1.6 million and would come from sources including Park County, the Park Service and other partners.

The federal program funds projects that enable access to federal lands, Bierschwale said.

“And that’s what the arch is — an embodiment of a right of access (to federal lands),” he said.

Park County estimates the work it and the Water and Sewer District would contribute would total about \$4.6 million, commissioners said. That amount would come from the federal grant, plus the county would put in the roughly 13 percent match the grant requires, Malone said.

Project coordinators said they expect to hear this summer if the project receives the Federal Lands Access Program grant.

Once funding is lined up, coordinators hope to begin site work in 2014 and work in phased approaches in time for improvements and construction to be complete by the National Park Service’s August 2016 centennial, organizers said.

Also in the area

County commissioners on Thursday also looked into some other Gardiner-area concerns, and met with YNP Superintendent Dan Wenk and Deputy Superintendent Steven Iobst.

Malone said he tries to meet with park officials twice a year since the county and park overlap on issues and share interests.

Commissioners traveled to Jardine Road to talk about maintenance plans for the road. While there, they also discussed a resident's concerns with culverts that during some times of the year direct water onto her property.

After touring Gardiner, the commissioners drove to YNP headquarters in Mammoth, Wyo., to meet Wenk and Iobst.

Commissioners talked with the park officials about the Gardiner project. Wenk said the Park Service supports the project, in large part because the park's boundary is involved.

YNP land generally begins on Park Street in Gardiner, project organizers said.

"As we all know, when you step off the curb (on Park Street), you're in Yellowstone Park," Wenk smiled as he added the park was happy to assist with the project.

Commissioners and park officials' conversation also discussed options for, but made no decisions on, working together to streamline handling solid waste from the park and in the Gardiner area as well as the potential to work cooperatively on managing some roads that impact both the park and county.

Seniors enjoy a day in Yellowstone

By Shawn Raecke - Enterprise Staff Writer

Just inside Yellowstone Park and north of Gardiner, Mardi Whitmore quickly gets out of a shiny Chevrolet Suburban and walks around the back bumper for a better angle to photograph an antelope standing just off Old Yellowstone Trail last Thursday morning.

Whitmore was one of three seniors from Livingston on a field trip to Yellowstone, which included Mardi's husband, Bill Whitmore, and Mary Ann Mack.

The field trip was the first of many to be sponsored by the Senior Citizens Center of Park County. Mardi said they had more people sign up but several had to cancel.

Brooke Cottongim, executive director of the center, organized the trip for the seniors

"One of my focuses is to try to get more active programming through the Senior Center and get us out of the center," Cottongim said. "Doing things outside of the center I think will help in our longevity to grow the center and what it means to be a senior. We live in this ridiculously amazing place. I feel like we need to get out and see it."

Already, a trip is planned to Madison Buffalo Jump State Park south of Three Forks later this month.

"We have done some smaller field trips for those who don't want to do the wildlife stuff and doing more history stuff around town, like going to Dan Bailey's Fly Fishing Shop and the Yellowstone Gateway Museum," Cottongim added.

But last week it was time for the three seniors to get out of town for the day, so the group headed to the park in a rented Suburban supplied with a cooler full of sack lunches, a couple bags of potato chips and several bottles of water.

Michael Sanders, of Livingston, drove the vehicle and served as their tour guide.

“There are people like Michael who are wonderful, and he donated 100 percent of his time,” Cottongim said.

Once in the park, the group made a quick stop at Tower before turning left and heading to the Lamar Valley.

Sanders, who is president and founder of Environmental Adventure Company in Livingston, was a fountain of knowledge, giving the group interesting tidbits about the park and pointing out key landmarks along the way.

Sanders talked of Lamar Valley as being wolf central and that he once saw a big bull elk run across the road before being brought down by a pack of wolves right in front of him.

“A person like me that doesn’t have anybody that wants to come, it’s a chance for me, because I don’t want to go by myself,” Mary Ann Mack said of the trip.

“And besides, I don’t even know where to go. It’s so nice to have someone like Michael go along to give us all the information he has given us,” she said.

During the drive, someone spotted a group of bighorn sheep resting under a shade tree near Druid Peak, so Sanders pulled over and grabbed his spotting scope to get a closer look.

Everyone took turns viewing the sheep as Sanders piped up with more stories of the Druid wolf pack that dens up on the hillside. It was also a good time to taste the sack lunches, and Bill Whitmore took the opportunity to grab a bag of those chips.

Next stop was Cooke City, and the group was impressed with the foot of snow still on the ground and the fact that once they reached the east end of town, the road turned to snow and only snowmobilers were making the next leg of the trip to the top of Beartooth Pass.

It was then time to turn around and head back into the park, but not before stopping at a little photography gallery just outside of town where Sanders said he had a friend he wanted to check in on. Just west of Cooke City was a little house tucked in the trees with a sign that read, “Gallery Open.” That is the home of wildlife photographer Dan Hartman and his wife, Cindy, owners of Wildlife Along the Rockies.

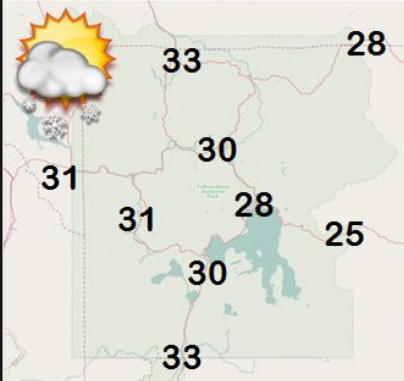
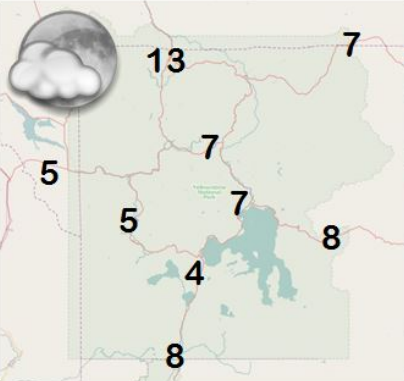
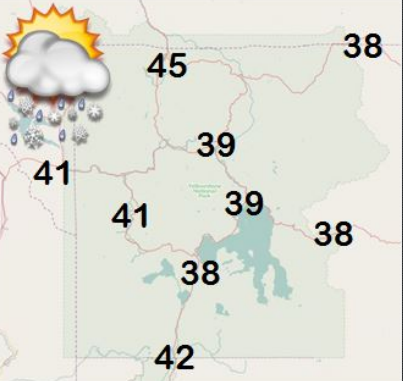
Hartman met the group inside the gallery, where he answered questions about his wildlife encounters in the park, told tales of photographing grizzly bears, and provided a few more interesting facts about the Druid wolf pack.

The visit was short, and, after taking in all of Hartman’s photography, it was back on the road for the day-trippers. Back in the Lamar Valley, the group encountered a herd of buffalo crossing the road. Mardi Whitmore took the opportunity to get more pictures, but this time she didn’t get out of the Suburban.

“It’s just a fun day to go out and learn a little bit and see a little bit, have a fun day, and everybody enjoys it,” said Sanders. “And who wouldn’t enjoy a nice day in Yellowstone?”

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Wednesday, April 10, 2013

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WYDOT Plowing Progress Update: (South) WYDOT crews at the South Entrance were able to clear out the Visitor's Center parking area and around the guard shacks at the gate, as well as plow about 1.5 miles yesterday. Average snow depth is around 4 feet and the ice pack is about 3 feet deep. Crews are within 3 inches of the black top on the road. One of the rotary plows keeps shearing pins off, so another rotary plow from Pinedale will be transported to Flagg Ranch.

(East) Progress was slow yesterday due to some challenges. Temperatures reached below zero on the Pass the previous evening, resulting in about half of the equipment having problems with starting (grader, dozer, rotary). The grader had problems starting, and one blower had mechanical problems with the drive system. The snow is also deeper than what was on the east side of the Pass. The Pass had to be re-plowed due to drifting as well. The crew is approximately 1/8 of a mile east of Sylvan Lake, less than full width.

All are welcome to attend the **Employee Safety Committee Meeting** scheduled for 10:00 am **TODAY** at the Superintendent's Conference Room in Mammoth. 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: Toll free number 888 930-9220, Participant Code 1885448

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Nat Reed to deliver 2013 Trout and Salmonid Lecture at Montana State University, April 22

Conservationist Nathaniel P. Reed, who served as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Parks, Fish and Wildlife during the Nixon and Ford administrations, will deliver this year's Trout and Salmonid Lecture, sponsored by the Trout and Salmonid Collection at Montana State University Library, Bozeman. The lecture is free and open to the public, and will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum of the Rockies, 600 West Kagy Boulevard, Bozeman. Reed's talk is entitled "Where are we as stewards of great trout rivers and lakes?" MSU Reference Librarian James Thull has accurately described this event as a "fantastic opportunity to meet and learn from one of the greatest advocates for trout and salmon habitats of our time."

Those familiar with the history of wildlife management in the Yellowstone region will recognize Reed as a key figure in a variety of important management issues, including grizzly bears, ungulates, and fisheries, during a pivotal time in the development of modern park policies. Besides his milestone work in the Department of the Interior, Reed is a lifelong conservation activist who has served six Florida governors and two presidents in many positions, including as chairman of the Florida Department of Air and Water Pollution Control. Beyond his government service, he helped found 1000 Friends of Florida and has served as both president and chairman of the board of that organization. He currently serves or has served on the boards of many other important organizations, including the Atlantic Salmon Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, National Geographic Society, and the Everglades Foundation.

The Trout and Salmonid Collection is a world-class research collection of books, monographs, manuscript collections, and other materials relating to fishing, fisheries science, and the history and culture of human relationships with salmonids. Housed in the MSU Libraries' [Merrill G. Burlingame Special Collections](#), this collection is open to the public for use on the premises in a controlled archival environment.

DEA National Drug Take Back on April 27, 2013

Yellowstone National Park and Medcor will once again participate in the semi-annual drug take back day. We will be at the **Yellowstone Association building in Gardiner from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday April 27** to collect your expired or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) medications & vitamins (pills, liquids,

powders, etc...). Even pet medications are OK to drop off! We cannot accept needles though, so please remove them before coming to drop off. Call Bonnie @ x2103 with questions.

Position Opening:

The Clerk of Court Office in Cheyenne, Wyoming is currently accepting applications for a **Part Time Generalist Deputy Clerk** to work in Mammoth Hot Springs for the summer season May - September 2013. SALARY RANGE: \$31,009 - 50,462 Annual Full time, \$15,504.50 - 25,231 Annual Part time (20 hours per week) \$14.91 - \$24.26 per hour depending on experience. CLOSING DATE: April 21, 2013

The applicant will assume the following general duties: Maintain dockets, furnish information regarding case status, open and close cases, issue notices to parties and bar, attend court sessions, assist with the flow of proceedings including setting up the courtroom, managing exhibits and keeping minutes, serve as initial contact for the general public, litigants and the bar, answer telephones, screen and route callers, review and process incoming documents, and accept fees and issues receipts.

Housing is NOT provided and relocation expenses are NOT authorized.

To Apply, submit resume with cover letter in sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL, to:

United States District Court
Attention: Chief Deputy
P. O. Box 1348
Cheyenne, WY 82003-1348

Or by email to hr@wyd.uscourts.gov



Come join us for a **fiesta potluck-dinner** hosted by the MCC in Lower Mammoth on Tuesday, April 16th from 6 - 8 pm. Everyone is welcome at this free family event. Please bring ONE of the following foods that fall under the letter of your last name:

A-F Meat, Beans, or Cheese
G-M Salsa, Guacamole, or Sour Cream
N-R Tomato, Onions, or Lettuce
S-Z Dessert or other side dish

AND

Spring Fling Clean! Ready to part with that old baseball glove and make some money at the same time? Come sell it and other used and loved belongings at our COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE! \$10 buys the seller a table for selling goods. Set-up is from 8-9 am and doors open at 9 am for the general public. Baked goods and breakfast items can be purchased on a donation basis. So come to the rummage sale Saturday, May 18th at the Mammoth Community Center. Set-up: 8 - 9 am and sale time: 9 am - 1 pm. Cost is \$10 to sell/free to attend.

From the Yellowstone mountains to Bullfrog Mountain! **Mike Cretella is retiring!**

PARTY: April 25, Mammoth Community Center, 5 p.m. –ish to when the food is gone. Taco Bar/Mexican Potluck, Bring a taco topping or dish to share. BYOB

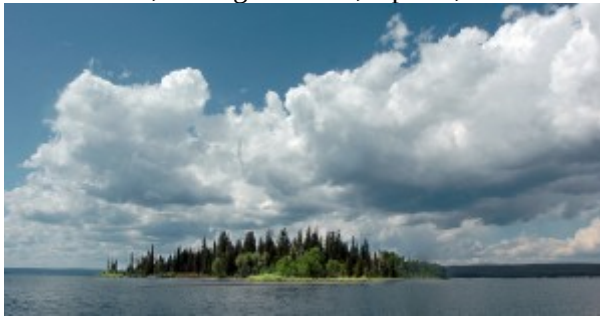
Adult Modern Dance Classes: Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45pm at the Studio in Lower Mammoth, Five Weeks, April 10-May 8, 2013. Please visit <http://amandastover.weebly.com> for more information!

It's a Post-Peeps Workout! Too much Easter candy? Join Jessi and Amanda for 45 minutes of Turbo Kickboxing followed by 45 minutes of core-strengthening Pilates, **Saturday, April 13, 7:30am-9:00am** at the Studio at the Mammoth Community Center! Only \$10! Bring water, mats provided.

IN THE NEWS

Seismic sensors detect tiny rhythmic wave action on Yellowstone Lake

Brett French, Billings Gazette, April 9, 2013



The installation of powerful seismic sensors in Yellowstone National Park over the past four years to track the area's sleeping volcano has incidentally provided insight into rhythmic wave events on Yellowstone Lake.

"It's pretty exciting," said Karen Luttrell, a U.S. Geological Survey research geophysicist based in Menlo Park, Calif., who co-authored a paper on the seiche waves (pronounced "SAYSH"). "It's a little surprising we detected it at all."

In Yellowstone, the sensitive sensors as far as 19 miles away from the lake were picking up the wave pattern. The seismic sensors were detecting the lake waves because the waves were displacing so much water within the lake that the water's weight was deforming the thinner earth crust over the volcano's caldera, propagating the wave through the earth's molten layer, located about 2 to 4 miles below, to the delicate sensors miles away.

"So the crust kind of bends to get out of the way," Luttrell said.

The deformation is very small, only one to two nanostrains, or parts per billion — equal to about one or two microns over a distance of two kilometers. There are 25,400 microns in one inch. And the moon and sun daily cause strains of about 50 nanostrains because of their gravitational pull.

"So this is a really small deformation," Luttrell said.

The waves on the lake are equally small, rising only about an inch or two over the course of an hour and a half. But it may take a few days for the waves to dissipate.

“You wouldn’t notice this if you were out fishing in a boat,” she said.

But the waves are wide and displace a sizable amount of water between the lake’s large basins. Water has been detected sloshing between the lake’s West Thumb and Southeast Arm at an interval of about 78 minutes. It also moves between the Southeast Arm and north end of the lake near Fishing Bridge about every 51 minutes.

“So even if it’s not very high, it’s a pretty big mass,” Luttrell said.

By employing her calculator, Luttrell estimated that a 10-centimeter Yellowstone Lake seiche weighs about 5 million tons.

“After a little Googling, we figured out that’s the same as 45 Nimitz class aircraft carriers,” she wrote in an email. “However, it turns out that the U.S. only has 10 aircraft carriers. So I did a little more Googling, and figured out that the entire U.S. Navy (ships, airplanes, and servicemen) weighs about 4.75 million tons.”

No one is quite sure what causes the seiches at Yellowstone. But they are a well-known phenomenon around the world. Seiches on the Great Lakes have proven deadly. One in 1954 created a 10-foot wave on Lake Michigan that swept away eight fishermen on a Chicago pier. Seiches up to 16 feet have been measured on Lake Erie. They only occur on confined or partially confined bodies of water.

The seiches on the Great Lakes are typically caused by air pressure changes and strong downbursts of wind, according to the Illinois State Geological Survey. The height of the wave varies by the strength of the wind or the magnitude of shift in air pressure.

But seismic events can also trigger seiches. There’s evidence that prehistoric seiches caused by seismic events triggered 33-foot-high waves at Lake Tahoe on the California-Nevada border. Following the 1959 earthquake, a seiche wave sloshed 2 to 4 feet of water over the top of Hebgen Lake Dam.

The odd thing is that the sensors are picking up seiches on Yellowstone Lake even when it’s iced over. The bottom of Yellowstone Lake is known to be an otherworldly place. Much like other areas in the park’s ancient caldera, there are steam vents, craters and evidence of lava flows on the lake’s bottom.

Yellowstone Lake covers about 132 square miles and sits at an elevation of more than 7,700 feet. It is roughly 20 miles long and 14 miles wide with 141 miles of shoreline. At the lake’s deepest point, just east of Stevenson Island, the bottom of the lake is 390 feet below the surface.

In 2009 researchers first picked up the seiche waves on Yellowstone Lake. By installing a tide gauge and other instruments in 2011, scientists were able to prove their theory that the fluctuations they were seeing at their seismic instruments were coming from waves on the lake.

“It’s a natural phenomenon and most likely has been going on as long as the lake has been there,” Luttrell said. “We just never had instruments sensitive enough to detect it before.”

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Wyoming will get to weigh in on Yellowstone designation

Laura Hancock, Casper Star-Tribune, April 9, 2013

CASPER, Wyo. — Wyoming will get a say over whether the Yellowstone River is given a special federal designation, a possibility that drew concern from the state's congressional delegation, whose members worried the designation could limit the river's use.

On Tuesday the delegation said they felt assured — to an extent — that Wyoming will get a say if the river is designated as part of a National Blueways System.

U.S. Sens. Mike Enzi and John Barrasso and Rep. Cynthia Lummis had previously said the National Blueways System was a federal power grab. But in a statement Tuesday, they said that they received a letter from U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar that promised rivers won't get the federal designation unless states first OK it.

(Salazar's) "commitment to Wyoming is a positive step," Barrasso said in a prepared statement, adding that he remains miffed the Blueways program was created by a federal order, which bypassed Congress.

"We plan to hold future Interior Department officials to Secretary Salazar's criteria," he said.

According to The Associated Press, Salazar hopes to return to his home state of Colorado as soon as next week if his potential replacement, Sally Jewell, is confirmed.

The members of the all-Republican Wyoming delegation fired off a letter to Salazar about the Blueways program on Feb. 14. They had learned an Interior Department representative visited with the Yellowstone River Conservation District Council, a group composed of a dozen conservation districts in Montana, and said the Yellowstone River could be a candidate for the Blueways designation.

The Yellowstone River flows through Montana and North Dakota, but the headwaters and watershed are in Wyoming.

"If a nominated river and its watershed include land in more than one state, the nomination process will also require a letter of support from states with a significant portion of the watershed within their borders," Salazar's letter stated.

According to the federal order that created the Blueways, there would be no new regulations or changes in governmental authority if a river became part of the program.

The program was created to promote conservation and recreation on rivers, "from headwaters to mouth," according to an Interior Department website.

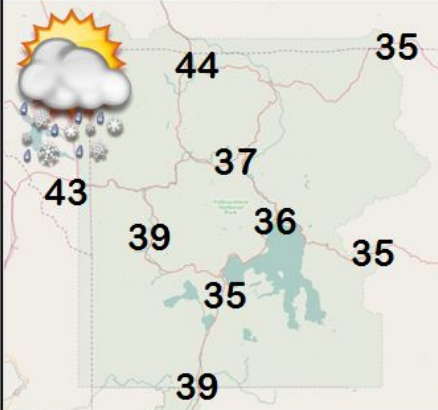
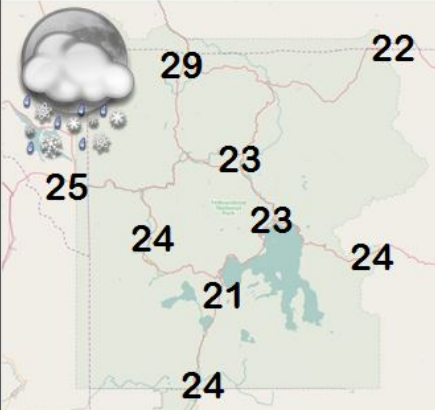
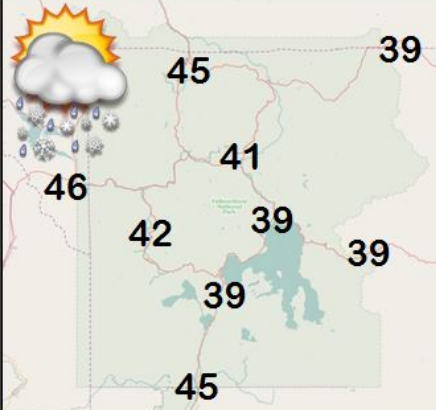
"What may seem like a harmless federal designation today could have significant impacts down the road on water rights, responsible development and locally-determined conservation efforts," Lummis said in the statement. "The secretary's commitment, if honored by his successors, will ensure Wyoming has final say over whether we allow the Blueways designation within our borders."

Enzi will also hold future Interior Department secretaries to Salazar's words.

"Wyoming has learned over the years that when the federal government wants to designate something, there are always strings attached," he said in the statement.

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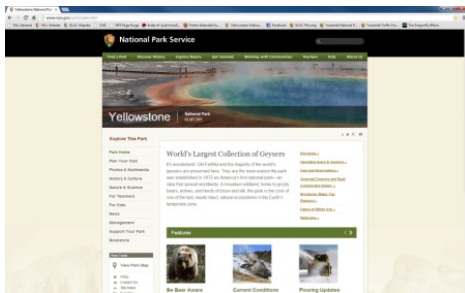
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Employee Safety Committee-Wellness

Thanks to all who participated in the Wellness Incentive Program during the month of March!! Names have been drawn from among those who participated in each of the 5 clubs. The following employees will receive an award for their participation.

Club #1 (Aerobic Exercise): Beth Coombs, RVP

Club #2 (Strength Training/Flexibility): Lisa Baril, YCR

Club #3 (Healthy Stress Reduction): Kaelyn Johnson, RVP

Club #4 (Healthy Nutrition): Lori Gruber, Maint.
Club #5 (Lifestyle Choices): Angela Trnka, REYP

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

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IN THE NEWS

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By Camden Easterling - Enterprise Staff Writer

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The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce is leading the effort to look into whether such a tax would be appropriate for Gardiner, Chamber Board President Daniel Bierschwale said recently.

Montana law permits communities that meet certain criteria, including particular population levels, to establish resort taxes with voter approval. The taxes — the maximum rate of which is capped at 3 percent — are applied to services and goods ranging from hotels and lodging to restaurants as well as items such as gifts or things typically sold to tourists, according to the Montana Department of Commerce's website.

The taxes generate revenue that communities can use for a defined set of services with the idea being that their revenue helps offset costs for towns or cities that have many visitors but few residents, according to the Department of Commerce.

"The chamber is looking at it specifically in order to bring a welcome center and public restrooms to the community," Bierschwale said of the tax.

The chamber is one of numerous partners involved in the Gardiner Gateway Project, a \$24.5 million effort planned to revitalize the town and the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Plans range from parking and traffic improvements to adding public restrooms and the chamber creating a welcome center.

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"It's a conversation that's been happening for years," Bierschwale said.

And while the chamber has made efforts to gather community input on the idea of a resort tax, the matter would have to go through various steps before it reaches the ballot and is still in the early stages of development, he said.

The chamber has formed a committee to work on the issue. The group will bring its recommendations to the chamber board in May, Bierschwale said.

The chamber does not have an estimate for how much the tax might generate if approved by voters, Bierschwale said.

Other communities in Montana that have resort taxes include Red Lodge, Whitefish, West Yellowstone and Cooke City.

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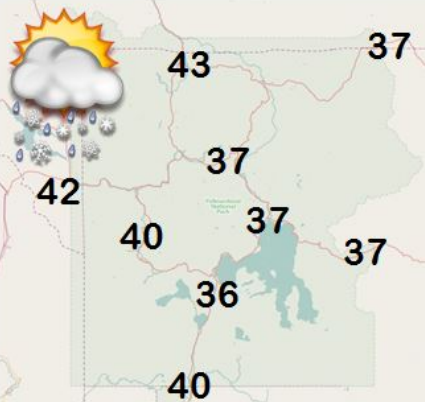
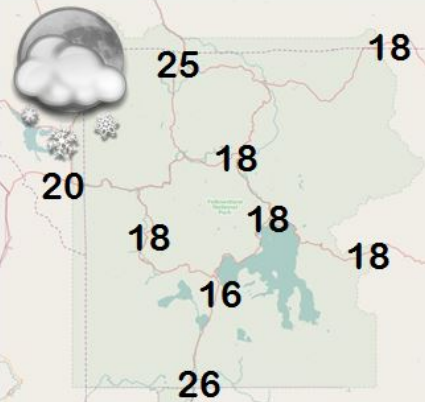
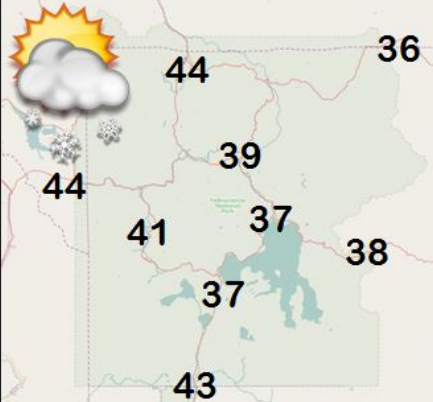
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"This is pretty much Gardiner's opportunity to make this choice," Commissioner Jim Durgan said.

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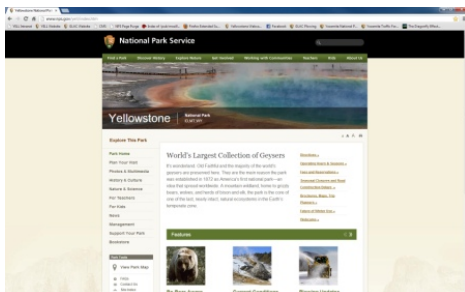
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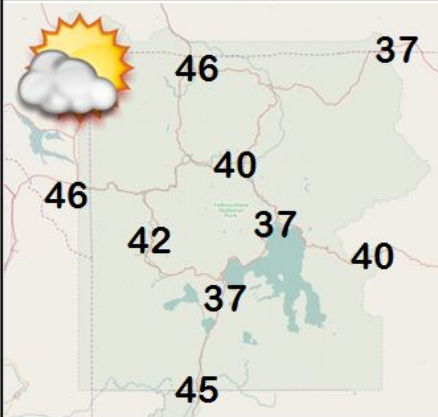
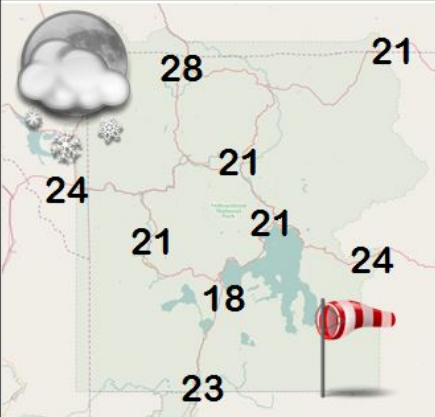
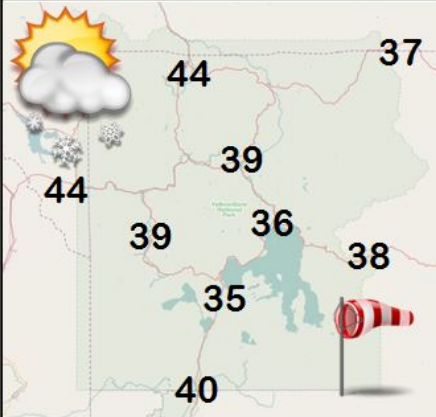
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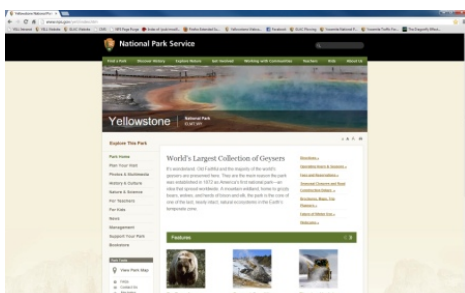
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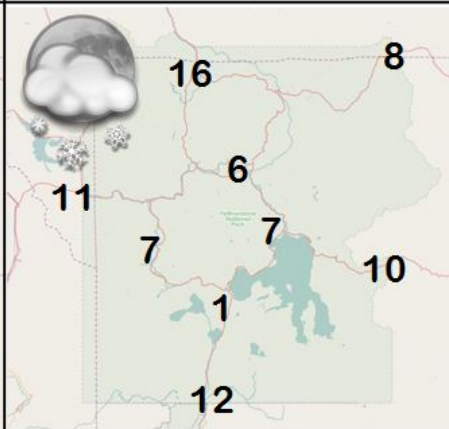
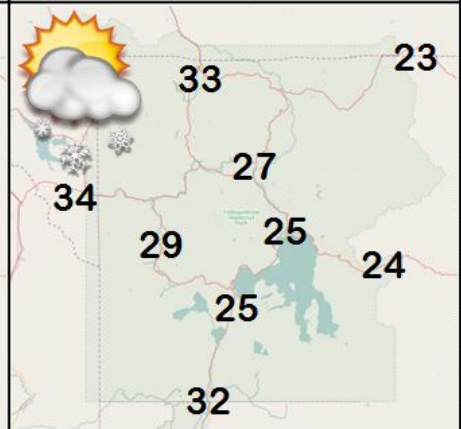
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National Telecommunications Week Messages

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OPEN TO ALL Yellowstone Park EMPLOYEES - you need supervisory approval to attend.



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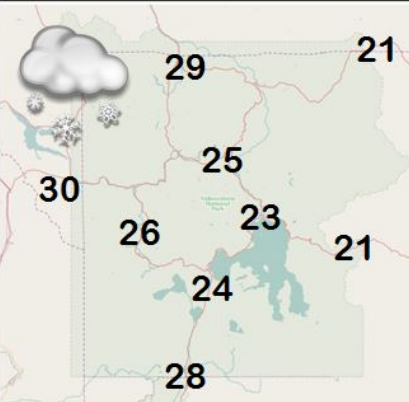
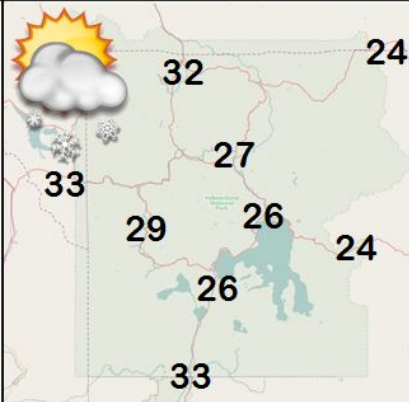
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IN THE PRESS**Next step taken in Yellowstone's winter plan**

21 hours ago • Gazette Staff

The rule that would implement Yellowstone National Park's preferred alternative for a new winter use plan has been published in the Federal Register, providing the public another 60 days to comment.

After lengthy analysis, the National Park Service has proposed to permit up to 110 "transportation events" daily, initially defined as one snowcoach or a group of up to 10 snowmobiles, averaging seven snowmobiles per group per season. Up to 50 transportation events may be groups of snowmobiles.

The Park Service sees this new approach to over-snow vehicle management as providing greater flexibility for commercial tour operators while also rewarding future technological innovations, and reduces OSV-caused environmental impacts. The goal is to make the park cleaner and quieter while also allowing for increases in visitation around popular holidays.

Four transportation events per day (one per gate) would be reserved for noncommercially guided snowmobile access and Sylvan Pass would continue to be open.

The winter of 2013-2014 will be a transition year, during which the park will allow motorized over-snow travel under the same conditions in place for the past four winters: up to 318 commercially guided Best Available Technology snowmobiles and up to 78 commercially guided snowcoaches daily.

The proposed rule and an electronic form to submit written comments can be found on the Internet at www.regulations.gov by searching the "Documents Open For Public Comment" and selecting the National Park Service as the agency. It is also available on CD or in hard copy by writing the Winter Use Planning Team, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190. Written comments may be submitted through the [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website, in person, or by mail. Comments will not be accepted by phone, fax, or email. All public comments must be received or postmarked by midnight, June 17.

The park's superintendent of Yellowstone National Park will make a final recommendation to the agency's regional director. The regional director is expected to issue the Record of Decision sometime this summer, after which a final rule to implement the decision will be published in the Federal Register in order to allow the park to open for the 2013-2014 winter season.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/lifestyles/recreation/next-step-taken-in-yellowstone-s-winter-plan/article_e81c0061-bdd6-5052-a400-0623ff695cf8.html#ixzz2QjTVodfX

WYDOT plows move toward Yellowstone's Fishing Bridge

13 hours ago • By JOAN BARRON Casper Star-Tribune

CASPER, Wyo. — Wyoming Department of Transportation snowplows are past Yellowstone Park's East Entrance and on their way toward Fishing Bridge in the park on Tuesday after encountering a Monday setback.

Ron Huff, district maintenance engineer at the WYDOT office in Basin, said the crews had to clear portions they had already plowed after a foot of snow fell in the area over the weekend.

"We got that cleaned up, so we're proceeding on toward Fishing Bridge," Huff said Tuesday afternoon.

He said it didn't appear to be snowing in the Yellowstone Park area on Tuesday, according to the WYDOT webcams.

Fundraising by the communities of Cody and Jackson allowed WYDOT crews and equipment to start clearing roads from the park's East and South entrances toward the park's interior.

Park officials had announced a two-week delay to the start of plowing because of budget cuts from the federal sequestration. Businesses and organizations around Yellowstone that benefit from tourists who visit the park, however, raised the money to open the roads on schedule.

WYDOT crews also were working again Tuesday from the south entrance heading north, according to the National Park Service Yellowstone Park website.

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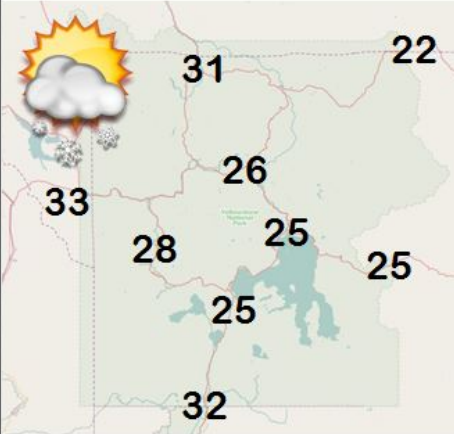
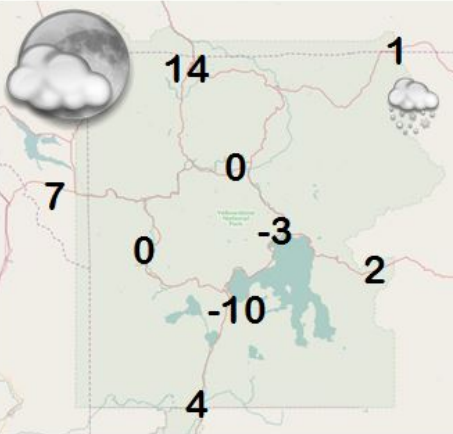
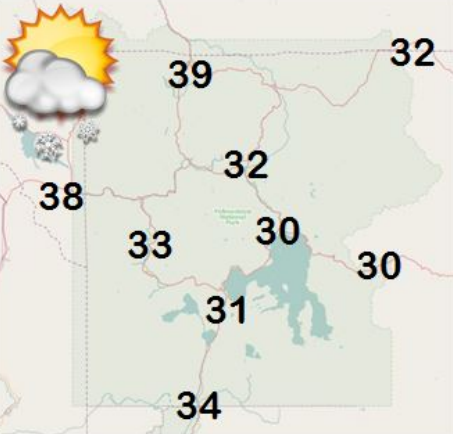
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Those familiar with the history of wildlife management in the Yellowstone region will recognize Reed as a key figure in a variety of important management issues, including grizzly bears, ungulates, and fisheries, during a pivotal time in the development of modern park policies. Besides his milestone work in the Department of the Interior, Reed is a lifelong conservation activist who has served six Florida governors and two presidents in many positions, including as chairman of the Florida Department of Air and Water Pollution Control. Beyond his government service, he helped found 1000 Friends of Florida and has served as both president and chairman of the board of that organization. He currently serves or has served on the boards of many other important organizations, including the Atlantic Salmon Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, National Geographic Society, and the Everglades Foundation.

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DEA National Drug Take Back on April 27, 2013

Yellowstone National Park and Medcor will once again participate in the semi-annual drug take back day. We will be at the **Yellowstone Association building in Gardiner from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday April 27** to collect your expired or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) medications & vitamins (pills, liquids, powders, etc...). Even pet medications are OK to drop off! We cannot accept needles though, so please remove them before coming to drop off. Call Bonnie @ x2103 with questions.

YELL's summer road construction information can be found on Yellowstone's web site (soon), the park newspaper, and at [P:\Road Updates\2013 Road Construction Schedule](#). These projects are made possible through the Surface Transportation Bill; *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)*.

Heartsaver First Aid and CPR training will be held at the Mammoth Community Center in lower Mammoth. Please sign up and pick up a study guide from the Supply Center prior to the class and bring the booklet with you to the class. If there is interest in a class at a different time or location, please contact Juanita Bueter at 406-224-2629.

Heartsaver First Aid and CPR Sign-Up at [P:\Safety Office\First Aid and CPR Training\2013 First Aid and CPR sign Up\First Aid and CPR](#)

April 29, 2013 (Monday) 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. **(CPR Only-No First Aid)**

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May 1, 2013 (Wednesday) 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Position Opening:

The Clerk of Court Office in Cheyenne, Wyoming is currently accepting applications for a **Part Time Generalist Deputy Clerk** to work in Mammoth Hot Springs for the summer season May - September 2013. SALARY RANGE: \$31,009 - 50,462 Annual Full time, \$15,504.50 - 25,231 Annual Part time (20 hours per week) \$14.91 - \$24.26 per hour depending on experience. CLOSING DATE: April 21, 2013

The applicant will assume the following general duties: Maintain dockets, furnish information regarding case status, open and close cases, issue notices to parties and bar, attend court sessions, assist with the flow of proceedings including setting up the courtroom, managing exhibits and keeping minutes, serve as initial contact for the general public, litigants and the bar, answer telephones, screen and route callers, review and process incoming documents, and accept fees and issues receipts.

Housing is NOT provided and relocation expenses are NOT authorized.

To Apply, submit resume with cover letter in sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL, to:

United States District Court
Attention: Chief Deputy
P. O. Box 1348
Cheyenne, WY 82003-1348

Or by email to hr@wyd.uscourts.gov

IN THE PRESS

Montana House kills bill to increase bison hunting

15 hours ago • Associated Press

HELENA — The House rejected a bison management plan Wednesday that would have increased the number of hunting licenses for bison and prohibited the future relocation of the animals.

The measure underscored a struggle between wildlife supporters, who want to see free-roaming bison restored to grasslands, and landowners who say the time of the bison has passed.

Senate Bill 143 was one of the most contentious of the legislative session. It directly targeted any bison movements from Yellowstone National Park, home of one of the last wild herds in the nation, and aimed to shrink the herds there by increasing the hunting season in the area.

Bill sponsor Republican Sen. John Brenden, of Scobey, said that despite Montana's brucellosis-free status, bison coming out of Yellowstone have the potential to spread the disease to cattle.

He was disappointed in the House's decision to kill the bill.

"You are going to see a lot of people locking up their land that are farmers and ranchers," Brenden said. "That will happen."

Critics say that Brenden's bill, along with several other anti-bison measures are a reactionary response to the state's relocation of dozens of Yellowstone bison to the Fort Peck Reservation last year. They maintain there is room for both bison and landowners in Montana.

The measure failed in a tie vote.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/montana-house-kills-bill-to-increase-bison-hunting/article_3eca7cfc-245f-5a5b-b1f7-5314b95fa606.html#ixzz2QpAJqRGK

Milestone reached in Yellowstone snow plowing

18 hours ago • Associated Press

CHEYENNE — A public-private effort to plow roads in Yellowstone National Park and open up two of the park's entrances on time this spring despite federal budget cuts reached a milestone Wednesday with state and federal road crews meeting up on the park's East Entrance Road.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation crews spent 11 days plowing westward from the East Entrance. They met Yellowstone crews plowing eastward about 15 miles inside the park gate, according to department spokesman Cody Beers.

"It went really well. Our people were dedicated to it, they enjoyed the effort, and we're pleased the Park Service was able to meet us," Beers said.

Plenty of work remains. Enough snow needs to be cleared for two lanes of traffic, plus extra room on the shoulders for motorists to pull over and turn around.

Also, parking areas and driveways for park installations still need to be cleared. For all of those reasons, the East Entrance is not scheduled to open until May 3.

The plowing by the state crews is funded by \$100,000 raised by the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce and \$71,000 from the town of Jackson.

The chamber and town, coordinating with the National Park Service and Gov. Matt Mead, came up with the plowing plan in the aftermath of the federal cuts that took effect March 1.

The cuts caused park officials to delay the start of spring plowing from March 4 to March 18. The idea was to let warmer weather do a greater share of snow removal work in Yellowstone this year and save the Park Service as much as \$300,000.

The decision pushed back the estimated date of opening the East Entrance from May 3 to May 17 and the South Entrance from May 10 to May 24. That rankled business owners who worried about lost business from the first wave of tourists to visit the park by automobile this year.

Mead agreed to make state plows available to clear the Yellowstone roads provided the state didn't have to pick up the cost of about \$5,000 to \$10,000 per mile. Now, weather permitting, the gates are back on track to open as originally planned.

Cody chamber Director Scott Balyo suggested Yellowstone might even be able to open the East Entrance sooner than May 3. Park spokesman Dan Hottle said that was unlikely.

Besides all the plowing that needs to be done yet, there's always the possibility of more snow. About 2 ½ feet has fallen on the East Entrance Road this month, setting back the plowing effort by perhaps half a day, Beers said.

"We keep that caveat, 'weather permitting,'" Hottle added.

As of Wednesday, the forecast was favorable for plowing on the South Entrance Road to continue at a rate of a mile or two per day. About eight miles still needed to be plowed before park and state crews met up in that part of Yellowstone.

Balyo said the plowing program has enabled him to reassure travelers who call to ask about visiting the Yellowstone area.

"It's been great to be able to tell them, whether you've had plans in place or are just starting to make your plans, the gates are going to open on time," he said.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/milestone-reached-in-yellowstone-snow-plowing/article_1a75d49a-6137-50b1-a168-cf17abdd056.html#ixzz2QpB9D2XF

Tribes request bison summit, governor vetoes

Laura Lundquist, Chronicle Staff Writer Posted: Thursday, April 18, 2013 12:15 am

Tribes are asking Montana's governor to veto bills that harm migrating bison or keep bison from moving out of Yellowstone National Park.

In a resolution released this weekend, the Montana and Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council also asked the Montana Legislature to write laws ensuring the state's cooperation with tribes on the preservation and restoration of wild bison.

"Why can't Gov. (Steve) Bullock pardon the buffalo that remain imprisoned in Yellowstone?" said Blackfeet spiritual leader James St. Goddard.

St. Goddard said he helped craft the resolution after Jodi Gillette, President Barack Obama's adviser for Native American Affairs, asked the tribes to speak out on bison issues.

The resolution emphasizes the fact that elk have been responsible for all brucellosis outbreaks in cattle, so the disease should not be used to contain bison in the park.

Eight bills this session have sought to impose more harsh bison management laws.

[House Bill 396](#) was sent to Bullock's desk Friday, but he has yet to act on it. It would require the approval of county commissioners before bison could be transplanted into their county.

Bullock spokeswoman Judy Beck said she could not say anything about the governor's intentions related to bison bills.

“Out of respect for the legislative process, we haven’t been commenting on bills before the governor signs or vetoes,” Beck said.

The tribes object to HB 396 because it gives commissioners power over the reservations in their counties.

Elizabeth Azure of the Fort Belknap Reservation said the Blaine County commissioners usually defend farmers’ interests, so they probably would block bison transplants.

On Friday, the Montana Supreme Court heard a challenge to an injunction that stopped the Fort Peck reservation from moving bison to the Fort Belknap reservation last year. Attorneys said the judge considered private landowners but failed to include the tribes.

Five other bison bills have died, and two are still working their way through the Legislature.

On Wednesday, [Senate Bill 143](#), sponsored by Sen. John Brenden, R-Scobey, failed in a 50-50 House vote. SB 143 would have required the immediate slaughter or removal of bison that stray outside the park and allows landowners to shoot bison that come on their land.

“Brenden said the cow is the holy one and the bison is the heathen,” St. Goddard said. “That is what we’re fighting.”

Brenden told the, Chronicle that the defeat of his bill was going to cost the tribes, hunters and “liberal left-wing groups.”

“This encroaches on private property, and we’re going to fight it every inch of the way,” Brenden said. “How would you like it if I release bison in your area?”

Robert Magnan, Fort Peck fish and wildlife director, said Fort Peck is in Brenden’s district, but the senator has never consulted with the tribe on this or any previous wildlife bill.

“Not one sponsor of these anti-bison bills has ever made an attempt to ask tribes their views,” Magnan said. “A simple phone call would be a good start.”

Brenden said he didn’t talk to the tribes because they didn’t talk to him when they moved 68 bison to the reservation last year.

“They’re not listening to us, and it’s going to cost them because they’ll find there’s no access,” Brenden said. [Senate Bill 256](#), which would make FWP liable for bison damage, and Senate Bill 305, which would limit what qualifies as wild bison, gained House amendments that have been rejected by the Senate. Agreements must be hammered out if the bills are to pass.

The resolution also asks the Secretary of the Interior to initiate a moratorium on capturing bison inside the park and convene a bison summit within 90 days.

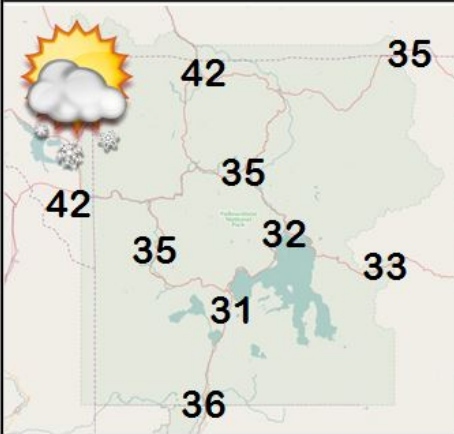
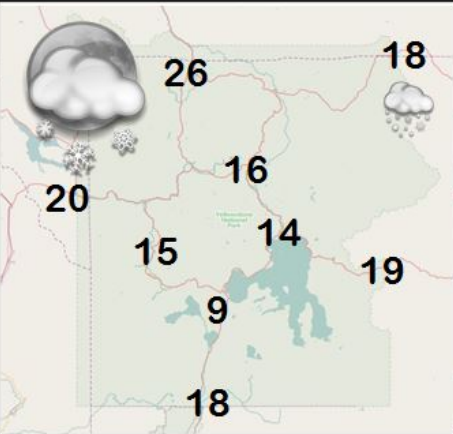
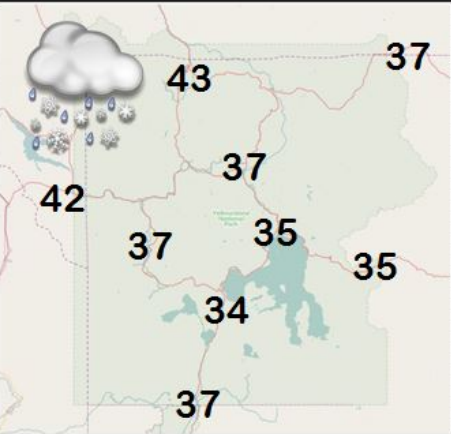
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The Earth Day message still resonates and reminds us of our personal responsibility to “think globally and act locally” as environmental stewards, not just of Yellowstone but also of planet Earth. With both our local resources and our planet facing global climate change and critical environmental issues this has never been more timely or important.

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Nat Reed to deliver 2013 Trout and Salmonid Lecture at Montana State University, MONDAY April 22

Conservationist Nathaniel P. Reed, who served as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Parks, Fish and Wildlife during the Nixon and Ford administrations, will deliver this year's Trout and Salmonid Lecture, sponsored by the Trout and Salmonid Collection at Montana State University Library, Bozeman. The lecture is free and open to the public, and will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum of the Rockies, 600 West Kagy Boulevard, Bozeman. Reed's talk is entitled "Where are we as stewards of great trout rivers and lakes?" MSU Reference Librarian James Thull has accurately described this event as a "fantastic opportunity to meet and learn from one of the greatest advocates for trout and salmon habitats of our time."

Those familiar with the history of wildlife management in the Yellowstone region will recognize Reed as a key figure in a variety of important management issues, including grizzly bears, ungulates, and fisheries, during a pivotal time in the development of modern park policies. Besides his milestone work in the Department of the Interior, Reed is a lifelong conservation activist who has served six Florida governors and two presidents in many positions, including as chairman of the Florida Department of Air and Water Pollution Control. Beyond his government service, he helped found 1000 Friends of Florida and has served as both president and chairman of the board of that organization. He currently serves or has served on the boards of many other important organizations, including the Atlantic Salmon Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, National Geographic Society, and the Everglades Foundation.

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IN THE PRESS**Yellowstone National Park opens for summer**

By Mike Koshmrl – Jackson Hole News & Guide

Date: April 19, 2013

The threat of a shorter summer season in Yellowstone National Park turned out to be nothing more than a bunch of hoopla.

Today, the West Gate of Yellowstone will open to vehicles, as will roads stemming south of Mammoth Hot Springs, Norris and Madison.

The opening date — April 19 — is the same it would normally be in a non-sequester year.

“We were going to delay one week on the east side and two weeks everywhere else, but then everybody came up with the money,” park spokesman Dan Hottle said. “And the weather was nice, so we were able to open up the west side on time.”

In March, Cody and Jackson leaders forged plans with the Park Service and the Wyoming Department of Transportation to avert two-week opening delays from federal budget cuts and ensure that their respective gates would open on time. The two towns contributed \$171,000 to get the plows moving.

On Thursday, WYDOT crews working to open the South Gate, which accesses Jackson Hole, were about 8 miles away from their planned meeting place with Yellowstone fleets, Hottle said. WYDOT crews were just south of Lewis Lake, and Park Service crews were almost to Grant Village.

Work on the south side has been slow-going, Hottle said. Plow crews have been clearing just 1.5 miles of road a day due to an average snow depth of 7 feet.

“They’ll meet probably about a week before [the South Gate] opens,” Hottle said.

The South Gate is scheduled to open May 10.

If all goes as planned, the southern road would open to bicycles and pedestrians before vehicles, the spokesman said. Cyclists tend to avoid that part of the park, he added, because it’s a long ride in, and wintry conditions often persist into the late spring.

On the east side of Yellowstone, WYDOT plow crews met Park Service crews midday Wednesday just west of Sylvan Pass. The roadway there is scheduled to open May 3, the usual date.

The Northeast Gate is scheduled to open no later than May 24. The Beartooth Highway, which lies outside of Yellowstone but is partially plowed by Park Service crews, is scheduled to open June 14.

Inclement weather is always a possibility, Hottle said, and could cause unexpected delays.

“Another big storm could possibly change the whole situation,” he said.

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(NWS Riverton)

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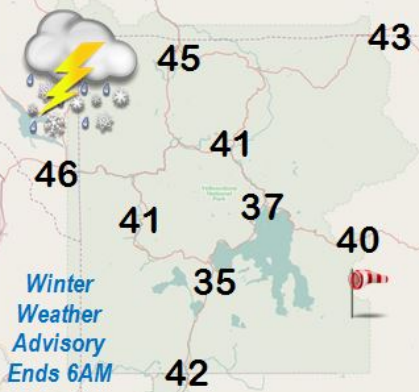
* summary and timing...light snowfall will develop later this morning...becoming heavy at times this afternoon and tonight.

* snow accumulations...6 to 8 inches except 2 to 5 inches in the northern portion of the park around mammoth.

* wind and visibility...southwest 10 to 20 mph with some gusts to 25 mph in open areas. some drifting snow is expected.

* impacts...highways will become slick and snow covered.

A Winter Weather Advisory means that periods of snow and blowing snow will cause travel difficulties. be prepared for slippery roads and limited visibilities...and use caution while driving.

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Telecommunications Week Message - 911 Tips

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Snow atop the vault toilet at Lewis Lake Campground on April 11.

WEATHER

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Elk #10 (photo by Dave Hallac)

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344-2353

Kathy Cunningham
344-2455

Roger Perreault
344-5348

We have a long and productive history since 1937, built on the efforts of capable and forward-thinking leaders who have served on the Yellowstone Federal Credit Union board of directors. With your continued involvement, we look forward to many more productive years of serving you and your fellow members.

IN THE PRESS

Famed Yellowstone bull elk dies

8 hours ago • By Brett French

An internationally famous Yellowstone National Park bull elk has died, likely killed by the Canyon wolf pack, which was seen feeding on his carcass.

Elk No. 10, the last to wear a yellow ear tag with the number 10 on it, was found dead about a half mile east of the Wraith Falls trailhead in the park on Saturday, according to Al Nash, the park's chief of public affairs. Wraith Falls is located between Mammoth Hot Springs and Tower Fall.

Tagged

Elk No. 10 became internationally famous after the British Broadcasting Corp. made a film on elk that featured the Mammoth animals as well as those in Estes Park, Colo. Clips from the films "Street Fighters" and "Showdown in Elk Town" can still be found on YouTube.

"He had not been regularly seen in the Mammoth area in recent years," Nash said. "But both No. 6 and No. 10 were fixtures for a time in Mammoth, both big powerful bulls that were seen several fall rutting seasons here and they would spar with each other."

Nash said the elk was estimated to be between 16 and 18 years old.

The large bull elk attracted attention in Gardiner in 2001 when he got his antlers tangled in a badminton net and poles at the Mammoth school. The only way to remove the net was to tranquilize the elk and saw off its antlers. That's when the elk was given its yellow ear tag to ensure that any hunters who saw it that fall would know the elk's meat was unsafe to eat because of the tranquilizer.

"I remember in 2006 when Elk 10 arrived on the Mammoth scene on Sept. 10," wrote Jim Halfpenny, a Gardner-based naturalist who gives tours in the park, in an email. "He was now big and took the harem over from another bull. In the coming years, he and Elk 6 did battle on more than one occasion. In more recent years he did not come into Mammoth, but maintained a harem of his own between the YCC camp and Mammoth Terraces. Being slightly old, wiser, and lacking the body weight of his youth, it was now time to retreat to a more private place with a smaller harem. He let the younger bulls compete for the prime grazing habitat of Mammoth and the cows that are attracted there."

Old bull

Rival elk No. 6 died a humiliating death in 2009 after jumping a barbed-wire fence in Gardiner, tangling his feet and getting stuck on his back, suffocating. No. 6 was estimated to be 15 years old and weighed 725 pounds. He scored 356 5/8 on the Boone and Crockett scoring system, a trophy animal.

Cow elk regularly live into their teens, and occasionally into their 20s. But the physical toll of rut often mean bulls live much shorter lives. That makes No. 10's tenure even more remarkable, Halfpenny said.

He noted that of 1,008 Yellowstone bull elk killed by hunters between 1996 and 2001, along with 103 killed by wolves, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks found only one that was 14 years old, one that was 13 and four that were 12.

Bull elk often hang out in the Wraith Falls area during the winter, but Halfpenny said there aren't many left at the site since the 2011 hunting season. Many of the animals migrated out of the park that fall following a heavy snowstorm and were shot by hunters. By his own count, Halfpenny said 250 park bulls were shot that season north of the Yellowstone border.

Halfpenny said No. 10 may not have been as aggressive in the long run as No. 6, but he had "held court at Mammoth" for many years, chasing off other bull elk rivals during the mating season, as well as the occasional car, RV or tourist.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/lifestyles/recreation/famed-yellowstone-bull-elk-dies/article_a1502673-0bc5-5255-98bd-82a1ea9859be.html#ixzz2RIUYpZNI

To Yellowstone by bus from Jackson

April 22, 2013 7:43 am • Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. — A new bus service is being planned this summer to take people from Jackson to Yellowstone National Park.

Regional transportation cooperative Linx received a \$145,000 grant from the Wyoming Department of Transportation earlier this year to subsidize the service and cover administrative costs. The group is still raising matching money for the project.

If the additional money is raised, the service will run from June to September.

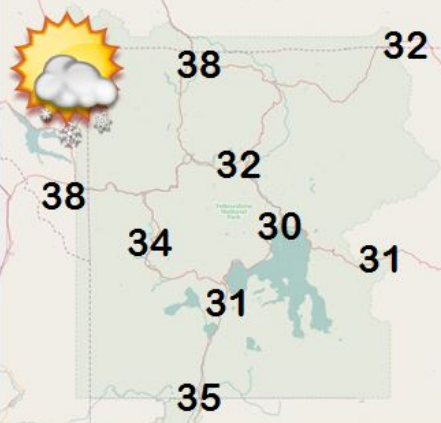
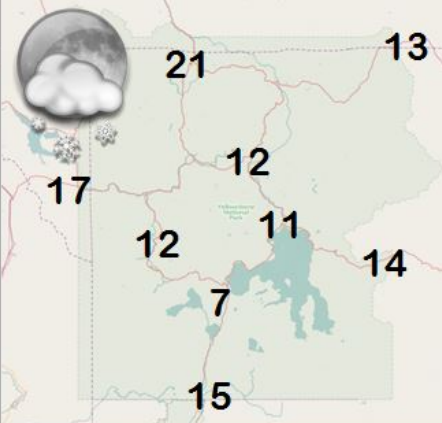
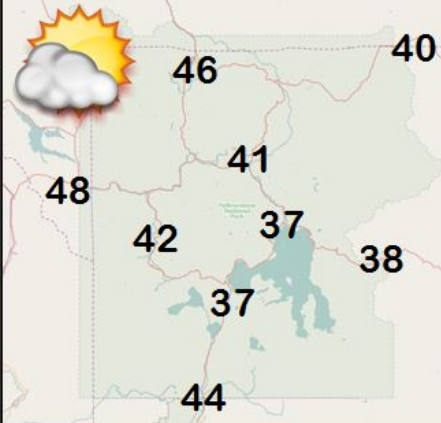
Linx General Manager Janice Brown said that the service will be particularly helpful to tourists and employees who work north of Jackson.

Brown says the bus route will basically feed into the south loops of Yellowstone.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/to-yellowstone-by-bus-from-jackson/article_07a668df-17bd-5418-8eae-3bd0ed3f0375.html#ixzz2RIVqxHnO

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**Yellowstone National Park Fire Dept.
Annual Fire Extinguisher Training**

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- about the different types of extinguishers,
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Weekly trainings will be held at both the Lake and Canyon Fire Stations.

We also have the ability to provide mobile training for employees at the Norris and East Entrances.

**** Please contact Mark Gleason 307 344-7135 for times and locations. ****

(An alternative for anyone is to use the DOI Learn for your annual certification. DOI Learn course can be found by a course catalog search for NPS Annual Fire Extinguisher Education.)

✓Have you checked your fire extinguisher lately?

Hello all YNP residents! When was the last time you took a look at the fire extinguisher provided in you park residence? This is just a friendly reminder from Mark Gleason of the Yellowstone Fire Department to:

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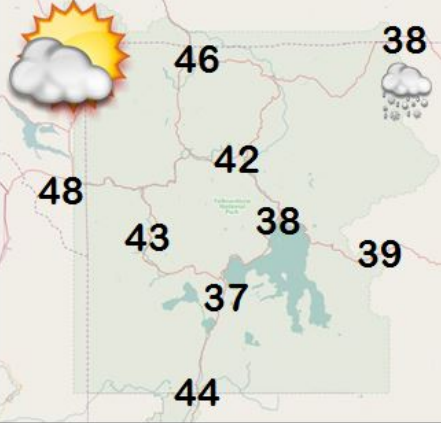
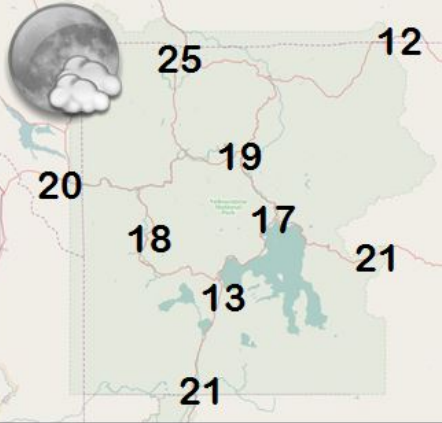
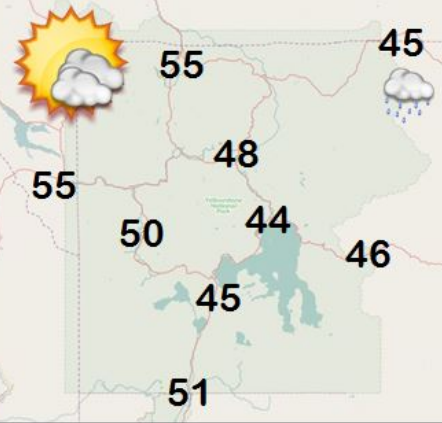
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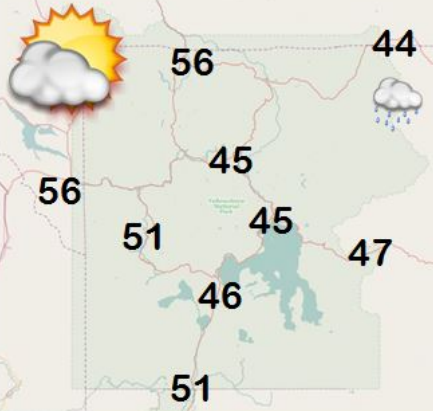
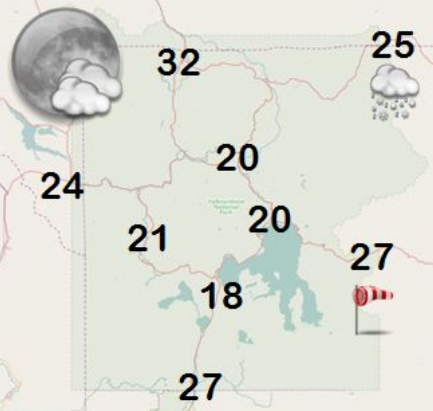
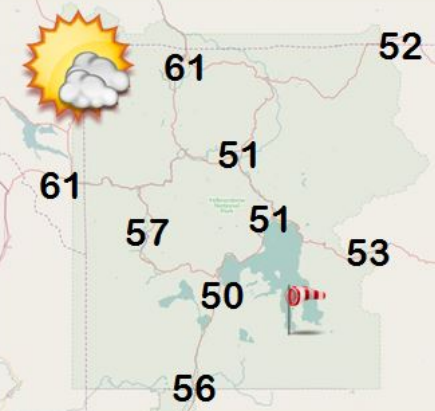
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LAURA LUNDQUIST, Chronicle Staff Writer

Posted: Friday, April 26, 2013 12:15 am

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On Wednesday, a U.S. Department of Agriculture agent responded to the property of William Hoppe and verified that two wolves killed 13 of Hoppe's sheep during the night.

USDA Wildlife Services state director John Steuber said two pairs of wolf tracks were found in the pasture along the Yellowstone River about 4 miles north of Gardiner.

Five ewes and eight lambs were found dead, and eight lambs were initially missing but one returned on Thursday. One ewe and two lambs were injured but will recover, Steuber said.

None of the sheep appeared to have been fed on, Steuber said.

Hoppe said it looked like the wolves killed the sheep as they ran the sheep along the river. Hoppe's property is fenced on three sides with the river on the fourth side.

Hoppe told the agent he would move his remaining sheep off the property, so the USDA won't pursue any lethal action with the wolves, Steuber said.

"We don't remove wolves to punish them; we only do it to prevent further predation and now there's nothing to protect," Steuber said. "Plus, we don't know which wolves were involved. We don't just randomly go after wolves."

After the agent concluded his investigation, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks wolf biologist Abby Nelson surveyed the scene to try to determine where the wolves went.

The Eight Mile and Blacktail wolf packs of Yellowstone National Park both have territory near Hoppe's property.

FWP spokeswoman Andrea Jones said FWP issued Hoppe a shoot-on-sight permit for two wolves, but they can be shot only on the property where the attack occurred.

FWP will monitor wolf activity in the area closely, Jones said.

Hoppe, a big game outfitter who has normally raised cattle, said he bought the sheep a few weeks ago.

He said that he'll keep the remaining ewes and lambs at his Jardine house east of Gardiner if he can get fencing in place and that he'll probably buy a few more. In the meantime, he said, he'd dump the carcasses in a bone pile that he uses for his cattle.

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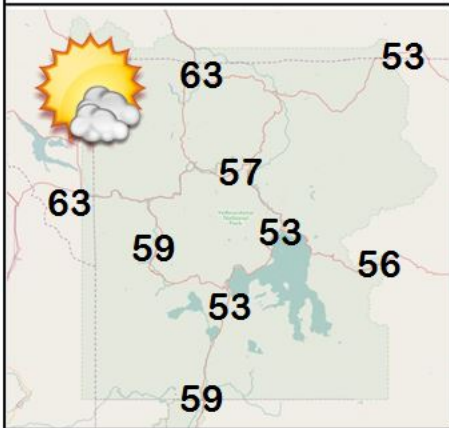
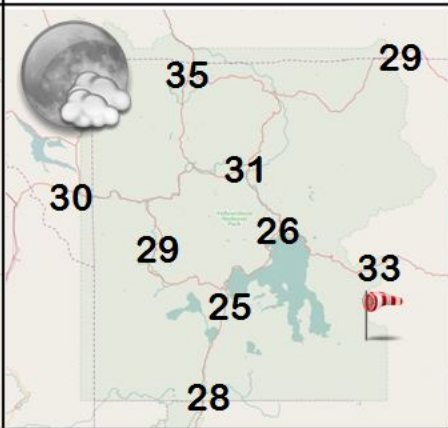
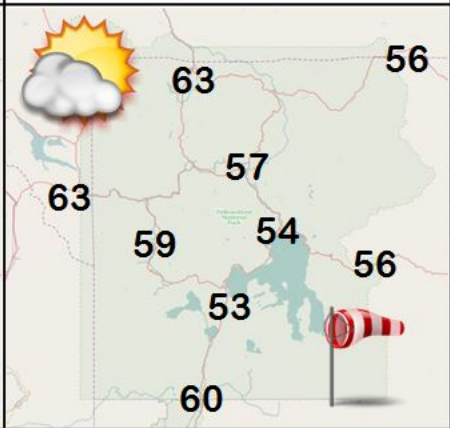
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IN THE PRESS

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16 hours ago • Gazette Staff

Containment lines on the 300-acre Grannis fire northeast of Livingston held on Sunday as crews continued to mop up.

"No significant changes in fire activity or fire size were reported," said Drew Beattie, public information officer for the fire.

The grass fire was reported on Friday night and crews responded soon after. On Saturday afternoon, high winds quickly fanned the flames, which grew from 8 acres to 300 by the end of the day.

Beattie said in a news release that while fire is contained, it's not controlled. He expected full control over the fire by the end of Sunday.

Unites from Park County Rural Fire District 1 and the U.S. Forest Service are still on the fire, while other resources were released on Saturday.

Investigators from the Montana State Fire Marshall's Office are at the fire looking into its cause. They ask that anyone with information on the fire's cause call the Park County Sheriff's Office at 406-222-2050

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/containment-holds-on--acre-fire-near-livingston/article_e727ee67-1b6d-570a-a9ce-0fa4430497b6.html#ixzz2RrT0NqUa

Middle-schoolers get science lesson in Yellowstone

By Rose Boyer - Enterprise Staff Writer Published: Fri, 04/26/2013 - 2:59pm

Sleeping Giant Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders gained some field experience studying ecosystems and climate change in Yellowstone National Park Thursday.

Moving from station to station, students looked at tepee rings, collected insect samples from the Gardner River, studied pika habitat and listened to rangers talk about climate change research using GPS systems.

As part of the pika study in the Hoodoos area, Seasonal Education Ranger Mike Coonan led students on a scat scavenger hunt throughout the rocky terrain.

By tracking pika scat and haystacks, which are food storage piles built by the small rodents, researchers can create a record of pika habitat over time. Changes in habitat indicate changes in environment, one of which could be climate change, Coonan said.

The ranger encouraged students to consider the importance of every species, even small ones like the pika, living in remote areas.

“Eventually, if we lose all the plants and animals, it is going to affect us,” he told them.

In Glacier National Park, visitors can participate in a “citizen science” program that allows people to do their own pika research and turn in their findings to the park staff. Coonan told the middle school students that they might one day have the opportunity to conduct citizen research in Yellowstone, because YNP is working on a similar program.

Meeting park rangers and learning about current research projects shows middle school students what is going on in science now, said seventh-grade science teacher Dave Pettit and eighth-grade science teacher Lori Chapman.

“It’s pretty cool,” Pettit said.

This is the first year the middle-schoolers had the opportunity to do scientific research in the park. They were even granted a special permit to collect stream samples, which is normally prohibited to the public, said Pettit.

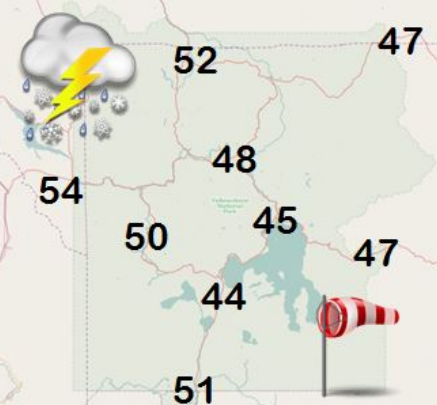
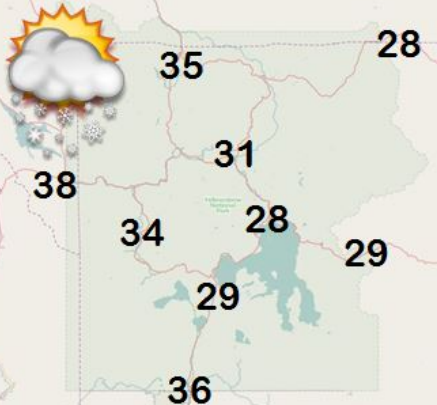
“We feel very privileged to have permission to do this as a middle school,” he said.

The trip was made possible by two grants — one from Yellowstone National Park and another from the Livingston Education Foundation — which paid for the school bus transport. Around 175 students were able to go, said SGMS Principal Lisa Rosberg.

Last summer, Pettit and Chapman attended a Yellowstone National Park climate change workshop for educators, which became the inspiration for the student trip. The workshop taught them how to integrate a scientific study of climate change into their classrooms while avoiding controversy, they said

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Windy...cloudy. Scattered snow showers in the morning. Scattered rain showers through the day. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Sustained westerly winds 14-37 mph with gusts to 50 mph.	Breezy. Mostly cloudy. Numerous snow showers with possible showers and thunderstorms early in the evening...then scattered isolated snow showers. Westerly winds 8 to 29 mph with gusts to 40 mph until early morning.	Colder. Mostly cloudy. Chance of snow in the morning... then snow likely in the afternoon. Light snow accumulation of less than one inch. West winds around 15 mph early in the afternoon.
		
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A Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Tuesday, April 30, 2013



Bob Johnston (left), Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) foreman, and Kenny Whitman, National Park Service (NPS), along with their respective plow crews, greet each other just south of Grant Village in Yellowstone National Park. With the assistance of money raised by the community of Jackson, Wyoming, WYDOT crews achieved their plowing milestone of reaching 16 miles into the park from Flagg Ranch, meeting with NPS crews so that the park can open the park's South Entrance on May 10 as originally scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisors please note: **CSS will be unable to process Gmail and Network access for new employees this Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between the hours of 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.** Please try to schedule your arrivals around this one time exception. Regular 8:30 am to 4:00 pm check-in hours will resume next Monday.

ID card and radio/pager issue are not effected by this exception. Hours continue to be 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Thank you for understanding. CSS staff have a role based security training requirement to meet and the available hours are not flexible.

Heartsaver First Aid and CPR training will be held at the Mammoth Community Center in lower Mammoth. Please sign up and pick up a study guide from the Supply Center prior to the class and bring the booklet with you

to the class. If there is interest in a class at a different time or location, please contact Juanita Bueter at 406-224-2629.

Heartsaver First Aid and CPR Sign-Up at <P:\Safety Office\First Aid and CPR Training\2013 First Aid and CPR sign Up\First Aid and CPR>

TOMORROW (Wednesday) 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Radio training: All new employees are required to take classroom based radio training. New/Infrequent user courses are set up for self-enrollment on the training calendar link on the Radio Training SharePoint site (Employee Info) <http://inpyellshare/employees/RadioTraining>. Returning and permanent employees can take self-paced, computer-based training with an on-line testing option. PowerPoint slides for the training and testing details are also on the Radio Training site. Contact the radio shop if you have questions or would like to schedule a class at your location.

✓Have you checked your fire extinguisher lately?

Hello all YNP residents! When was the last time you took a look at the fire extinguisher provided in you park residence? This is just a friendly reminder from Mark Gleason of the Yellowstone Fire Department to:

- ✓ locate your fire extinguisher,
- ✓ make sure it's hung/mounted on the wall in an accessible place, and
- ✓ to inspect it monthly.

If you need any assistance with an extinguisher in your residence please contact a Yellowstone NP Fire Department Office and we will do our best to help you.

YELL's summer road construction information can be found on Yellowstone's web site (soon), the park newspaper, and at <P:\Road Updates\2013 Road Construction Schedule>. These projects are made possible through the Surface Transportation Bill; *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)*.

The Yellowstone Association is currently seeking a detail oriented team player with a passion for Yellowstone and 3+ years of experience in customer service, sales, or business management to join our team as **Contact Center Manager**. Please refer to the complete position description available at www.yellowstoneassociation.org/jobs.

Yellowstone National Park Fire Dept.

Annual Fire Extinguisher Training

Hey YNP employees, it's time to kick off spring training with some *hands-on* fire extinguisher training! Learn:

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Employee Safety Committee-MAY Wellness Newsletter

In this issue: Meet the Mediterranean Plate; Asthma Decoded; Go Row; Cooking without Oil?.

Employees may access the May edition of the Wellness Newsletter by pasting the website link below into your browser OR by going to the Employee Safety Committee Sharepoint site where this and all previous editions are saved as pdf documents. Please print and share this information with your family.

Website: <http://www.personalbest.com/PersonalBest4U/Login.aspx?login=yellowstone&password=healthy95&issue=569>

Sharepoint site: <http://inpyellshare/emsc> under Documents-Health and Wellness Information, folder Personal Best Documents, folder 2013: Personal Best 4 U Newsletter May 2013

YNP Wellness Incentive Program

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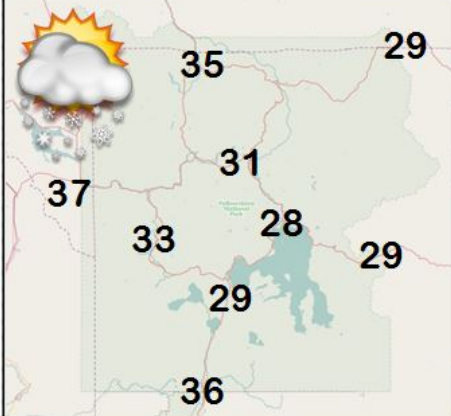
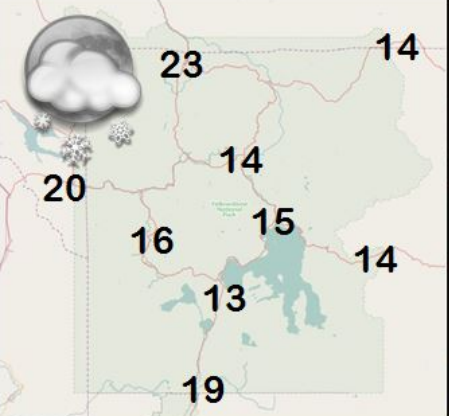
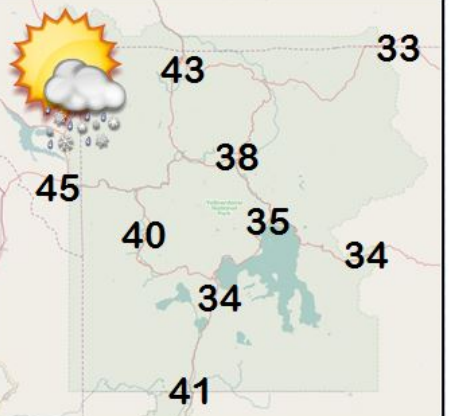
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