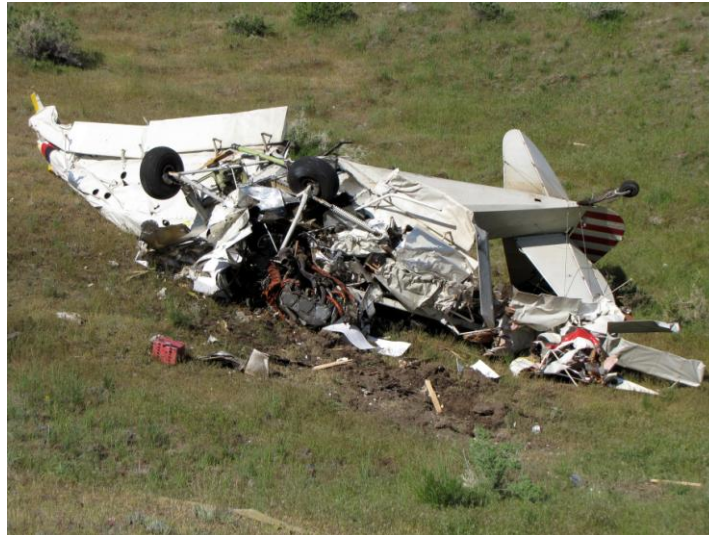


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Yellowstone Bookmobile!
LOOK FOR US ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
FROM May-August

	May 29 June 26	July 31 August 28
Norris	8-8:30	Housing area
Madison	9:15-9:45	Housing area/District Office
Old Faithful	10:45-11:15	Ranger Station
Grant	12:00	Visitor's Center
Fishing Bridge	1:30-2:00	Visitor's Center
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- Request a book before 4 p.m. on Wednesday and we'll bring it to you
- Let us know your subject area and we will bring books for you to browse
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Contact us at (307) 344-2264 or yell_research_library@nps.gov

RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Pilot Injured In Plane Crash Near Gardiner

A 54-year old male pilot was injured when his single engine airplane crashed Monday morning in Yellowstone National Park near the community of Gardiner, Mont.

Shortly before 8:30 a.m., multiple callers reported that a small plane had crashed just north of the Gardiner Cemetery and east of Yellowstone Trail inside Yellowstone National Park.

The accident site is south of the publicly owned Gardiner Airport, which is outside the park boundary.

The seriously injured pilot was removed from the wreckage and transported by ambulance to the Gardiner Airport. He was transferred to the Summit Air Ambulance helicopter and taken to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital for treatment. His identity has not been released.

The plane is an Aero Commander agricultural aircraft. It is designed to carry a single pilot and no passengers.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board have been notified of the accident, which is under investigation.

The Park County, Mont., Sheriff's Office and Gardiner Ambulance joined Yellowstone National Park law enforcement rangers, firefighters, and a park ambulance in responding to the incident.

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Last Update: 1115 AM MDT MON JUN 2 2014

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There will be regional flint knappers in attendance, demonstrating and helping people try their hand at making an arrowhead, as well as many other artisans and craftspeople. It's a feel good event!

Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please see the attached poster for more details or call the museum, 406-222-4184.

Upcoming CPR classes!

Heartsaver CPR is the class for community members and the lay person.

Date/Time: Sunday, June 8th: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: MCC EMS classroom

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Location: MCC EMS classroom

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Location: MCC EMS classroom

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Location: Lake Mess Hall

Date/Time: Thursday, June 26th: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: MCC EMS classroom

Healthcare Provider CPR is for the emergency medical service provider.

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 24th: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Lake Maintenance Shop

Please pick up a Student Workbook for these classes in Supply Center (make sure it is the one for your class, either Healthcare Provider or Heartsaver).

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IN THE NEWS

Restored Yellowstone photo shop earns award for energy efficient design

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The recently remodeled 87-year-old Old Faithful Haynes Photo Shop in Yellowstone National Park has earned a LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

“Yellowstone National Park is often at the forefront of the sustainable movement – from recycling gas cylinders to the use of soy biodiesel in the Park’s vehicles - and this project is an extension of that commitment,” said Dan Wenk, park superintendent, in a statement.

The project received 75 out of 76 attempted points in seven LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification areas: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, innovation in design and regional priority credits. Some of the innovative elements included in the restoration are:

- Reuse of the original building structure, windows and exterior materials.
- Salvaged and recycled materials sourced from regional manufacturers, including Douglas fir wood interior finishes, ceramic tile and recycled glass counters throughout the building, as well as recycled glass permeable paving outside.
- Many materials sourced from regional manufacturers.
- Energy-efficient lights activated by occupancy sensors throughout the building.
- Light pollution reduced in compliance with LEED, and Yellowstone National Park’s Outdoor Lighting Standards.

“This project presented special challenges because we not only had to modernize the building, but maintain its historic integrity,” said Lesley Gilmore, director of Historic Preservation Services for CTA Architects Engineers.

CTA’s Historic Preservation Services provided full architectural and engineering services for the restoration of this log-out wood frame construction.

Located in the Old Faithful area of Yellowstone, the structure once housed one of F. Jay Haynes' photo shops, and was built in 1927. Haynes was the first photo concessionaire in YNP.

“Today it is a showcase for creative exhibits, videos, vintage photographs, displays that highlight exciting projects supported by YPF, and original Haynes memorabilia that date from around 1900,” said Karen Bates Kress, president of the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Construction began in September 2012 and was completed for the grand opening last June. It was restored by the Yellowstone Park Foundation and Yellowstone National Park. The original building is 1,550 square feet with a 650 square foot addition. The project cost \$2.1 million.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/restored-yellowstone-photo-shop-earns-award-for-energy-efficient-design/article_85c98046-85cb-5d2c-b031-c512e85fdcce.html#ixzz33ahUYCFg

Fun in the Park-10 Things to do in Yellowstone this summer

Tiffany Jerry, Chronicle Staff Writer |

Posted: Sunday, June 1, 2014 12:27 am

A summer drive into Yellowstone National Park often includes a journey around the grand loop with a stop at Old Faithful. Listed as a “must see” on a variety of top-10 lists for the park, visitors travel from all over the world to watch this geyser erupt.

Although most Yellowstone visitors would agree that Old Faithful is indeed a spectacular sight, those who have been off the beaten path know that there are a multitude of sites to see and experience in the park.

The Chronicle visited with YNP spokesman Al Nash to create a list of 10 things to do in the park this summer.

1. Visit the Bechler Region

Located in the southwest corner of the park, the Bechler Region is one that Nash said many people have not explored.

“The reason it is less visited and less explored is it is not connected to the park’s grand loop road system,” Nash said. “People are familiar with the figure eight in the middle of the park and the access roads to get there.”

Nash said this region of the park is known for its waterfalls and is a popular place for longer hikes and horseback trips.

“There are actually cave falls down there,” Nash said. “Our ranger station there is a historic soldier station from the time when the Army ran Yellowstone.”

Nash said the only entrance to this area is through Ashton, Idaho.

2. Explore the Museum of the National Park Ranger

If you’ve ever seen a log structure from the road as you approach Norris Junction, you have seen the Museum of the National Park Ranger.

“It’s a wonderful, small museum that talks about the evolution and the various duties that park rangers perform,” Nash said. “It gives you a bit of flavor over how the park ranger profession has developed.”

Volunteers, who are all retired former senior members of the National Park Service, staff the museum.

“That wonderful, unassuming person you may be chatting with could have been a park superintendent or a chief ranger,” he said. “You end up with someone helping you explore the place who has a really deep background and great experience with the National Park Service.”

There is no cost to tour the museum and it is accessible through the Norris campground.

3. Take a tour of Fort Yellowstone

Nash said many of the stone and wooden structures in Mammoth Hot Springs were constructed during the three decades that the U.S. Army ran Yellowstone.

Today, park visitors can take a self-guided tour of these structures to “get an idea of what life was like here when it was an active military facility.”

Nash said the tour takes about an hour and pamphlets to get you started are available in the temporary visitor’s center.

4. Hike Mount Washburn

One hike in Yellowstone that Nash said is not only a favorite of many park visitors, but also one that he likes to do each year, is a hike to the top of Mount Washburn.

Located at “the high point on the road between Tower and Canyon,” Nash said the hiking trail was once a road through the area.

“You wouldn’t realize it because it’s pretty steep,” he said.

Nash said there are two trailheads – a northern one, which allows for hiking and biking, and a southern one for hiking only. Nash said the southern trail – from Dunraven Pass – may be the better choice on a hot day because there is some shade available.

At the top, hikers stand at an elevation of more than 10,000 feet.

“On a clear day, the views are astounding,” Nash said. “You really can see the Tetons on a nice day.”

Nash said hikers should plan about a half day for this hike. Signs for the trail are posted at the Dunraven Pass trailhead or Chittenden Road.

5. Watch wildlife

Most trips to Yellowstone include multiple bison sightings. However, for those looking to see some additional wildlife, Nash said timing is everything.

The early part of the season during dawn or dusk is best for wildlife viewing.

“This is a good time of year because all of these animals are typically at lower elevations looking for easily accessible food,” Nash said. “This is predominantly where roads are constructed.”

Nash said two popular places to spot wildlife are the Lamar Valley – “famous as a place where you might see wolves” – and Hayden Valley, which is between Canyon and Fishing Bridge Junction.

6. Go mountain biking

For those hoping to explore the park on two wheels, Nash said there are only a handful of trails open to mountain bikes.

Fountain Flat Drive, located in the Old Faithful area, is one of these trails.

“It’s an old freight road through the area that you can take a mountain bike on,” Nash said. “It’s one of the few places in the park where you can ride a mountain bike off the road.”

7. Visit Monument Geyser Basin

Although Old Faithful has the reputation as the go-to geyser in the park, Nash said there are plenty of other thermal areas to explore as well.

“A nice, fairly short hike to a lesser-known thermal area would be to go to Monument Geyser Basin,” Nash said.

The trailhead is located off the road between Norris and Madison. He said the hike is approximately three hours round trip, with some steep elevation. He said the best time to take the hike is once the snow melts, before the weather gets too hot.

“It takes you back into a backcountry thermal area,” Nash said. “If you get 30 minutes off the beaten path somewhere, you are going to find a very different Yellowstone experience.”

8. Hike Avalanche Peak or Specimen Ridge

For anyone with a more adventurous spirit, Nash said Avalanche Peak or Specimen Ridge are two places to explore.

The trailhead for Avalanche Peak is located west of Sylvan Pass, along the park’s east entrance road, and is accessible once the snow melts in the later part of the season.

“It’s a place where you can get up high above the tree line and have some extraordinary views on a nice day,” Nash said. “It’s typically windier than all heck on any given day. It’s a great hike for the more adventuresome and hearty. That’s not something that just anyone is going to do.”

Nash described Specimen Ridge, located east of Tower Roosevelt, as “a little steep and a little daunting.”

“But it is an opportunity to hike and see some petrified trees,” he said. “Folks have probably seen the one petrified stump that is fenced, which is west of Tower Roosevelt Junction. There are more. They’re just not easy to get at.”

9. Take a boat tour of Yellowstone Lake

Nash said boaters can put a boat in at Bridge Bay or Grant Village, rent a boat, or take an interpretive boat tour on the lake, starting at Bridge Bay Marina.

“That’s certainly an experience I’m not sure everybody has taken advantage of,” Nash said.

He said boat tours will begin June 15, once the ice has broken up. Tours run at various times throughout the day. He said information is available in the paperwork provided at the park’s entrances.

10. Walk the rim of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone

While Specimen Ridge and Avalanche Peak offer more strenuous climbs for the avid hiker, Nash said one that is a bit less physically demanding, but also quite scenic is the rim of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone.

He said the hike takes about an hour or two and offers “great views of the canyon.”

Before taking this hike at this point in the season, Nash said it is important to check in at the visitor’s center to make sure the trail is open.

“There is still a lot of snow on the interior of the park,” Nash said. “It may be a little while before some of these open up.”

No matter what you are exploring in the park, Nash said be sure to allow yourself plenty of time.

“Too many people try to rush a trip to Yellowstone,” Nash said. “You cannot rush through the park. Give yourself plenty of time to stop and pull off and take pictures. Have a picnic lunch. That’s what it’s all about. Your daily life is hectic. Your trip to Yellowstone should not be.”

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(photo by Melissa McAdam)

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Wyoming to Support Students in Mammoth Hot Springs**

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Governor Matt Mead will use the State’s emergency fund to pay the tuition of students living in Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming. Mammoth Hot Springs is inside Yellowstone National Park. Those students go to school in Gardiner, Montana.

These students are Wyoming residents, but Mammoth Hot Springs is not part of a Wyoming school district. For the past several years, the National Park Service has paid Gardiner to educate these students. The United States Solicitor General notified the Park Service that the Park Service cannot pay for these students. In February, the Park Service then notified Gardiner, Montana and Wyoming. The Wyoming Attorney General and the Park County Attorney have worked closely together and have concluded all Wyoming children have a right to an education paid for by Wyoming.

“I have authorized tuition for the Mammoth Hot Springs students for the 2013-14 school year,” Governor Mead said. “All Wyoming children are entitled to a public school education. I encourage the school districts in Park County to expand their boundaries to cover these children. This is the long-term solution for Mammoth Hot Springs students.”

The State of Wyoming will pay \$497,722 to the school district in Gardiner, Montana. This is a slightly lower per-student amount than the school districts in Cody and Powell receive through the Wyoming funding model.

Park County School District #6 in Cody and Park County School District #1 in Powell border the part of Yellowstone National Park that is not in a Wyoming school district. Southern Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park are part of Teton County School District #1 and students in these areas receive funding from the state.

Governor Mead noted the extensive research done by Office of Attorney General. “Our first obligation is to serve Wyoming’s school-age children,” Governor Mead said. “A second priority is to assure that the federal government fulfills any commitments it may have. The Attorney General’s research affirms the State of Wyoming has the responsibility to educate these students.”

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IN THE NEWS

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Business owners' support for tax is mixed, but many approve

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Liz Kearney – Livingston Enterprise

Read more: <http://www.livingstonenterprise.com/content/gardiner-implements-3-percent-resort-tax>

GARDINER — Gardiner residents had one thing on their minds when asked about the town's resort tax — public restrooms.

"We'll have a visitor center with real restrooms, so people won't wander around wondering where they can use a restroom,"

Parks' Fly Shop owner Richard Parks said last month.

On Sunday, Gardiner business owners began collecting the recently passed sales tax.

Gardiner residents voted earlier this year to implement a 3 percent resort tax, which will be collected annually but only during the summer months, from June 1 to Sept. 30, Gardiner Chamber of Commerce Daniel Bierschwale said last week.

The tax will be collected on lodging, camping facilities, food service, luxuries and gift items. It will be applied to restaurant meals, but not to groceries and medicines.

The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce estimates \$700,000 to \$1 million will be collected the first year, Executive Director Barbara Shesky said Tuesday.

In May, business owners were preparing to collect the tax in June. Several said the changeover will be fairly simple thanks to computerized cash registers.

"It won't be too hard with a POS (Point of Sale) system," Landon Knight, general manager at Cowboy's Lodge & Grille, located on Stone Street, said. "You just punch it right in."

Parks, whose fly shop is located across the street from Cowboy's Lodge & Grille, said it would be simple for his business, too.

"It really doesn't involve that much. Everything I've got (in the shop) is subject to the tax," Parks said.

Parks thought a business that sells a mixture of taxable and nontaxable items might have a more complicated collection process.

But the shops and other businesses have a little time to get it sorted out, Bierschwale said.

“It will take a little work to get it off the ground,” Bierschwale said, “and working together, we’ll do the best we can.”

Livingston resident Myron Kovash, who owns Yellowstone Gifts & Sweets on the corner of Stone and Second Streets, is opposed to the tax and thinks working to get some of the tax collection mechanisms worked out while the tax is being collected isn’t right.

“You can’t change the law later,” he said Tuesday.

Kovash objects to the tax because only those who lived within the boundary of the resort collection area were eligible to vote. Business owners who would be most affected by the tax couldn’t vote on it. He said a number of other business owners agree with him.

“If they had let everybody who had a business vote, and if it had been fair, and the tax had passed, I would have said so be it,” Kovash said.

Kovash feels the resort tax was “crammed down our throats.”

Carol Kellem, of Kellem’s Saddle Shop on Park Street, said she was opposed to the resort tax, mostly for the changes it might bring to the town.

“I love Gardiner and don’t want to see it change,” she said last month. “We’ll become a fancy little tourist town.”

But once the tax passed, Kellem said she dropped her opposition.

“If it’s what the people want, I’ll go along with it,” she said.

Kellem said all of her shop’s items are taxable, so the bookkeeping will be relatively simple.

She has a number of long-term, loyal customers who she does not expect to lose because of the tax.

Business owners may pay the tax monthly or remit it all at the end of the season, Bierschwale explained. They may keep 5 percent of their tax collection for administrative costs.

The tax money will be administered by Park County, which may keep 5 percent also. Another 5 percent will be designated for property tax relief in the taxing area and 50 percent is earmarked for infrastructure.

The remaining tax funds will be distributed by Park County, Bierschwale said, with the ultimate goal to create an elected board to oversee the distribution of funds.

Doug Bell, the owner of the Gardiner Pharmacy, said he thinks most visitors will not even notice the tax. He recalls paying 11 percent sales tax on a visit once to San Francisco.

“People laugh at 3 percent,” he said last month.

And two visitors, Ron and Joyce Jeppson of Bismarck, N.D., queried on Park Street, which fronts Yellowstone National Park, said the tax would have no effect on future plans they might make to return to Gardiner.

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(picture was taken from safely inside a building)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wyoming to Support Students in Mammoth Hot Springs

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Governor Matt Mead will use the State's emergency fund to pay the tuition of students living in Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming. Mammoth Hot Springs is inside Yellowstone National Park. Those students go to school in Gardiner, Montana.

These students are Wyoming residents, but Mammoth Hot Springs is not part of a Wyoming school district. For the past several years, the National Park Service has paid Gardiner to educate these students. The United States Solicitor General notified the Park Service that the Park Service cannot pay for these students. In February, the Park Service then notified Gardiner, Montana and Wyoming. The Wyoming Attorney General and the Park County Attorney have worked closely together and have concluded all Wyoming children have a right to an education paid for by Wyoming.

"I have authorized tuition for the Mammoth Hot Springs students for the 2013-14 school year," Governor Mead said. "All Wyoming children are entitled to a public school education. I encourage the school districts in Park County to expand their boundaries to cover these children. This is the long-term solution for Mammoth Hot Springs students."

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Park County School District #6 in Cody and Park County School District #1 in Powell border the part of Yellowstone National Park that is not in a Wyoming school district. Southern Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park are part of Teton County School District #1 and students in these areas receive funding from the state.

Governor Mead noted the extensive research done by Office of Attorney General. "Our first obligation is to serve Wyoming's school-age children," Governor Mead said. "A second priority is to assure that the federal government fulfills any commitments it may have. The Attorney General's research affirms the State of Wyoming has the responsibility to educate these students."

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Wednesday, June 4, 2014 2:27 pm

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(photo by Todd Koel)

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IN THE NEWS

Yellowstone kids OK'd for Powell

Posted: Monday, June 9, 2014 3:24 pm

By STEVE BROWNE |

After a short, sometimes heated discussion, the second meeting of the Park County Boundary Board agreed to recommend the inclusion of those parts of Yellowstone Park within Park County into the Powell School District – with some conditions.

The district boundary board consists of the county commissioners, county assessor and county treasurer.

For 37 students of the Mammoth Hot Springs community, this means they'll continue to go to school in Gardiner, Mont., about five miles away, as they have for many years, with the cost of their education now paid by the state of Wyoming.

The cost of educating the children of YNP employees and concessionaires was paid by the park for many years. Then, earlier this year, park officials discovered those payments were supposed to have ended in 1978 and this had somehow been overlooked.

Though funds were cut off in the middle of the school year, the governor's office recently announced Gardiner will be reimbursed the nearly \$500,000 for educating Mammoth students this year from emergency funds.

The first boundary board meeting May 14 adjourned without reaching a decision after questions were raised about possible conflicts of jurisdiction between the school district and the Department of the Interior.

Park County Attorney Bryan Skoric suggested the solution lay in a process called relinquishment, a formal declaration from Interior giving up legal authority for education in the park.

Deputy state attorney general Michael O'Donnell assured the board that was not going to happen.

At the second meeting last week, O'Donnell informed the board Interior lawyers had given assurances in a memo that the federal government would recognize the authority of the Powell School District for education, in particular concerning cases of truancy.

According to O'Donnell, states have legal authority to prosecute crimes on federal lands within their boundaries and pointed out many students living along Wyoming's border go to school in neighboring states with costs paid by Wyoming.

Skoric countered that while parents' failure to send children to school is a criminal offense, a student's refusal to go to school is a civil matter, called a CHIN case (Child In Need of Supervision).

"We need the federal government to give assurances of authority in writing," Skoric said.

He also said trouble could come in the future about issues of curriculum differences and ideology.

O'Donnell responded that all possible assurances had been given.

"There is nothing more to explain," O'Donnell added. "All possible contingencies have been answered. If you don't expand, you'll strand 37 students without an education."

Commissioner Joe Tilden responded heatedly.

“In my opinion the fed walked away from its responsibility,” Tilden said. “I take great offense. It upsets me the federal government can wash their hands of it and say, ‘You guys take care of it and if you don’t you’re the bad guys.’”

Commissioner Loren Grosskopf suggested a compromise and presented a draft letter recommending expansion with two conditions.

The first seeks a written legal determination from the Wyoming Attorney General sent to the board prior to expansion that the Interior Department, though retaining exclusive federal jurisdiction within the park, cannot legally interfere in the future with the school district’s ability to educate students consistent with Wyoming law.

The second condition addressed concerns the federal government might pursue claims for back payments to 1978.

“In addition, prior to approval by the State Board of Education of this expansion, the State of Wyoming indemnify Powell School District for any potential claims for past payments that may be brought against it by the federal government, State of Montana or Gardiner School District.”

O’Donnell said he would push for acceptance of the conditions by the state Attorney General.

The recommendation now goes to the state Board of Education for approval.

Read more: http://www.codyenterprise.com/news/local/article_656cd0f2-f01c-11e3-9802-0019bb2963f4.html

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BRR! Not to be a downer here, but **this is what Mammoth looked like at the same time last year!**
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If you're looking for a challenge and a chance to give back, this job notice might catch your attention:

Wanted: Smart, inquisitive, forward-thinking leaders sought to help guide cooperative, democratically-controlled financial institution. Why should you volunteer to be a candidate for the Yellowstone Federal Credit Union board of directors? Surveys conducted by the Credit Union National Association's Economics and Research Department and other organizations reveal recurring themes:

- The desire to be of service and a sense of fulfillment. Helping others, contributing to a cause beyond their personal needs, and giving back to the community are rewarding and enjoyable.
- Career development and professional growth. Volunteers find contacts for networking and can share and develop their business skills. Volunteers might find or become mentors, and they can take advantage of credit union training and development programs that benefit them in their personal lives.
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Your Yellowstone Federal Credit Union board reflects members when you participate in the nomination and election of those board members at the annual meeting. You can nominate someone you think would be a good fit for the goals and philosophy that typify the credit union, or become a nominee yourself. And you can vote for

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Janet Lewis at 344-2353, Kathy Cunningham at 344-2455, or Roger Perreault at 344-5348.

We have had 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.

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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

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The man left the trail and ascended a nearby tree-covered slope in an apparent attempt to get a better view of Grand Prismatic Spring, when a lodgepole pine tree fell and struck him in the head.

Other visitors who witnessed the incident made their way back to the trailhead, where they encountered two park maintenance employees working in the area, who relayed the information to Yellowstone law enforcement rangers.

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Yellowstone rangers who responded reported windy weather conditions in the area at the time, and that the fallen tree had been a standing, dead lodgepole, fire-killed during the park's 1988 fires.

The victim's name is being withheld pending notification of family members.

The incident remains under investigation by the National Park Service.

IN THE NEWS

-- Jewell tells western governors Obama wants to quit taking money from forest projects for firefighting (w/video)

(THE GAZETTE [COLORADO SPRINGS])

<http://gazette.com/obama-tells-governors-he-wants-to-quit-taking-money-from-forest-projects-for-firefighting/article/1521198>

-- Contribute to a social media study in the national parks (Yellowstone)

(NATIONAL PARKS TRAVELER news/commentary online [PARK CITY, UT])

<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2014/06/contribute-social-media-study-national-parks25191>

-- Rally at Yellowstone's north doorstep June 28-29 aims to boost public support for wolves in the wild

(THE WESTERNER conservative property rights/water/endangered species/ag issues blog [NEW MEXICO])
<http://thewesterner.blogspot.com/2014/06/rally-at-yellowstone-national-park-aims.html>

-- Yellowstone volcano eruption: BBC 'docu-fiction' film about supervolcano (w/video)

(THE EPOCH TIMES independent print/online news [NEW YORK CITY])
<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n3/723956-yellowstone-volcano-eruption-bbc-docufiction-film-about-supervolcano-eruption-video/>

-- Wildflower season: Big winter snow means big summer blooms (*Grand Teton, Yellowstone*)

(WYOFIELD non-profit public interest Wyoming news online [CASPER])
<http://wyofile.com/kelsey-dayton/wild%EF%AC%82ower-season-big-winter-snow-means-big-summer-blooms-wyoming-wildflowers/>

-- No park-ing? Not for your Fido (travel feature) (*Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Zion*)

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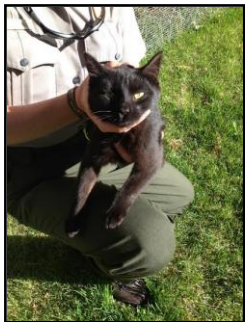
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Just another day at the office...

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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Slight Uptick In Yellowstone Visitation For First Five Months Of 2014

Visitation to Yellowstone National Park for the month of May and for the first five months of 2014 is up almost six percent compared to the previous year.

Visitation to the world's first national park begins to pick up in May as weather improves and interior roads and visitor facilities begin to open to the public.

There were 310,039 recreational visitors to Yellowstone in May and a total of 415,185 for the first five months of 2014. That compares to 293,250 recreational visitors for May 2013 and 392,222 recreational visitors for January through May 2013.

	Recreational Visits 2014	Recreational Visits 2013	Change
January	26,778	24,699	+ 8.42 %
February	28,233	31,053	- 9.08 %
March	18,778	18,613	+ 0.89 %
April	31,356	24,606	+ 27.43 %
May	310,039	293,250	+ 5.73 %
Total Year-To-Date	415,185	392,222	+ 5.85 %

Visitation at each of the park's five entrances for the month of May and for the first five months of 2014 is up compared to 2013 levels.

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July is typically the park's peak visitation month, followed in order by August, June, September, and May.

Detailed park visitation information and additional information on how these statistics are calculated is available online at <https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/Reports/ReportList>.

IN THE NEWS

-- Senators want bison declared national mammal

(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS via SIOUX CITY [IA] JOURNAL)

http://siouxcityjournal.com/ap/state/senators-want-bison-declared-national-mammal/article_ad98c25f-617e-572a-af2a-13918b44b579.html

-- Yellowstone kids OK'd for Powell County schools

(CODY [WY] ENTERPRISE)

http://www.codyenterprise.com/news/local/article_656cd0f2-f01c-11e3-9802-0019bb2963f4.html

-- Rally at Yellowstone aims to boost public support for wolves in wild

(NATIONAL PARKS TRAVELER news/commentary online [PARK CITY, UT])

<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2014/06/rally-yellowstone-national-park-aims-boost-public-support-wolves-wild25168>

-- Gray wolf paparazzi at Yellowstone (*commentary, w/photo*)

(TIMES-NEWS's "TRAILS & TALES" outdoors blog [TWIN FALLS, ID])

http://magicvalley.com/blogs/trails-and-ales/blog-gray-wolf-paparazzi-at-yellowstone/article_bbb2bca2-f0e8-11e3-b8dd-001a4bcf887a.html

-- The bear necessities: The grizzly history of bear pepper sprays (*Glacier, Yellowstone*)

(SLATE. COM daily online newsmagazine [WASHINGTON, DC])

http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/history_of_innovation/2014/06/the_grizzly_history_of_bear_pepper_sprays.html

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<http://www.powelltribune.com/news/item/12499-from-powell-to-yellowstone-school-boundaries-would-grow-to-ensure-state-funding-for-students-who-live-in-ynp>

-- Bozeman-Yellowstone Airport set for busiest summer yet

(BOZEMAN [MT] DAILY CHRONICLE)

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/economy/article_fecb5a98-f0f3-11e3-a375-001a4bcf887a.html

-- Parking it: The Chromolithographa of Thomas Moran (Yellowstone)

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Clare Cloghessy-REYP
Eric Reinertson-YCR
Kristie Laubach-Maint
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EMPLOYEE RECREATION

League Sports

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An Evening with Lee Whittlesey

Converse with Lee Whittlesey, Park Historian and author of “Death in Yellowstone”, this Saturday at 7:00 pm June 14th, in the Old Faithful Recreation Hall.

Lee will sit down with park employees in an open format to answer questions and regale everyone with his memorable stories. Lee’s 35 year studies in the history of the Yellowstone region have made him an expert on Yellowstone’s vast literature and have resulted in numerous publications. He is the author, co-author, or editor of ten books and more than 25 journal articles.

Upcoming CPR classes!



Heartsaver CPR is the class for community members and the lay person.

Date/Time: Thursday, June 26th: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: MCC EMS classroom

Healthcare Provider CPR is for the emergency medical service provider.

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Location: Lake Maintenance Shop

Please pick up a Student Workbook for these classes in Supply Center (make sure it is the one for your class, either Healthcare Provider or Heartsaver).

Questions, please call Juanita Bueter at (406) 224-2629. To sign up for classes go to: [P drive:/safety office/ First Aid and CPR Training](#)

Help Direct the Future of Your Credit Union!

Join us Thursday, July 10th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM for Yellowstone Federal Credit Union's Annual Meeting and Open House. A short business meeting will be held at 12:15 PM. Vote for directors, enjoy some refreshments and giveaways, and be eligible for cash door prizes at the end of the business meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

If you're looking for a challenge and a chance to give back, this job notice might catch your attention:

Wanted: Smart, inquisitive, forward-thinking leaders sought to help guide cooperative, democratically-controlled financial institution. Why should you volunteer to be a candidate for the Yellowstone Federal Credit Union board of directors? Surveys conducted by the Credit Union National Association's Economics and Research Department and other organizations reveal recurring themes:

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- Career development and professional growth. Volunteers find contacts for networking and can share and develop their business skills. Volunteers might find or become mentors, and they can take advantage of credit union training and development programs that benefit them in their personal lives.
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Your Yellowstone Federal Credit Union board reflects members when you participate in the nomination and election of those board members at the annual meeting. You can nominate someone you think would be a good fit for the goals and philosophy that typify the credit union, or become a nominee yourself. And you can vote for those nominees that best reflect your own ideas about how the credit union should operate. Supervisory committee members are then appointed by the board. If you're thinking about stepping forward as a board candidate, or working with the supervisory committee, contact a member of our nominating committee:

Janet Lewis at 344-2353, Kathy Cunningham at 344-2455, or Roger Perreault at 344-5348.

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IN THE NEWS**5 entities in the running to get Yellowstone bison**

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Montana wildlife officials on Monday released a short list of five entities that could receive bison from Yellowstone National Park under an experimental program to establish new herds of the animals.

The roughly 145 bison have been held in recent years on behalf of the state at a Bozeman-area ranch owned by philanthropist Ted Turner. They were captured from the park in 2005 and 2006, put into quarantine and tested repeatedly to make sure they don't have the disease brucellosis, which can lead to miscarriages in livestock if the disease is spread.

Ten entities have expressed interested in receiving the animals. That was narrowed to five proposals based on guidance from a panel of state, federal and tribal officials that met last week, said Ron Aasheim, spokesman for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

No deadline has been set for a final decision. Aasheim said the state has been asked to move the animals off Turner's ranch by November.

Details of the proposals are:

- * The Fort Peck Indian Reservation's Assiniboine and Sioux tribes: After receiving several dozen bison from the quarantine program in 2012, the tribes are seeking more animals to augment an existing herd on their northeast Montana reservation. They would be used for cultural and conservation purposes.
- * Utah Division of Wildlife Resources: The agency has requested 30 bison to increase genetic diversity and augment two existing herds of the animals that are managed by the state in the Henry Mountains and Book Cliffs.
- * Wildlife Conservation Society: The New York-based conservation group requested 30 bison for zoos in the Bronx, Queens and Ohio. The animals would be used to establish nucleus herds to promote future conservation.
- * Cherokee Nation: The American Indian tribe requested 35 bison to establish a herd on tribal lands in northeast Oklahoma. Its proposal said the animals would be used for education, economic development and to preserve the animal's genetics.
- * American Prairie Reserve: The private group is seeking an undetermined number of bison to integrate with its existing herd of about 450 bison on land in north-central Montana. The animals would be classified as livestock and grazed on private, state and federal land.

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If you have employees without access to computers, please work with them to cover topics that interest them at your weekly tailgate safety sessions.

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For those of you who asked, services will be at the Mammoth Chapel at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 11th. A light lunch will be served following the service at the Map Room. Per my dad's wishes, he'll float the Yellowstone at a family gathering later that evening.

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- People planning to participate in upcoming solicitations
- People making CPARS entries
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IN THE NEWS

West Yellowstone looks toward public safety

KBZK TV Bozeman, June 18, 2014

The Town of West Yellowstone has decided to form a possible study commission to find ways to more efficiently protect its citizens.

According to Gallatin County Sheriff Brian Gootkin, during Tuesday's town council meeting, representatives from Yellowstone National Park and the Hebgen Basin Fire district encouraged the council to form a commission to study how all agencies can communicate better in an effort to maintain public safety.

Sheriff Gootkin told the council that nothing has changed in the last year to help protect the people.

"We had all these concerns last fall, and since then very very little has been done to correct the situation," Gootkin said. "In my estimation, that's a big reason because of the Chief of Police and the Town Manager. So we were more or less asking them if we could meet with them the town council directly to try and work with them to try and find a solution to the situation that we've got up there."

A meeting between all agencies is scheduled next tuesday to talk about how to form this commission.

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-- Biologists renew grizzly bear live-trapping in Montana's Madison Range (Yellowstone)

(BOZEMAN [MT] DAILY CHRONICLE)

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/wildlife/article_dd7097d4-f673-11e3-9ef4-001a4bcf887a.html

-- Two tribes in running to receive bison from Yellowstone National Park

(INDIANZ. COM Native American news online (WINNEBAGO, NE))

<http://indianz.com/News/2014/014079.asp>

-- Miller time: Let bears eat those messy moths (Yellowstone)

(HIGH COUNTRY NEWS western environment news biweekly's "WRITERS ON THE RANGE" [PAONIA, CO])

<http://www.hcn.org/wotr/let-bears-eat-those-messy-moths>

-- Wyoming isn't afraid of its roaming bison (commentary) (Yellowstone) (subscription may be required to view full text)

(JACKSON HOLE NEWS & GUIDE [JACKSON, WY])

http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/opinion/columnists/the_new_west_todd_wilkinson/wyoming-isn-t-afraid-of-its-roaming-bison/article_45bd01d6-6c2d-508c-9ab0-04eac9732c6e.html

-- Yellowstone through a teenager's eyes (w/photos)

(PEGGY L. HENDERSON western historical romance/time-travel author's blog [SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA])

<http://peggylhenderson.blogspot.com/2014/06/yellowstone-through-teenagers-eyes.html>

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Friday Night: Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Lows 35 to 41. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent. Lowest wind chill readings 110 below to 115 below zero in the evening.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 63 to 71. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent. Lowest wind chill readings around 120 below in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening...then isolated rain showers after midnight. Lows 35 to 41. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Wind chill readings 110 below to 115 below zero.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Slight chance of rain showers in the morning...then slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 62 to 68. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Wind chill readings 110 below to 115 below zero.

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From Director Jon Jarvis: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Use in National Parks

National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis has issued a policy memorandum to ensure that the use of unmanned aircraft is addressed by the NPS before a significant level of such use of these types of vehicles occurs within the National Park System. The policy memorandum directs each superintendent to use the authority under 36 CFR 1.5 to prohibit the launching, landing, or operation of unmanned aircraft, subject to the certain conditions and exceptions set forth in the memo. Yellowstone National Park will be adding language from this new interim policy into its Superintendent's Compendium in the next few days, along with all other NPS units.

There has been dramatic growth throughout the United States in the numbers and use of unmanned aircraft during recent years. As unmanned aircraft (commonly called drones) have become more affordable and easy to operate, they have begun to appear in national parks, and in many cases, their use has resulted in noise and nuisance complaints from park visitors, park visitor safety concerns, and one documented incident in which park wildlife were harassed.

Except for the limited existing use of model aircraft in some parks, unmanned aircraft are a new park use and affect park resources, staff, and visitors in ways that the National Park Service has yet to identify and analyze. It is National Park Service policy to not allow a new park use until a determination has been made that it will not result in unacceptable impacts on park resources and values and staff and visitor safety.

This action applies to the launching, landing, and operation of unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the NPS. The policy memo does not modify any requirement imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on the use or operation of unmanned aircraft in the National Airspace System.

Key Messages the NPS will be sharing with the public:

- **Director Jarvis' key message:** The National Park Service embraces many activities in national parks because they enhance visitor experiences with the iconic natural, historic and cultural landscapes in our care. However, we have serious concerns about the negative impact that flying unmanned aircraft is having in parks, so we are prohibiting their use while we examine their impact on park resources. The primary goal is to ensure that we can protect park resources and ensure visitor safety while providing all visitors with a rich experience.
- All National Park Service units will ban the launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters within their unit.
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For those of you who asked, services will be at the Mammoth Chapel at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 11th. A light lunch will be served following the service at the Map Room. Per my dad's wishes, he'll float the Yellowstone at a family gathering later that evening.

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- People planning to participate in upcoming solicitations
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- Those interested in contractor past performance

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By JOAN LOWY Associated Press

The National Park Service is taking steps to ban drones from 84 million acres of public lands and waterways, saying the unmanned aircraft annoy visitors, harass wildlife and threaten safety.

Jonathan Jarvis, the park service's director, told The Associated Press he doesn't want drones flushing birds from their nests, hovering over rock climbers as they cling to the sides of cliffs or buzzing across the face of Mount Rushmore.

Jarvis said he would sign a policy memorandum on Friday directing superintendents of the service's 401 parks to write rules prohibiting the launching, landing or operation of unmanned aircraft in their parks.

Two large national parks, Grand Canyon in Arizona and Zion in Utah, have already changed their rules to ban drones. Some other parks have interpreted existing regulations to permit them to ban drone flights, but Jarvis said each park must change its "compendium" — a set of regulations unique to that park — if a ban is to be enforceable.

At Yosemite National Park in California, where officials announced last month they would adopt a policy prohibiting drone flights, hobbyists have been using unmanned aircraft to film the park's famous waterfalls and capture close-up shots of climbers on its granite cliffs. Zion officials were spurred to take action after an incident in which an unmanned aircraft was seen harassing bighorn sheep and causing youngsters to become separated from their herd.

At Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, park rangers last September confiscated an unmanned aircraft after it flew above 1,500 visitors seated in an amphitheater and then over the heads of the four presidents carved into the mountain.

"Imagine you're a big wall climber in Yosemite working on a four-day climb up El Capitan, and you're hanging off a bulb ready to make a (difficult) move, and an unmanned aircraft flies up beside you and is hovering a few feet from your head with its GoPro camera running," Jarvis said in an interview. "Think about what that does to your experience and your safety,"

Some drone operators have complained that a ban favors some park users over others. They also say many unmanned aircraft flights are made without incident and with respect for other park users and wildlife. Unmanned aircraft range from no bigger than a hummingbird to the size of an airliner, and their capabilities are improving rapidly. Use is growing as their price tags decline. The park service wants to get out in front of that by putting in rules place now, Jarvis said.

"This is a different kind of aircraft, and it is being used in different ways than what we have seen from the (model aircraft) hobbyists," he said. "We want to have some control over it now before it proliferates."

The memorandum directs superintendents to continue to allow model aircraft hobbyists and clubs that already have approval to operate in some parks to continue to do so. Also, parks can continue to grant permits for drone flights for other purposes like research, search and rescue, and firefighting, he said. Commercial operators like moviemakers can also apply for a permit to operate a drone, he said.

"We would have to hear why they would necessarily need this type of equipment in order to accomplish their goals," Jarvis said.

While parks are changing their individual rules, the park service will be drafting its own rule to ban drone flights in parks nationwide, he said. Jarvis said he hopes to have a proposal ready in about 18 months.

The ban only affects what Jarvis described as "operations inside parks," and not high altitude flights over parks. The park service has been working closely with the Federal Aviation Administration, although the service's action is separate from the FAA's ban on commercial drone flights, he said.

The FAA ban is being challenged by commercial drone operators.

Two years ago, Congress directed the FAA to put regulations in place provide for the safe integration of commercial drones into the national airspace. The regulations were supposed be finished by September 2015, but the agency isn't expected to make that deadline.

-- Joslyn Art Museum exhibit highlights Yellowstone National Park

(FREMONT [NE] TRIBUNE)

http://fremonttribune.com/news/local/joslyn-exhibit-highlights-yellowstone-national-park/article_4f493084-8c5a-5202-b35c-c9981ea0b7ae.html

-- Federal retirees' cost-of-living adjustment on track to be bigger in 2015

(GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE business-of-government news daily [WASHINGTON, DC])

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RECENT PARK NEWS RELEASES

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The scenic highway is nationally significant as an example of road construction which substantially increased recreational development and tourism in Yellowstone and the region. The road is also nationally significant for its distinctive engineering and the methods of high-altitude road construction used in its construction. It is the highest elevation highway in Wyoming (10,947 feet) and Montana (10,350 feet).

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover withdrew the Beartooth Highway corridor from settlement and sale, and reserved it as an approach road to Yellowstone National Park. Construction funds from the newly passed National Park Approaches Act, which became law in 1931, were used to build the road.

The Beartooth Highway National Register Nomination was completed by Yellowstone staff as a cooperative effort through a Memorandum of Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Wyoming and Montana State Historic Preservation Offices, the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service.

The National Register is the nation's official list of historic places worthy of preservation. The listing will allow the agencies who manage the road to account for its historic characteristics when planning upgrades and maintenance projects.

Grizzly Bear Study Team Research Begins In Yellowstone

Biologists with the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team (IGBST) and Yellowstone National Park will be conducting scientific grizzly bear and black bear research operations in Yellowstone National Park from June 24 through October 31, as part of the ongoing monitoring of the activities and population of grizzly bears within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Team members will bait and trap bears at several remote sites within Yellowstone National Park. Once trapped, the bears are anesthetized to allow wildlife biologists to radio-collar and collect scientific samples for study. All trapping and handling are done in accordance with IGBST's long-established protocols.

None of the trap sites in the park will be located near any established hiking trails or backcountry campsites, and all trap sites will have posted warnings for the closure perimeter. Potential access points will also be posted with warning signs for the closure area. Backcountry users who come upon any of these posted areas need to heed the warnings and stay out of the area.

The Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team was established in 1973 to collaboratively monitor and manage ecosystem bears on an interagency basis. The gathering of critical data on the protected bears is part of a long-term research effort required under the Endangered Species Act to help wildlife managers devise and implement programs to support the ongoing recovery of Yellowstone's grizzly bear population.

The IGBST is composed of representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribal Fish and Game Department, and the states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

For more information regarding grizzly bear research efforts call (406) 994-6675.

IN THE NEWS

-- Lawsuit challenges threat to Yellowstone grizzlies by expedited West Yellowstone logging project

(BOZEMAN [MT] DAILY CHRONICLE)

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-- Yellowstone uses Cody-area beef producers for select burger in the park

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-- Yellowstone gateway businesses team up on new app

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-- Celebrating our own back yard (commentary) (Yellowstone)

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-- Yellowstone photographer Murphy wows crowd with wildlife, landscape photos

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Associated Press

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Did you know....? The Federal Credit Union Act was signed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on June 26th, 1934, eighty years ago this month. During the Great Depression, there was 25% unemployment, runs on banks, no federal deposit insurance, and no access to affordable credit for American workers and farmers. The Federal Credit Union Act was introduced to foster credit union growth and provide credit to those groups not being served by banks.

Most amazing of all, the act was passed in the House and Senate, by unanimous consent, in the span of one hour!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our credit union needs volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Committee. You can learn about the management and help direct the future of your credit union. Talk to Martha, Sandie, Kathy or Sarah at the credit union if you have any questions or would like to participate.

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IN THE NEWS

- **Largest Yellowstone construction project in decades budgeted at \$70 million (w/TV video)**
(KBZK-TV [BOZEMAN, MT])
<http://www.kbzk.com/news/largest-yellowstone-construction-project-in-decades-budgeted-at-70-million/>
- **Public meeting next week on Montana brucellosis area expansion (Yellowstone)**
(BOZEMAN [MT] DAILY CHRONICLE)
http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/wildlife/article_74e374ce-fcbe-11e3-869e-0019bb2963f4.html
- **Jackson unveiling electric vehicle charging stations today, first in a Yellowstone 'gateway' town**
(KIDK-TV [IDAHO FALLS, ID])
<http://www.localnews8.com/news/jackson-to-unveil-electric-vehicle-charging-stations/26669900>
- **Oppose the national parks 'paddling act' (guest commentary) (Yellowstone, Grand Teton)**
(BOZEMAN [MT] DAILY CHRONICLE)
http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/opinions/guest_columnists/article_0055aa10-fcbd-11e3-94fc-0019bb2963f4.html
- **Are you bear aware? (outdoors column) (Yellowstone, Glacier)**
(BOZEMAN [MT] DAILY CHRONICLE)
http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/outdoors/article_b02a52ac-fbfe-11e3-a558-0019bb2963f4.html
- **Montana apps help ID flowers, navigate public lands (Yellowstone, Glacier)**
(GREAT FALLS [MT] TRIBUNE)
<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/outdoors/2014/06/25/montana-apps-help-flowers-navigate-public-lands/11380319/>
- **U.S. Highway 191: Yellowstone express (travel feature, w/photos)**
(MACGELLAN "Mac and a pack" travel blog)
<http://macgellan.blogspot.com/2014/06/us-hwy-191-yellowstone-express.html>

WEATHER

NWS Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park

Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 634 AM MDT FRI JUN 27 2014

Today: Scattered rain showers in the morning. Isolated thunderstorms through the day. Numerous rain showers in the afternoon. Highs 50 to 56. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms until early morning...then isolated thunderstorms and snow showers early in the morning. Lows around 37. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Saturday: Breezy. Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the morning...then mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 55 to 61. West winds 15 to 20 mph in the late morning and afternoon. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Saturday Night: Breezy. Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Lows around 35. West winds 15 to 20 mph in the evening. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent.

Sunday: Breezy. Partly cloudy. Highs 56 to 62. West winds 15 to 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday: Mostly sunny. Highs 59 to 65.

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A Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Monday, June 30, 2014



On Thursday, June 26, Canyon Rangers and Bear Management teamed up to remove a bison carcass from the Yellowstone River in Hayden Valley to avoid attracting bears, wolves, and other scavengers to this roadside area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Due to increased visitation and the 4th of July just around the corner, we will be **increasing the fire danger** to **Moderate** on July 1. Historically (at least for the last 14 years or so) we have already entered Moderate by this point in the season, but due to the heavy snow and cool / wet weather, fuels have remained wetter than usual. We are seeing some curing of the annual grasses on the lower portions of the northern range and they will soon be susceptible to ignitions. No fire restrictions are necessary at this time.

The **Yellowstone Gateway Museum** is opening a new exhibit, On Fire: Structural and Wildland Firefighting, on Thursday, July 3. The Open House is from 5-7 p.m. Everyone is welcome, refreshments provided. 118 W. Chinook, Livingston, Montana. Call 406-222-4184 for more information.

Admission to the museum is free during the opening from 5-7 PM and the public is invited to the event before the evening's rodeo. Appearances by Smokey Bear, courtesy of the USFS Gallatin National Forest, Yellowstone District, and the Livingston Fire & Rescue, are expected. Refreshments are provided.

The exhibit is dramatic and exciting as only fire can be, but it is also interpretive and helps people learn how to be fire safe. Artifacts from the museum's collection—many donated by the Livingston Fire Department—are on display and illustrate how fire apparatus and firefighting techniques have changed over time. The museum's collection includes two fire engines: the 1936 American LaFrance and the 1976 Ford 8000; both were donated by the Livingston Fire Department and are on exhibit in the museum's courtyard. Stories from local firefighters are highlighted, as well as historic and contemporary photographs depicting fire.

Several local photographers, including Jeff Henry, Matt Long, Duncan Moran, Jim Peaco, Rob Park, and Shawn Raecke generously donated their powerful images of fire to the exhibit. The museum has assembled a timeline of Park County fires. Structural fires were particularly destructive to downtown Livingston businesses in 1885, 1904, 1969, and 1975, and these stories are interpreted in the exhibit.

Fires caused by arson—the Livingston Middle School, Winans School, and the Yellowstone Hotel—are also featured. The epic 1988 fires in Yellowstone National Park are interpreted as is the 2012 Pine Creek Fire. One section of the exhibit shares the advice of local fire experts, raising awareness about things homeowners can do to avoid property damage or destruction by fire. Museum goers are invited to take home various informational handouts, bags, bookmarks, and stickers provided to the museum by the Park County Firesafe Coalition and the National Fire Protection Association. To help celebrate Smokey Bear's 70th

station (for all ages) features activities on the interactive web site, www.smokeybear.com. Vintage Smokey Bear posters are also displayed. Youth (and adults) have an opportunity to realize their childhood dream of becoming a firefighter by trying on structural and wildland firefighters' uniforms: jackets, helmets, gloves, and boots.

The fire exhibit is sponsored by the Park County Fire Council which includes the Park County Rural Fire District #1, Clyde Park Rural Fire District #2, Wilsall Rural Fire District #3, Paradise Valley Fire & EMS, Gateway Hose Co.—Gardiner Volunteer Fire & Ambulance, Cooke City & Silvergate Fire Department, Livingston Fire & Rescue, Clyde Park City Fire & EMS, Park County Sheriff's Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources Council, and the USFS, Gallatin National Forest. The Friends of the Yellowstone Gateway Museum also gave financial and other support to the exhibit.

Please visit our website, www.yellowstonegatewaymuseum.org or call the museum, 406-222-4184, for more information. The museum is open seven days/week, 10 AM to 5 PM. Youth are always free at the museum and special activities are geared toward children and their families.

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There will be **no traffic delays or night closures** on any Grand Loop Road construction projects between 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 3 and 7:00 a.m. Monday, July 7.

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Come to the Owl Seminar! How many kinds of owls live in Yellowstone? Do all owls hoot? Discover the answers to these and many other questions about fascinating owl behavior and natural history. Bring your own questions and curiosity, too. Katy Duffy, Yellowstone's current interpretive planner and a former interpretive supervisor, has studied owls and other raptors for more than 25 years in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Katy is a licensed bird bander and has banded owls and other raptors in Montana, Wyoming, New Jersey and Israel. There will be two more seminars and they are listed below.

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Tuesday: Sunny. Highs 63 to 69.

Tuesday Night: Clear. Lows 35 to 41.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. Highs 69 to 75.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows 39 to 45.

Thursday: Mostly sunny in the morning...then partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 72 to 78.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening...then slight chance of rain showers after midnight. Lows in the upper 40s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

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