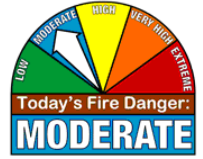


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Parks. Katy is a licensed bird bander and has banded owls and other raptors in Montana, Wyoming, New Jersey and Israel. There will be two more seminars and they are listed below.

Canyon Village: Wednesday, July 2nd - 7:00 pm in the Canyon Recreation Hall

POSITION VACANCY – Judicial Assistant

The United States District Court for the District of Wyoming is seeking a part-time (20 hours per week) Judicial Assistant to work for U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark L. Carman at the Yellowstone Justice Center in Mammoth, Yellowstone National Park. This is a permanent year round position providing administrative and clerical support for the Judge; calendar management; word processing; drafting of orders, judgments and correspondence; courtroom management; record maintenance; assisting court clerk; and management of a busy court docket.

The position requires general experience in progressively responsible general clerical duties, administrative skills, and a familiarity with legal terminology and forms. Applicants must have excellent grammar, spelling, word processing, automation and communication skills. Prior court/legal experience is preferred. The successful candidate will be subject to background check and fingerprinting. Salary dependent upon qualifications and includes federal benefits. No housing is provided for this position.

Interested candidates may review the complete position vacancy announcement at www.wyd.uscourts.gov under Career Opportunities and submit applications as directed in that announcement.

PARK NEWS RELEASES

How To Enjoy And Stay Safe In Yellowstone Over The Fourth

Summer is here, and Yellowstone is welcoming visitors for the upcoming Independence Day holiday. Since July is the park's busiest visitation month, the following tips and reminders are provided for ensuring a safe and memorable holiday weekend vacation:

- All roads, campgrounds, lodging, visitor amenities and activities are open for the season. Road construction projects on the park's Grand Loop Road will be halted over the weekend, and there will be no traffic delays or night road closures at any of the construction areas between 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 3 and 7:00 a.m. Monday, July 7.
- While annual fireworks displays are held in many of the park's gateway communities, visitors are reminded that no fireworks are allowed inside the park or on surrounding National Forest System lands. After a snowy winter and wet spring, vegetation is beginning to dry out, prompting an increase in the fire danger rating to Moderate on July 1.
- Extra time should be factored into traveling from place to place in the park. Traffic congestion and delays due to a high volume of vehicles, especially when wildlife are on or near the roadway, should be expected. Visitors should keep their eyes open for animals present on the road and be prepared to stop for unexpected wildlife sightseeing "jams."
- Driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal and is strictly enforced in Yellowstone. All vehicle occupants are also required to wear seatbelts while traveling on park roadways.

- Whether along the road or along a hiking trail, visitors are required to view wildlife from a safe distance of at least 25 yards, and stay at least 100 yards away from bears and wolves. This is to ensure the safety of both people and animals.
- All visitors traveling on foot in the park away from developed areas, especially on trails, should stay in groups of three or more, make noise on the trail, keep an eye out for bears and carry bear spray. Bear spray has proven to be a good last line of defense, if kept handy and used according to directions when a bear is approaching within 30 to 60 feet.
- You can protect yourself and Yellowstone's valuable natural resources by staying on boardwalks in thermal areas. Pets, smoking and eating in thermal areas are also prohibited.

For valuable trip planning information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/index.htm>.

For current, 24-hour road conditions, call (307) 344-2117 or visit

<http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm>. For current camping information, weather conditions and forecasts, call (307) 344-2113. For information on permits and reservations, visit

<http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/feesandreservations.htm>.

IN THE NEWS

Feds identify 10 potential sites for bison relocation

Matthew Brown, Billings Gazette, June 30, 2014

Federal officials said Monday that 20 parcels of public lands in 10 states could be suitable for bison from Yellowstone National Park, although it's likely to be years before any animals are relocated to the sites.

The locations include areas as diverse as Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park, an Iowa wildlife refuge and a North Dakota national historic site.

They were identified in a long-awaited Department of Interior report that looked at using Yellowstone's bison herds to further the restoration of a species that once ranged most of the continent.

Tens of millions of bison occupied North America before overhunting nearly drove them extinct by the late 19th century.

Yellowstone was one of the last holdouts for the animals in the wild, and had roughly 4,600 bison at last count. During their winter migrations, the animals periodically spill into neighboring Montana, triggering large-scale bison slaughters to prevent the spread of brucellosis.

A pilot bison relocation program in Montana has struggled to overcome opposition from ranchers. They worry both about the disease and the possibility of bison competing with cattle for grazing space.

The pilot program quarantined Yellowstone bison for several years before they could be moved, to protect against disease transmissions. Even so, many within the livestock industry remain wary and most of the animals in the program have not yet been relocated.

Those animals are in control of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, which is considering proposals from tribes, government agencies and private groups that want to take the bison.

If the park service were to revive the quarantine program and make it permanent, federal officials said it could be five years to a decade before more animals were relocated.

"If we were to do this, where would you place these bison? This report gives us a head-start on that question," said Jorge Silva-Banuelos, an official with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

That could help relieve population pressures that led to the slaughter of thousands of migrating Yellowstone bison during the last decade, under an agreement between Montana and federal officials.

Conservation groups welcomed Monday's report. But the National Wildlife Federation said it did not include enough collaboration with American Indian tribes interested in getting Yellowstone bison.

Then-Interior Secretary Ken Salazar first issued a directive for his agency to come up with a relocation plan for Yellowstone bison in May 2012.

Yellowstone's chief scientist, Dave Hallac, said planning for a bison quarantine program is expected to begin in late summer or early fall. Public input will be part of that process.

"Within a five-year-period there may be the possibility of moving some brucellosis-free bison," Hallac said.

-- At court sentencing, bison protester banned from Yellowstone park for 3 years

(BOZEMAN [MT] DAILY CHRONICLE)

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/crime/article_3e60a9ae-fd80-11e3-9e24-0019bb2963f4.html

-- Grizzlies need continued ESA protection to survive, conservation groups say / Removal of protection in Yellowstone would hurt recovery elsewhere

(CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY [TUCSON])

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2014/grizzly-bear-06-26-2014.html

-- Glacier, Yellowstone in running for best national park

(MISSOULIAN [MISSOULA, MT])

http://missoulian.com/news/local/glacier-yellowstone-in-running-for-best-national-park/article_023097fa-fe66-11e3-be73-001a4bcf887a.html

WEATHER

NWS Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park

Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 628 AM MDT TUE JUL 1 2014

Today: Sunny. Highs 63 to 69.

Tonight: Clear. Lows 35 to 41.

Wednesday: Sunny. Highs 70 to 76.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear. Lows 40 to 46.

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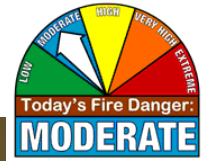
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Why are the skies over Yellowstone hazy?

Jet stream winds (top left) are bringing smoke from fires in northern Canada south into the northern United States (bottom left), resulting in hazy skies over Yellowstone National Park.



And this just in...



NRCCNewsNotes

9:45am via Twitter Web Client

National Preparedness Level has been elevated to PL 2.

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IN THE NEWS

-- **Not so fast: School funding for Wyoming Yellowstone park students back in question**

(POWELL [WY] TRIBUNE)

<http://www.powelltribune.com/news/item/12568-not-so-fast-funding-for-yellowstone-students-back-in-question>

-- **Chickasaw National Recreation Area one of two Oklahoma sites considered for federal bison expansion (Yellowstone)**

(KOTV-TV [TULSA])

<http://www.newson6.com/story/25914657/two-sites-in-oklahoma-considered-for-federal-bison-expansion-program>

-- **Brave souls at Firehole River on the Fourth (commentary) (Yellowstone)**

(FLYFISHING IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK fishing blog)

<http://flyfishyellowstone.blogspot.com/2014/07/brave-souls.html>

-- **Postcards from the park (commentary, w/photos) (Yellowstone)**

(BOZEMAN [MT] CHRONICLE)

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/outdoors/article_bd9c8118-0012-11e4-958a-0019bb2963f4.html

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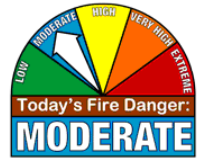
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Have a ROCKIN



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*See important **hazardous weather information** for this afternoon in the weather section below.

Please have all mail to the **mail room** by 2:15 today for delivery to the post office at 2:30.

We will be closing at 3:00 for early dismissal as granted. Any mail dropped off between 2:30 and 3 will be postmarked for Saturday and delivered to the post office as we close.

The **Green Machine Identification Contest** Winners are Brandon Sexton, Jim Knoelke, Bill Mayer, Ivan Kowski and Charlie Fleming. The correct answers were:

1. Yellowstone micro hydro-turbine
2. Mobile solar panel/electric generating system
3. Yellowstone propane-powered propane bottle crusher recycler
4. Bear spray spray extractor, recycler and crusher

Thanks for participating!

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IN THE NEWS

-- All you need to know to enjoy the Fourth of July in Yellowstone

(YELLOWSTONE GATE Wyoming national parks-related news online [CODY])

<http://www.yellowstonegate.com/2014/07/heres-what-you-need-to-know-to-enjoy-yellowstone-for-4th-of-july/>

-- Will Yellowstone bison find a home on Kansas range? (*Tallgrass Prairie*)

(THE WICHITA [KS] EAGLE)

<http://www.kansas.com/2014/06/30/3533405/feds-say-potential-for-bison-in.html>

WEATHER

HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BILLINGS MT

SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS ARE EXPECTED TO DEVELOP OVER WESTERN MOUNTAINS THIS AFTERNOON AND SPREAD INTO THE LOWER ELEVATIONS OF SOUTH CENTRAL MONTANA INTO THE EVENING HOURS.

GUSTY WINDS ARE LIKELY WITH ANY STORMS TODAY... AND ISOLATED DAMAGING WIND GUSTS ARE POSSIBLE.

WESTERN VALLEY LOCATIONS INCLUDING THE **PARADISE VALLEY... LIVINGSTON AND BIG TIMBER** ARE SOME OF THE LOCATIONS THAT MAY SEE WIND GUSTS AROUND 60 MPH WITH STORMS THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RIVERTON WY

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Owlets in Mammoth housing area taken 06-24
(By Joe Keel)

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Ranger Chris Flesch is leaving Yellowstone for a GS-11 Supervisor position in Glen Canyon NRA on July 26th

There will be a going away pot luck BBQ for Chris at the Grant Maintenance Yard on

Wednesday July 16 at 6:00 pm

.Bring a dish so share. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided.

Just a reminder for employees of Yellowstone National Park, the Yellowstone Association Institute extends a discount of 50% off tuition for field seminars that have space available within 30 days of the start of the course. This is a great opportunity to learn from content experts in the field! Just a few examples of courses eligible for this “partner” discount right now are “The Bison of Yellowstone” taught by Jim Garry and Harry Picton, “Native American Plant Lore” taught by Linda Different-Cloud Jones, and “The Night Sky Over Lamar” taught by Lynn Powers.

NEWS RELEASES

Bechler Improvement Plan Approved

A plan to help guide future improvements for the Bechler Administrative Area of Yellowstone National Park has been approved.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that addresses day use and overnight parking, circulation, employee housing, and utility upgrades was signed by Sue Masica, the Director of the Intermountain Region of the National Park Service, on July 2, 2014. The Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzed three alternatives was released for public comment May 5, 2013.

The Bechler Administrative Area Plan examined long-time needs for the area that included maintaining acceptable standards and levels of visitor and employee services. The NPS has decided to remove the proposed telecommunications tower from the scope of the project at this time. When specific designs are completed and funding secured, additional compliance in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be undertaken specific to the telecommunications infrastructure.

Among the highlights of the approved alternative:

- Designating parking areas for day-use, overnight, stock use and employees.
- Developing appropriate vehicle and pedestrian circulation patterns that provide easy access to trails, historic districts and the visitor contact station.
- Provide adequate housing and utilities accommodating up to eight park employees, including one family unit.

Copies of the EA and the FONSI can be found on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/BechlerEA> .

IN THE NEWS**Could drones help fight Western wildfires?**

3 hours ago • By BRIAN SMITH Twin Falls Times-News

TWIN FALLS, Idaho – When it comes to analyzing dangerous wildfires, could a sensor attached to a drone ever replace a human eye connected to an intellect shaped by experience and intuition?

That's one of the many questions federal wildland firefighting officials are asking as drones become increasingly popular in warfare and commerce.

The wildfire drone conversation comes on the heels of a national reminder about the human cost of firefighting after one of the deadliest seasons in recent memory. Nineteen firefighters died a year ago Monday at the Yarnell Hill fire in Arizona. In all last year, 38 firefighters were killed in the line of duty as fire burned 4.1 million acres and more than 1,000 homes.

Drones with infrared capability could help where thick smoke keeps manned helicopters from gathering fire information. They also could keep people out of risky situations, provide real-time information to firefighters on the ground and alert officials when conditions change or the fire jumps the line.

While drones have been used in rare cases already, managers with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service say the headlines are ahead of technology and the agencies' comfort zone and pocketbooks.

"I think you are going to see them sooner than you think," said Rusty Warbis, flight operations manager at the BLM's National Aviation Office. "Right now it is procedures, policy and regulation that's really holding it up."

What's more, Warbis said, the BLM isn't quite sure how to incorporate drones into an already busy wildfire airspace without creating a hazard. More complex is the task of taking the drone's information and communicating it in a way helpful to planners and tacticians, he said.

Last year, a California National Guard Predator drone was dispatched to aid firefighters battling the Rim fire, which burned 257,314 acres in the Sierra Nevada and Yosemite National Park.

The drone "proved particularly effective for perimeter and spot fire detection," says a report by Josh McDaniel of the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center. It was the first and most significant launch of a drone in wildfire history and "could point the way to how these assets are used on future fires."

"Fire managers on the Rim fire say that the (drones) also have potential application in a wide range of missions related to communication crew, safety and night ops," McDaniel wrote.

The drone picked up a critical spot fire that could have spread into a populated area. It also had the technology to identify the precise latitude and longitude of such spot fires for an airdrop of water or retardant, he reported.

The drone could fly from one side of the fire to the other in about 15 minutes and could see more than two helicopters monitoring opposite ends of the blaze. It easily saw through light and dry smoke, but it was grounded when the Rim fire experienced inversion, trapping smoke near the ground.

The drone was operated by a military crew completely unfamiliar with fire behavior, requiring a fire behavior specialist to gather and interpret the information.

Other drones have been used since, including one from the University of Alaska Fairbanks that flew a Scan Eagle into the Funny River fire on the Kenai Peninsula in May.

Recently, Oregon's Department of Forestry – which has its own firefighters – approved one forester's idea of using a much smaller drone. The state plans to equip a small, remote-controlled helicopter with video, infrared cameras and GPS systems at a cost of about \$5,000.

Firefighters hope to fly it into smoke-choked canyons when helicopters are unable, then share the information with firefighters and other agencies. In a decade, Warbis said, firefighters could be equipped with such small drones as regular field equipment.

The Oregon drone is only cleared to fly 400 feet above the ground and holds enough gas to run for 30 minutes. One Predator drone costs \$17 million, can stay in the sky 20 hours and operates at 18,000 feet altitude.

The Forest Service has “dabbled” in using drones while a committee of specialists works on a report examining their use in all of the agency's programs, not only wildfire, said Mike Ferris, spokesman for the fire aviation management division.

“We’re not going to run out and buy something without understanding things like cost, storage, maintenance, deployment and training,” he said. “There are so many components to taking on a program of that nature that you really have to turn it out first.”

Warbis said the BLM is further along in its use of drones. It has 16 ongoing projects that employ two drone types for anything from data collection on wildlife to aerial surveys and archaeology.

“Technology is getting way out ahead of us, and we’re working to catch up with it,” Ferris said.

Warbis said he doubts the BLM will create its own firefighting drone division, instead contracting that work out with private groups that would respond to a la carte orders for services on specific fires.

“I may have 20 (drone types) on your shelf and go, ‘Yes, I can fill that need with this (drone).’ That keeps me from having to come up with pilots that are qualified to fly technology that’s moving so fast that it is obsolete by the time I buy it. . You’d have to put up a full-blown unit with the training and standardization and everything. And in this day and age of government budgets, it’s going to be hard-pressed.”

Indeed, wildland firefighting costs are a major issue these days. Many members of Congress released a joint statement Friday, reaffirming their support for sweeping changes in how firefighting is funded and placing more money in coffers for prevention.

McDaniel's report, however, notes the reduced hourly cost of the Predator drone, at \$770 an hour, compared with a type 3 helicopter at \$3,500 an hour.

Drones could help in one of Idaho's most treacherous fire sites, the Salmon River Breaks, where helicopters often can't fly into smoke-filled canyons, said Randy Skelton, deputy fire staff officer for the Payette National Forest. In 2003, two firefighters were killed in the Breaks, an area known for high and erratic winds and frequent lightning strikes.

“I’m all for advancing technology if it is going to help out,” Skelton said “If you don’t need to expose firefighters and pilots to that hazard, it’d definitely be worth exploring.”

But Skelton said he’s not ready to replace experienced human eyes with drone sensors. Drones may be useful to cheaply monitor fires that the Forest Service lets burn in accordance with management objectives, he said.

“It is just not as 3-D as you’d like it to be like seeing it in person,” he said of infrared, video and other imagery captured from the air. “It is better intel than not seeing it at all. But a tactician being able to fly over the fire and being able to give you real time feedback (is better) versus trying to decipher what you are seeing on a camera or infrared image.”

Warbis agreed that a drone would lack the intuition many experts rely on when seeing a fire from the air.

“With someone trying to make decisions from data through a drone, you are not in the scene,” he said. “You are observing the scene, and there is a risk there. . You get a sense, a full, overall picture and awareness. When you are looking at a screen, I think it would be too easy to sit back and not have as much of the picture as you might like.”

Connectivity from those receiving the drone’s data with command on the ground may be complicated, too, Ferris said.

“Do we tap into their iPads? . If we are in the urban interface, there is pretty good connectivity. But once you get out into the central mountains of Idaho, well, good luck.”

In the meantime, all fire officials interviewed agreed that the biggest concern about drones is not whether they’d be effective in fighting fires. Rather, they worry about private drones interfering with air attack operations.

The BLM and Forest Service issued a safety alert June 25 after a private citizen launched a DJI Phantom to film the Two Bulls Fire northwest of Bend, Ore. Warbis said the BLM is working hard to get the word out about the dangers private drones pose while meddling inside a fire’s airspace.

“It’s bad enough if you hit a bird. Think if you hit a 40-pound piece of metal – not going to be good,” he said.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/could-drones-help-fight-western-wildfires/article_be5f96a1-036a-5da7-a5d5-e0ca993375f7.html#ixzz36novxF4H

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Tonight: Clear until early morning then becoming partly cloudy. Lows 39 to 45. East winds around 15 mph in the late evening and early morning.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny. Highs 71 to 77.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear. Lows 43 to 49.

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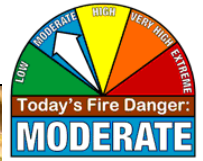
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Chris Farrar-RVP
Myles Beyer-Maint.
Daniel Adams-RVP
Brandon Pofahl-RVP
Sally Hens-RVP

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IN THE NEWS

Oregon congressman wants buffer for wolves around Yellowstone

19 hours ago • Associated Press

An Oregon congressman is asking the Interior Department to work with states to curb gray wolf hunting around Yellowstone National Park.

Rep. Peter DeFazio is the ranking Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee.

He said in a Tuesday letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell that hunters killing wolves just outside Yellowstone's boundary could hurt the overall health of the park's ecosystem.

DeFazio asked for a "wolf safety zone" or buffer around the park, which includes parts of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. He also asked Jewell to establish a task force to devise protections for wolves around other national parks.

State officials have resisted prior calls from wildlife advocates seeking an outright ban on wolf hunting around the park. However, quotas in some areas limit how many can be killed annually.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/oregon-congressman-wants-buffer-for-wolves-around-yellowstone/article_b54c395d-5f8f-53f9-82b5-68277414b733.html#ixzz36z9VLpLq

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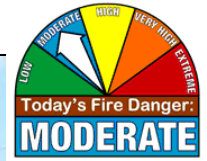
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(photo by John Klapotsky)

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NEWS RELEASES

Firehole Lake Drive Temporarily Closed



Firehole Lake Drive, superheated by surrounding thermals. (NPS Photo)

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Extreme heat from surrounding thermal areas has caused thick oil to bubble to the surface, damaging the blacktop and creating unsafe driving conditions on the popular, scenic road, located off the Grand Loop Road halfway between Old Faithful and Madison Junction in the park’s Lower Geyser Basin.

The 3.3-mile loop drive takes visitors past Great Fountain Geyser, White Dome Geyser and Firehole Lake.

The road will remain closed for the next several days while maintenance crews make repairs. The date for reopening the road is uncertain at this time, and will be determined after crews assess the effectiveness of their efforts.

Updated Yellowstone National Park road information is available 24 hours a day by calling 307-344-2117 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm>.

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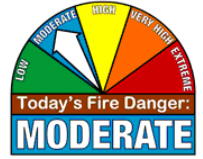
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The Board and staff of Yellowstone Federal Credit Union would like to give special thanks to Sonya Anderson, who retired from the Board this year after **19 years** as a volunteer Board member, serving as Chairman of the Board for 12 of those years. Sonya worked hard on the Board, meeting with examiners and auditors, conducting the annual meetings, frequently stopping by to see how things were going, and always supporting the employees of the credit union. We hope she's enjoying a busy and happy retirement!

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IN THE NEWS

-- Yellowstone roadside grizzlies worth rangers' hassle / New report says bear tourism means 155 jobs, more than \$10 million to economy

(WYOFIE non-profit public interest Wyoming news online [CASPER])

http://wyofile.com/angus_thuermer/yellowstone-roadside-grizzlies-worth-rangers-hassle/

-- Yellowstone grizzlies are on the rebound and outbound (commentary)

(LOS ANGELES TIMES)

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-burrell-grizzly-bears-yellowstone-20140707-story.html>

-- Montana tries to move on bison conservation

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http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/montana-tries-to-move-on-bison-conservation/article_4878004f-b562-597c-a145-40f1444231bc.html

-- Rep. DeFazio to Interior: Protect wolves near national parks / Says Yellowstone wolves killed outside park borders

(KTVZ-TV [BEND, OR])

<http://www.ktvz.com/news/defazio-to-interior-protect-wolves-near-national-parks/26847084>

-- Fish & Wildlife changes stance, now doubts global warming's impact on wolverines (*Glacier, Yellowstone*)

(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS via FLATHEAD BEACON [KALISPELL, MT])

<http://flatheadbeacon.com/2014/07/07/global-warmings-impact-wolverines-cast-doubt/>

-- It's time for grizzly bears to come home to the Uintahs (*op-ed commentary*) (*Yellowstone*)

(THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE)

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/opinion/58143144-82/bears-grizzly-species-greenwald.html.csp>

-- Wyoming traps grizzly north of Pinedale, relocates near Yellowstone

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http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/game-and-fish-traps-grizzly-north-of-pinedale/article_ed0cd79f-e230-5210-9e2a-1d88722e53b8.html

-- Yellowstone bison: Montana governor ignores landowners (*letter to editor*)

(MISSOULIAN [MISSOULA, MT])

http://missoulian.com/news/opinion/mailbag/yellowstone-bison-governor-ignores-landowners/article_a929263e-02c2-11e4-8506-001a4bcf887a.html

-- With chilled chardonnay in hand, camping in style at Yellowstone (*travel feature, w/photos*)

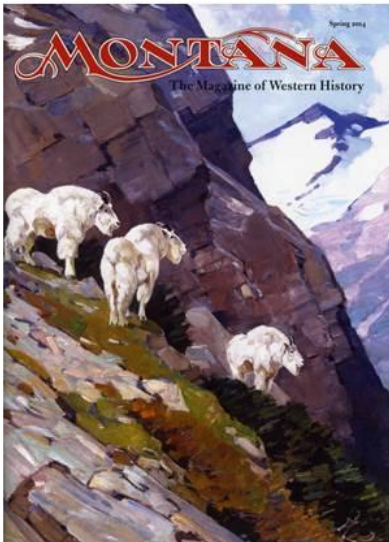
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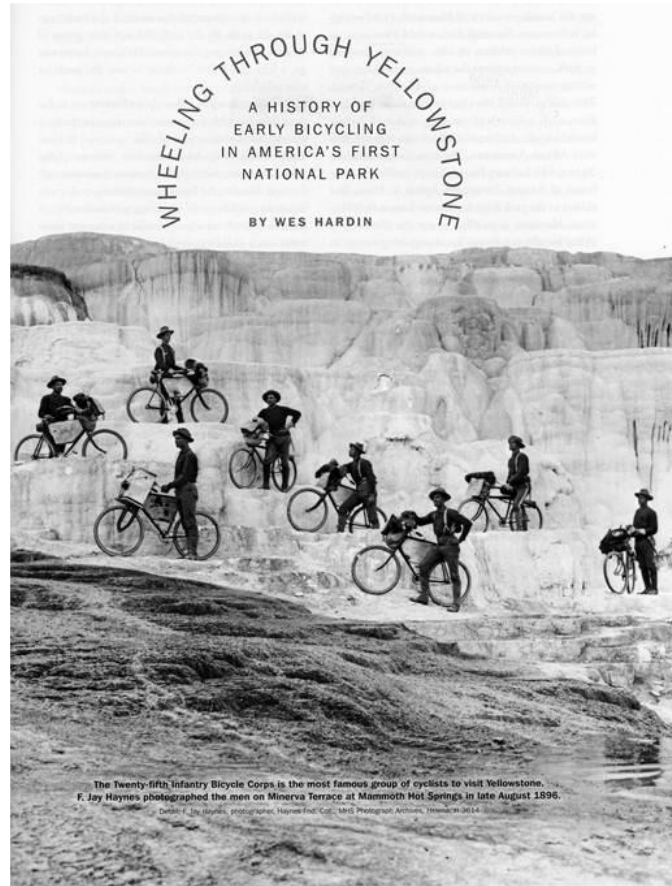
-- Yellowstone history presentation in Cooke City on Saturday

(YELLOWSTONE GATE Wyoming national parks-related news online [CODY])

<http://www.yellowstonegate.com/2014/07/yellowstone-history-presentation-in-cooke-city-on-july-12/>



Top: Cover of Spring 2014 issue of *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*



Right: First page of "Wheeling Through Yellowstone" article.

Early Bicycling in Yellowstone, by Wes Hardin

Of the 3.5 million or so people who come to Yellowstone National Park each year, only around seventy choose to tour the park on a bicycle. However, during the 1880s-1890s bicycle tourists were much more numerous. An article recently published in the Spring 2014 issue of *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* discusses a number of intrepid wheelmen (and even a few wheelwomen) who were among the first to try bicycling through the park between 1883-1898. Entitled "Wheeling Through Yellowstone: A History of Early Bicycling in America's First National Park," the article describes how the bicycle evolved from a hobby horse affair to the more practical safety bicycle that is still in use today. The text is filled with excerpts from period journals, promotional brochures and newspaper accounts, as well as numerous historic photos (including several shots of the most famous group of cyclists to visit the park: the Twenty-fifth Infantry Bicycle Corps who were photographed with their bicycles on Minerva Terrace at Mammoth Hot Springs in August 1896).

"Wheeling Through Yellowstone" was written by Wes Hardin, who has been working for the past five seasons as a Resource Education Park Ranger at Mammoth Hot Springs. Wes first became interested in the topic of early bicycling in Yellowstone while serving as director of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula in Missoula, Montana. For anyone interested in reading the article, copies of the Spring 2014 issue of *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* can be found at Yellowstone's Heritage and Research Center in Gardiner. Copies of the magazine can be purchased at the Yellowstone Basin Inn (north of Gardiner), as well as in bookstores in Livingston and Bozeman.



Wes Hardin, Resource Education Park Ranger, delivering a talk at Palette Spring at Mammoth Hot Springs to students from Evergreen State College (located in Olympia, WA), September 2012.

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Saturday Night: Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the evening. Lows 44 to 50. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent.

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Sunday Night: Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows 44 to 50.

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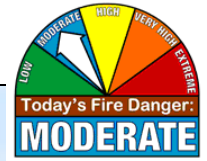
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This Mountain Goat decided to see what was for lunch when Clare and Mike Cloghessy hiked Sepulcher on July 5th.
(photo by Clare Cloghessy)

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The Board and staff of Yellowstone Federal Credit Union would like to give special thanks to Sonya Anderson, who retired from the Board this year after **19 years** as a volunteer Board member, serving as Chairman of the Board for 12 of those years. Sonya worked hard on the Board, meeting with examiners and auditors, conducting the annual meetings, frequently stopping by to see how things were going, and always supporting the employees of the credit union. We hope she's enjoying a busy and happy retirement!

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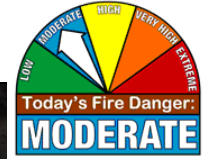
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MCC Summer Movie Series!

July feature = The Lego Movie + Pizza Potluck. Thursday, July 24th @ 6pm. Bring a pizza to share, a comfy chair and pajamas for the little ones!

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IN THE NEWS

-- Montana officials: State will have bison management strategy by 2015 (*Yellowstone*)

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<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/local/2014/07/17/montana-officials-state-will-bison-strategy/12802225/>

-- Helping keep Yellowstone green

(NORTH AMERICAN PRESS SYNDICATE via SEASIDE COURIER [ENCINITAS, CA])

http://www.seasidecourier.com/online_features/travel/helping-keep-yellowstone-green/article_c00a1f3f-9a7d-58d4-b3ef-f5e8f6f5c691.html

-- Idaho sheep research station, target of conservationist lawsuits over harm to Yellowstone-area grizzlies, to remain open

(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS via IDAHO STATE JOURNAL [POCATELLO])

http://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/state/simpson-e-idaho-sheep-station-will-remain-open/article_e4d5ca33-6ba3-547f-93f7-3e076e9ca02c.html

-- GOP candidate wants to open up drilling in Yellowstone National Park

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-- Montanans divided on taking state control of federal lands

(FLATHEAD BEACON [KALISPELL, MT])

<http://flatheadbeacon.com/2014/07/16/montana-federal-lands-policy-turns-political/>

-- Think big, act now for nature: Unexpected common ground between Montana, Azerbaijan and Middle East (*Yellowstone, Glacier*)

(THE HUFFINGTON POST progressive news/opinion online [NYC/DC])

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sean-gerrity/think-big-act-now-for-nat_b_5592870.html

-- How did I miss that? What a bear does in the woods (*commentary*) (*Yellowstone*)

(INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY MEDIA NETWORK [NEW YORK CITY])

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/07/18/how-did-i-miss-what-bear-does-woods-found-smallpox-155883>

-- Absaroka-Beartooth Front: Yellowstone's wild front porch (*news feature, w/photos*)

(INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION PHOTOGRAPHERS via NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC online's "NEWS WATCH")

<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2014/07/17/absaroka-beartooth-front-yellowstones-wild-front-porch/>

-- Wyoming camp helps young cancer survivors heal (*Yellowstone, Grand Teton*)

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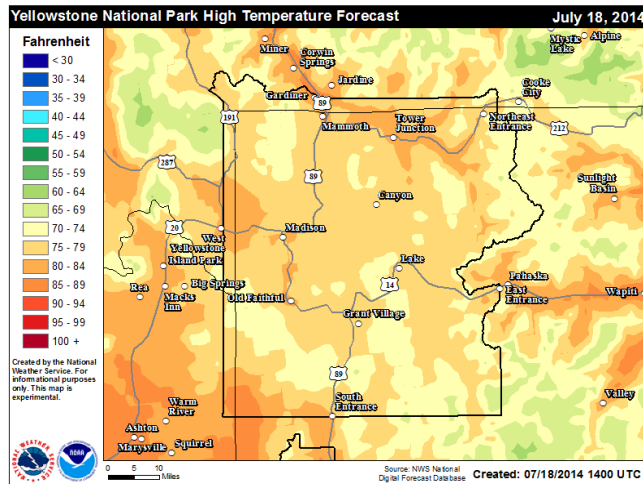
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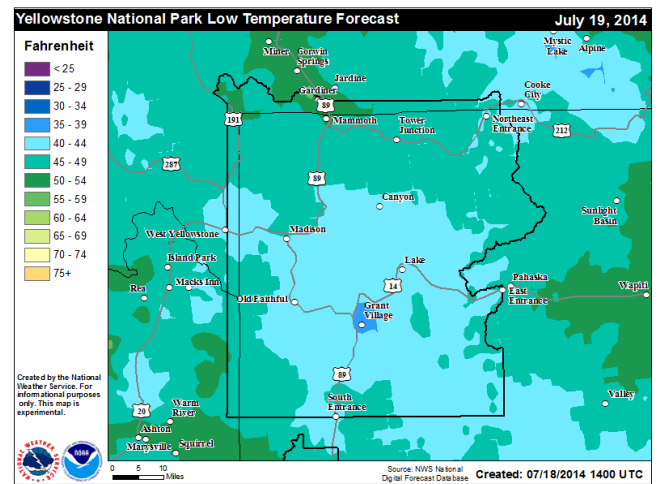
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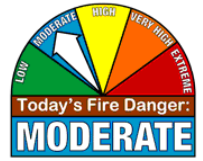
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8 hours ago • By TOM KUGLIN Independent Record

Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks were voted in the top three of all national parks in the country in a new USA Today poll.

Travel writers nominated 20 of the nation's 59 national parks and opened them to voting by the public. Glacier came in second and Yellowstone third. The two parks were the highest ranked west of the Mississippi.

"Travelers from around the country know and love Montana's natural wonders," Montana Office of Tourism Administrator Jeri Duran said. "For both national parks within our borders to finish in the top three of a national poll is an honor."

In 2013, 11 million tourists came to Montana adding more than \$3.6 billion to the state's economy, according to the office.

Acadia National Park along the coast of Maine took the top spot, with Yosemite National Park in California and Big Ben National Park in Texas rounding out the top five.

Travel writers Kay and David Scott, who chose the top 20, had a glowing review of Glacier.

"Covering more than one million acres, Glacier National Park in Montana has something for everyone. Hikers come to explore the 700-mile network of trails," they wrote. "Road trippers and motorcyclists come to ride the curves of Going-to-the-Sun Road, and engineers come to marvel at it. The massive, snowy peaks of the Continental Divide hide azure alpine lakes, colorful patches of wildflowers and the occasional cascading waterfall."

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To see the complete list of winners, visit 10best.com/awards/travel/best-national-park.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/glacier-yellowstone-voted-in-top-of-nation-s-national-parks/article_2cd12da9-3e1d-5798-8377-bba30b10d8d3.html#ixzz38CtUPjbF

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Posted: Friday, July 18, 2014 11:03 am

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By MIKE MOORE West Yellowstone News |

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After winning "best of show" awards in the Gallatin County Fair for her stunning images, Jehle continued to craft unique and captivating photographs of the beautiful landscape that surrounds the small mountain town of West Yellowstone.

She continued to shoot photography, but became equally as interested in creating artwork through oil, charcoal and watercolor pieces during her freshman year of high school.

"I started taking it seriously and loving it freshman year," she said. "I still do photography; it's a passion of mine."

Now entering her senior year in high school, the artist's collection has grown so large, she was asked to host her own art exhibit at the West Yellowstone Public Library.

She unveiled 57 pieces of her work to the community Wednesday evening during her opening reception. Of the pieces, 16 featured her art, while the rest consisted of her photography collection.

The student artist says she's thankful to her mother, Linda, local photographer Ken Takata and art teacher Paul Amdahl for inspiring and helping her continue her passion for art.

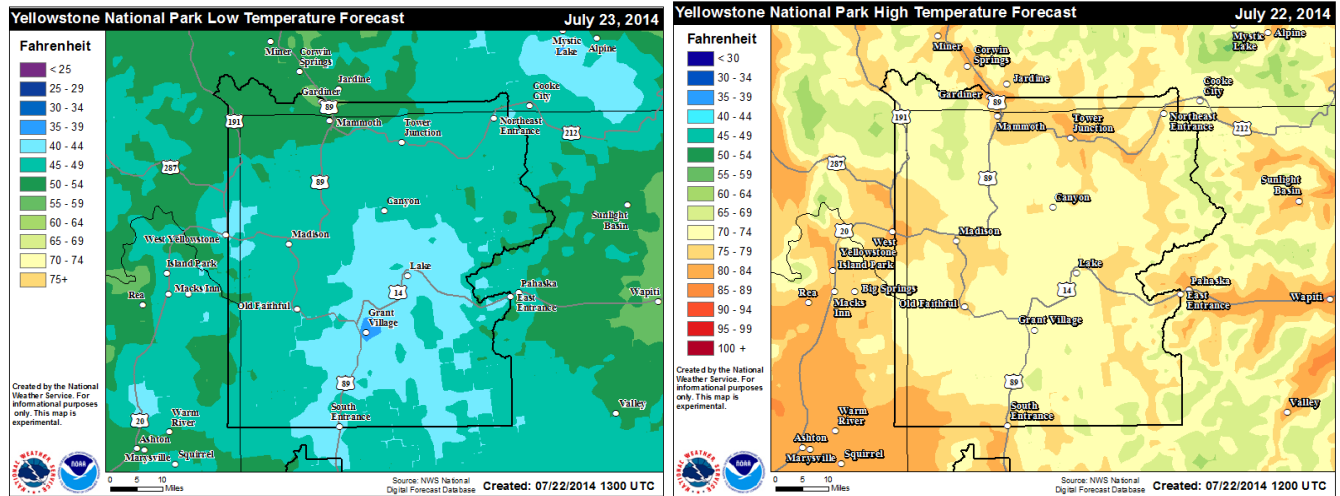
Jehle says Steve Takata with the library asked her last summer if she would be interested in an exhibit, and began piecing her collection together at the start of this summer. She thanks Ken for helping her with her prints for the exhibit.

This is the local artist's first show as a young artist, and she is thankful for the opportunity to show her work to the community and world travelers that occasionally swing through.

"It's pretty wild that Steve thought I was ready to have my own show," she said. "I really appreciate it; I'm excited to see what people think. I couldn't have done it without a great community."

Following high school, Jehle says she would like to pursue a minor in art, photography or film. Her show will run at the library until Sept. 6, with SJ Sheppard wrapping up this year's summer art exhibit series with a show running Sept. 9 through Oct. 31.

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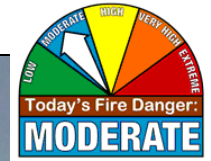
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Making over the Lake Yellowstone Hotel

Posted: Sunday, July 20, 2014 5:00 am

Hotel ERIN SCHATTAUER, Chronicle Staff Writer

Lake Yellowstone Hotel is a special place for Nic and Alison Fischer.

It's where the now-married couple met in 2005 while working as servers in the hotel's restaurant, bringing food and drinks to guests vacationing in Yellowstone National Park.

It's also where they met some of their closest friends, the same friends they traveled with on a recent trip back to the area of the park where they once worked. Only this time, the Lake Yellowstone Hotel looked a lot different.

"The first thing I noticed was the furniture. You can't help but notice the furniture," Nic said.

Old wicker tables and chairs in the grand sunroom were taken out and smooth, heavy dark wood chairs and tables were brought in. Walls once swathed in pink paint were repainted a creamy soft yellow.

While Alison remembers the old look as "charming," the new look is a great improvement to the old peach-pink walls and uncomfortable dining room chairs, she said.

Her husband also couldn't help noticing that the windows are now straight. So are the floors.

He remembers standing in the upstairs hallways and looking down to see an obvious slant in the floor.

"It was pretty substantial," he said.

Over the years, seismic activity and age caused the old hotel to shift, leaving the floors slanted, said Rick Hoeninghausen, director of marketing and sales for Xanterra Parks and Resorts.

"It's typical of all the old buildings in the park," Hoeninghausen said.

Those are just a few of the noticeable changes that have been made at the hotel in the past couple of years. Foundation improvements were made and room and common-area renovations were completed with the colonial revival style in mind.

The two-year, \$28 million project left the hotel with a whole new look and feel.

The bulk of the renovation work took place mainly over the past two winters when the hotel was closed for the season, Hoeninghausen said. Manpower and materials were brought in during the off-season for the massive makeover.

"They brought in what they could before the snow fell," Hoeninghausen remembers.

For the first phase of the project, the floors were torn out and structural work was done to fix things like the uneven floors. Crews finished what they could during the winter before the hotel opened again in the spring.

The second phase focused on the hotel's east wing. Guest rooms were taken down to the studs. Old furniture, mauve carpeting and floral bedspreads were removed and replaced with heavy dark wood headboards and new, white bedding.

"The most substantial changes are the rooms. They're not even recognizable," Nic said.

All 153 rooms in the hotel were given makeovers, resulting in a cleaner, crisper look. New carpeting was laid and the rooms were fitted with new finishes and lighting.

Guest rooms start around \$329 a night and go up to \$629 for the presidential suite, which boasts two bathrooms, two bedrooms and a living room with a sleeper sofa.

Hardwood floors were brought back to the hotel's lobby, sunroom and dining room. Colors, period lighting and furnishings were chosen in the colonial revival style.

A new, larger deli was also constructed on the first floor down the hall from the reception area. The reception area and bell desk were renovated. A business center was built to accommodate travelers needing computer access. The bar outside the dining room was redone to make it more welcoming with added seating.

The work isn't done yet. A roofing project is about to begin. Trim around some of the windows will be replaced and paint will be touched up. Temporary paper signs pointing guests to rooms will be replaced with permanent signage in the hallways.

While there is still some work to do, for those who have frequented the hotel, like Nic and Alison, the changes are impressive.

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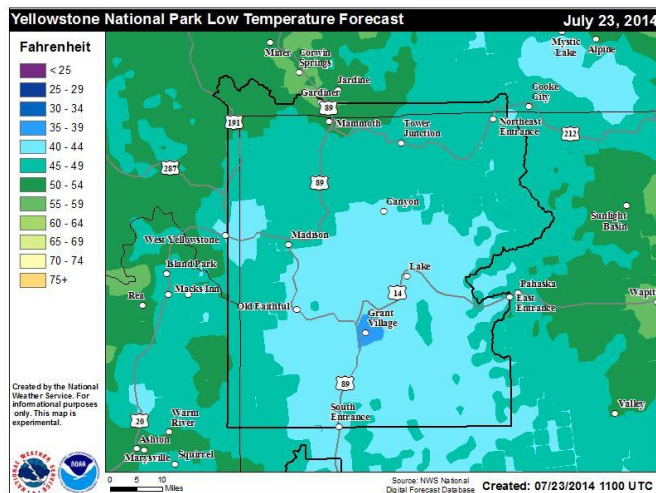
And while things like the sunroom look different, they still feel the same, the couple agreed.

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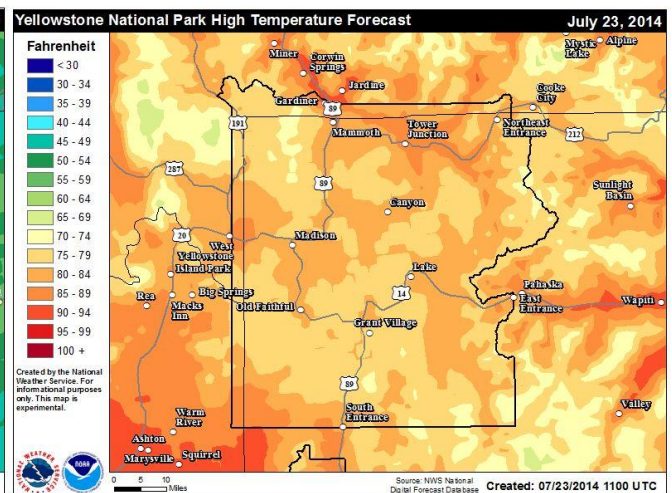
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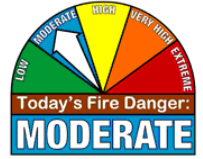
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You may have noticed a familiar voice missing on your evening radio. **Peter Schmidt** recently retired from the Comm Center after starting his career with the National Park Service in Yellowstone as a temporary employee in 1978. As was Peter's nature, he left with little fanfare into the dark of night after his last shift on Sunday, July 6th. However, should you be so lucky to see him in town (or tomorrow while he is checking out!), give him a big "Congratulations" and wish him well on his "free time"!

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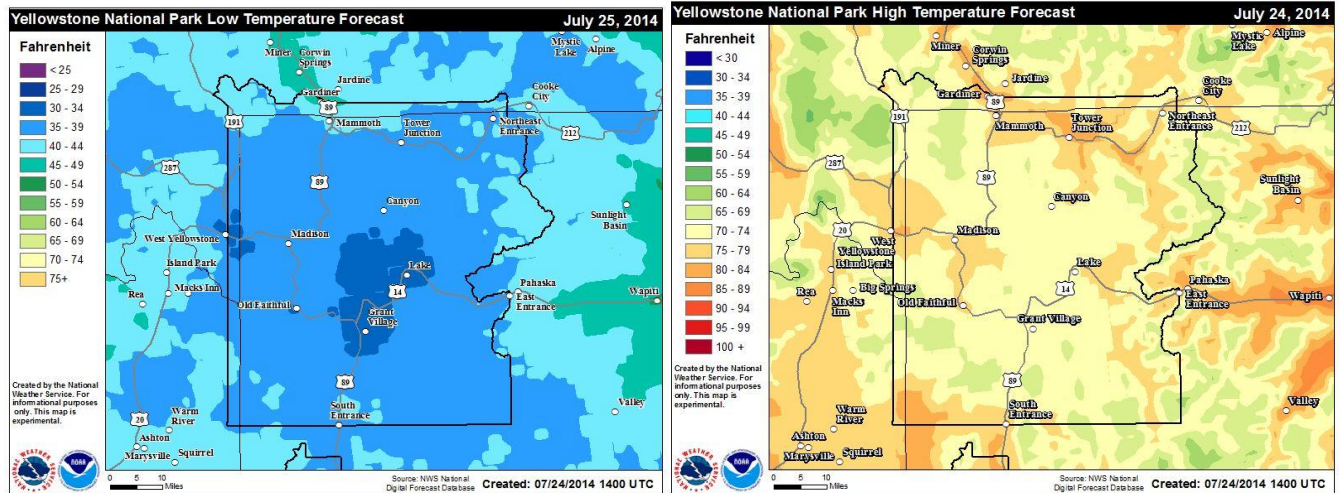
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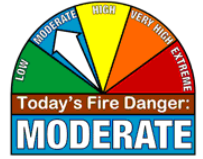
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Dan Hottle and family are leaving Yellowstone for the Reno/Tahoe region, where he will be the Public Affairs Officer for the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Please come wish Dan, Amanda, and Calder a fond farewell on Sunday, July 27th from 4 to 6 p.m. in The Studio at the Mammoth Community Center.

You may have noticed a familiar voice missing on your evening radio. **Peter Schmidt** recently retired from the Comm Center after starting his career with the National Park Service in Yellowstone as a temporary employee in 1978. As was Peter's nature, he left with little fanfare into the dark of night after his last shift on Sunday, July 6th. However, should you be so lucky to see him in town (or tomorrow while he is checking out!), give him a big "Congratulations" and wish him well on his "free time"!

Wish **David Restivo** and family luck in their move to Columbia Falls, MT. On August 3, David will begin working in a different job in Res. Ed. & Youth Media & Planning, but one that still focuses on web and digital media projects. This job will be duty stationed in Columbia Falls and David will telework from that location. We wish David and his family the best as they prepare to move north.

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Last day to order "**Made-to-Measure**" is this Friday, July 25th

September 2nd - Last day to order uniforms. The contractor's (VF) website will not accept any orders after 6:00 pm EST this date!

Please plan accordingly!

RECENT NEWS RELEASES

-- Parks For All?

HIGH COUNTRY NEWS

http://www.hcn.org/issues/46.8/parks-for-all/article_view?b_start:int=0&utm_medium=email&utm_source=SYN

-- Fewer fires in, around Yellowstone this summer

(KULR-TV [BILLINGS, MT])

<http://www.kulr8.com/story/26097459/fewer-fires>

-- Protecting Yellowstone: Wilderness study underway in Gallatin Range

(BOZEMAN [MT] DAILY CHRONICLE via THE MONTANA STANDARD [BUTTE])

http://mtstandard.com/lifestyles/recreation/protecting-yellowstone-wilderness-study-underway-in-gallatin-range/article_1bc76728-12db-11e4-aa82-001a4bcf887a.html

-- Gubernatorial candidate Haynes misses mark in Yellowstone discussion (*editorial*)

(CASPER [WY] STAR-TRIBUNE)

http://trib.com/opinion/editorial/editorial-board-haynes-misses-mark-on-yellowstone-discussion/article_9808f2c7-590b-5824-9306-eb50d4328fe0.html

-- National parks visitors spent \$723 million in Wyoming

(CODY [WY] ENTERPRISE)

http://www.codyenterprise.com/news/local/article_4a31eef0-129d-11e4-8efa-001a4bcf887a.html

-- Green piece: A beautiful place to be (*commentary*) (Yellowstone)

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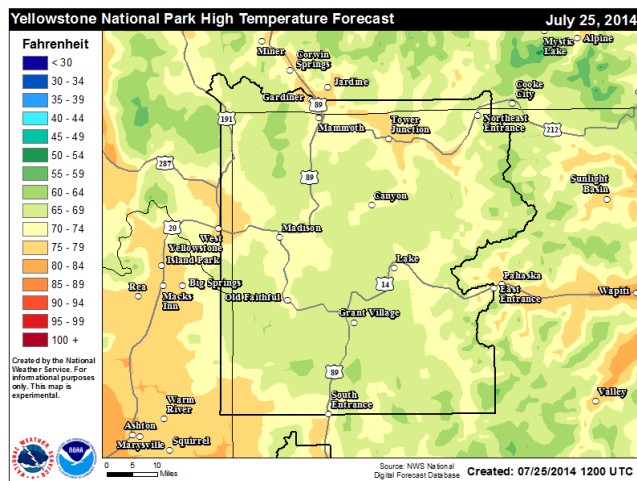
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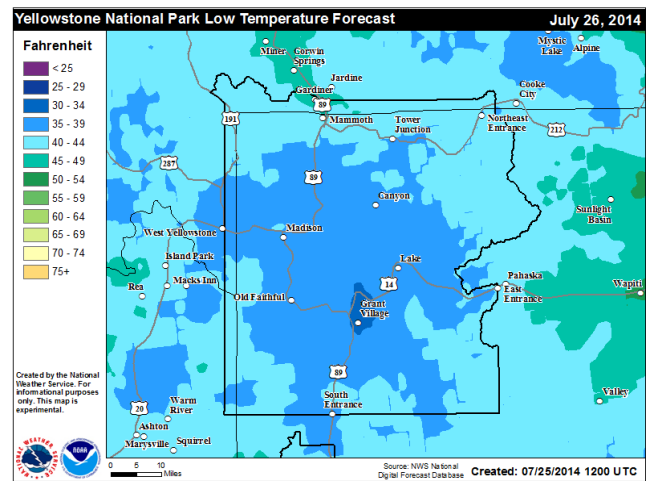
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<http://www.latimes.com/travel/deals/la-trb-yellowstone-photo-tours-20140723-story.html>

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Saturday Night: Clear. Lows 37 to 43.

Sunday: Sunny. Highs 73 to 79.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows 42 to 48.

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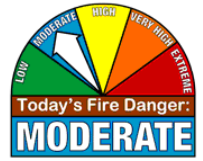
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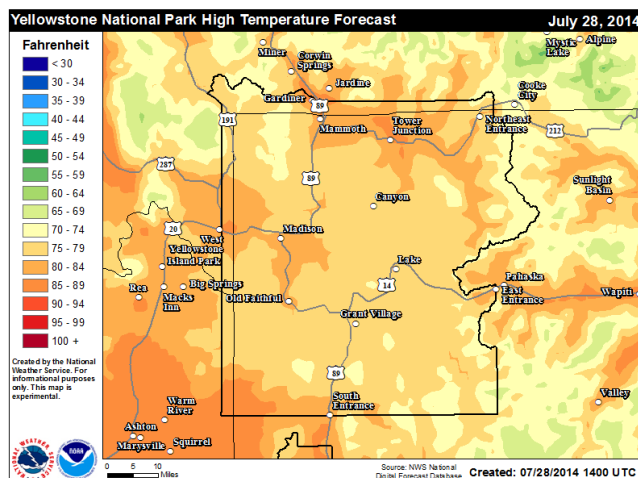
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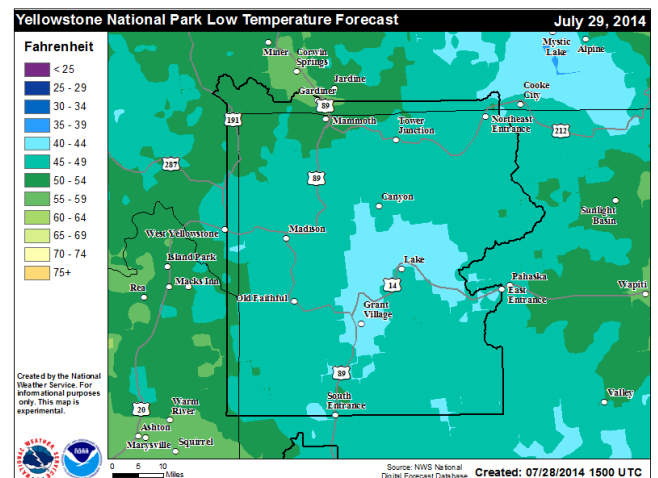


Yellowstone seems to be everywhere...even on the top of a housekeeping cart aboard the Disney "Dream" cruise ship! (photo by Colleen Curry)

WEATHER



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 Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 827 AM MDT MON JUL 28 2014

Rest Of Today: Partly cloudy late in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall in the afternoon. Highs 74 to 80. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening... Then isolated rain showers after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall in the evening. Lows 44 to 50. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy. Isolated rain showers in the morning... Then scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall in the afternoon. Highs 70 to 76. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy. Scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening...then isolated rain showers after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall in the evening. Lows 42 to 48. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

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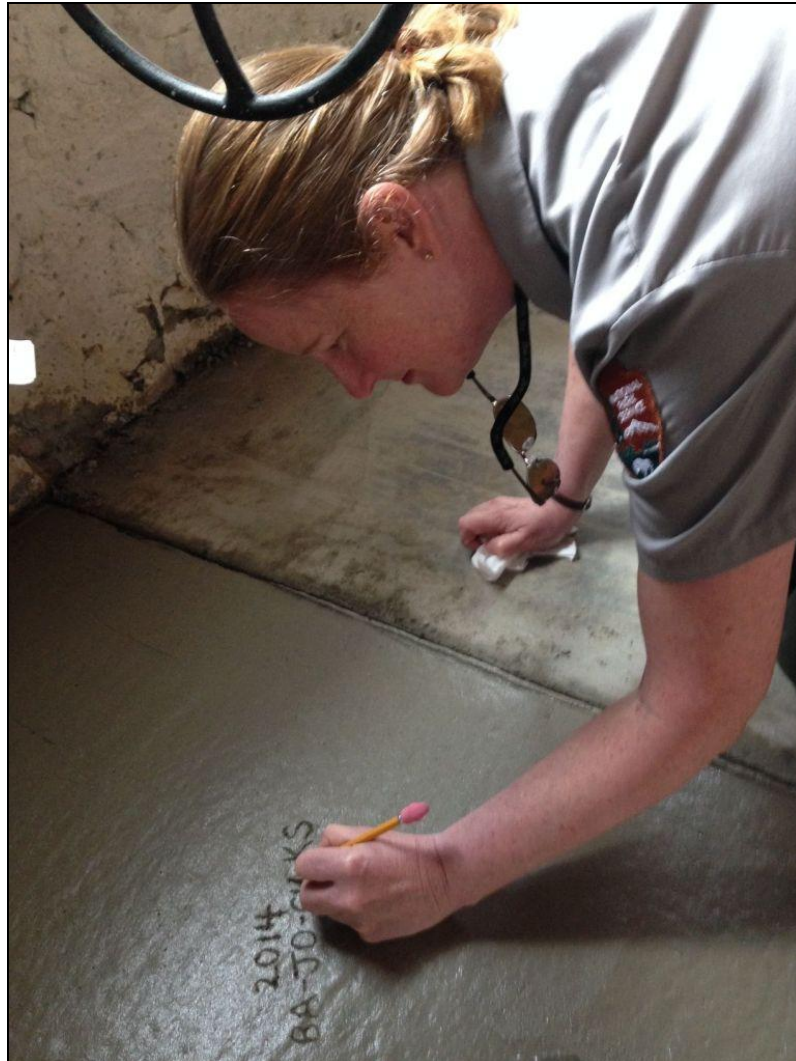
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This is the last person you'd expect to graffiti the new Supply Center!
(photo by Karin Schwartz)

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IN THE NEWS

Glacier officials continue search for bear believed to be shot by hiker

2 hours ago • By VINCE DEVLIN Missoulian

WEST GLACIER – Glacier National Park officials continued to search Monday for a bear they believe was shot and wounded Saturday by a tourist from Texas.

The bear reportedly charged the 57-year-old man on the Mount Brown Lookout Trail. The hiker discharged his bear spray, then fired one round from his handgun that authorities believe struck the bear.

It is unknown whether the animal was a grizzly or a black bear. The hiker reported the bear turned and ran after he shot at it, and evidence at the scene suggests the bear was hit.

The trail remained closed to the public Monday.

Glacier spokeswoman Denise Germann said the incident remains under investigation. Visitors are allowed to carry firearms in national parks due to a 2010 federal law, but it is illegal to discharge one in Glacier, Germann said.

After shooting the bear, which charged from below the trail, the hiker turned around and quickly hiked back to the trailhead, warning other hikers he met of the incident. The Texan reported the shooting to a park volunteer backcountry ranger he met on the trail, and the ranger contacted park dispatch.

The hiker, who was alone at the time, was not injured.

The Mount Brown Lookout Trail is reached by starting at the Sperry Chalet Trailhead near Lake McDonald Lodge.

It is considered one of the most challenging hikes in Glacier Park. It's 5 miles long and gains more than 4,200 feet of elevation in that distance. Partway up, it passes through a stretch of huckleberry bushes.

Germann asked visitors in the area to report any sighting of an injured bear to a nearby park ranger or visitor center.

She also encouraged people to hike in groups, stay on designated trails, carry bear spray and make noise at regular intervals. Hiking early in the morning, late in the day and after dark is discouraged, and trail running is not recommended "as it has led to surprise bear encounters," Germann said.

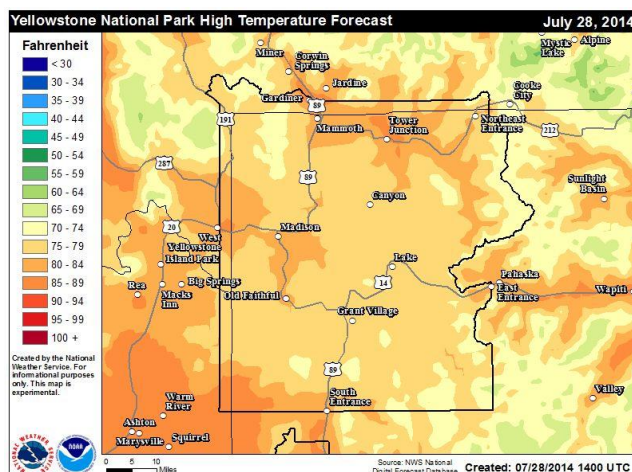
Knowing how to properly use bear spray is critical, she added.

"No single deterrent is 100 percent effective, but compared to all others, including firearms, proper use of bear spray has proven to be the best method for fending off threatening and attacking bears, and for preventing injury to the person and animal involved," Germann said.

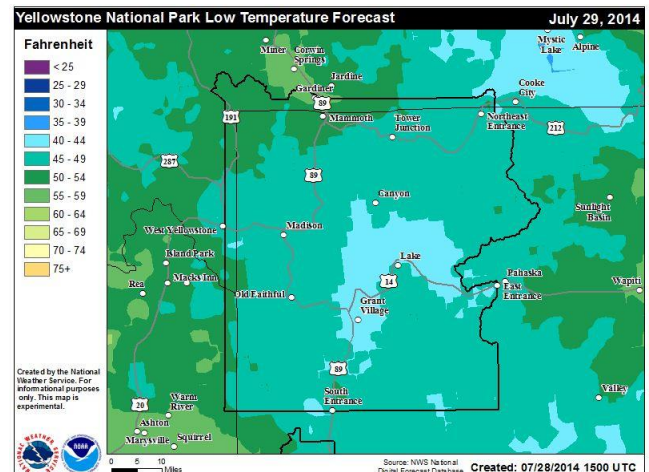
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Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/glacier-officials-continue-search-for-bear-believed-to-be-shot/article_c75ae098-3264-5c28-8574-52cb1e2f444b.html#ixzz38s2JmBB1

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Upcoming CPR classes!



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

Date/Time: Thursday, July 31st 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Lake Mess Hall

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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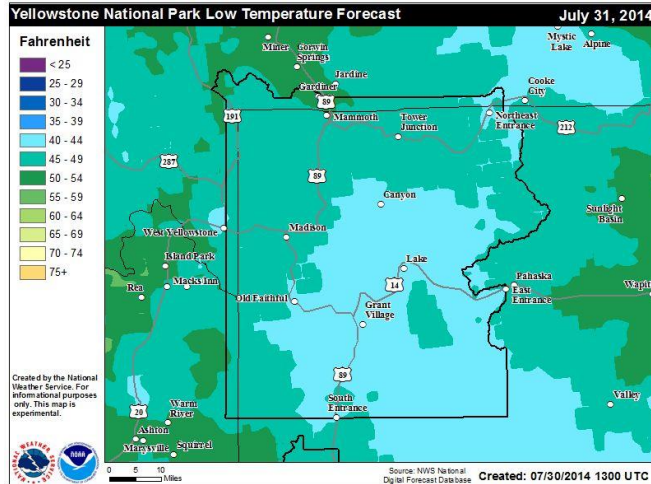
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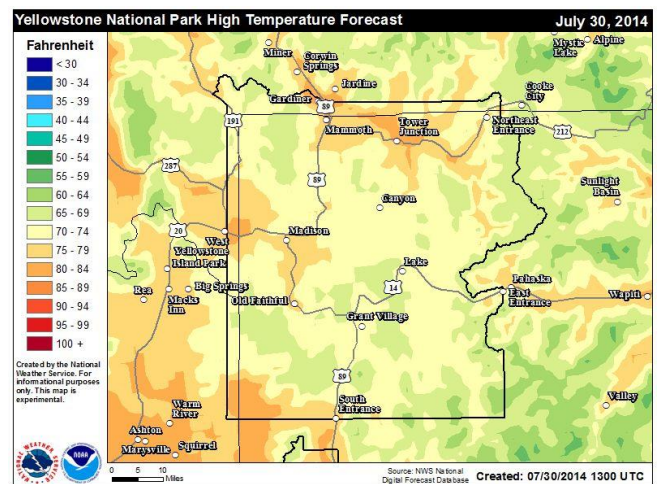
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YNP Employee Golf Tournament

Join us at Overland Golf Course in Big Timber, Montana on Friday August 22nd for a 4 Person Scramble guaranteed to be a ton of fun! The \$45 entry fee gives you greens fee, cart rental, lunch, and a shot at winning prizes for Place, KPs, and Long Drive. The earlier you sign up the better, but be sure to register by the deadline of Tuesday, August 19th at 5:00 pm.

- ☐ Register with your location recreation office or call the Parkwide Recreation Office at (307) 344-5224.
- ☐ Make your own group or sign up as a single.
- ☐ Possible room accommodations in Mammoth on night of August 21st. Call the Parkwide Office for details.
- ☐ Limited transportation available for seven players leaving Mammoth Hot Springs at 7:00 am the day of tournament.
- ☐ 9:30 am Shotgun Start. Check in at course by 9:00 am.
- ☐ Rental sets available for \$7.
- ☐ \$35 non-employee eligibility fee required for all non-employees.
- ☐ If you have any questions call the Parkwide Recreation Office at 344-5224.

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IN THE NEWS

Y’stone bison could repopulate former range

Posted: Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:30 am

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By Mike Koshmrl | Jackson Hole News & Guide

Yellowstone National Park is considering a quarantine program that would sort brucellosis-infected bison from those that are free of the disease.

It’s the first step in an environmental study and could result in a new facility that could be Yellowstone, on tribal lands or elsewhere.

The quarantine facility, if it materializes, would allow park officials to ship healthy Yellowstone bison out of the park to public lands in other parts of the country, Yellowstone spokesman Al Nash said.

“The concept is that if we were to test this operational quarantine plan, we would then have brucellosis-free Yellowstone bison that would be available for conservation purposes,” Nash said.

An interagency agreement that Yellowstone signed 14 years ago sets the population objective for Yellowstone bison at 3,000 to 3,500 animals.

Last summer the bison population was estimated at 4,600. About 650 animals were killed last winter by hunters, American Indian tribes and by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for research.

Federal law prohibits sending bison with brucellosis out of the park to any destination other than a slaughterhouse, Nash said.

But he said healthy animals would be another thing.

“If we were to establish a program that would allow for brucellosis-free bison to be used for the conservation of the species,” he said, “then we would be able to address the population issue without transporting bison to slaughter facilities.”

A U.S. Department of Agriculture and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks test operation found last year that it was possible to take bison and sort out those that didn’t carry brucellosis.

Since then, the Department of the Interior announced a plan to reintroduce free-ranging bison to as many as 20 parts of the country. The quarantine program would allow Yellowstone to be a source of bison for the program.

Yellowstone officials have organized two public meetings on the planning process, one in Gardiner, Montana, on Aug. 18, and another in Bozeman, Montana, on Aug. 19.

Comments are being accepted on the plan through Sept. 12. They can be submitted online at ParkPlanning.nps.gov/BisonQuarantine.

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Tourists would pay for a bear guarantee

Y’stone survey finds that bears are worth about \$10M a year.

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Visitors to Yellowstone National Park want to see grizzly and black bears so much they would pay more than double the current entry fee to maximize their chances of seeing one.

A Journal of Environmental Management study, “The economics of roadside bear viewing,” found that Yellowstone visitors would spend an average of \$41 on top of the current \$25 entrance fee to cover “bear jam” costs.

“Results from our visitor survey indicate that if bears were no longer allowed to stay along roadside habitats, spending in the local economy by park visitors could decrease by about \$10.1 million, resulting in a loss of 155 jobs,” the study said.

Yellowstone’s tolerance of roadside bears comes with some clear costs. In national parks such as Glacier, bears are shooed away when they wander near developed areas.

Rangers are sometimes spread so thin by traffic jams created by bruins that roam within sight of Yellowstone’s 300 miles of road that they are unable to respond to them.

“There are currently more ‘bear jams’ on park roads than park rangers to manage them,” the journal article said, “causing a strain on existing park personnel as well as increased concern for visitor safety.”

U.S. Geological Survey policy analyst Leslie Richardson, Yellowstone bear manager Kerry Gunther and two others wrote the study. It was published in January.

The nine-page paper did not investigate the economic benefits of Grand Teton National Park’s roadside grizzlies, which have become a major draw for photographers, visitors and wildlife watchers. Richardson and her fellow authors used a 663-person survey from summer 2009 to generate data for the Journal of Environmental Management study.

The survey found, to no one’s surprise, that park visitors would like to see and expect to see bears.

“Nearly all respondents, 99 percent, indicated that they had expected to see a bear on their visit to Yellowstone National Park,” the paper said, “and 67 percent actually did see a bear on their most recent visit.”

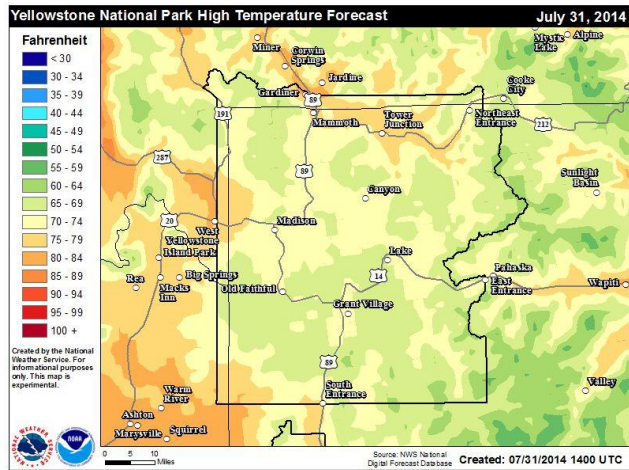
One in 10 respondents said they would “take fewer trips throughout the year” to Yellowstone if bears were no longer allowed to stay along roadside habitats.

The average surveyed visitor spent \$742 to visit the world’s first national park.

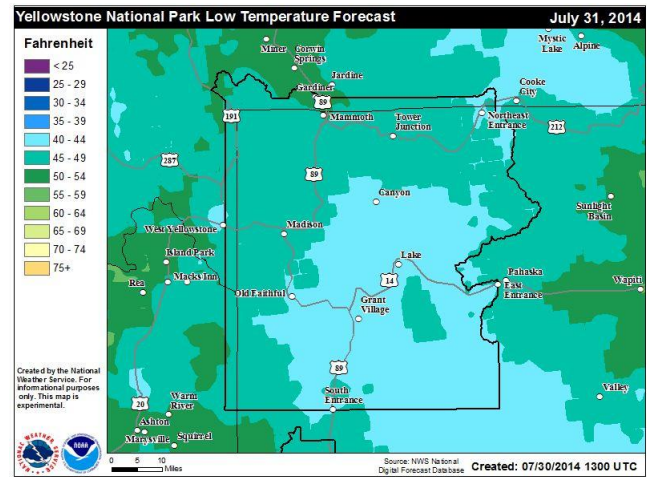
Accounting for variables such as trip lengths and expenditures, that translated to a more than a \$10 million reduction in nonlocal visitor spending.

“Results from this study indicate that park managers could potentially increase park entrance fees to offset the cost of hiring additional personnel that may be required to effectively manage ‘bear jams,’ ” the study said.

WEATHER



Today's Max Temps



Today's Min Temps

NWS Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park
Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY
Last Update: 723 AM MDT THU JUL 31 2014

Today: Partly cloudy. Isolated rain showers in the morning...then scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 67 to 73. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Slight chance of rain showers in the late evening and early morning. Lows 42 to 48. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Friday: Partly cloudy. Isolated rain showers in the morning...then scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 68 to 74. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms in the evening. Lows 43 to 49. Chance of thunderstorms 40 percent.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Isolated rain showers in the morning... Then scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 69 to 75. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the evening...then mostly clear with isolated rain showers after midnight. Lows 42 to 48. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Yellowstone Wellness Incentive program (WIP)

All employees are encouraged to participate in the [Wellness Incentive Program](#) (WIP). Full program details can be found by clicking the link above. You may begin participation at the beginning of any month. Simply complete a certification form and submit it to Stacey Gunther by the fifth day of the following month (i.e. send by April 5th for wellness participation during March). Five names will be drawn each month for an award.

Interested in receiving the latest health and wellness updates?

Access the free wellness newsletter from Mayo Clinic that will come directly to your email inbox. Topics can be tailored to your health interests. Sign up at <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health-information/> scroll down to Free E Newsletter and click "sign up now".

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

Yellowstone Safety Recognition Program (SRP)

Do you see something we could do to improve safety in Yellowstone OR do you see a co-worker who has done something positive about safety? Use the [Safety Recognition Program](#) to report a hazard occurring in the park or nominate a Safety Champion. Full program details can be found using the link above. We want to hear from YOU!

WE WANT YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

Have something to share with other NPS employees in the park? We're especially interested in items occurring outside Mammoth, and in getting digital photos of employees at work! Please remember to send your text or photo submissions for the newsletter to us at YELL_Public_Affairs @nps.gov (not individual's email), so that whoever is doing the newsletter that day has access to it. Thanks!

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