

YNP@Work

A Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

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IN THE NEWS**Yellowstone, Grand Teton parks rescues near 90 this year**

August 31, 2014 10:41 pm • Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. — Rangers have conducted nearly 90 search-and-rescue operations in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks so far this year.

An estimated 15 "major" and 20 "minor" rescues have occurred in Yellowstone, which covers parts of Wyoming, Idaho and Montana, park spokesman Al Nash said.

An operation is considered major when its costs top \$500. Otherwise, it is considered minor.

In neighboring Grand Teton National Park, there have been 31 major and 23 minor search-and-rescue operations, spokeswoman Jackie Skaggs said. She said major rescues usually involve helicopters.

Grand Teton rangers usually see emergency situations more often than Yellowstone rangers despite Yellowstone usually receiving 15 or 20 percent more visitors annually. More than 3 million people a year often visit the park.

Yellowstone sees an average of 50 to 55 searches and rescues a year, Nash said. There are typically 65 to 70 in Grand Teton, with 25 to 30 of them labeled major, Skaggs said.

"I think it's because of our accessibility," Skaggs said. "Grand Teton National Park is a much more accessible park — it's easy for people to get to a trailhead and get to the more remote areas."

In both parks, summer is when most rescues occur. Around 80 percent of Grand Teton's searches and rescues usually come during the busy season, Skaggs said.

Minor operations are routine for Grand Teton park rangers. For example, over the last week, there have been operations for a horse accident, lost or injured hikers, and kayakers stranded on the Snake River.

Both parks have seen fatal accidents this summer.

There has been a climbing death on the Grand Teton, a drowning in the park's Snake River and a couple of solo hikers killed in falls.

Yellowstone has seen river drownings and fatal falls from cliffs, but no major operations tied to bears, bison or hot springs.

"Those remain very infrequent incidents," Nash said. "I think that's in part why these things become so notable."

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/yellowstone-grand-teton-parks-rescues-near-this-year/article_fb98e80a-b6a1-59cb-996f-a6d128ee2591.html#ixzz3CAdiTDvV

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Yellowstone cracking down use of aerial camera drones

August 29, 2014 6:49 pm • By RUFFIN PREVOST

Just weeks after a visitor crashed a drone into Yellowstone National Park's largest hot spring, park officials have filed criminal charges against the alleged pilot and are stepping up their efforts to publicize and enforce a ban on unmanned aerial vehicles in the park.

Theodorus Van Vliet of the Netherlands has been charged in connection with an Aug. 2 incident in which authorities say he crashed his unmanned aircraft into Grand Prismatic Spring. The drone sank into the popular hot spring and has not been found.

Van Vliet is cooperating with the ongoing investigation, according to a statement released Friday by the park's public affairs office, and faces up to \$5,000 in fines and/or six months in jail if found guilty.

The National Park Service has banned drones from all national parks due to what officials describe as "concerns about public safety, wildlife disturbance and potential impacts to the visitor experience and park resources."

The increasing popularity and affordability of small, lightweight aerial vehicles has made them popular among photographers and sightseers who use them to capture video and photos from previously unattainable vantage points.

Various models of remote-controlled helicopters — about the size of a shoebox or smaller — can fly to heights of 100 feet or more, hovering or following a specified flight path.

Equipped with tiny, high-definition cameras, the drones can be operated with a smartphone and can capture compelling images from a bird's-eye view. Popular models are available online for \$300 or less.

Though rangers have previously been working to warn and educate those using drones in Yellowstone, a recent string of incidents has prompted a crackdown, including stepped-up enforcement efforts that include potential fines and confiscation of drones.

Park staff members are still trying to determine if the drone that crashed into Grand Prismatic Springs is a threat to the iconic pool, which ranges from 200–330 feet in diameter and is more than 120 feet deep. Grand Prismatic's picturesque bands of colors are the result of various forms of microbial organisms residing in different temperature zones within the hot spring.

Attempts to locate the device both from the ground and from a manned helicopter overflight have turned up possible areas in the pool where the unit may have come to rest. If its location can be confirmed, park staff members will determine if there is a way to safely remove the device without damaging the thermal feature.

Last week, rangers responded to another drone incident and charged Donald Criswell of Molalla, Ore., with violating the ban. Officials say Criswell flew his unmanned aircraft over the crowded Midway Geyser Basin and close to bison on Aug. 19.

Earlier this week, charges were filed against a German national for a July 17 incident in which an unmanned aircraft crashed into Yellowstone Lake near the West Thumb Marina.

Andreas Meissner faces several charges, including violating the ban on operating unmanned aircraft, giving a false report to a government employee and commercial filming without a permit.

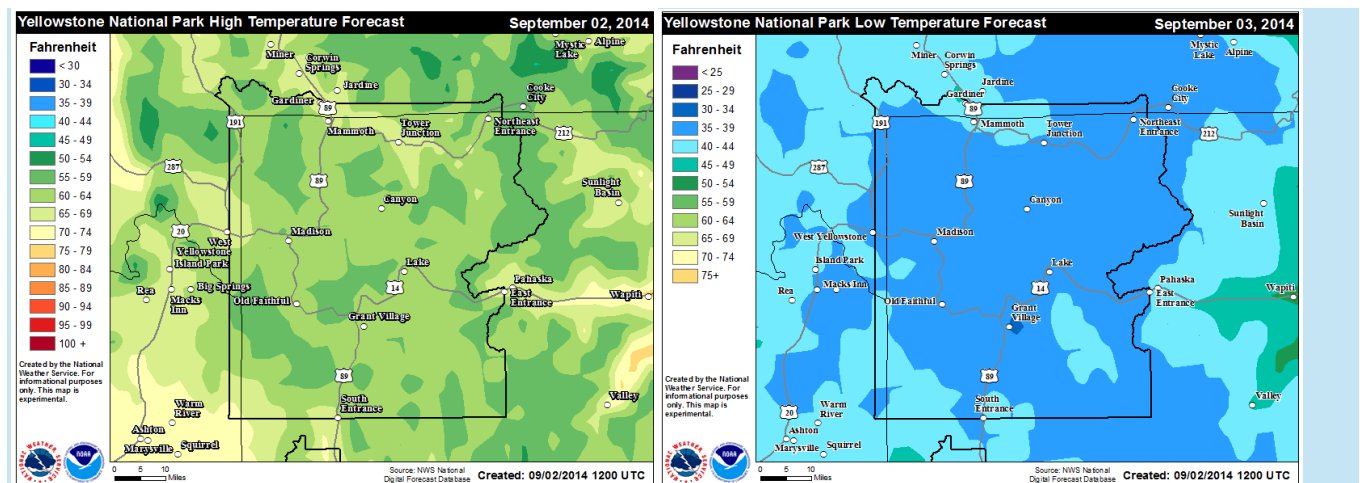
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Heartsaver CPR/First Aid is the class for community members and the lay person.



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Healthcare Provider CPR is for the EMS provider

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 8:00am – 12:00 pm

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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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The Extra Milers Club organizers (Photo: [Extra Miler Club](#))

Recognize two of the Extra Miler Club members? Mike Reynolds (former Branch Chief Technology Services) and Sarah Bone.

Traveling to all 50 states in the U.S. is kid stuff. Members of the [Extra Milers Club](#) go, well, the extra mile. Their goal is to visit every county or equivalent jurisdiction in the U.S., a total of 3,143 as of July 1, 2013.

[Thirty-four people](#) in the club's 31-year history have reached 100 percent, including Marge Brown, the most recent finisher who [completed the quest](#) on her 76th birthday in 2013.

County collecting is a strange hobby, but it's one that keeps you on the move. Reid Williamson (final jurisdiction: Aleutians East Borough, Alaska) has been interested in counties for more than 50 years. "When I was about 10 years old, my father used an atlas to show me where my uncle was living in Arizona," the self-described "list keeper" says. "The map was the kind from 1940s that had very vividly marked county lines. When I was 14, my aunt gave me another atlas that I promptly started desecrating by marking the counties that I had been to."

He joined the Extra Milers in 1991 after a chance meeting with one of the co-founders in the parking lot at the Grand Canyon. The two knew of each other from the License Plate Collectors club, to which they both belonged.

Williamson completed his journey at Dutch Harbor in Alaska in 2007. He is now [74 percent](#) of the way through his quest to become the first person to visit all 3,143 counties twice.

Membership in the Extra Milers (motto: "Because the shortest distance between two points is no fun!") costs \$12 per person per year or \$15 for an entire family for the year. Nearly 50 out of the 290 members attended the recent annual meet-up. The next one is scheduled for July 18, 2015, in Rogers, Arkansas. Attend and you'll have only 3,142 to go.

Because the idea of visiting all of the country's counties is both daunting and fascinating, we asked Williamson to share the 10 most difficult counties to reach. These are the ones you will want to plan ahead for.

(check the article to find out more)

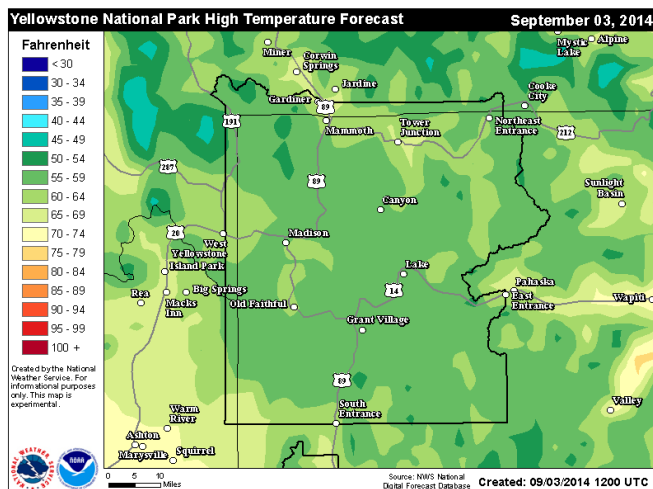
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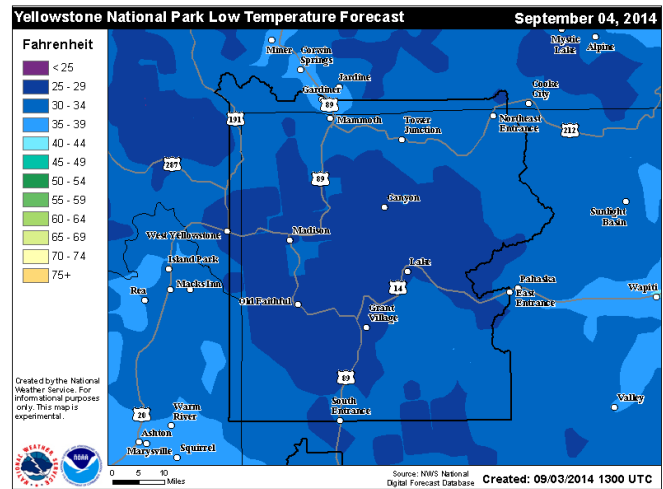
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http://www.rainbird.com/corporate/IUOW/tips_Homeowners.htm
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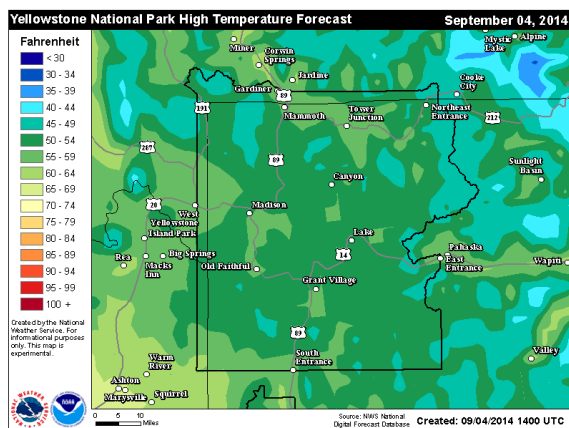
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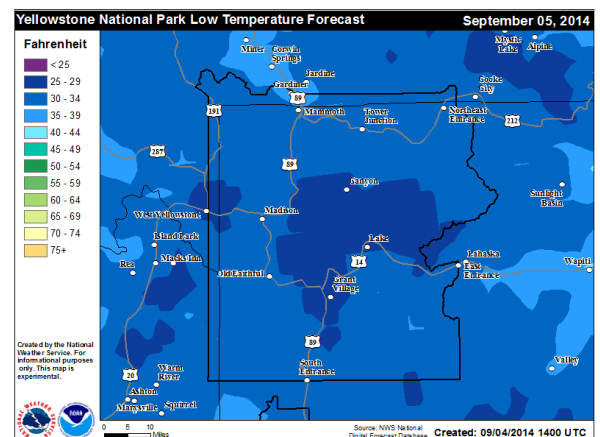
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- ❖ Giving away prized possessions.
- ❖ Isolating from peers and activities
- ❖ Change in eating and sleeping habits
- ❖ Increase in drug or alcohol use
- ❖ Flat affect or depressed mood
- ❖ Overall sense of sadness and hopelessness
- ❖ Decrease in academic performance or work performance
- ❖ Difficulty concentrating
- ❖ Making statements that they are a “burden” or “better off dead”, etc.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Ask the question the person whether or not they are having suicidal intentions (“are you suicidal?”).

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Call the Montana Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

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Thanks again,

Montana Lindstrom

NPS retired 07/01/2014

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A permit is required for all non-commercially guided snowmobile groups to enter the park.

The program to allocate permits will be run as a lottery with applications being accepted online at <http://recreation.gov> through October 3, 2014. If there are multiple applications for the same entrance for the same time period, one application will be selected by chance and awarded the permit. After the conclusion of the lottery, any remaining or cancelled permits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through the same webpage starting in November, 2014.

The Non-commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program was authorized in the 2013 final Winter Use Rule. The program allows one non-commercially guided group per day to enter Yellowstone from each of its four winter entrances. Trips can range in length from one to three days. A maximum of five snowmobiles is permitted in each group and all snowmobiles must meet the Best Available Technology standard in effect at the time of entry.

Permit holders are considered guides and must be at least 18 years old by the first day of the trip. All snowmobile operators in a non-commercially guided trip must possess a state-issued driver's license and have successfully completed the online Yellowstone Snowmobile Education Certification program, which will be available starting in November 2014.

The development of the Non-commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program has had significant stakeholder involvement. In particular, the State of Wyoming, through Governor's Office and the State Trails Program, has provided critical support for the development of the required on-line snowmobile education course.

Additional details regarding the program can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/ngsap.htm> or by contacting Alicia Murphy, Non-commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program Coordinator, at alicia_murphy@nps.gov or 307-344-2627.

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New Citizens Sworn In At Mammoth Hot Springs

A lengthy journey that began in distant points all over the globe culminated in the world's first National Park on Wednesday, as forty-two immigrants from 20 different countries all were sworn in as new citizens of the United States of America.



Judge Carman administering the Oath of Allegiance to 42 new citizens at an outdoor ceremony in Yellowstone National Park. NPS Photo by Bob Greenburg.

For the occasion, the Hon. Mark L. Carmen, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Wyoming, held court outdoors under clear blue skies, with the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces as a backdrop.

Judge Carman, attired in his judicial robes, presided over the ceremony which included a mounted color guard, the Pledge of Allegiance led by the daughter of one of the prospective new citizens, and the national anthem sung acapella by National Park Service ranger Michael Breis.

Joining Carman in congratulating the new citizens as well as encouraging them to take an active role in their community and nation were Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Dan Wenk, Robert Looney, the Central Regional Director of the U.S.

Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Lee Pico.

The 42 immigrants originate from 20 different countries: Belize, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Ghana, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Iraq, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Panama, Philippines, Slovakia, South Africa, St. Lucia, Thailand, and the United Kingdom. The 42 currently live in four states: Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

Naturalization is the process by which U.S. citizenship is conferred upon foreign citizens or nationals after fulfilling the requirements established by Congress. After naturalization, foreign-born citizens enjoy nearly all the same benefits, rights, and responsibilities that the Constitution gives to native-born U.S. citizens, including the right to vote. During fiscal year 2013, approximately 777,000 immigrants were naturalized nationwide.

IN THE NEWS

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LAURA LUNDQUIST, Chronicle Staff Writer

Wolf defenders led by a somewhat famous activist from out of state have chosen to focus their efforts on the greater Yellowstone area this fall, but some local wolf advocates don't want them here.

A new group called the Yellowstone Wolf Patrol plans to arrive in the Gardiner area by Sept. 15, the opening day of the rifle wolf season, to document the wolf hunt north of Yellowstone National Park and to educate visitors about wolves, said the group's leader, Rodney Coronado.

Taking a cue from the Buffalo Field Campaign, the group of about nine people from several states intend to patrol the park boundary to monitor and document hunting activity and serve as a deterrent against hunters pursuing wolves into the park, Coronado said.

Last year, Coronado and the group organized in opposition to the first wolf hunt in his home state of Michigan.

“We're hoping to start a movement of monitoring projects that people will want to do in several states. We're starting with Montana because it's one of the earliest seasons, but we plan to be in Wisconsin for the hound-hunt there,” Coronado said. “We're focusing on the Yellowstone area because we think it's feasible for them to make the changes to protect wolves.”

Coronado said the group members oppose the decision of the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks commission to allow limited wolf hunting in hunting district 316 north of the park.

Adjoining the eastern half of the northern park boundary, wolf district 316 now has a quota of three wolves because in May, the commission reduced last season's quota by one. Wolf district 313 around Gardiner also has a quota of three wolves.

The 2013 Legislature made quotas mandatory for hunting districts around Montana's national parks to prevent the commission from closing the districts without a hunt, effectively creating a buffer area.

But the Yellowstone Wolf Patrol wants that buffer to protect the park wolves that have been the subjects of years of scientific research.

Coronado said wolf researchers oppose indiscriminate recreational hunting because it breaks up family units so pups don't learn from their parents what to avoid and because it doesn't target problem wolves. He's also concerned about the recent FWP rule allowing landowner kills.

“We are not opposed to hunting. I'm not opposed to people filling their freezers with elk or venison, but killing apex predators that aren't eaten and aren't directly responsible for livestock predation, I just don't think that's right,” Coronado said.

Wolves of the Rockies spokeswoman Kim Bean agrees with Coronado in principle but takes issue with his methods after she and other wolf advocates lobbied to lower the quota in hunting district 316.

“We busted our asses to get these things happening, to try to get a relationship with the state, to do things in a way that's not going to get a lot of pushback. That's the problem when you've got people coming in and pushing an agenda without understanding the repercussions of that agenda,” Bean said. “If we have groups like this coming in and making waves, it makes it harder on those of us who are trying to do it in a better way.”

Coronado is a well-known animal rights activist who used to take direct action to fight animal cruelty.

He was jailed in 1995 after trying to destroy a Michigan State University laboratory that did animal testing and again in 2005 after dismantling a lion trap in Arizona.

But after six years in prison, he has had a change of heart.

The Yellowstone Wolf Patrol will go into the Absaroka Wilderness and patrol the park boundary where wolves have been shot before, Coronado said. They'll look for elk herds and watch for any wolves that follow.

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“If we're in the situation where we see that a wolf might be killed, at the very least we want to document that and share it with the world,” Coronado said. “We're very aware of the potential for conflict and we want to avoid that. We'll be in an observer role on public land, not with an intention of interfering. We want to do something that's sustainable.”

Bean worried that the patrol could end up betraying the wolves' whereabouts to hunters.

“Stay away from the wolves — leave them alone,” Bean said.

FWP Warden Capt. Sam Sheppard said he knew Coronado might be in the area and he'll monitor the situation.

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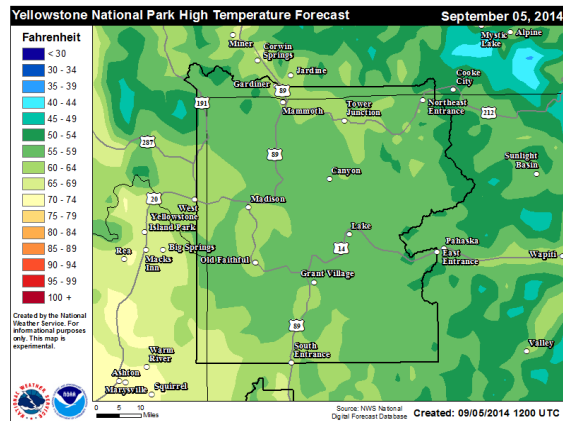
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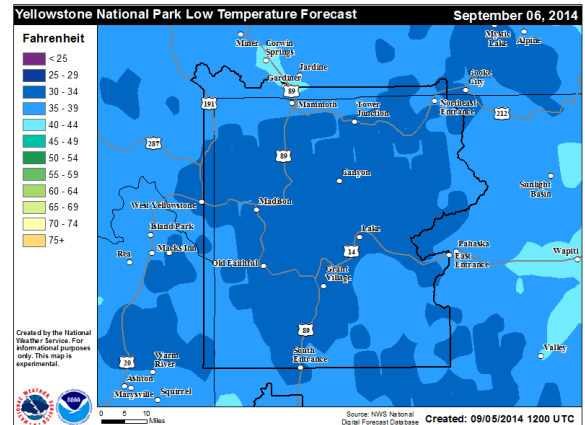
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County: Wyoming should pay for Yellowstone students

September 06, 2014 4:55 pm • Associated Press

CODY, Wyo. — Park County officials are recommending that Wyoming pay for the costs of educating 37 children who live in Yellowstone National Park after the U.S. government said it would stop footing the bill.

The Park County District Boundary Board voted 5-1 earlier this week to recommend extending the Powell school district's boundaries to include the children of park employees who live in Mammoth Hot Springs.

The children would be considered members of the Wyoming school district but they would continue to study in nearby Gardiner.

The state's school board must approve the recommendation before the change takes effect.

The federal government had paid for the children to attend Gardiner public schools for decades, but announced recently that it would stop. The National Park Service said federal funding for the Yellowstone children should have ended under a bill passed in the 1970s.

Wyoming's constitution obligates the state to educate its resident children in the state. But Yellowstone is a federal jurisdiction, which officials said complicates the matter.

The board — made up of the Park County commissioners, assessor and treasurer — had wanted assurances that there wouldn't be problems between the federal government and the Powell school district in the future if it took over funding.

Their questions included whether the school district could be indemnified against repaying education costs incurred by the federal government and what would happen if the school district decided it was necessary to build a school in Mammoth Hot Springs in the future.

Yellowstone superintendent Dan Wenk said park officials would be open to negotiating with Powell officials. Park officials comply with Wyoming regulations on things such as sewage systems and underground storage tanks, he said.

"Every time we turn around, we're trying to be good neighbors. We're trying to comply with the state in terms of the laws, the regulations that they have," Wenk said.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/county-wyoming-should-pay-for-yellowstone-students/article_a08e663b-8923-579c-86d9-976c774cc99f.html#ixzz3CjtuQDmf

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Y'stone opens lottery for private snowmobiling

Posted: Monday, September 8, 2014 4:30 am

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By Mike Koshmrl Jackson Hole Daily

Snowmobilers will be able to roam the roads of Yellowstone this winter without a guide for the first time in more than a decade.

But it will be a trickle and not a flood.

The re-emergence of private riding in the park, a component of a long-term plan Yellowstone National Park officials completed last year, will begin with just a few riders spread around the park.

Park spokesman Al Nash expects big demand for private permits, also called "noncommercially guided" permits. They are being distributed through a lottery that opened Wednesday.

"We would expect to see a significant number of applicants for the most popular dates, which would be the holiday periods," Nash said. "I think your chances are better outside the holidays."

Under the park's winter-use plan, a maximum of one private snowmobiling group with a maximum of five snowmachines will be allowed to enter Yellowstone through each of its four winter entrances each day. Private Yellowstone trips can last up to three days, Nash said, and if they go longer than a day it will be counted as the quota for the gate they entered.

Snowmobiling advocate Jack Welch said he's happy that private snowmobiling has returned to Yellowstone. The activity was last allowed in 2003, and Welch has missed snowmobiling Yellowstone without a guide.

"I've already put my foot in the water to get some permits," he said. "I'm excited about taking some friends and family in this winter."

The consultant for the pro-snowmobile Blue Ribbon Coalition called for more opportunity for private snowmobiling.

"We hope over time that it can be expanded," Welch said. "I think it's a good start, but think about it: Five snowmobiles a day from four gates isn't very many.

"It's more or less of a small step in the right direction," he said.

The private-permit lottery runs through Oct. 3 and costs \$6 to enter.

Successful applicants must take an online course to become a certified noncommercial guide and will be limited to two permits per winter season. A trip permit costs \$40, and snowmobilers must also pay the Yellowstone gate fee or have a season pass.

Because of Yellowstone's clean-tech snowmobile standards, another cost for most people will be renting a machine, Welch said.

The only South Gate business that rents snowmobiles that comply with the park's "best-available technology" standards is Scenic Safaris, he said.

Welch and Nash said they were confident private snowmobilers would police themselves. The park speed limit is 35 mph.

"We have every reason to expect that people will abide by the speed limits," Nash said.

Applicants to the online lottery — available at Recreation.gov — must be at least 18 by the first day of the trip.

After the lottery any remaining or canceled permits will be available in November on a first-come, first-served basis through the same webpage.

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Researchers track bighorn sheep in Yellowstone

September 07, 2014 6:00 am • Associated Press

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK — A handful of bighorn sheep in and around Yellowstone National Park are wearing radio collars.

The bighorn sheep and another small population of collared mountain goats are providing data on how — and even if — the two species, which evolved together, interact, which will allow public lands officials to make informed decisions on management of the two species, said Bob Garrott, a Montana State University professor and researcher with the school's ecology department.

The multiyear study is in its fifth year, Garrott said, and he expects the work may go on for several more years.

Mountain goats — the white, longhaired, photogenic goats often seen in imagery relating to Glacier National Park — are not native to the Yellowstone area, Garrott said. The goats were introduced by Montana wildlife officials back in the 1940s and 1950s, Garrott said, from native populations located in western Montana. The goats were introduced into several areas west of Yellowstone, including in the Madison Range.

“The convention of the time was to get animals on the landscape even though they were not native,” Garrott said. “People enjoy seeing them, and hunters enjoy pursuing them.”

Mountain goats are not often visible from Yellowstone's roadsides, but may be seen at higher elevations on popular backcountry trails.

There are 300 to 500 of each species in the Yellowstone area, Garrott said.

He said his research team collared 16 bighorn sheep and 14 mountain goats in Yellowstone's Northern Range. Data already gathered by the GPS component of the electronics in the collar have already revealed some migratory patterns of the sheep.

Garrott had suspected that sheep that summer on Mount Washburn winter on Mount Everts, near Mammoth Hot Springs. The data from the radio collars confirm that, he said. The sheep migrate to lower elevations between Mammoth Hot Springs, and along the Yellowstone River outside of Gardiner.

Garrott said some of the objectives of the study are to determine if there is competition between the sheep and goats. The two species frequent similar habitats and eat similar forage, Garrott said. So far, they don't seem to interact much, he said.

The study also seeks to learn if climate change is affecting bighorn sheep. For example, with snow at higher elevations melting sooner, this can change the timing of when forage is available. These changes could impact the population size of the bighorn sheep, according to a study overview on Garrott's MSU website.

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“Everything we do applies to lots of other critters as well,” he said.

In addition to Garrott and other MSU researchers, collaborating agencies on the study include the National Park Service, Wyoming Fish and Game; Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Idaho Fish and Game; and the U.S. Forest Service. Funding comes from state and federal agencies and nongovernmental agencies like the Wild Sheep Foundation. Canon, the camera company, provides significant funding.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/researchers-track-bighorn-sheep-in-yellowstone/article_6e29e8dd-ccb8-535f-abe2-a40403fd03e9.html#ixzz3CjtKGEVJ

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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK — Steamboat Geyser, the tallest active geyser in the world, delighted visitors to Yellowstone National Park on Wednesday, spewing steam high into the air in a rare and powerful eruption that lasted several minutes and resulted in continuous steam and rumbling that persisted until Thursday morning.

Full eruptions of Steamboat are rare and unpredictable, and are prized by geyser gazers who hope to witness a rare column of superheated water that can reach more than 300 feet.

Steamboat eruptions can last only a few minutes or as long as 40 minutes, with this week's outburst lasting a reported 20 minutes or more, according to electronic monitoring records from the U.S. Geological survey. Once the major water eruption subsides, Steamboat typically enters a phase of smaller, ongoing steam ejections that can last for 1-2 days. Minor eruptions reaching 10-40 feet are more common than major 300-foot outbursts.

Intervals between major eruptions can span years or even decades, although Steamboat appears to have become more active over the last few years. The last major eruption of Steamboat, located in the Norris Geyser Basin, was in July 2013.

Janet White, who maintains the Geyser Watch website, said that “scattered reports on Steamboat throughout the summer have pointed to a possible eruption at some point,” and that geyser gazers will be anxiously watching to see if this week's eruption signals any potential change in behavior for the famous thermal feature.

Andy Millard, a financial planner from North Carolina, happened to be nearby with a video camera Thursday morning after Steamboat's eruption the night before, and captured the geyser as it still spewed steam and rumbled mightily.

In posting the video to YouTube, Millard noted that his guide for a scheduled wildlife tour convinced the group to make a quick detour to Steamboat — a happy coincidence that resulted in capturing part of the steam phase on video.

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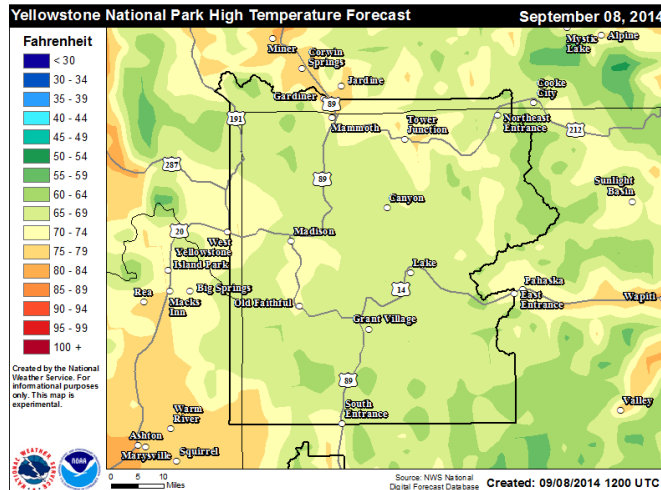
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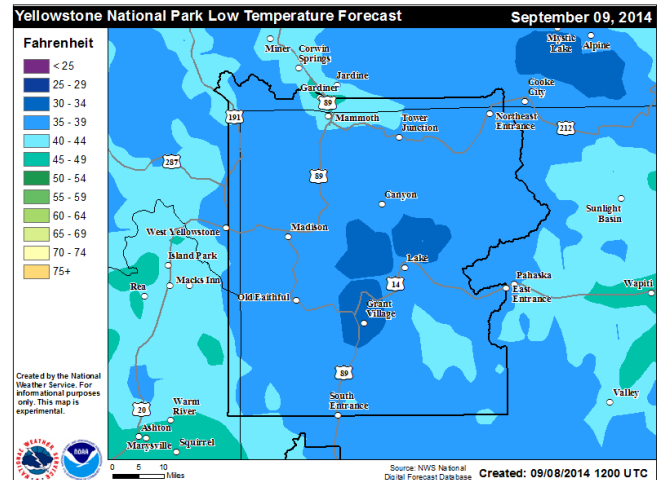
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RECENT NEWS RELEASES**Yellowstone Visitation Exceeds 2.7 Million**

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	Recreational Visits 2014	Recreational Visits 2013	Change
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Total Year-To-Date	2,717,040	2,554,000	+ 6.38 %

Each of the park's five entrances show an increase in automobiles for the month of August compared to 2013 levels. Bus visitation numbers continue to increase at all of the entrances as well, except for the north entrance, for the month compared to August of 2013.

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

Presenters Sought For 12th Annual Fall Photo Festival

Shorter days and morning frost are all signs of fall, which also means it is time for the Yellowstone Fall Photo Festival.



Eruption of Beehive and Lion Geysers – June 6, 2014 (NPS Photo by Rich Jehle)

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This is not a show where framed prints are hung on the wall. Instead, photographers are asked to provide digital images in a Microsoft PowerPoint® presentation or as individual JPEGs on a thumb drive or on CD-ROM.

Photographers will narrate their presentations, which are limited to twenty-five images or five minutes.

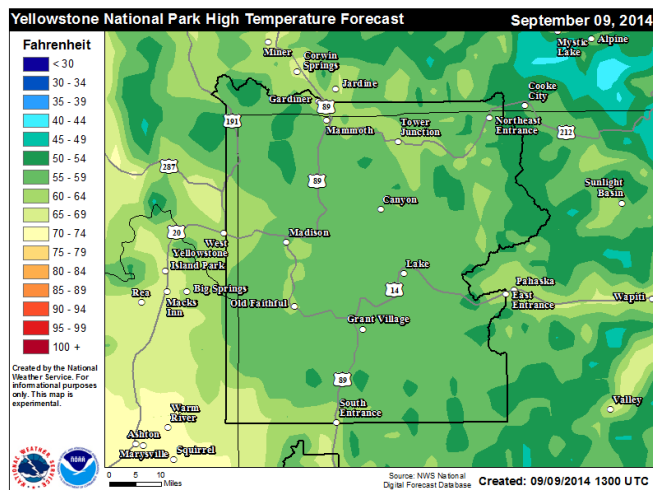
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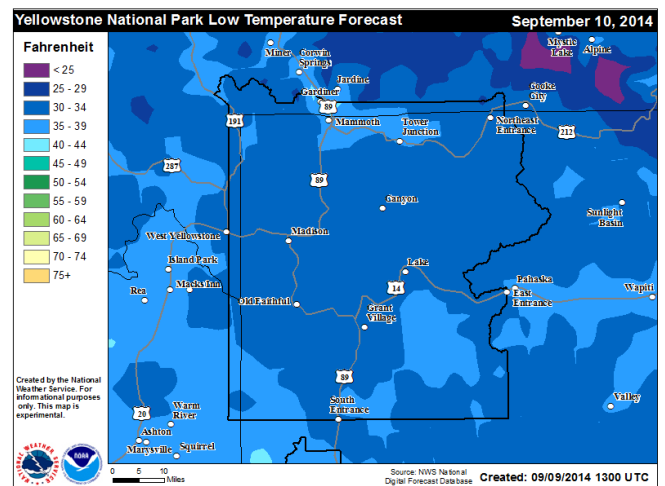
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John Cataldo-RVP
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By TRAVIS SMOLA – The Cody Enterprise

Posted: Monday, September 8, 2014 3:04 pm | Updated: 10:41 am, Tue Sep 9, 2014.

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The boundaries – if given a stamp of approval from the state board of education – affect who will pay for the schooling of students living in YNP.

The affected students in Mammoth Hot Springs have gone to class for years in Gardiner, Mont., and they will continue to go to school in Montana – paid for by Wyoming taxpayers instead of the federal government.

The vote was 5-1 Tuesday to include the three dozen YNP students as members of the Powell School District but to let them continue to study in Montana.

Commissioner Lee Livingston voted no. Voting yes were commissioners Tim French, Joe Tilden and Loren Grosskopf, Treasurer Barb Poley and Assessor Pat Meyer.

Board chairman Bucky Hall said the chair traditionally does not vote.

"I voted emotionally" in favor of the majority's decision, Hall added.

The state school board has the final say.

The Park Service has long covered the cost of the YNP students' education for years with federal tax dollars. It was discovered in February that federal funding should have ended under a bill passed in the '70s. Now, the State of Wyoming will have to cover the costs regardless of what the state school board does.

Gardiner School Board member Dan Rhodes said Monday he is pleased with the decision.

“The Mammoth community is pleased the boundary board voted to reaffirm (its) decision,” Rhodes said.

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Livingston said Monday he voted against the measure because “Yellowstone Park would not guarantee that they would not interfere with the county’s ability to have a school district in there that was fully functioning.”

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Hall said Powell seemed the most logical district to extend the boundary to. He said it’s because Powell school officials were the most vocal that the re-drawing of the boundary be done.

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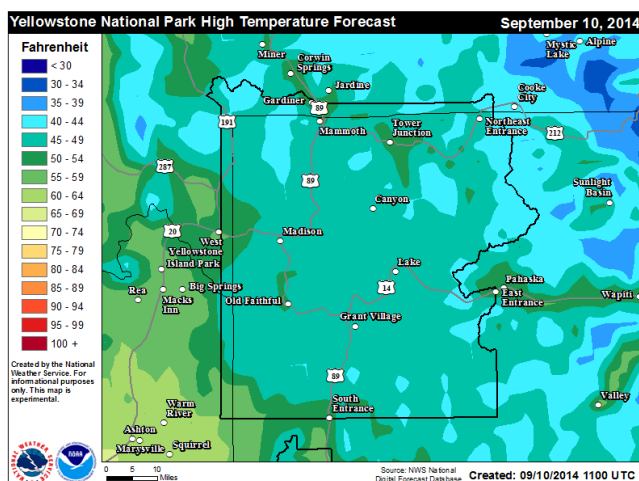
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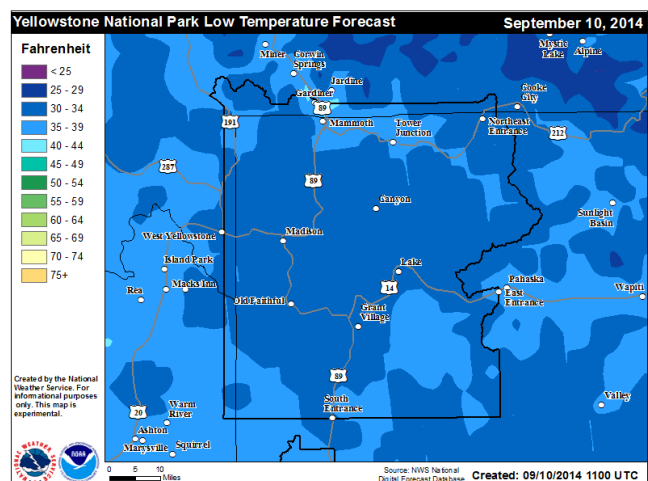
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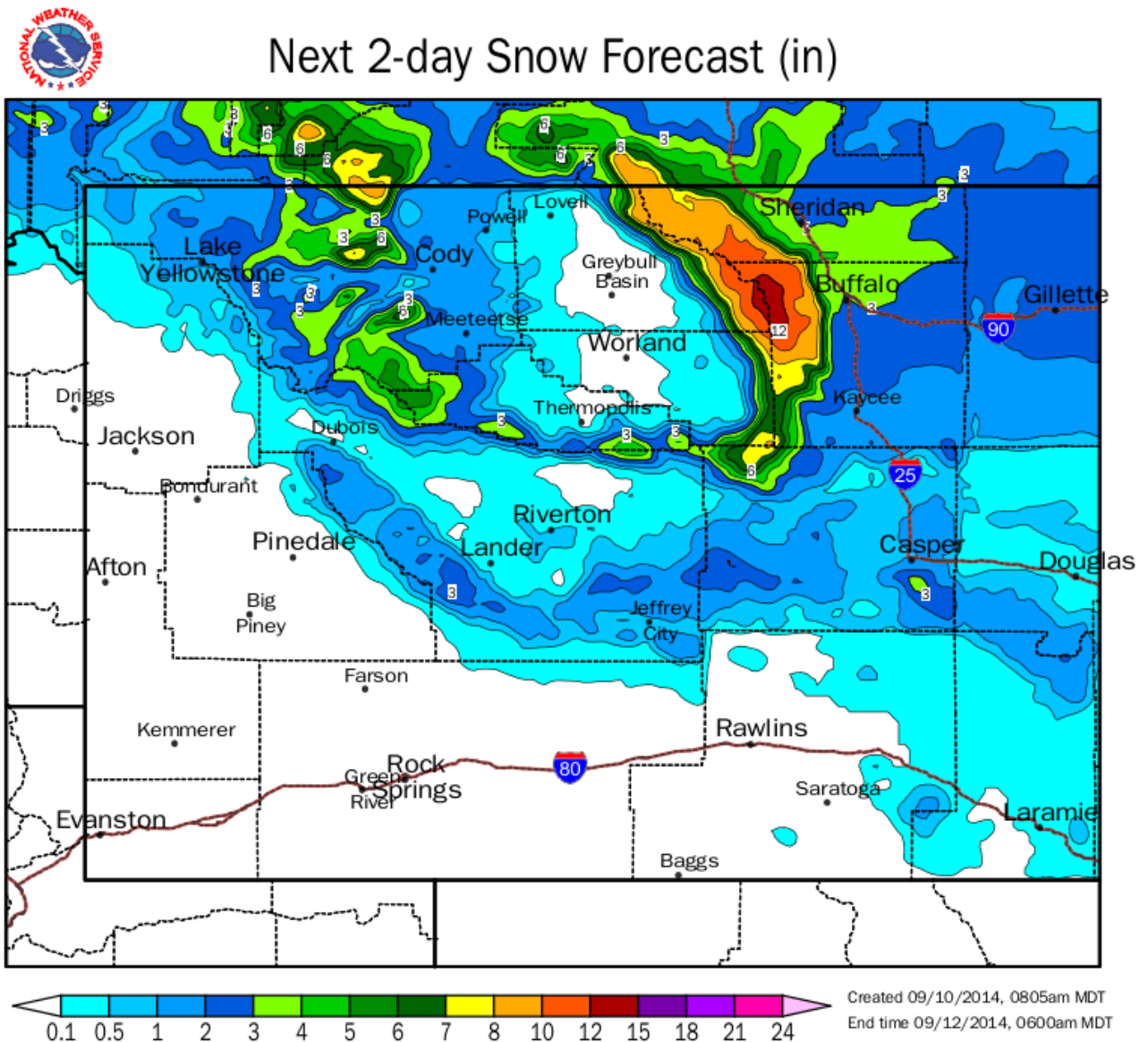
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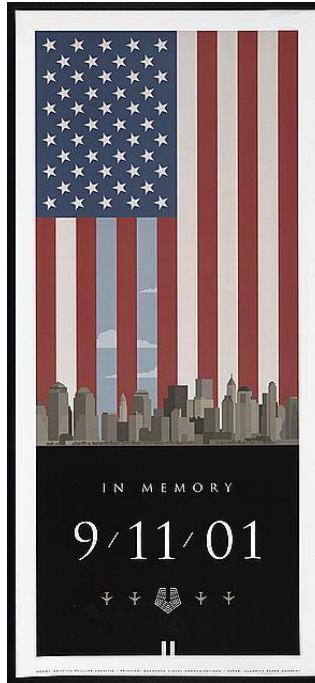
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Posted: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 8:15 pm

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WHITNEY BERMES, Bozeman Chronicle

The West Yellowstone Town Council voted Tuesday night to keep its own police department rather than disband and contract with the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement for the town.

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However, the council unanimously opted to stay with its own department and hire a new chief.

“I'm totally fine with it,” Gootkin said Wednesday. “I support them 100 percent.”

Gootkin added that he hopes the Town Council will allow him to be involved with the hiring of West Yellowstone's future chief.

Gallatin County sheriff's deputies have been helping cover West Yellowstone, which is down to two officers. Gootkin said that would continue until the West Yellowstone Police Department is back up to full force.

The idea to disband the police department and contract with the county came on the heels of the firing of the police chief. Gordon Berger was let go as chief in August following a criminal investigation by the state.

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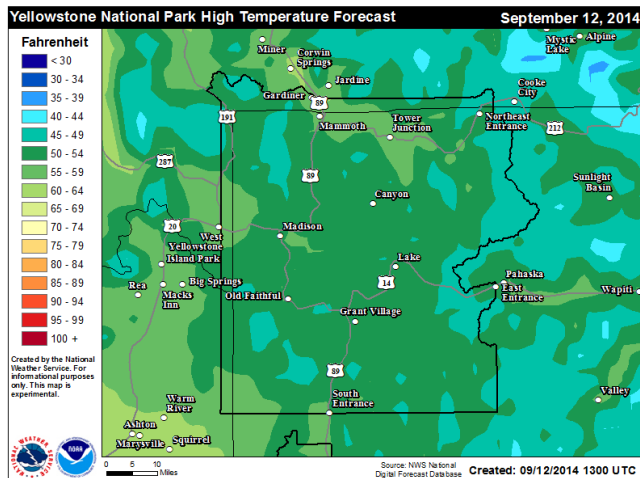
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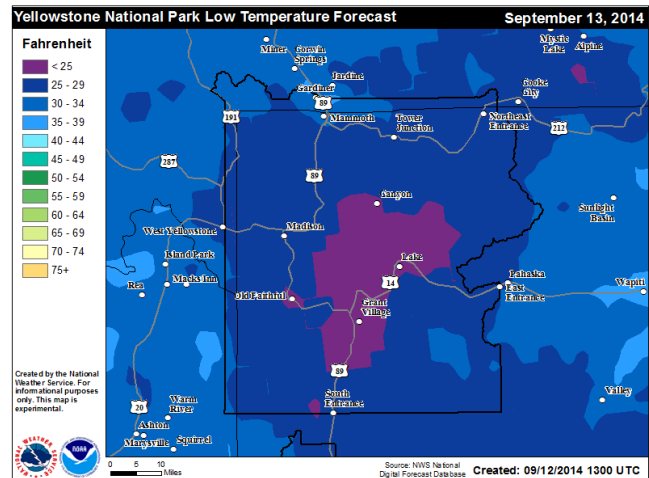
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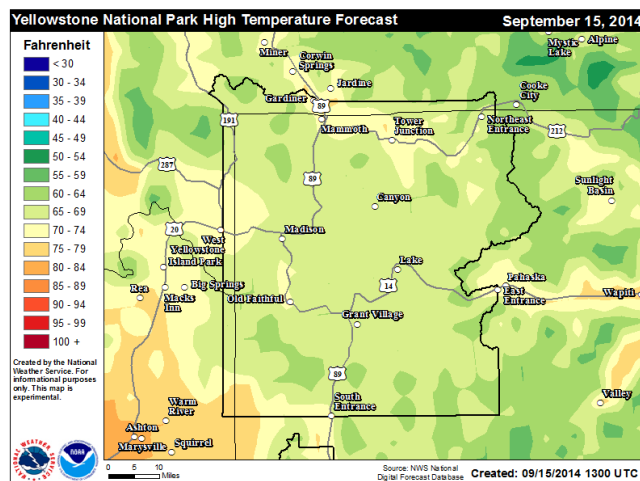
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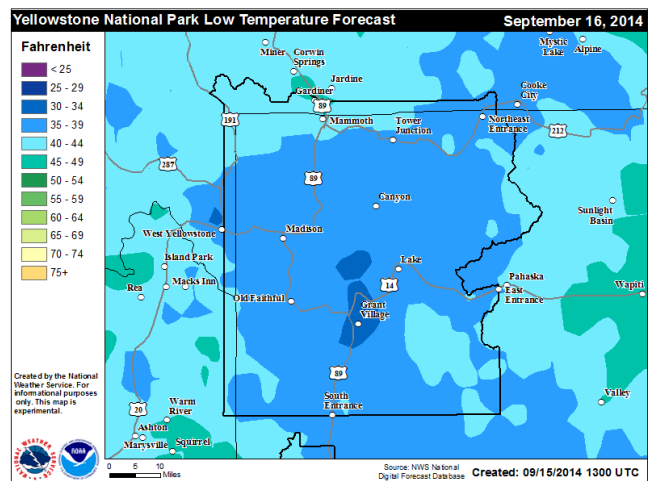
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Today's Highs



Overnight Lows

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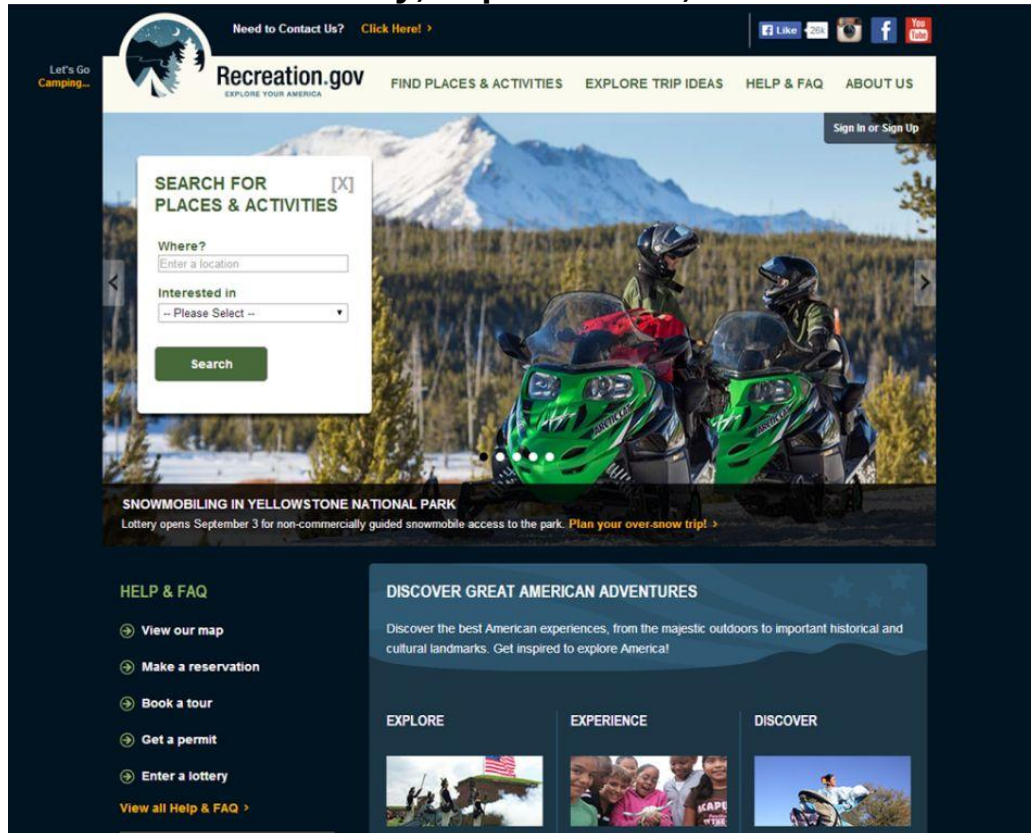
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Good work to all the staff members who worked on this project.

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Tester, Daines Call For Budget Vote

BY JACKIE YAMANAKA - YELLOWSTONE PUBLIC RADIO

Montana Senator Jon Tester is urging his Congressional colleagues to act this week to prevent a federal government shutdown at the end of the month.

The current budget ends September 30th, the end of the fiscal year. Tester told reporters during a conference call yesterday the American people don't want another event like last fall when the National Parks, federal programs and services closed.

"I don't believe there's a person back here that doesn't understand the fact that it had some very negative impacts on our economy and we ought not be doing that kind of stuff because if we're talking about paying off the national debt, getting our debt and deficit under control the worse thing we can do is to hang boat anchors on our economy."

A short-term funding bill, known as a continuing resolution, likely will have a vote this week in the U-S House. It would fund the federal government at current levels until December 11th.

Tester says it was written without controversial provisions. He thinks as long as none are added, the bill should pass this week.

Last fall, the federal government shut down from October first through the 16th legislation.

Republican Congressman Steve Daines issued a written statement to [Yellowstone Public Radio](#) regarding this week's scheduled continuing resolution vote. He says "The American people expect and deserve their elected officials to work together to find solutions. It's important that we get that done this week." because Congress was unable to pass funding

Petition challenges Yellowstone bison slaughters

17 hours ago • Associated Press

Wildlife advocates have filed a legal petition to stop the capture and mass slaughter of wild bison leaving Yellowstone National Park during their winter migration.

Friends of Animals and the Buffalo Field Campaign filed Monday's petition with agencies including the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service, which manages lands adjacent to the park.

Thousands of Yellowstone bison have been shipped to slaughter in recent decades to keep them from coming into contact with livestock. Many bison carry the disease brucellosis, which can cause pregnant animals to abort their young.

Friends of Animals attorney Mike Harris says the regular removal of so many bison is destroying the animals' gene pool.

Yellowstone administrators say 900 bison could be removed during the upcoming winter through hunting, slaughter and for research purposes.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/petition-challenges-yellowstone-bison-slaughters/article_4a66b54f-3a9d-507f-b17c-48b6dd85d1be.html#ixzz3DUUQs800

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Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows 38 to 44.

Wednesday: Breezy. Mostly sunny with isolated rain showers in the morning...then partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 67 to 73. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows 39 to 45. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the evening.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers in the morning...then mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 63 to 71. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

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(Photo by Joe Keel)

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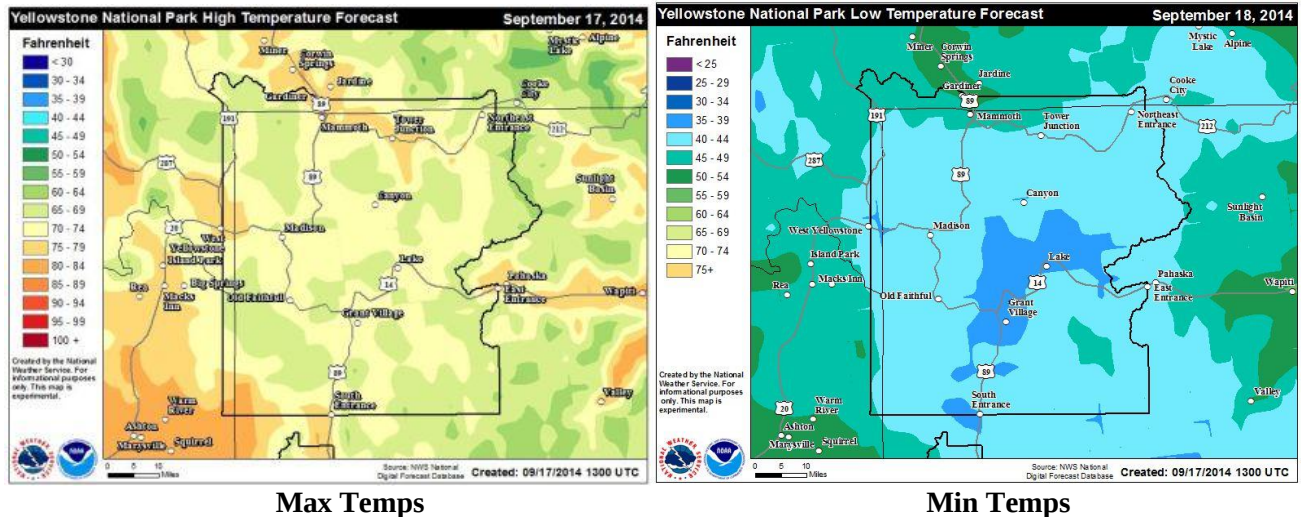
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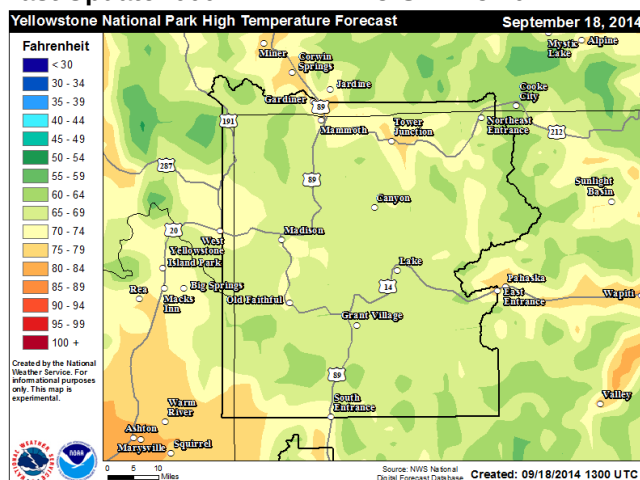
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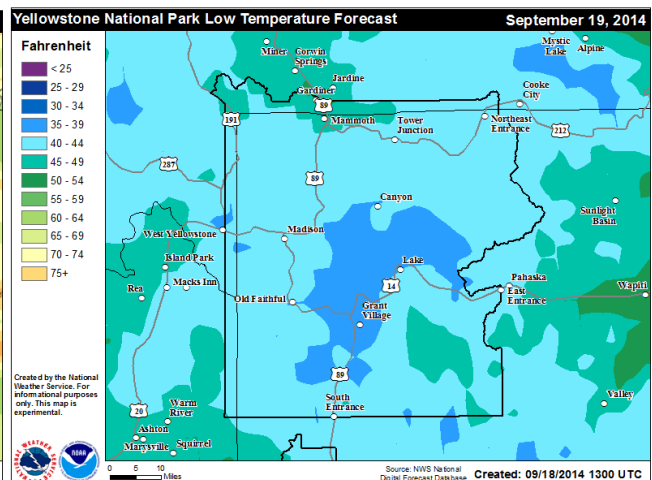
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Max Temps



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Yellowstone Continues Cutthroat Trout Restoration In Elk Creek

Yellowstone is taking another step forward in efforts to restore native Yellowstone cutthroat trout in park waters.

Elk Creek and its tributaries including Lost and Yancey creeks are located near Tower Junction in the Yellowstone River drainage.

Decades ago, the streams were stocked with non-native brook trout. Their presence has contributed to a decline in native cutthroat trout in these creeks. Brook trout compete with cutthroat trout and often completely displace them and other native fish species.

Next week, biologists will introduce a fish toxin into the streams to remove the non-native brook trout as part of Yellowstone's Native Fish Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment, which was approved in May 2011. The project will not impact the nearby Yellowstone River.

While the chemical rotenone will be introduced in small quantities, visitors are advised not to swim in or drink from the streams through September 30. Warning signs will be posted at all treated areas.

After all brook trout have been removed, the park will reintroduce genetically pure native Yellowstone cutthroat trout to the streams.

More information on the park's Native Fish Conservation Plan can be found online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=30504>.

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Sustainable Energy Project For Yellowstone's Buffalo Ranch Approved

The National Park Service (NPS) has approved a plan to improve energy efficiency and renewable energy production systems at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch, which is a National Register Historic District.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was recently signed by Sue Masica, the Director of the Intermountain Region of the National Park Service, completing the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act processes which began earlier this year.

Sustainable energy infrastructure improvements at the ranch under the plan's selected action are designed to conserve energy and water, reduce waste, replace and expand the existing solar energy system including storage batteries and related control equipment, and include installation of a new micro hydro turbine. Equipment will be installed in several buildings to monitor energy use and an administrative building would be expanded to provide office space for existing functions. Historic and non-historic buildings will also be better insulated to decrease their heating and electrical energy needs.

The Lamar Buffalo Ranch is located approximately 10 miles from the nearest electric service and the existing solar energy system was installed in 1996. Many of the components are at the end of their useful life and buildings are not energy efficient. This project will increase the renewable energy available for use at the ranch and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of the current fossil fuel-powered generator currently in operation. The project will improve the off-grid power capabilities at the ranch, and help in educate the public about these types of systems in use in Yellowstone National Park.

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

IN THE NEWS

Yellowstone wolf observers break camp, plan return

Posted: Thursday, September 18, 2014 5:57 pm

Laura Lundquist, Bozeman Daily Chronicle

GARDINER – After four days of prowling the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness near Yellowstone National Park, Yellowstone Wolf Patrol leader Rod Coronado still hasn't seen any wolves. But he couldn't be happier.

Coronado, a wildlife activist, and eight YWP volunteers hiked into the wilderness east of Gardiner last weekend just before Montana's wolf season started. Their intention was to be close to where hunters might kill one or more of the three wolves allowed by the area's hunt quota.

Two local outfitters offer wolf hunts

“We want to get images of the wolves or guys packing them out. We thought, with the low quota, that it might happen more quickly,” Coronado said. “But the ranger said the wolves are still snuggled down in the park.”

That didn’t stop the group members from hiking 15 to 20 miles a day around their wilderness camp near Hellroaring Creek in search of wolves.

Coronado created the YWP to monitor the wolf hunt north of the park to ensure hunters didn’t exceed the quotas and to put pressure on Montana to create a no-hunting buffer around the park.

They want to document any wolf kills to get more Americans to protest the hunt.

“We’re trying to illustrate that outfitters may be able to charge more than \$3,000 to kill a wolf, but look how much money can be made from that wolf when it’s left alive. People travel here to see wolves, bringing money to hotels, restaurants and stores,” Coronado said. “That’s nothing to be ignored in today’s economy.”

Learning the lay of the land, the group found predator tracks and scat, including some belonging to wolves.

They also found a few park rangers and three hunting parties, all of which greeted them with mild surprise.

“We’ve talked to them. We ran into them face-to-face on the trail at 5:30 in the morning, and they’re like, ‘Oh, you’re just out here wandering around?’” Coronado said. “We weren’t looking to necessarily confront them. We’re not here to interfere with anyone hunting elk. And we don’t want to interfere with anything the other wolf groups are trying to do.”

On Thursday, Coronado hiked out with two volunteers to conduct some business and walk the park border from the park side to look for signs of wolves. The other six stayed in camp to keep an eye on things.

Julie Henry of Nashville, Tennessee, said she joined the YWP after becoming disillusioned with being a “click-tivist.”

“Years ago, I got really involved with online activism. But I got really jaded with petitions and trying to go that route because nothing ever happened. I stepped back from that for a while,” Henry said. “But I’m out here now and actually doing something about it.”

Amy Nicole of southern California said she felt amazement as she landed in Montana on Wednesday because she swore she would never visit Montana or Idaho because of the wolf hunting.

“I saw Rod was actually out here doing something about it so I came for a few days on my way elsewhere,” Nicole said. “It doesn’t cost a lot so it’s pretty easy for people to do.”

Hiking along the Rescue Creek Trail, the trio found several elk and bison skeletons, especially near the Yellowstone River.

One was still rotting so the smell would have attracted wolves if they’d been near. But no large canine paw prints clustered around the carcass.

But Coronado remained in high spirits. It was the first time since 2006 that he was out doing the work of an activist, and he said it felt good.

Coronado has a criminal past, having been jailed for burning down animal-testing labs and interfering with hunts to defend the wildlife he loves.

But after spending six years in prison and after finally getting off probation a year ago, he's decided to change his style of activism. Earlier this year, he went on a speaking tour to encourage people to act but not follow in his footsteps.

"Now I tell young impressionable people it's a cost-benefit analysis," Coronado said. "If you get caught, you're going to go down for 20 years or more. I've seen too many brilliant eco-activists going to prison when they could be organizing a sustainable campaign. Most of the buildings I targeted were just rebuilt."

It helps that, on the whole, the public appears to be a little more attuned to conservation issues now than they were in the 1990s, Coronado said.

The problem is that the public's attitude hasn't reached the wildlife agencies that make policy, Coronado said. That's why the YWP was in Gardiner.

But Coronado doesn't want to create an organization and come back every year. The plan is for locals to eventually create their own grassroots patrols.

With no wolf activity for now, the YWP is breaking camp this weekend and heading on to Wisconsin where they'll document the hunters who use hounds to hunt wolves.

Coronado said the YWP would return to Gardiner after the first weather event that brings elk out of the park and into the area.

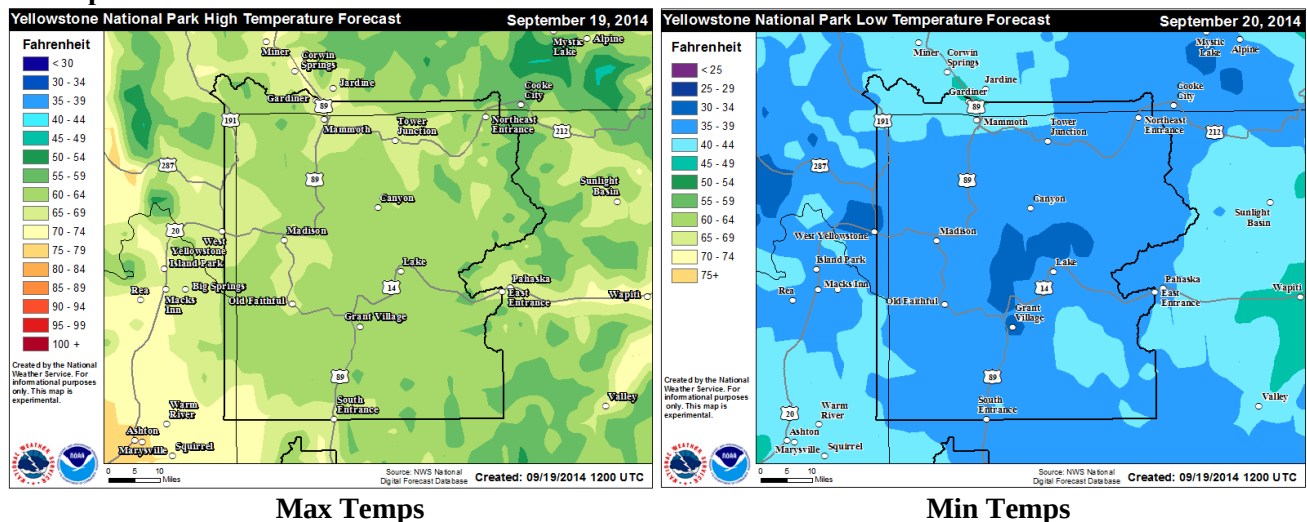
"Some of the local people, the Legends of Lamar group, don't want us to go. They think that we need to be here throughout the time. It's really nice to have their support," Coronado said.

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17 hours ago • By Matthew Brown Associated Press

A decision is expected in mid-2015 on a proposal to capture and quarantine wild bison from Yellowstone National Park so disease-free animals can be relocated to create new herds, Yellowstone's chief scientist said.

The Department of Interior in June identified 20 parcels of public lands in 10 states that could be suitable for relocated Yellowstone bison that went through a quarantine program.

The park includes portions of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. Its 4,860 bison are prized for their pure genetics. However, many carry the disease brucellosis, which can cause pregnant livestock to prematurely abort their young.

Thousands of park bison have been shipped to slaughter in recent years to control their numbers and prevent them from spilling into neighboring parts of Montana where they could come into contact with livestock.

A pilot quarantine project in Montana over the last decade proved effective at culling out bison that tested positive for the disease. But that has not quashed resistance from agricultural groups wary of free-ranging herds competing with cattle for grazing space.

Almost 23,000 people weighed in on the new quarantine proposal during a recent six-week public comment period, Yellowstone Center for Resources Chief Dave Hallac said.

Wildlife advocates accounted for the overwhelming majority of those comments and were generally supportive, Hallac said. However, some bison advocates are opposed to the program because they say it turns the bison into domestic animals by fencing in the animals and testing them repeatedly for disease.

Montana wildlife officials offered qualified support for the proposal. Montana Wildlife Division Chief Ken McDonald said it offered potential solutions to address some of the conflicts involved in bison management.

Wyoming Game and Fish Department Director Scott Talbott told the park that if the program moves forward, the quarantine facility should be built inside the park.

The comments would be used to refine the proposal as park administrators select potential sites over the winter, before next year's final decision on whether to move forward.

Hallac said the pilot project in Montana had shown that "technically and scientifically, this is a feasible way to help manage bison and bison conservation."

But that initial effort also bolstered resistance to new herds of the animals among many in the livestock industry, particularly after dozens of Yellowstone bison were transferred to two Montana Indian reservations over local objections.

As a result, almost a decade after it began, officials still have not found a permanent home for roughly 150 animals that went through the pilot quarantine program.

Park biologists in July recommended the removal of roughly 900 bison during the upcoming winter through hunting, shipments to slaughter and for research purposes.

It would be the largest cull of Yellowstone's herds since more than 1,600 animals were removed during the winter of 2007-2008.

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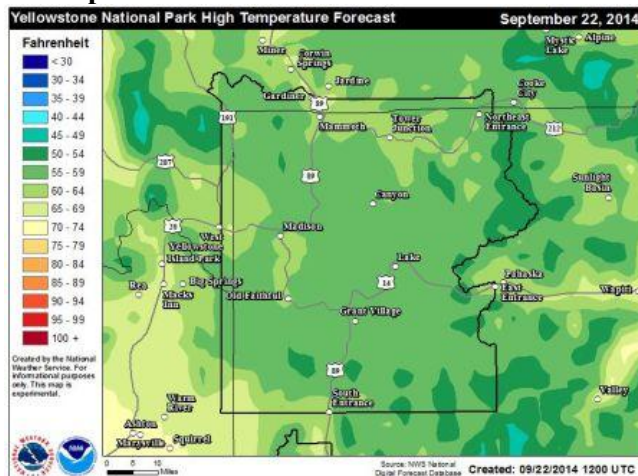
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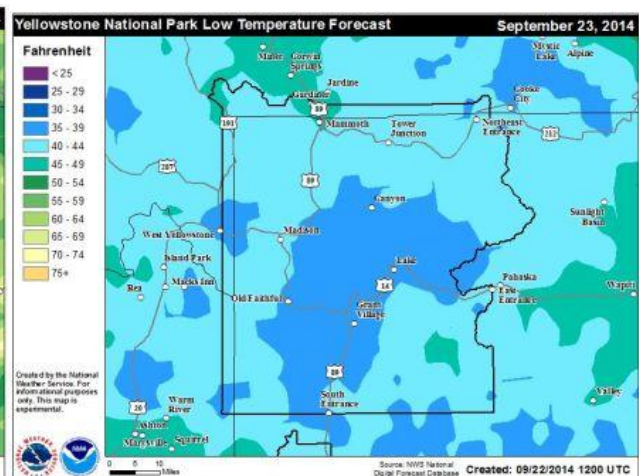
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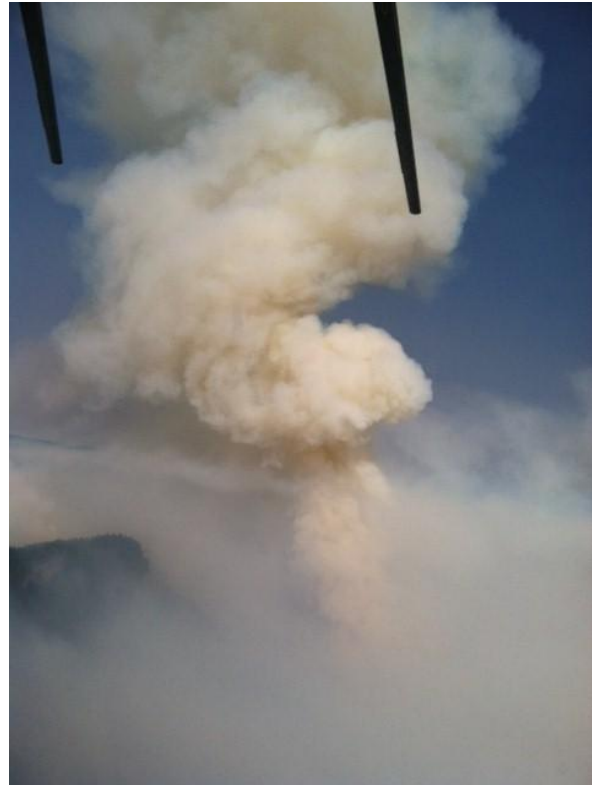
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Maintaining Old Faithful at issue

Posted: Monday, September 22, 2014 2:13 pm

Cody Enterprise http://www.codyenterprise.com/news/local/article_df405816-4294-11e4-9137-3b735dc71b1b.html

A report about the geology and hydrology around Old Faithful in Yellowstone Park has been published.

Methods are outlined to avoid damaging the landmark during maintenance of park roads, utilities and historic buildings.

Since 1872, park administrators have worked on preserving the area while allowing the public to savor the outdoor wonderland.

Visitors to YNP have nearly doubled over the past 50 years, which has increased demand for parking, lodging, food service and other essentials.

The Old Faithful Science Review Panel was convened to study the Upper Geyser Basin area.

The report discusses local rock types, water chemistry and geyser behavior within the hydrothermal system.

“The popularity of Yellowstone is increasing,” geologist Jacob Lowenstern said. “The park needs to minimize the human impact.”

The report proposes techniques for park managers to maintain Old Faithful.

“There may be no place where such iconic natural and cultural features are within a short distance of one another,” Dan Wenk, YNP superintendent, said.

Monitoring Old Faithful temperature variations should help determine the cause of long-term shifts in eruptive behavior.

The report considers cost and effectiveness to determine the most beneficial studies for park infrastructure planning.

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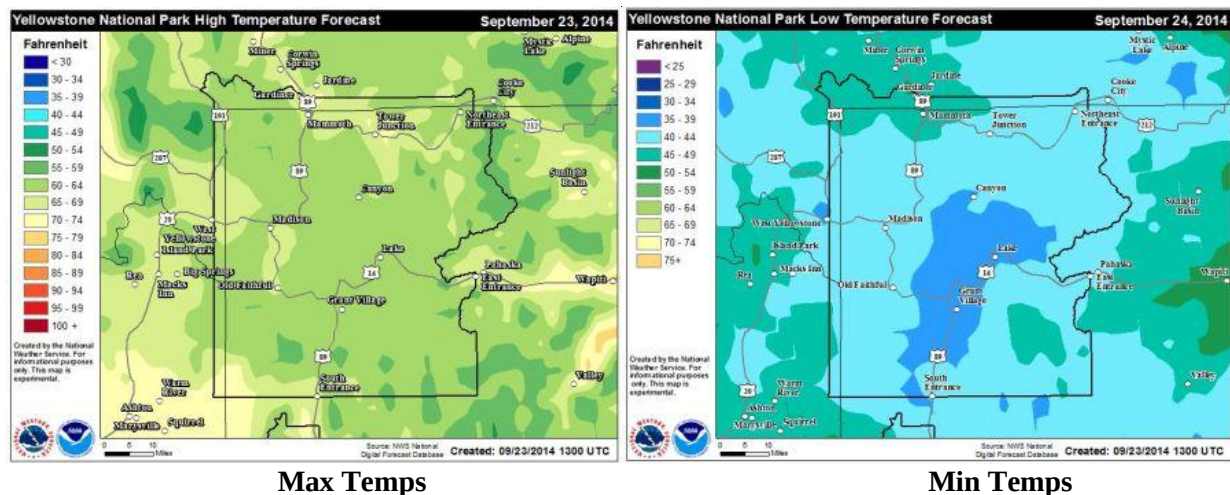
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The vegetation crew and a volunteer after salvaging plants for the Old Faithful sewer line project

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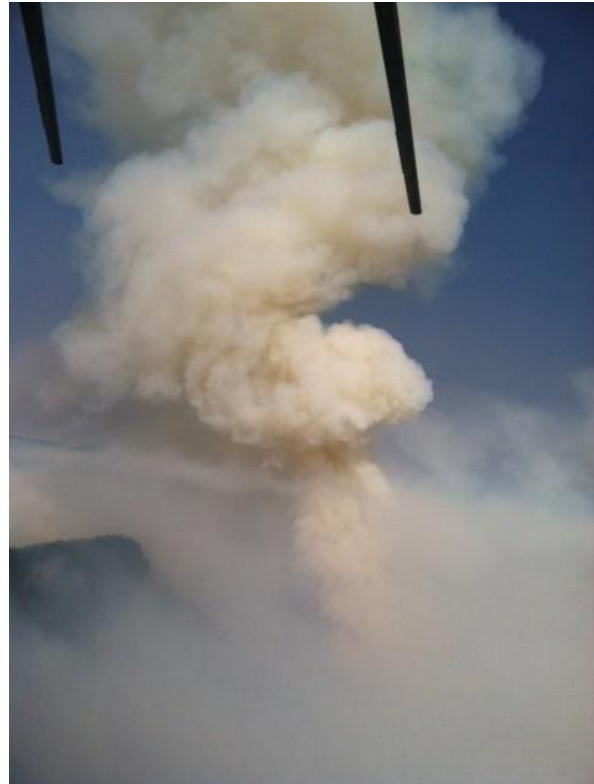
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No area of the United States has all the firefighting resources needed in any given fire season. Sharing the resources is one of the methods used each year to manage wildland fire. Even though fires in the Park have been well below average, Yellowstone's wildland firefighters have had a busy summer.

IN THE NEWS

Judge reinstates protections for Wyoming wolves

16 hours ago • Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Wyoming wolves are back under federal protection after a ruling Tuesday by a federal judge in Washington, D.C.

U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson on Tuesday rejected a Wyoming wolf-management plan that had declared wolves unprotected predators that could be shot on sight in most of the state. Her ruling sided with national environmental groups that had argued Wyoming's management plan afforded insufficient protection for wolves.

"We're thrilled that protections for Wyoming's fragile population of wolves have been restored," said Noah Greenwald, endangered species director with the Center for Biological Diversity. "With Wyoming allowing wolves to be shot on sight across more than 80 percent of the state, there is no way protections for wolves should have ever been removed."

Berman ruled that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was wrong to trust nonbinding promises from the state of Wyoming to maintain at least 100 wolves, including 10 breeding pairs, outside of Yellowstone and the Wind River Indian Reservation.

Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead issued a statement Tuesday saying that he expects the state to seek a stay of the Jackson's decision. He said the state will seek an emergency rule from the Fish and Wildlife Service to allow continued state wolf management.

"We believe an emergency rule can remedy this, and I have instructed the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the attorney general to proceed accordingly," Mead said. He added that until the judge's order is stayed or modified, the killing of wolves in Wyoming will be under federal jurisdiction.

Wyoming took over wolf management in late 2012 after the federal government ruled that wolves no longer needed protection under the federal Endangered Species Act.

The federal agency had reintroduced wolves in Yellowstone in the 1990s. For at least the past decade, the federal agency has been through a tortured series of lawsuits involving both the state and conservation groups as Wyoming has tried repeatedly to take control of its wolf population.

Many ranchers and sportsmen in Wyoming say that wolves pose a threat to livestock and game animals, particularly western moose herds, if their numbers aren't kept in check. The Wyoming Stock Growers Association had entered the Washington, D.C., lawsuit along with other groups to argue for keeping wolf management under state control.

Jim Magagna with the Wyoming Stock Growers Association said Tuesday that Jackson's ruling could have a huge effect on Wyoming ranchers if they're unable to kill wolves that prey on their livestock.

“Beyond that, it doesn’t make any sense,” Magagna said, adding the state has agreed to maintain a minimum wolf population.

“And there’s no evidence to show that they’re failing to meet that commitment,” he said. “I guess what bothers me most is this shows a total lack of confidence in the state’s ability to manage its wildlife, including a viable and delisted wolf population.”

Wyoming Attorney General Peter Michael wasn’t immediately available for comment on the ruling. His office argued in favor of state management of wolves in Berman’s court.

Mead this spring released a survey that he said proved Wyoming’s wolf population was stable and that ending federal protections was the right move. The survey, prepared by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, stated there were at least 306 wolves in at least 43 packs — including more than 23 breeding pairs — in Wyoming at the end of 2013.

Montana lawyer Tim Preso of Earthjustice represented conservation groups in challenging Wyoming’s plan. Preso said Wyoming must develop a legitimate conservation plan that ensures a vibrant wolf population.

Since it took over wolf management two years ago, Wyoming has held trophy hunting for wolves in a zone outside Yellowstone where wolves weren’t classified as unprotected predators. Preso said Tuesday’s ruling puts an end to that practice.

“I hope that Wyoming will bring its wolf management regime more in line with typical wildlife conservation management, instead of eradication programs,” Preso said. He said he hopes Wyoming will reform its wolf-management regime, which has been unique in having wolves classified as unprotected predators in most of the state.

The Fish and Wildlife Service in recent years has turned over wolf management in Idaho and Montana to those states. Congress passed special language specifying that those state-management plans aren’t subject to legal challenge.

Jamie Rappaport Clark, president and CEO of Defenders of Wildlife, is a former director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She said Tuesday the issue at stake in the Wyoming wolf litigation is not merely the wolves themselves but the overall integrity of the Endangered Species Act.

The Wyoming wolf-delisting plan Jackson rejected on Tuesday marks the second time the Fish and Wildlife Service has accepted a delisting plan for Wyoming wolves only to see it dissolve under judicial scrutiny. The agency accepted a similar delisting plan from the state a few years ago but then rejected it after a federal judge in Montana voiced criticisms.

Clark said she regards the Fish and Wildlife Service’s affirmation of inadequate management plans for Wyoming wolves as disappointing. She said the agency has top biologists, but she added: “These plans aren’t meeting the standards that were in play when I was at the Fish and Wildlife Service.”

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/judge-reinstates-protections-for-wyoming-wolves/article_db1f0ce0-d076-50a9-ba4f-fd9887d477e6.html#ixzz3EFBtIUx

Tribes from U.S., Canada sign bison treaty

16 hours ago • By MATTHEW BROWN Associated Press

Leaders of Native American tribes and First Nations in the U.S. and Canada have signed a treaty to restore bison along the international border.

Treaty organizers said representatives of 11 tribes and First Nations from Montana and Alberta signed the pact during a Tuesday ceremony on the Blackfeet Reservation.

They say it marks the first treaty among the tribes since the 1800s, when their ancestors still roamed the border region hunting bison, or buffalo.

Leroy Little Bear is with the Blood Tribe, part of the Blackfoot Confederacy of tribes in the U.S. and Canada. He said the long-term goal is to allow bison to roam across the border and restore cultural ties severed when overhunting drove bison nearly extinct in the late 1800s.

Agricultural interests have resisted prior bison reintroductions.

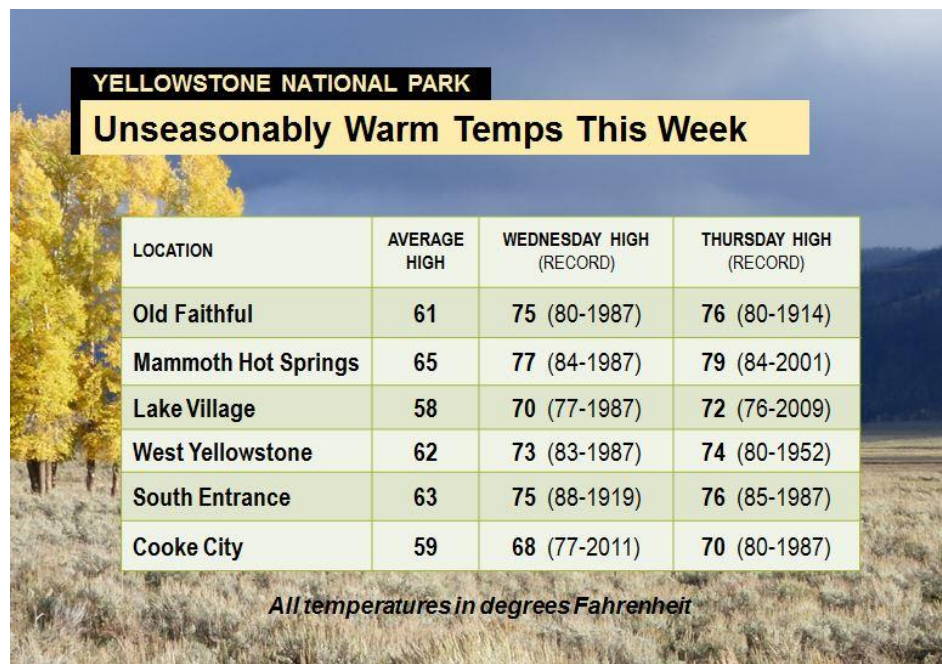
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Tonight: Clear. Lows 39 to 45.

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Thursday Night: Clear. Lows 38 to 44. South winds around 15 mph.

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Oct. 2-3: Remove site #4 transclosure and replace with new 3ph transformer, Connect new services on buildings 27 and 35.

Outage from 8am to 5pm on 10/3, buildings 27, (YCR) 35, (Canteen) and 36 (Admin.) affected. NPS to make connections to new metering at buildings 27 and 35.

Oct. 7-8: Remove site #1 transclosure and replace with new 3ph transformer.

Outage from 8am to 5pm on 10/7. Buildings 17(Chapel) and 19(Electric Shop) affected. NPS to install new meter base for building 17.

Oct. 9-10: Remove transformers from vault at site# 5 location and install a new 3ph primary junction can. **No outage required.**

Oct 14-17: Remove site #3 transclosure and replace with new 3ph transformer and 3ph primary junction can. Also, install metering CT's and meter at building 36 (Admin).

Outage from 12pm on 10/16 to 5pm on 10/17, Buildings 13, (Jail) 25, (Carpenter shop) 75, (Paint shop) Temp trailers (1200, 1202).

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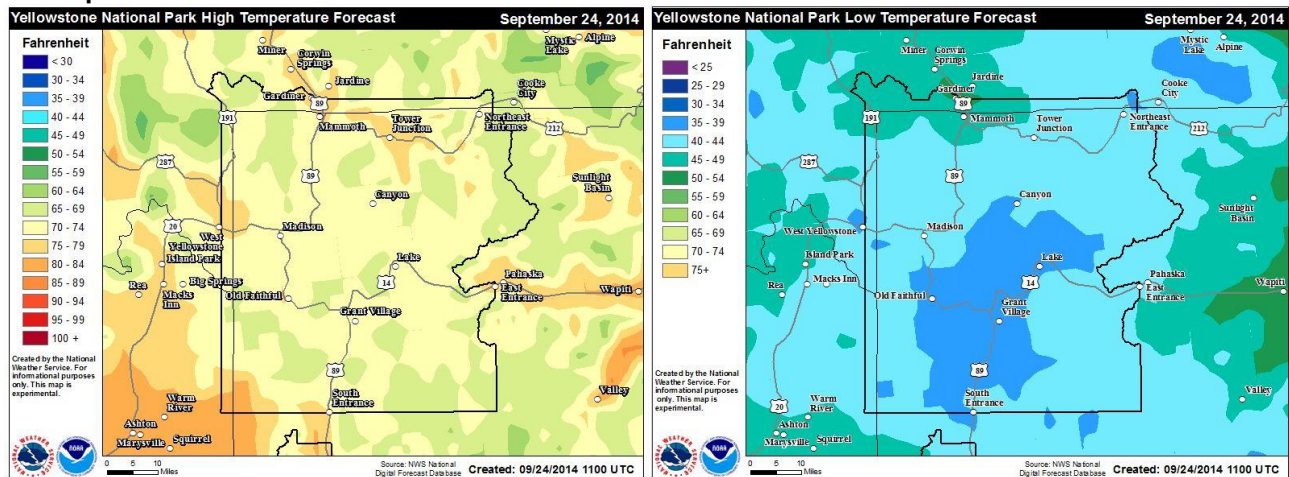
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Friday, September 26, 2014



Sunshine, storm clouds, and fall colors all combined at the Buffalo Ranch last Sunday afternoon.

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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

(YELL) Guilty Verdict In Grand Prismatic Unmanned Aircraft Case

A man from the Netherlands has been sentenced in connection with an unmanned aircraft incident earlier this year in Yellowstone National Park.

World-wide attention was drawn to the incident where an unmanned aircraft crashed into Grand Prismatic Spring the afternoon of August 2.

On Tuesday, Theodorus Van Vliet entered a guilty plea to violating the park ban against operating an unmanned aircraft. He was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay over \$2,200 in restitution. The park has been unable to confirm the location of the unmanned aircraft, which remains somewhere on the floor of the iconic hot spring.

This is the second successful prosecution arising from a violation of the ban on use of unmanned aircraft in Yellowstone, an activity which is prohibited nationwide on all lands and waters administered by the National Park System.

Earlier this month, Andreas Meissner of Germany was sentenced to a one year ban from the park, was placed on one year of unsupervised probation, and was ordered to pay over \$1,600 in fines and restitution in return for a guilty plea in connection with operating an unmanned aircraft which crashed into Yellowstone Lake near the West Thumb Marina back on July 18.

A third case is pending. Donald Criswell of Molalla, Oregon, has been charged with violating the ban after he flew his unmanned aircraft over the crowded Midway Geyser Basin and close to bison on August 19. His case is scheduled to be heard in federal court in Mammoth Hot Springs in October.

The prohibition on operation of unmanned aircraft in Yellowstone National Park was included in the 2014 update to the Superintendent's Compendium, which can be found online at <http://go.usa.gov/mzRV>. It is also highlighted on the front page and inside the fall edition of the Official Park Newspaper which is distributed to visitors at park entrance stations and is also posted to the web at <http://go.usa.gov/mzRH>.

This ban is being enforced at Yellowstone. Violators will be contacted, investigated and may be subject to confiscation of their unmanned aircraft, a mandatory court appearance and fines.

(GRTE) Actions Taken to Protect People & Moose In Gros Ventre Campground

Grand Teton National Park rangers will implement several actions to protect both people and moose in the Gros Ventre campground. The area will be posted with signs urging people to keep their distance from moose, camping will be consolidated within a few campground loops, and rangers will step up patrols to protect campers, wildlife viewers and several moose that are currently using campground areas during their fall rut (mating time). These actions became necessary after numerous human-wildlife interactions resulted in property damage, people getting charged by a bull moose, and the untimely death of a female moose this morning when she nearly severed her hind leg on a fire grate while fleeing both people and a bull that was pursuing her.

Park rangers were forced to euthanize the cow moose due to the severity of her leg injury. Her calf was not injured during the commotion. While moose calves orphaned at this age can survive on their own, their probability of survival is somewhat reduced.

Although the behavior of a single bull moose during its mating season was a contributing factor in the ill-fated death of the female moose this morning, the concentration of people approaching and crowding around these animals has caused them to become overly agitated and consequently a safety concern. When provoked, bull moose and other animals will sometimes charge. Recent reports indicate that people have been charged by moose on numerous occasions throughout the Gros Ventre campground, as a result of their close approach.

Wildlife viewing is a favorite activity in Grand Teton National Park, especially during the fall when animals exhibit interesting seasonal behavior. Because many people have approached wildlife too closely in their attempt to photograph a particular animal(s), park rangers will step up their patrols, including the use of 'plain clothes' patrols, and cite anyone who does not maintain the appropriate distance. Park regulations state that people must keep a distance of 25 yards from moose and 100 yards from bears—and may not harass or alter the behavior of wildlife, regardless of distance. While 25 yards is the minimum distance to maintain from moose, rangers recommend staying at least 100 yards away from bull moose during the rut.

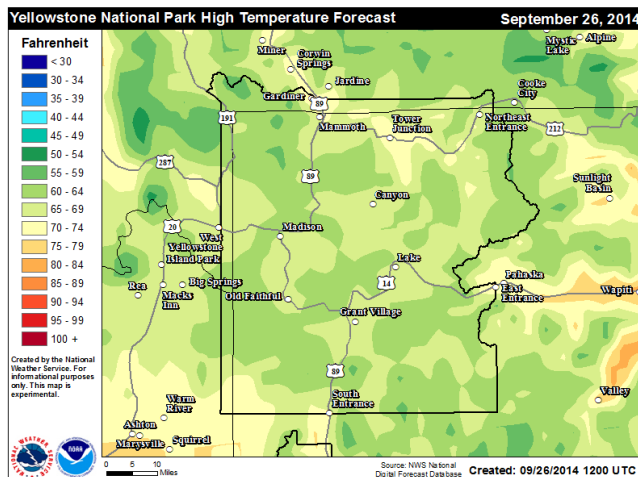
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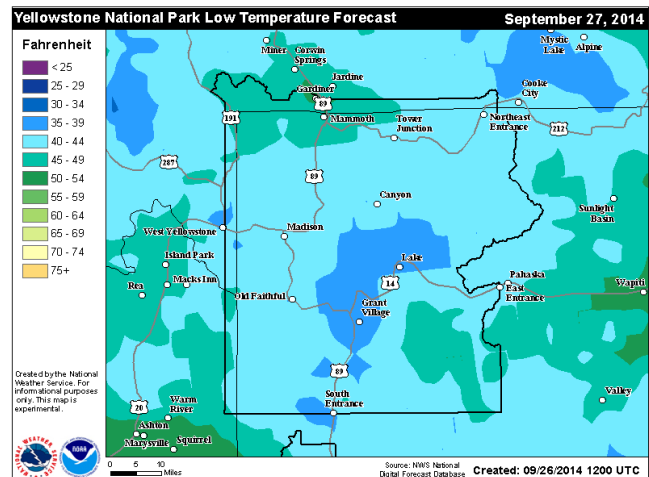
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Overnight Lows

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Tonight: Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows 39 to 45. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Saturday: Numerous rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds and small hail in the afternoon. Highs 52 to 58. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday Night: Numerous rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening...then rain and snow likely after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds and small hail in the evening. Little or no snow accumulation. Lows around 36. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Sunday: Rain likely in the morning...then chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs 46 to 52. Chance of rain 70 percent.

Sunday Night: Chance of rain in the evening...then snow likely and chance of rain after midnight. Lows 31 to 37. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Monday: Mostly cloudy. Chance of rain showers...snow showers and isolated thunderstorms in the morning...then chance of rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 42 to 48. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

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Mike Carisch photo.

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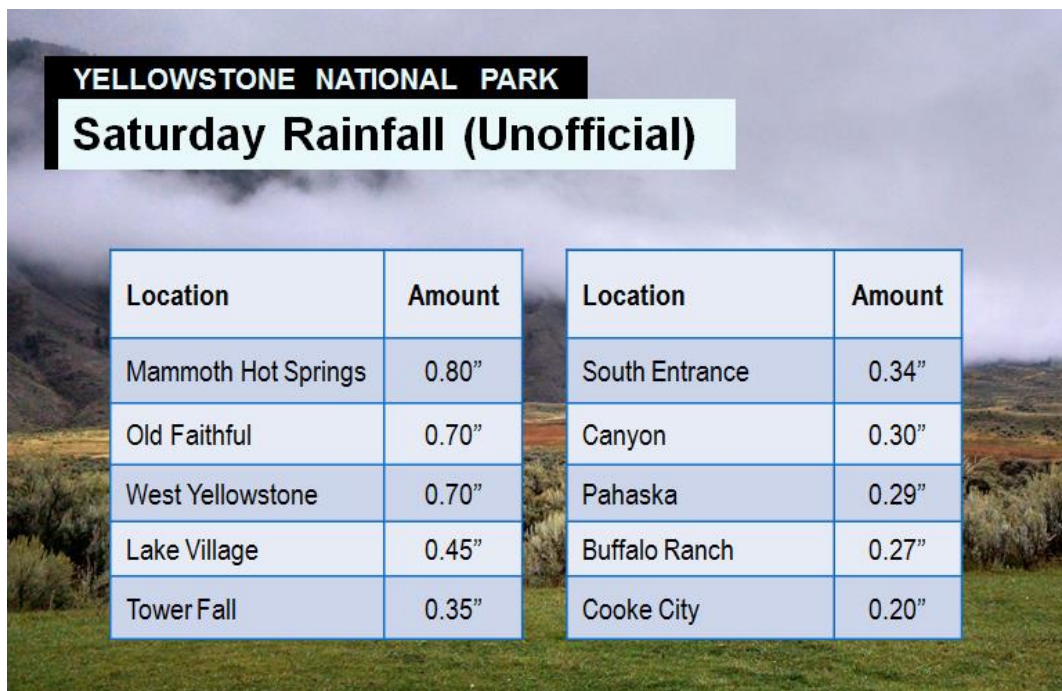
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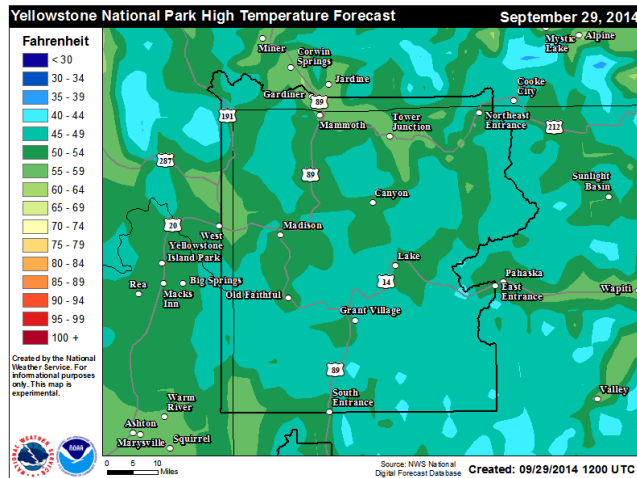
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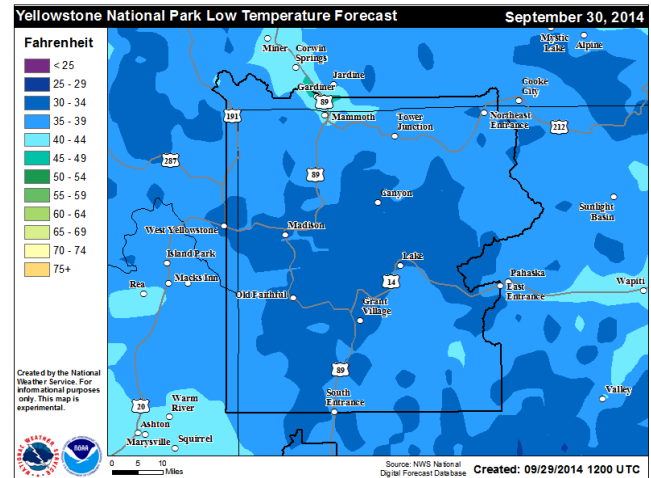
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A Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Tuesday, September 30, 2014



Trying to keep our FM radio working, Jim Nichols did some work on the FM equipment on Bunsen Peak a couple weeks ago.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Mammoth Clinic hours have changed**. Beginning today will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 5 and Friday from 8:30 to 1:00. Thanks!

This is a reminder to **post your SEPTEMBER miles/hours** in Miles Manager by **TODAY**. We will pull reports on Thursday, October 1st, and if you wait to post that day it will be too late for our reports. Washington officials have mandated that all plated vehicles are required to post their mileage, no exceptions.

The first program of **Cultural Perspectives of Land Use in the Gardiner Area** is slated for Monday, October 6, at 7:00 PM. Mike Jetty, Indian Education Specialist, presents "Dispelling Modern Stereotypes" at the Gardiner School multi-purpose room in Gardiner, Montana. His free presentation is part of a Yellowstone Gateway Museum and school collaboration. 222-4184. www.yellowstonegatewaymuseum.org

Here's our latest proposed schedule for work and outage dates/duration on the Mammoth project.

Sept.30: Remove site #2 transclosure and replace with new 1ph transformer and 3ph primary junction can. There will be an outage from **8am to 5pm on 9/30**, for **buildings 14 and 16** (Residences west of Electric Shop). **Also, two short 30-minute (max.) outages from 8am to 8:30am and 5:00pm to 5:30pm for Upper Mammoth.**

Oct. 2-3: Remove site #4 transclosure and replace with new 3ph transformer, connect new services on buildings 27 and 35. **Outage from 8am to 5pm on buildings 27 (YCR), 35 (Canteen), and 36 (Admin.).**

Oct. 7: Remove site #1 transclosure and replace with new 3ph transformer. **Outage from 8am to 5pm on buildings 17 (Chapel) and 19 (Electric Shop).**

Oct. 8-10: Remove transformers from vault at site# 5 location and install a new 3ph primary junction can. **No outage required.**

Oct 14-17: Remove site #3 transclosure and replace with new 3ph transformer and 3ph primary junction can. Also, install metering CT's and meter at building 36 (Admin). **Outage from 8am to 5pm on 10/17 for buildings 13(Jail), 25 (Carpenter shop), 75 (Paint shop), and Temp trailers (1200, 1202).**

If you live in **government quarters** and do not yet have a name sign for your quarters, and would like one, please contact Lori Gruber. Email her with the name(s) that you would like to have on your sign.

Upcoming CPR class



Healthcare Provider CPR is for the EMS provider
Date/Time: Friday October 3, 2014, 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Old Faithful

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](http://P_drive:/safety_office/First_Aid_and_CPR_Training)

Mammoth Area Residents- Please remember that you are **NOT allowed** to park your vehicles in your yard. Vehicles must be parked either in the driveway or on the street in front of your house. The Resident's Handbook has stated this since 2006, and we have certainly seen some improvement with this problem. However, **there are still some employees who continue to use their yards as a parking lot, which is not allowed.**

IN THE NEWS

Researchers want to know how YNP sheep, goats mix

Posted: Monday, September 29, 2014 3:58 pm

Associated Press

A handful of bighorn sheep in and around Yellowstone Park are wearing radio collars.

The sheep and another small population of collared mountain goats are providing data on how – and even if – the two species, which evolved together, interact.

This will allow public lands officials to make decisions on management of the two species, said Bob Garrott, a Montana State University professor and researcher with the school's ecology department.

The multiyear study is in its fifth year, Garrott said, and he expects the work may go on for several more years.

Mountain goats – the white, longhaired, photogenic goats often seen in imagery relating to Glacier Park – are not native to the YNP area, Garrott said.

The goats were introduced by Montana wildlife officials in the 1940s and 1950s, Garrott says, from native populations located in western Montana. The goats were introduced into several areas west of YNP, including in the Madison Range.

“The convention of the time was to get animals on the landscape even though they were not native,” Garrott said. “People enjoy seeing them and hunters enjoy pursuing them.”

Mountain goats are not often visible from YNP's roadsides, but may be seen at higher elevations on popular backcountry trails.

There are 300-500 of each species in the YNP area, Garrott said.

His research team collared 16 bighorn sheep and 14 mountain goats on YNP's Northern Range. Data already gathered by the GPS component of the electronics in the collar have already revealed some migratory patterns of the sheep.

Garrott had suspected that sheep that summer on Mount Washburn winter on Mount Everts, near Mammoth Hot Springs. The data from the radio collars confirm that, he says. The sheep migrate to lower elevations between Mammoth Hot Springs, and along the Yellowstone River outside Gardiner.

Garrott says one objective is to determine if there is competition between sheep and goats. The two species frequent similar habitats and eat similar forage, Garrott says. So far, they don't seem to interact much.

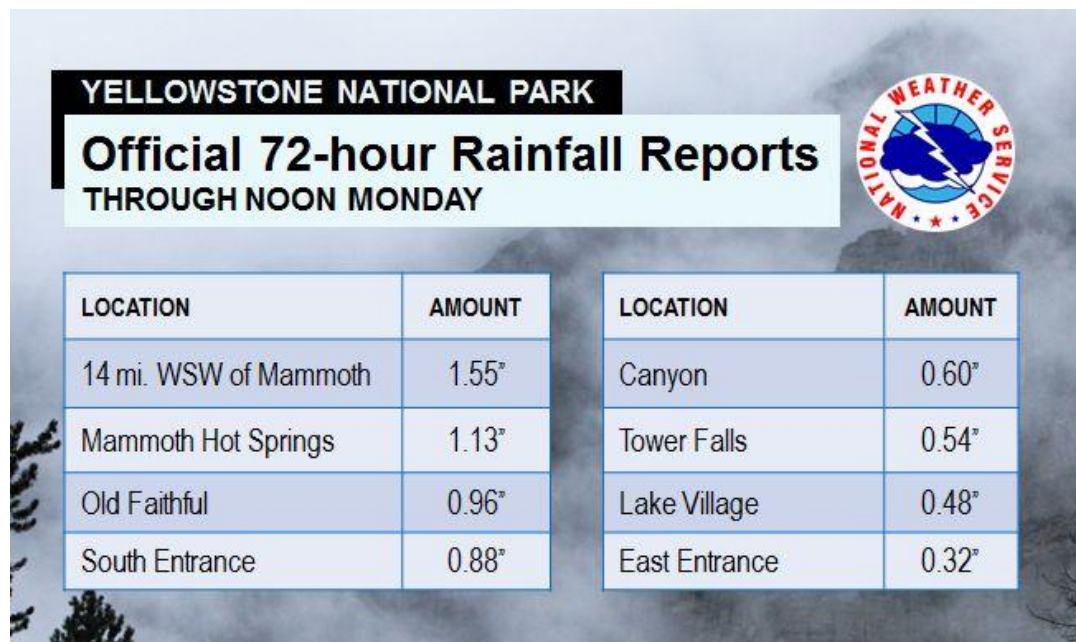
The study also seeks to learn if climate change is affecting bighorn sheep.

For example, with snow at higher elevations melting sooner, this can change the timing of when forage is available.

These changes, along with the gradual increase over the years of the mountain goats, could impact the population size of the bighorn sheep, according to a study overview on Garrott's MSU website.

Bighorn sheep are susceptible to lamb pneumonia, which can be fatal to bighorn lambs at 2-3 months of age.

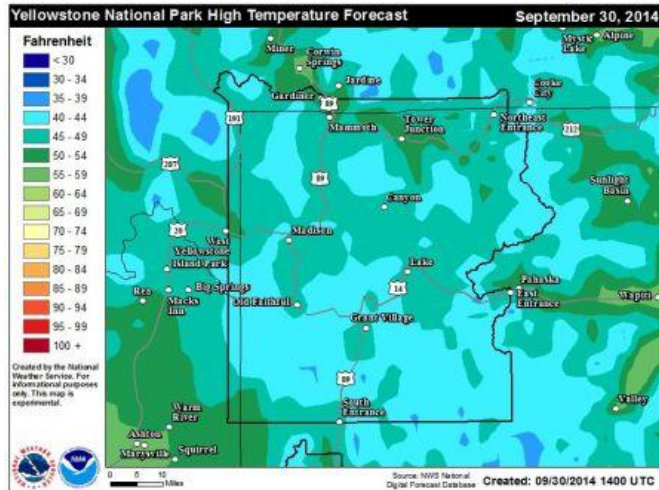
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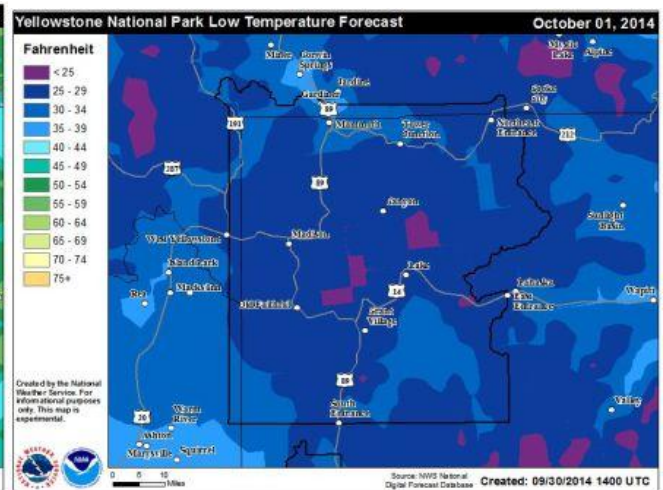
NWS Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park

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Today's Highs



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Today: Numerous snow showers late in the morning. Numerous rain showers through the day. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Little or no new snow accumulation. Highs 41 to 47. West winds around 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Tonight: Cloudy. Numerous rain showers in the evening. Scattered snow showers and slight chance of thunderstorms through the night. Snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Lows 24 to 30. West winds around 15 mph early in the evening. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. Scattered snow showers and slight chance of thunderstorms in the morning...then scattered rain showers...snow showers and slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 39 to 45. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows 23 to 29.

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