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Wednesday, October 1, 2014

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The NWE project in Mammoth has been **postponed** until next spring. **No planned power outages** will occur after today related to this project.

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IN THE NEWS**Running Yellowstone more like a business**

The superintendent of the world's first national park wants visitors to cover more of its costs.

By Rocky Barker

September 28, 2014

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK - Dan Wenk wants to make entering Yellowstone a great experience in time for the National Park Service's 100th anniversary in 2016.

And the park superintendent isn't afraid to ask people to spend more to meet the \$100 million it takes to support the park's 800 employees and keep it open year-round.

In 1915, visitors paid \$10 a car to visit the park for a week.

"Take that formula today and you'd be talking about like \$320," Wenk said.

He's not talking about asking anywhere near that much, but he's also not offering specifics. Today visitors pay \$25 a car for a week in both Yellowstone and adjacent Grand Teton national parks.

But Wenk, a former acting director and deputy director of the Park Service, is ready to take on the always-controversial topic to help make the park more self-sufficient at a time of tight budgets. As superintendent of the 2.2 million-acre national park, his decisions could affect the \$1 billion a year the park puts into the economy within 60 miles of the park in Wyoming, Idaho and Montana.

Wenk spoke last week with a group of free-market environmental economists, historians and other academics examining national park policies at a workshop sponsored by the Bozeman, Mont.-based Property and Environment Research Center. He said Yellowstone already raises two-thirds of its expenses through concessionaire fees and private donations through the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

But when Congress has to cut park budgets, Wenk said, it often wields a "chain saw, not a scalpel."

A REGIONAL RESOURCE

A year ago, the government shut down for 15 days as Congress failed to pass a spending bill. The shutdown cost the regional economy \$15 million and put some 3,000 people out of jobs for the season.

"There are people in West Yellowstone, Gardiner, Cooke City for whom, basically, the month of October is their opportunity to make a profit," Wenk said.

But that was lost with the October 2013 government shutdown. The local constituency is just as important as the national and even international public, Wenk said. Too high a fee increase could affect businesses like hotels and restaurants as far away as Idaho Falls.

When he comes out with a new fee proposal in the next year, he will hold a public meeting in Idaho Falls, he said.

'THE MAILMAN'

Wenk joined the National Park Service soon after graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in landscape architecture. He went to Yellowstone National Park in 1979 and spent five years there; it's where he and his wife, Barbara, started their family. He went to Mount Rushmore as superintendent, then to Washington and, after leaving the Park Service briefly, returned as director of its Denver Service Center. He became deputy director of operations and was acting director until Jon Jarvis took over in 2009.

Jarvis sent Wenk to Yellowstone to finish its winter-use plan, a controversial plan that had to balance demands for snowmobile recreation against environmental protections that had been in the works for nearly 30 years. Wenk's ambitious public outreach helped cut a deal that got the issue out of courts.

Former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar nicknamed Wenk "the mailman," said Jarvis, his boss and longtime friend, because he always delivered.

"He delivered on the winter-use plan," Jarvis told the Statesman.

FOREIGNER SURCHARGE?

Among Wenk's ideas for entrance fees are including options such as two-day or three-day passes along with the current seven-day pass. He wants to continue to offer a two-park pass, but he'd like to "divorce" Yellowstone from Grand Teton so each offers its own entry fee.

John Freemuth, a Boise State University public policy professor who once was a park ranger, said he thinks the American public will be supportive.

"We love our parks, and people would be willing to pay more to go see them," Freemuth said.

Several economists suggested Wenk charge extra to foreign visitors, who make up a large part of the 3.5 million annual visits to Yellowstone. The entry cost is a tiny percentage of the total cost of an international trip, and far lower than African national parks charge, for instance.

"And they can't go screaming to their congressman," said Robert Nelson, professor of public affairs at the University of Maryland.

But running Yellowstone more like a business does have its limits. The cost of serving visitors in the summer is about \$9 per person per day, Wenk said. Winter visitors cost \$56 per day.

"If you were a business," Wenk said, "you'd shut down in winter in a heartbeat."

Famous parks - Yellowstone, Yosemite and Grand Canyon - could probably be self-sustaining. But many parks can't, Jarvis said. However, the Park Service does look for ways to bring in outside money for all its programs, including outreach to younger visitors.

"We're really good at leveraging the federal dollars," Jarvis said.

MORE THAN MONEY

A national park has responsibilities that go beyond visitation. Yellowstone has been spending \$2 million annually to remove lake trout from Yellowstone Lake. The lake trout are eating cutthroat trout, which are a key food source for species such as grizzly bears and bald eagles that are critical to the Yellowstone ecosystem.

It's a cost that is vital to the public interest the National Park Service was established to protect, Wenk said.

"We would not be doing the job we're here to do in terms of maintaining the ecosystem," he said.

Remaking the north entrance to Yellowstone in Gardiner, Mont., is also important for Wenk. The cornerstone for the entrance's iconic arch was laid by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903. But today a visitor coming from Gardiner faces multiple routes to get to the entrance and has to pass uninspiring concession warehouses and parked cars.

Gardiner was the original park entrance, and the place where the U.S. Cavalry came in 1886 to save Yellowstone from fires, poachers and chaos and lay the groundwork for the National Park Service.

"That's such a symbolic place for the celebration of setting aside land for public purposes," Freemuth said. "Good for him to make it a magnet showcase for the centennial."

Alfred Runte, author of "National Parks: The American Experience" and a consultant on Ken Burns' PBS series on the parks, agreed.

"When we just talk about the money," Runte said, "we lose the magic."

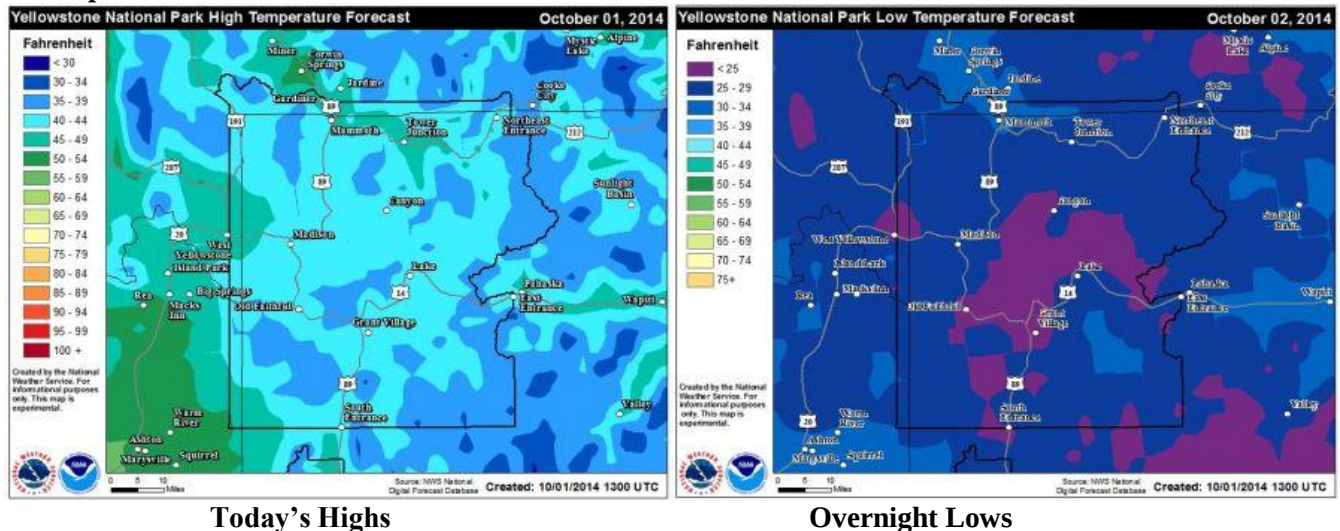
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WEATHER

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Last Update: 953 AM MDT WED OCT 1



Today: Mostly cloudy. Scattered rain showers and snow showers through the day. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 37 to 43. Northwest winds around 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers and snow showers early in the evening...then mostly clear in the late evening and overnight. Patchy fog early in the morning. Lows 23 to 29. Southwest winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Thursday: Breezy. Partly cloudy. Patchy fog early in the morning. Highs 43 to 49. West winds 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear. Lows 24 to 30. Northwest winds around 15 mph in the evening.

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National Public Lands Day was last Saturday and despite the fog and rainy weather we had 25 volunteers working on 2 projects.

Bill Hopkins led the Lamar River Stock Trailhead project of obliterating social trails. These trails were dug up, rocks and sagebrush were planted, and native seed was distributed. Some rock steps were also added on parts of the main trail.

The second project was constructing a post and rail fence around the new Lamar weather station (NOAA) at the north end of the corral. Lynn Chan and Molly Nelson led this project. Eight deep post holes were dug and three rails were placed on each section. It will hopefully keep out Bison. A temporary fence was placed inside the corral near the solar panels to accommodate the new PV Array.

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DON'T FENCE ME IN!

VOLUNTEER TO HELP IMPROVE YELLOWSTONE PRONGHORN MIGRATION



FRIDAY OCT 3RD



WHERE: BLM's Carbella Recreation
Access Site just north of Yankee Jim
Canyon on Hwy. 89

WHEN: Friday, October 3rd
9:30 a.m.
Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/rvUL7>

Join NPCA on **October 3rd** in the Paradise Valley in order to expand habitat for Yellowstone's northern pronghorn antelope herd. This project will occur on a Bureau of Land Management site just off highway 89, north of Yankee Jim Canyon. We need volunteers to help **remove and rebuild fences** to provide pronghorn and other wildlife a little more room to roam. Space is limited.

TO VOLUNTEER
Contact Stephanie Adams
sadams@npca.org / 406.224.8661

LEARN MORE ABOUT PRONGHORN MIGRATION
www.npca.org/protecting-our-parks/wildlife-habitat/Pronghorn-Migration.html

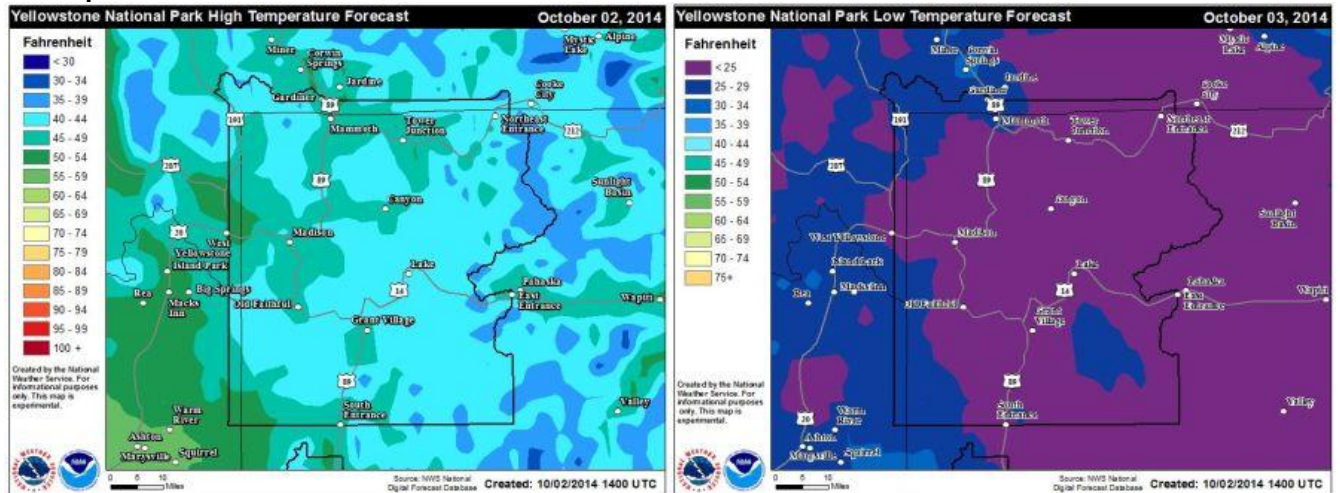


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Friday: Sunny. Highs 45 to 51. West winds around 15 mph late in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Clear. Lows 24 to 30. Southwest winds around 15 mph.

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OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH! (Think Pink!)

The goal of screening exams for early breast cancer detection is to find cancers before they start to cause symptoms. Screening refers to tests and exams used to find a disease, such as cancer, in people who do not have any symptoms. Early detection means using an approach that lets breast cancer get diagnosed earlier than otherwise might have occurred. Breast cancers that are found because they are causing symptoms tend to be larger and are more likely to have already spread beyond the breast. In contrast, breast cancers found during screening exams are more likely to be smaller and still confined to the breast. The size of a breast cancer and how far it has spread are some of the most important factors in predicting the prognosis (outlook) of a woman with this disease.

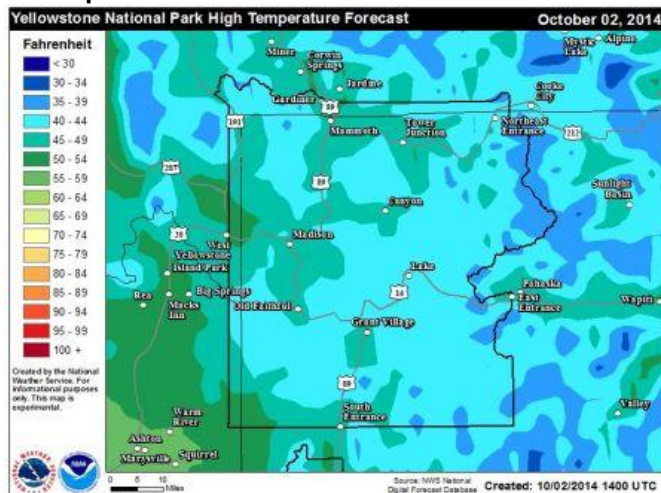
Most doctors feel that early detection tests for breast cancer save thousands of lives each year, and that many more lives could be saved if even more women and their health care providers took advantage of these tests. Following the American Cancer Society's guidelines for the early detection of breast cancer improves the chances that breast cancer can be diagnosed at an early stage and treated successfully.

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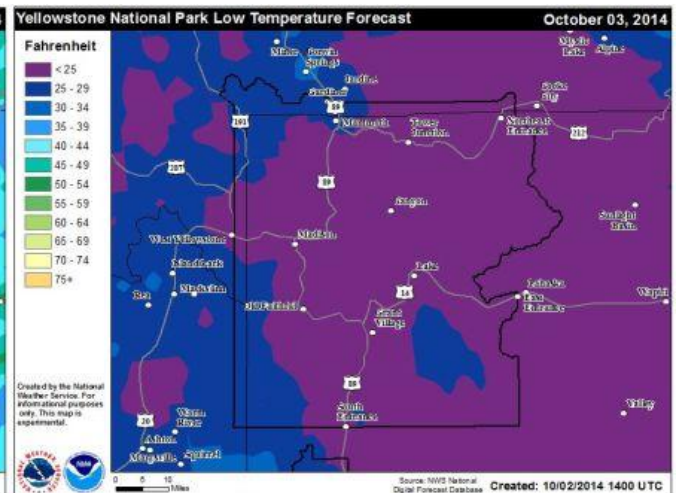
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Good Morning,

Projects group are done paving on the hill between **North Entrance and Lava Creek** turn out, although clean up of materials along roadside is taking place this morning. Contract Road Striper should be in mid-week to stripe the road. Crew will be paving Soap Suds Row, pullout at Mail Handlers Cabin and starting Xanterra Corral Parking area today. Tuesday should complete the Corral Parking and move to Upper Terrace Loop. Upper Terrace Loop should be completed early Wednesday and crew will move to Indian Creek Campground for the remainder of the week.

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Welcome the newest member of the Yellowstone family! **Bethany and Gabe Gassman** had their second child, Bodey, on Friday evening, Oct.3rd in Bozeman. He was 6 lbs 15 oz. and 1 “ long. They are all back at Tower now and doing well.

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Are you a fan of the Yellowstone facebook page? If not, you may have missed the wonderful elk rut activity captured by Neal Herbert last week. In a dramatic confrontation with Sparkle Pony (a.k.a. Gus), Touchdown retains his crown as lord of the Mammoth elk. <http://youtu.be/ir1yqntQvEc>



This week marks the beginning of the 2014 National Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme; Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives, Test Yours Every Month! This week the Yellowstone National Park Structural Fire Department will feature a Fire Prevention Message in the daily YNP@Work starting with the history of Fire Prevention Week. Additional Information can be found at NFPA <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week> and Inside NPS.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

Commemorating a conflagration

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Chances are you've heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary, for more than 130 years. But recent research by Chicago historian Robert Cromie has helped to debunk this version of events.

The 'Moo' myth

Like any good story, the 'case of the cow' has some truth to it. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O'Leary kept her five milking cows. But there is no proof that O'Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out - or that a jumpy cow sparked the blaze. Mrs. O'Leary herself swore that she'd been in bed early that night, and that the cows were also tucked in for the evening.

But if a cow wasn't to blame for the huge fire, what was? Over the years, journalists and historians have offered plenty of theories. Some blamed the blaze on a couple of neighborhood boys who were near the barn sneaking cigarettes. Others believed that a neighbor of the O'Leary's may have started the fire. Some people have speculated that a fiery meteorite may have fallen to earth on October 8, starting several fires that day - in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in Chicago.

The biggest blaze that week

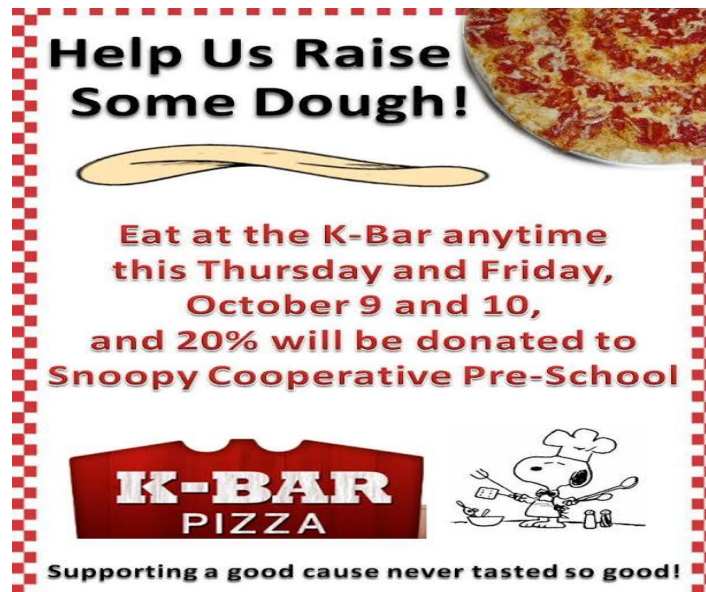
While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Historical accounts of the fire say that the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire. Before long, the fast-moving flames were whipping through the area 'like a tornado,' some survivors said. It was the small town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin that suffered the worst damage. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed.

Nine decades of fire prevention

Those who survived the Chicago and Peshtigo fires never forgot what they'd been through; both blazes produced countless tales of bravery and heroism. But the fires also changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (today known as the International Fire Marshals Association), decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should henceforth be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. The commemoration grew incrementally official over the years.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.



IN THE NEWS

Yellowstone, Grand Teton consider fee increase

14 hours ago • Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. — The National Park Service is considering raising entrance fees to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks by \$5.

Vehicles entering the parks now are charged \$25 for a seven-day pass good for both parks.

The Park Service is looking at fee increases at other parks around the country as well.

“We’re certainly one of the parks that is eligible to have a review of our entrance fees,” Yellowstone spokesman Al Nash said. “We’ve discussed it for a while, including before we got the notice that our Washington office was willing to accept proposals.”

Eighty percent of entrance fees are retained within the park where they are collected. The balance goes to a nationwide Park Service account and is distributed to park units that don’t charge entrance fees, Nash said.

A \$5 increase in the rate per vehicle would likely add more than \$1 million annually to Yellowstone’s coffers.

The world’s first national park typically collects about \$8 million at its gates, Nash said.

“Certainly it would be a significant additional amount of money available for us to use to benefit visitors here in Yellowstone,” he said.

Yellowstone and Grand Teton officials have until mid-February to submit proposals to increase their fees. The proposals will be received and have to be approved by the Park Service’s regional office.

Under the proposal, Grand Teton park would also go from \$25 to \$30 a vehicle, spokesman Andrew White said.

“We are working with Yellowstone and kind of considering our options together,” White said.

Grand Teton generates significantly less money than Yellowstone at its entrance stations each year. Entrance fee collections typically near \$3.2 million a year, White said.

White said that entrance fees are an “important part” of the park’s revenue and support activities such as trail maintenance, re-vegetation of social trails and upkeep of outhouses and scenic overlooks.

Nash said the Park Service’s regional offices will review each park’s proposal this spring, but the timeline for putting the increases into effect is still up in the air.

“We’ve had discussions about this,” he said, “but we don’t have any of the details worked out.”

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/yellowstone-grand-teton-consider-fee-increase/article_c175d1fd-0f73-5ab2-bb33-6c82508793e1.html#ixzz3FNV91Amx

Volunteers string smooth wire for antelope

Saturday, October 4, 2014 5:00 am

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Laura Lundquist, Bozeman Daily Chronicle

EMIGRANT – For the past few years, volunteers have been reopening the range in the Paradise Valley to allow the antelope to play once again.

The skies were not cloudy all day, but the wind was whipping out of Yankee Jim Canyon on Friday morning as 10 volunteers from Bozeman and Livingston spread out to modify the fence running between the Carbella Recreation Site and Tom Miner Road.

The sun had topped Dome Mountain. But the volunteers, decked out in down and fleece, still shivered while getting their instructions.

Most had heard it before, having strung fence in other efforts this summer. This was one of the National Park Conservation Association’s last workdays this year to enclose most of the 40-acre site with antelope-friendly fencing.

Bozeman volunteer Paul Gaffney pitched in on four or five of those workdays and has watched both elk and antelope wander by as he worked.

“It’s interesting to watch the wildlife, and the cause is a good one,” Gaffney said.

The cause is an effort to restore a historic antelope migration corridor that used to run along the Yellowstone River between Yellowstone National Park and Livingston, said Stephanie Adams, NPCA Northern Rockies program coordinator.

“As development occurred in the valley, the migration route was reduced. The main reason for that is, despite being the second-fastest mammal in the world, pronghorns don’t readily jump,” Adams said. “When they came out of YNP, they were running into fences, which became a barrier.”

Unable to travel farther north, the herds lost access to important winter range so some starved.

The population was also isolated from other herds in Montana so inbreeding was more likely.

By the early 2000s, the Yellowstone herd had dropped to 190 animals, and biologists worried that the herd could wink out altogether.

After studying populations throughout the West, scientists confirmed that, among other things, antelope couldn’t stand fences.

“I didn’t know much about pronghorn when I started. I read a book about them and learned that their ankles are too delicate. If they have to jump too high, they can break their ankles when they land,” said Bozeman volunteer Holly Stratford.

In 2010, the NPCA teamed up with Nature Valley to create the Preserving the Parks Program, which funds conservation projects in and around national parks.

Some projects restore trails, some kill weeds. But north of YNP, they modify fences.

Over the past four years, the projects have eliminated or modified 18 miles of fence, mostly near Yankee Jim Canyon.

It’s best to get rid of fences altogether – about a third of the work has been removal -- but that’s not always practical.

Adams and her colleagues try to work with landowners to find the best option.

In the case of the Carbella Recreation Site, which is owned by the Bureau of Land Management, BLM natural resources specialist John Sanford said he didn’t need to keep animals in, but he needed to keep unwanted motorized traffic out.

That’s where Fred King comes in.

King became Adam’s fence expert last year after retiring from managing elk winter range for Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

“Wildlife can adapt to fences, but we can make it better so wildlife can move around without expending as much energy. I’ve never seen an animal killed on a fence. But having to expend limited energy – that’s what kills some in winter,” King said.

So the volunteers ripped barbed wire off a hodgepodge of old fence posts, installed new metal T-bars and strung three new strands of smooth wire. They had already built sturdy wooden corner braces.

The most important trait of antelope-friendly fences is a bottom wire that is 20 inches off the ground so antelope can crawl beneath.

“The partnership with NPCA is great because these older fences have been up for a while. We started working on it last year so this will finish it up,” Sanford said.

Adams plans to move farther north into cattle country with future projects. Such a fence might not work for ranchers who need to keep cattle in. But all Adams needs is a short section, as little as 18 inches, where they can raise the bottom wire.

Nature Valley provides all the funding so landowners don’t have to pay for the fencing and making it easier for wildlife to negotiate means fewer repairs.

The effort seems to be making a difference.

Last winter, biologists counted 400 antelope in the park herd, the largest population since the 1990s.

In addition, a new herd, dubbed the Carbella Herd, has recently taken up permanent residence in the valley. Biologists think most of the animals have moved down from near Livingston, but some may be from the park, providing hope for better genetic exchange between herds.

Working with landowners, Adams has seldom heard a discouraging word about antelope.

“People enjoy pronghorns so it’s a nice species to work on,” Adams said.

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Park estimates near-record visitation for 2014

Posted: Friday, October 3, 2014 10:19 am

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By Mike Moore West Yellowstone News

With the first snow coming to the Yellowstone region on Wednesday, it’s no surprise that the world’s first national park is starting to shut down some of their services in lesser-used areas of the park in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

Despite the park slowing down for the fall season, Yellowstone has already recorded 2.7 million visitors through August, with 773,357 coming solely in August.

August visitation was up 6.65 percent compared to August 2013.

With four more months left in the calendar year, park spokesman Al Nash is confident the park will not only surpass the 3 million mark, but possibly have one of the highest visitation years on record.

The park first broke three million visitors back in 1992, and has seen more than three million visitors annually since 2007. The park's highest visitation ever was in 2010, where they recorded more than 3.6 million visitors.

"It certainly appears we're on track to have one of our biggest visitation years on record," Nash said.

Nash says one of the largest increases this year came in bus traffic, which the park counts individually and not with the multiplier they use for recreational visitors in cars and RVs.

Park roads don't officially close until November 3, when all roads except the road between the North and Northeast Entrance close at 8 a.m. Despite a month remaining in the summer season, some areas began shutting down following Labor Day weekend.

On Tuesday, Fishing Bridge Visitor Center and Grant Visitor Center closed for the season, while the Madison Information Station, Norris Museum and West Thumb Information Station also closed.

Colder temperatures are always expected this time of the year in Yellowstone country, and campgrounds such as Norris, Pebble Creek and Tower Falls campground have all closed as well.

According to Nash, more popular areas of the park will remain open, but have moved to fall visitation hours.

Locations including the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, Canyon Visitor Education Center and Mammoth Temporary Visitor Center have all moved to hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fall in Yellowstone can present changing weather conditions including heavy snow and ice. For those willing to brave the weather, they are often rewarded with fewer visitors on the roads and ideal wildlife viewing opportunities.

"While the weather can be a bit challenging at times, fall presents opportunities in some parts of the park for changing colors of plants and trees," Nash said. "It's also a great time to see wildlife and typically have somewhat lighter visitation."

The park spokesman says fall visitation has seen a significant increase over the years.

"Historically, visitation to Yellowstone was focused on the three summer months," he said. "We've seen an increase, especially in fall visitation, which may reflect those with more flexible travel plans that have come to realize the benefit of visiting the park outside of the core season."

Nash says if visiting Yellowstone this fall, check the park newsletter upon entering the park to find out what is still open and to come prepared for changing conditions.

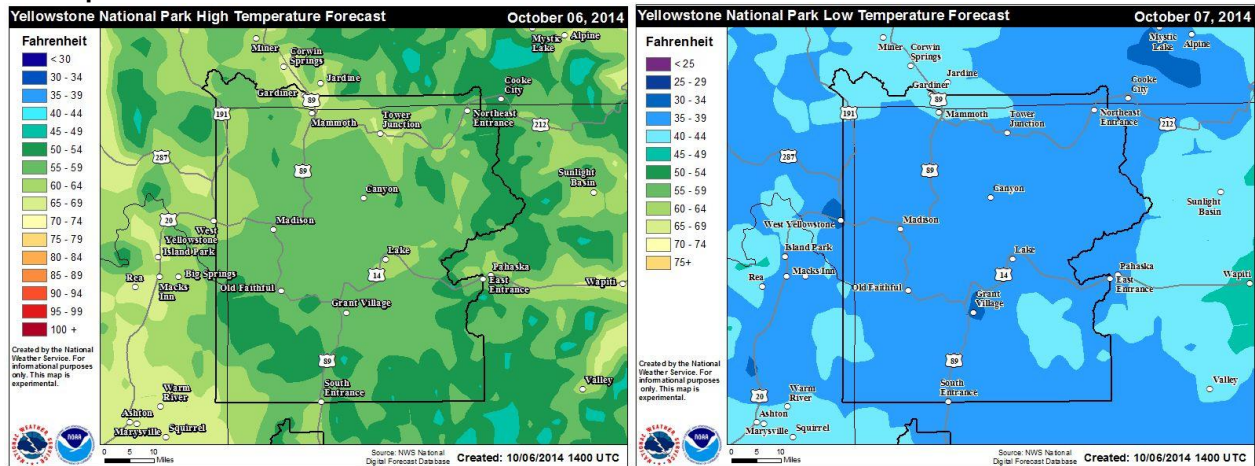
"Visitors need to be flexible with their plans," he said. "Beartooth Pass was closed today due to snow, and closures will start to become more frequent."

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John Darr and Doug Madsen with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer, Mary Hopkins, touring Mt. Washburn to discuss potential telecommunications projects involving the historic lookout last Friday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Projects group are done paving on the hill between **North Entrance and Lava Creek** turn out, although clean up of materials along roadside is taking place this morning. Contract Road Striper should be in mid-week to stripe the road. Crew will be paving Soap Suds Row, pullout at Mail Handlers Cabin and starting Xanterra Corral Parking area today. Tuesday should complete the Corral Parking and move to Upper Terrace Loop. Upper Terrace Loop should be completed early Wednesday and crew will move to Indian Creek Campground for the remainder of the week.

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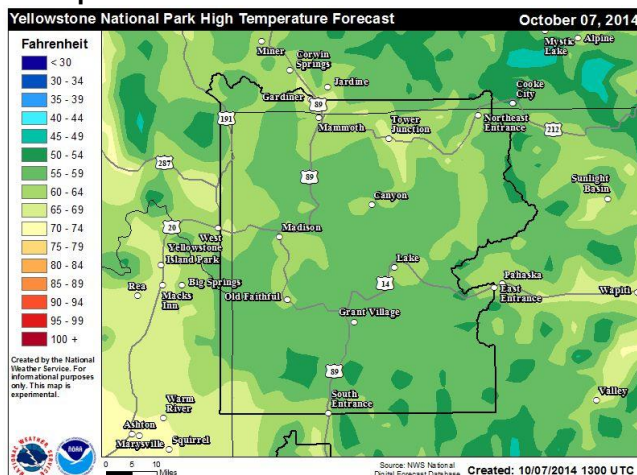


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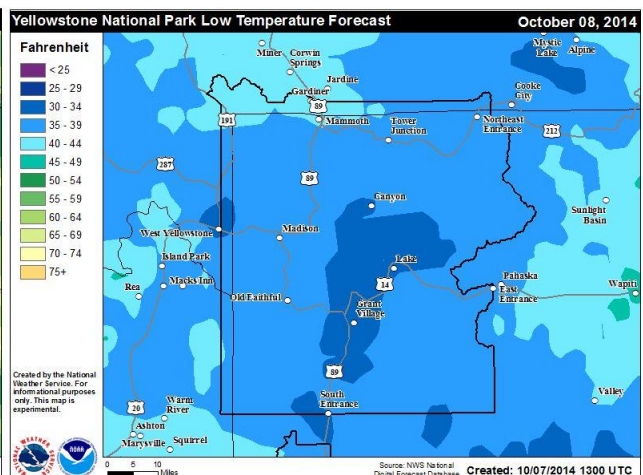
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Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

National Fire Prevention Week 2014 – Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire. That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, Yellowstone National Park Structural Fire Department is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, to remind local residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home and testing them monthly.

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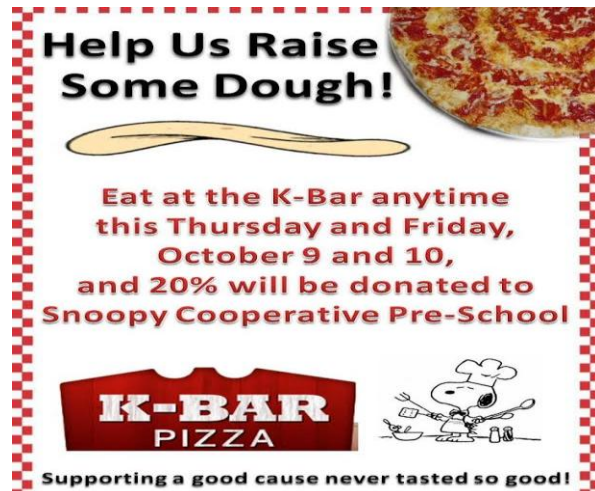
In a fire, seconds count! Statistically, roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.

To find out more about this year's National Fire Prevention Week message or if you have questions/concerns about smoke detectors in your work, office and/or residence, please contact Deputy Fire Chief Michael Schell/YNPark Structural Fire Department at 344-2571 or email Michael_schell@nps.gov .

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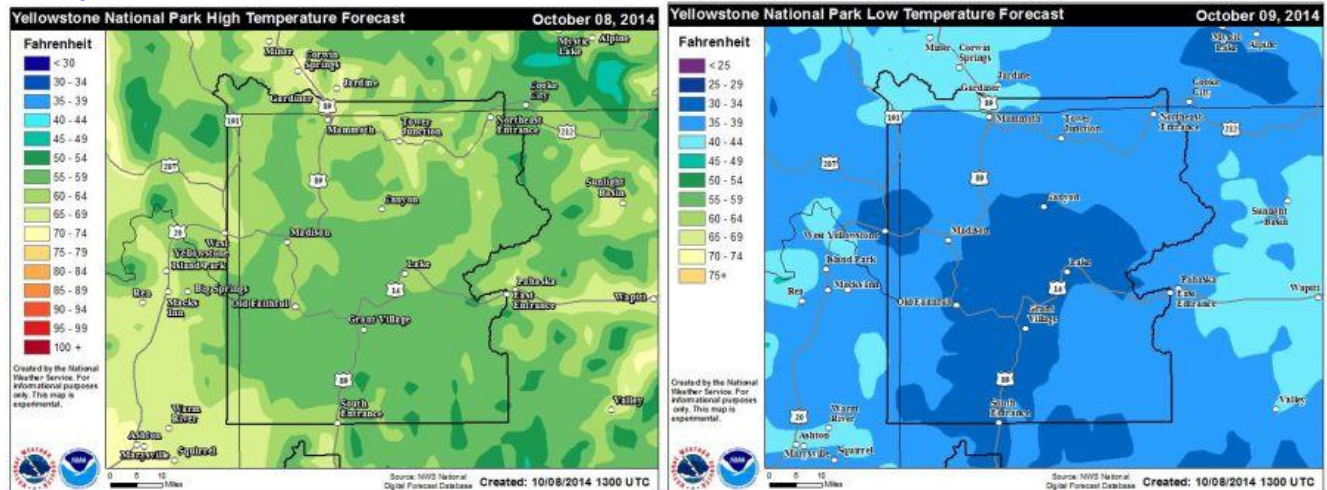
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The third article in our 2014 National Fire Prevention Week series provides statistics concerning residential structural fires within the United States. This year's theme; Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives, Test Yours Every Month! Additional Information can be found at NFPA <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week> and Inside NPS.

Home fires

- In 2011, U.S. fire departments responded to 370,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,910 civilian injuries, 2,520 civilian deaths, \$6.9 billion in direct damage.
- On average, seven people died in U.S. home fires per day from 2007 to 2011.
- Cooking is the leading cause home fires and home fire injuries, followed heating equipment.
- Smoking is a leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.
- Most fatal fires kill one or two people. In 2012, 8 home fires killed five or more people resulting in a total of 44 deaths.

Smoke alarms

- Almost three of five (60%) of reported home fire deaths in 2007 to 2011 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.
- In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 93% of the time, while battery powered alarms operated only 79% of the time.
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, or where extra time is needed, to awaken or assist others, both types of alarms, or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms are recommended.

Escape Planning

- According to an NFPA survey, only one-third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, more than half never practiced it.
- One-third (32%) of respondents who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less. Only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

Cooking

- U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated annual average of 156,600 cooking-related fires between 2007-2011, resulting in 400 civilian deaths, 5,080 civilian injuries and \$853 million in direct damage.
- Two of every five home fires started in the kitchen.
- Unattended cooking was a factor in 34% of reported home cooking fires.
- Two-thirds of home cooking fires started with ignition of food or other cooking materials.
- Ranges accounted for the 57% of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16%.
- Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1% of home cooking fires, but these incidents accounted for 15% of the cooking fire deaths.

Heating

- The leading factor contributing to heating equipment fires was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Portable or fixed space heaters, including wood stoves, were involved in one-third (33%) of home heating fires and four out of five (81%) home heating deaths.
- Half of home heating fire deaths resulted from fires caused by heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.
- In most years, heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires, fire deaths, and fire injuries.
- Fixed or portable space heaters are involved in about 4 out of 5 heating fire deaths.

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By Mark Huffman Jackson Hole Daily

Yellowstone National Park just had its busiest September ever and could be headed toward a record year for visitors.

The park put the September visitor count at 571,764, up 2.48 percent compared to September 2013.

During the first nine months of the year Yellowstone had 3,288,804 visitors, passing the 3,188,031 recorded in all of 2013.

“We had more visitors this year than all of 2013, and 2013 was our fifth-busiest” year, said park spokesman Al Nash. “We’ve made number five already and we certainly expect the numbers to increase.

“We don’t know if we’ll break the all-time year, but we could have our second- or third-highest year,” Nash said.

Yellowstone’s record year was 2010, Nash said, when the visitor count hit 3.64 million. Park visitors numbered 3.44 million in 2012, 3.39 million in 2011.

Nash noted two factors in this year’s visitor flood: He said the park continues to see increasing numbers of bus visitors and he noted that September’s growth has been part of the overall trend, with the tourist season growing longer than in past years.

Each of the past five years has seen more than a half-million visitors in September, Nash said, and in general “our busy season is getting longer ... September has become a much more popular month.”

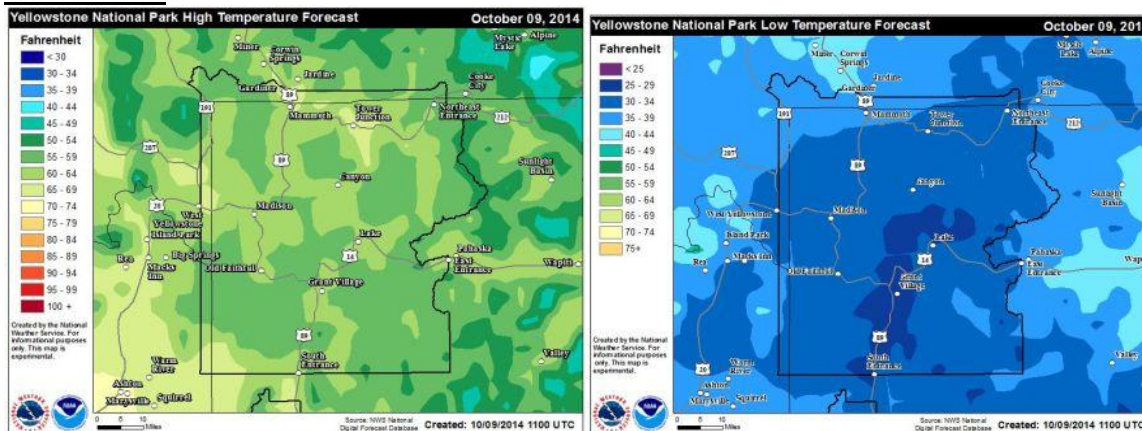
The count of visitors arriving by bus was 56,761 in September, Nash said, up 16 percent from the 48,907 seen in September 2013. He didn’t have a year-to-date bus visitor count but said it “has been significant.”

The park hasn’t done a visitor survey to examine why more visitors are arriving in September or throughout the year, Nash said.

September is typically the park’s fourth-busiest month, following July, August and June. In July this year the park had 858,857 visitors, up 5.74 percent over 2013.

Yellowstone’s South Gate, the one closest to Jackson, is the park’s second- busiest, following West Yellowstone. In August of this year, the most recent month for which a gate breakdown was available, the South Gate counted 171,703 visitors.

WEATHER



Today’s Highs

Overnight Lows

NWS Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park

Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 708 AM MDT THU OCT 9 2014

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Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows 31 to 37.

Friday: Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs 52 to 58. West winds around 15 mph late in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows 30 to 36.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 48 to 54. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the afternoon.

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Friday, October 10, 2014



Thanks to George Herrman for this gorgeous photo taken at the East Entrance on Wednesday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mammoth/Gardiner Ski Swap – Tonight from 5-8pm at the Mammoth Community Center. \$1 admission, \$1 for each item to sell (up to \$5). \$1 for raffle tickets. Set up gear starting at 4:30 pm. (You are responsible for selling). Questions? mammothboardyellowstone@gmail.com

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The Salapeks are leaving Yellowstone! Kris has accepted a Supervisory Park Ranger position at Delaware Water Gap NRA. Colby and Bryce are looking forward to being closer to their grandparents and getting spoiled. Please join us for a potluck at Old Faithful as we kick 'em out before the snow flies. **Tomorrow**, October 11, 6:00PM @ the Old Faithful Quad Fire Pit. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

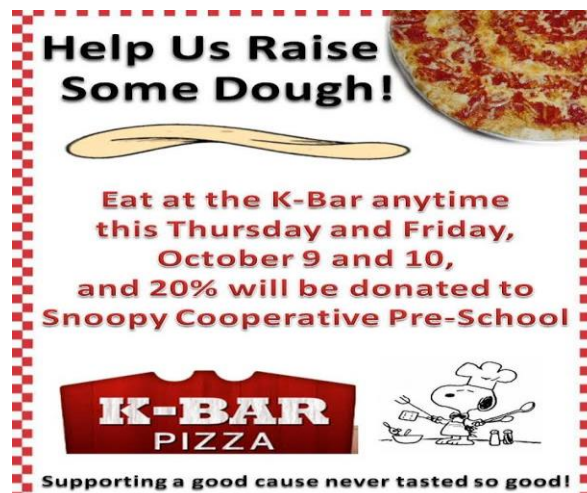


Wildfires are common in wildland settings where there are many forests and during periods of little rainfall. At Yellowstone National Park, the average time when fires are reported is 3:03 in the afternoon! This is because fires burn more strongly during the middle of the day when the sun is very hot.

This tidbit was posted on the site: www.ready.gov/kids/know-the-facts/wildfires.

Additional Information can be found at NFPA <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week> and Inside NPS.

To find out more about this year's National Fire Prevention Week message or if you have questions/concerns about smoke detectors in your work, office and/or residence, please contact Deputy Fire Chief Michael Schell/YNP Structural Fire Department at 344-2571 or email michael_schell@nps.gov. To learn more about smoke alarms and "Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives", visit NFPA's website at www.firepreventionweek.org.



RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Gardiner Gateway Project News Release

Utility work prompts temporary road closure and detour in Gardiner

Travel through the community of Gardiner, Mont., and the North Entrance of Yellowstone National Park will be temporarily re-routed for a few days starting Monday, October 13.

West Park Street between US-89 and the Roosevelt Arch in Gardiner will be temporarily closed for 5-7 days to allow contractors to install a water line.

During the temporary closure, traffic entering and leaving the park's North Entrance Station will be detoured along East Park Street and Robert Reamer Avenue, which passes in front of the Xanterra Parks & Resorts warehouse and transportation complex.

Visitors and residents will be allowed to walk along the sidewalk and access all businesses along West Park Street, and may also walk to the Roosevelt Arch during this temporary closure.

This utility work is part of nearly \$15 million worth of infrastructure improvements funded through the Federal Lands Access Program, which includes about \$2 million in local matching funds from Park County, Mont., and the National Park Service.

The project is designed to improve deficiencies to infrastructure, reduce traffic congestion, enhance parking, and provide for better pedestrian accessibility, as well as increased vehicle and pedestrian safety.

The Federal Highway Administration Western Federal Lands Division, and the Gardiner Gateway Project partners plan to celebrate completion of a major portion of the project in conjunction with the National Park Service Centennial in 2016. Funding for additional community enhancements is actively being pursued by project partners.

Regular updates regarding upcoming project events and implementation will be posted in the Gardiner Newsletter and on the following websites:

<http://www.gardinerchamber.com/newsletter.php>
http://www.parkcounty.org/site/C_M_GardinerGP.html
<http://gardinergatewayproject.org/>

IN THE NEWS

Photography group pushes for wildlife ethics

POSTED: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014 4:30 AM

By Mike Koshmrl - Jackson Hole Daily

A Jackson photography organization has started an initiative to urge visitors and residents to act ethically and responsibly while positioning themselves for snaps of the valley's world-famous fauna.

Photographers and wildlife viewers in 2013 were consistently leaving cars half in the highway and "stressing the bears," said Loren Nelson, a photographer who chairs the steering committee for the group.

The Bridger-Teton National Forest came to the Teton Photography Group seeking a solution, Nelson said. "They hoped it was something that we could handle with an educational program," he said, "so they wouldn't have to add more regulations."

As it happened, in July the U.S. Forest Service imposed a rule requiring that 100 yards of distance be maintained between spectators and bears in the Jackson and Buffalo ranger districts of the Bridger-Teton.

The new rule brought the forest into step with its neighbor, Grand Teton National Park.

The “Shoot to Care” program, still in its early stages, will result in a new brochure that includes details about best practices and also will train a “cadre” of professional wildlife photography ambassadors to police Jackson Hole’s wildlands and offer tips to fellow lensmen, Nelson said.

“If there’s one message we’re trying to get across, it’s respect the wildlife,” Nelson said. “The big thing is maintaining respect for the wildlife and the environment, and in doing that making sure that we’re not creating additional stress on the animals.”

Best practices for wildlife photographers go beyond abiding by arbitrary viewing limits, Nelson said.

Photographers, he said, should be mindful of when animals are rutting or appear stressed and should base their decisions around the conditions of the moment.

Nelson also called on photographers to help land managers nab people willfully disobeying the rules. The impetus for Teton Photography Group’s new program, “Shoot to Care,” was not the incident involving a cow moose at Gros Ventre Campground last month but, rather, improper behavior tied to grizzly bear activity last fall on Togwotee Pass.

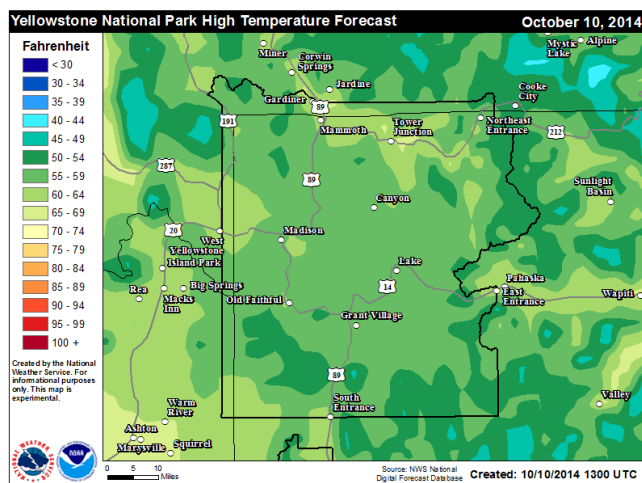
“If you see things that are happening,” he said, “step up and say something.”

For the time being, “Shoot to Care” will be mostly confined to the distribution of the brochures and other educational materials such as posters.

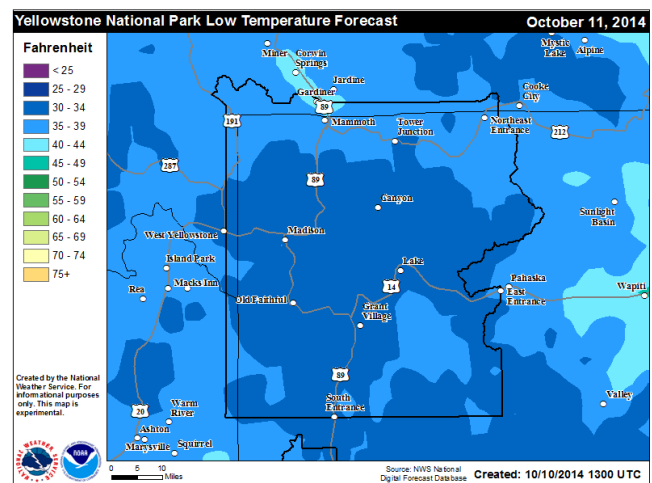
They’ll be available and on display at the visitor center on North Cache Street. Next year the program will take a next step, Nelson said.

“We hope in the spring to have a big launch when we have the training program fleshed out,” he said.

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Overnight Lows

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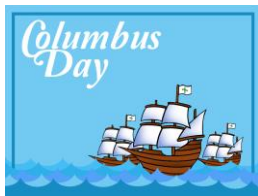
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Saturday Night: Cloudy. Scattered rain showers and snow showers in the evening...then scattered snow showers after midnight. Lows 26 to 32. West winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Sunday: Colder. Mostly cloudy. Scattered snow showers in the morning...then scattered rain showers and snow showers in the afternoon. Highs 36 to 42. West winds around 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy. Isolated snow showers in the evening. Lows 22 to 28. Chance of snow 20 percent.



Columbus Day: Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs 40 to 46.

Monday Night: Mostly clear. Lows 25 to 31.

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Wellness Program Awards:



Here's to your health!

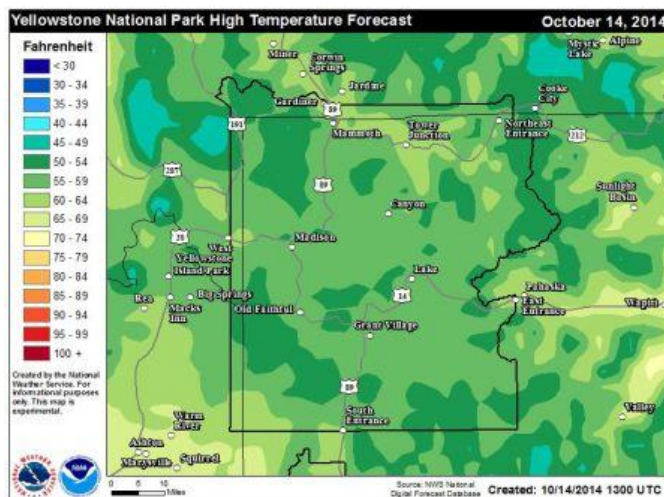
Leo Ariwite, a Shoshone from Fort Hall, Idaho, will be giving a presentation **this evening at the Gardiner School, 7:00 p.m.** Free presentation is titled "Shoshone and Bannock in Southwest Montana and Yellowstone National Park." Leo is the Language and Culture Preservation Liaison and Researcher for the Shoshone-Bannock tribe. This is the first program of Cultural Perspectives of Land Use in the Gardiner Area, a collaborative museum and school program. Hope you can join us!

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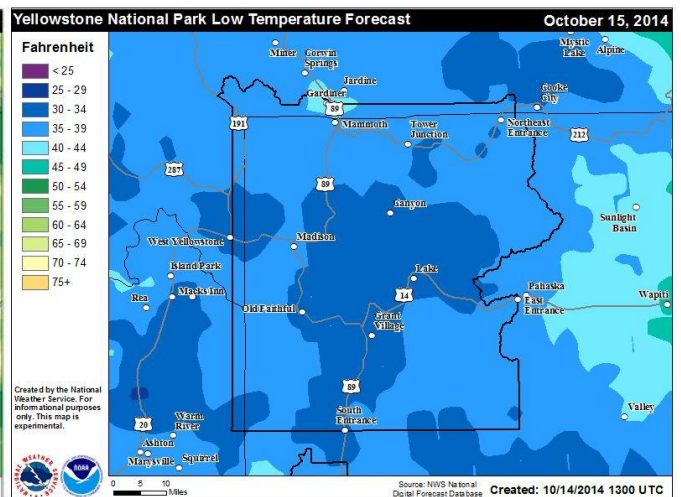
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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

(GRTE) Elk Reduction Program Begins October 18 in Grand Teton National Park

MOOSE, WY — The 2014 elk reduction program begins Saturday, October 18, in Grand Teton National Park. Changes that became effective in 2013 will be continued for the 2014 season. Those changes include: a requirement that hunters participating in the park's elk reduction program use non-lead ammunition; a limit to the number of cartridges hunters may carry each day; and the closure of a portion of the Snake River bottom to reduce the chance of grizzly bear-hunter encounters.

Under its 1950 enabling legislation, Grand Teton National Park is authorized by federal law to conduct an elk reduction program—when necessary—for conservation of the Jackson elk population. The legislation also directs Grand Teton to jointly develop this program with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and for the Governor of Wyoming and Secretary of the Interior Department to approve the annual plan. Biologists and administrators from both agencies have reviewed available biological data and concluded that the 2014 program is necessary to keep the Jackson elk herd at, or near, objective and maintain a desired distribution of elk throughout their natural range.

The park's elk reduction program is an important management tool that differs somewhat from other elk hunting programs in the region. The use of archery, hand guns, or other non-center fire ammunition rifles is not permitted, nor is the use of artificial elk calls. In addition, hunters, regardless of age, are required to carry a hunter education card, and to carry and have immediately accessible bear spray as a non-lethal deterrent for use during potential bear encounters. Information packets accompanying each permit warn hunters of the risk of bear encounters and offer tips on how to minimize the probability of human-bear conflicts.

The need for this reduction program stems partly from an intensive management framework that includes annual winter feeding programs on the National Elk Refuge and in the upper Gros Ventre drainage. Feeding sustains high numbers of elk with unnaturally low mortality rates. A majority of elk that are fed during the winter on the Refuge also summer in Grand Teton National Park or use migration routes across park lands. The reduction program targets elk from three primary herd segments: Grand Teton, southern Yellowstone National Park, and the Teton Wilderness area of Bridger-Teton National Forest.

The elk reduction program utilizes Wyoming-licensed hunters that apply for and receive a limited quota permit to hunt in designated areas 75 and 79: both of which are inside the park but east of the Snake River. A brochure on elk ecology with a map showing locations open to these special permit hunters is available online at <http://www.nps.gov/grte/planyourvisit/elkhunt.htm>.

Each fall, park rangers intensively monitor and patrol elk reduction areas to ensure compliance with rules and regulations, interpret the elk reduction program to visitors, and provide hunters with information on local conditions associated with this wildlife management policy. To reach the information line for the 2014 elk reduction program, phone 307.739.3681.

WEATHER

The NWS in Billings has issued a [Red Flag Warning](#) from noon to midnight today for portions of South Central Montana including the Paradise Valley and Livingston.

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Snoopy School kids helping with EMT training at the Mammoth Community Center.

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International Credit Union Day, Thursday, October 16th

In celebration of International Credit Union Day, we will have Open House and refreshments at the Yellowstone Federal Credit Union office **TODAY** from 11:00 AM -2:00 PM.

Credit unions have a lot to celebrate this year, including the 80th anniversary of the Federal Credit Union Act, and achieving the milestone of 100 million credit union members nationwide. Wyoming has one of the highest numbers of credit union members, with over 40% of the state's population belonging to a credit union!

Stop by, check out our services, and enjoy some refreshments with us!



Flu shots are available at the Mammoth Clinic Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 5:00 and Fridays from 8:30 to 1:00. Cost is \$25. No appointment necessary but if you know you are coming you can give us a call at 307-344-7965.

Call for Wildlife Photos/Videos



Imagery is needed to help communicate wildlife safety messages in the new Albright Visitor Center. In particular, we're looking for HD video or high quality stills of the following:

1. Bull elk attacks
2. Cow elk attacks
3. Bison attacks
4. Bison running
5. Bears running
6. Bears on boardwalks or other busy locations

If you have anything along these lines, please contact Neal Herbert by email or at 307-344-2541.

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IN THE NEWS

FWP commissioners tour Paradise Valley conflict areas

Laura Lundquist, Bozeman Chronicle Staff Writer

Posted: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 10:36 pm

EMIGRANT – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks commissioners learned firsthand on Wednesday why Region 3 is known for having the most diverse and contentious wildlife issues in the state.

Three of the five FWP commissioners took a tour through the Paradise Valley to visit sites that embody some of the high-profile species and conflicts that local biologists and wardens have to deal with on a regular basis.

The tour was in advance of the commission's meeting Thursday in Bozeman. The commission usually meets in Helena.

The commissioners come from different parts of the state but often have to make decisions that influence how FWP employees manage species in other areas.

Being able to talk to the biologists and view unfamiliar sites helps better inform their decisions, said Commissioner Richard Stuker of Chinook.

For instance, at Mallard's Rest Fishing Access Site, they learned how increasing boating and fishing pressure is affecting many rivers and fish in southwest Montana.

More FWP employees are needed to monitor and manage that use. But if the Legislature doesn't approve the FWP budget proposal, the river recreation program has already been identified for being cut, said Fisheries Manager Travis Horton. That will leave the commission with more tough decisions.

"Getting on the ground is important, especially if you hear from the people living there. You may tell me something and it may not change my mind now but it may play a part later," Stuker said.

Stuker, along with commissioners Dan Vermillion of Livingston and Gary Wolfe of Missoula, did hear from the people, especially when it came to two particular species: wolves and bison.

The commissioners visited a ranch in the Trail Creek drainage to hear wolf specialist Abby Nelson discuss the challenges of managing wolves near Yellowstone National Park and working with private landowners.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requires FWP biologists to track state wolf populations for one more year to complete a required five-year monitoring period following wolf delisting.

Nelson traps and collars wolves to aid in pack location during the counts.

But as packs move into places like the Trail Creek area, which has a lot of small ranchettes, it's hard for Nelson to get permission to enter every piece of property to trap or track the wolves.

Fortunately, a few large ranch owners are cooperating because the counts are important for regulating each season's hunt and in proving that the state is managing wolves responsibly.

Some of the few areas with wolf hunt quotas are adjacent to the park.

The commission recently reduced the quota for that area to six because of tourism, but Nelson said her counts indicate that could go as high as eight or nine.

The quota is influenced by the many people who become attached to the wolves that live inside the park most of the time. They argue that wolves shouldn't be hunted in areas adjacent to the park and keep a close tab on the hunt.

"I always know when a wolf has been taken there because I get a lot of phone calls," Nelson said.

An hour or two later, a half dozen such wolf advocates, some from Wolves of the Rockies, tracked down the commissioners at a stop in Yankee Jim Canyon.

The wolf supporters spoke to the commissioners about the hunt and lobbied for the proposed wolf stamp, which FWP recently put on hold after receiving close to 50,000 comments. Proceeds from the wolf stamp would have funded wolf conservation.

The wolf discussion was bland compared to the discussion that erupted at the next tour stop across from Beatty Gulch.

That was where Warden Chris Kerin stopped to highlight bison management in the Gardiner basin. Beatty Gulch is known for being the area where tribal members kill the most bison as they leave the park.

Similar to Nelson, Kerin's job is complicated by the patchwork of public and private lands.

In winter and spring, when bison are allowed in the basin, Kerin and his men sometimes have to haze bison back toward the park or out of private property.

But some landowners don't allow riders to enter their property, either because they don't like bison or they don't like hazing. That makes it difficult for Kerin to move the bison.

Kerin's talk was cut short by four Gardiner area residents, including Frank Rigley who regularly comments against bison. They, along with Park County Commissioner Marty Malone, spent several minutes arguing against allowing bison outside the park, listing property damage, public health and a myriad of other reasons.

Stucker said it was good to hear their concerns.

"Public safety is important. But we have to be able to live with wildlife on the landscape," Stucker said. "But I agree with them that these are the park's animals."

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Editor's Note: We're including the following story to help curb a rumor heard in the park which is apparently loosely based on this actual incident.

Fly-like symptoms in Teton Village were not Ebola

POSTED: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014 4:30 AM

By Emma Breyse – Jackson Hole Daily

There are no Ebola cases in Teton County but that was in question for about an hour Wednesday.

A guest at Snake River Lodge and Spa in Teton Village reported flu-like symptoms and that sent Jackson Hole Fire/EMS to the hotel following new Ebola response protocols.

“We had a sick patient with flu-like symptoms,” Fire/EMS Chief Willy Watsabaugh said at the scene. “The heightened response was due to what’s been going on in other parts.”

Early symptoms of Ebola are similar to early signs of influenza: fevers, muscle aches and fatigue.

A 911 call indicated that at least one member of the sick woman’s travel group had recently been in an “area of concern,” Teton County spokeswoman Charlotte Reynolds said, though she declined to say where.

“It was deemed to require due care and caution until more information could be determined,” Reynolds said. “In spite of how unlikely it is we would have an Ebola case here, we are taking this very seriously.”

Besides Fire/EMS, St. John’s Medical Center, the Wyoming Department of Health and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security were involved, Reynolds said.

Emergency personnel arrived at the hotel and examined the patient while others questioned her traveling companions. It soon was clear that the woman and her friends hadn’t visited any Ebola hot spots, Reynolds said.

“It was determined not to be an issue for concern,” she said. “She did not have Ebola.”

Because fly season is approaching, people are likely to have symptoms that match those of Ebola in its early stages, but without having been exposed to the body fluids of an infected person the disease can’t be spread, medical experts say.

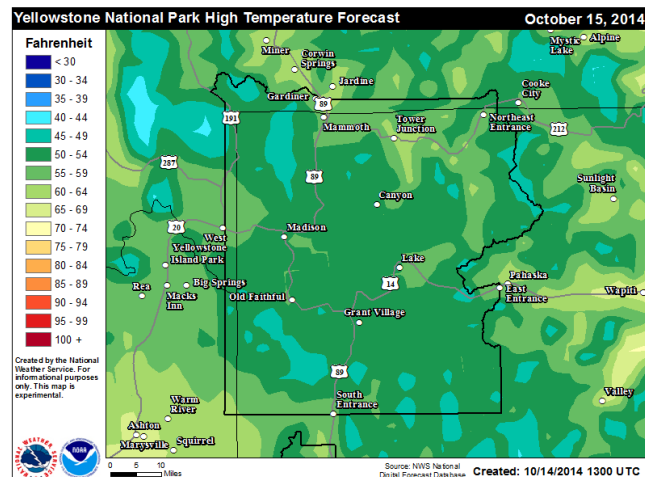
“The questions and criteria health officials have received from organizations like the Centers for Disease Control are designed to see if they meet certain conditions that might suggest exposure,” Reynolds said. “We don’t want people to suffer unnecessarily heightened concern if they do end up feeling sick, particularly since we are coming into flu season.”

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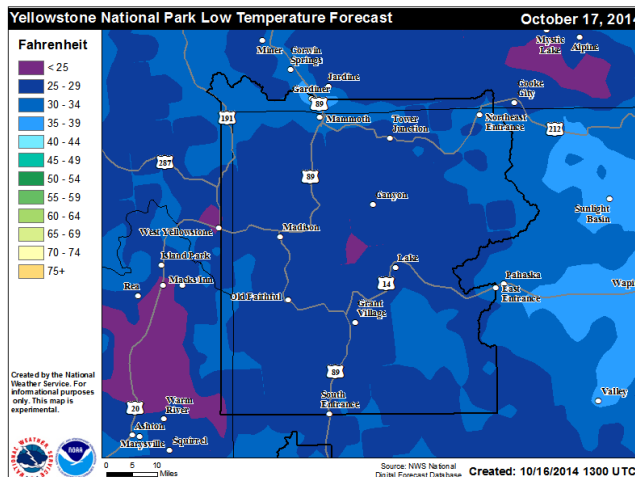
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Tonight: Partly cloudy until early morning then clearing. Lows 25 to 31.

Friday: Not as cool. Mostly sunny. Highs 48 to 54.

Friday Night: Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows 29 to 35.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs 50 to 56.

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Thanks to George Hermann for another beautiful fall photo!

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IN THE NEWS

National Geographic photographer documents Yellowstone

Erin Madison and Kristen Inbody of the Great Falls Tribune - 10:31 a.m. MDT October 12, 2014

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK – National Geographic photographer Michael "Nick" Nichols was ready to retire after he published his most-recent project focusing on Serengeti lions.

However, when National Geographic asked him to stick around for a yearlong assignment in Yellowstone National Park, and then kept hounding him about it, Nichols agreed.

"Can you do with wolves what you did with lions?" National Geographic asked him, Nichols said.

That's what Nichols has worked on for the past six months and will continue working on for another six months.

Not only is he photographing wolves while in Yellowstone, but also bears, scenery, tourists and those who live and work on the land surrounding the park.

An article on Yellowstone, written by David Quammen of Bozeman, and Nichols' photos will run in the November 2015 edition of the magazine.

"This is going to be the richest issue National Geographic has ever done," Nichols said. "We can really make people understand what they don't get now."

The project will include online elements such as videos and data tracking animal movements.

A 35-year veteran of the outdoor photography, Nichols became a staff photographer for National Geographic Magazine in 1996. Nearly all of his assignments since then have been outside the United States.

"I hadn't worked in the states in years," he said.

Nichols started his photography career with adventure photography, capturing treks to mountain tops and across deserts.

In in the 1980s, he worked on a project focusing on gorillas.

"My first encounter with the natural world was mountain gorillas," Nichols said. "They were my introduction to the wild kingdom."

After photographing gorillas, Nichols realized when people saw his work, it sparked concern for conservation. His pictures of charismatic animals were a hook to get them interested in the issues affecting those animals.

"I just saw that I could be a voice for this kind of thing," he said. "The only way the public will care is if we make a picture."

Data can inform, but "data can't convert" the way a photograph can.

He went on to do a project called "Brutal Kinship," looking at the relationship between humans and chimpanzees.

"Wild chimps are so much like us it's scary," Nichols said. "They're complicated. They have cultures."

The article and photos were given to Congress and led to changes in laws governing the way chimps are cared for after being used for medical research.

He also documented the ambitious trek of Mike Fay, who walked 2,000 miles across wild lands in central Africa. When former Gabonese President Omar Bongo saw the photos he said, "This is in my country?" and created the first 13 national parks in Gabon in lands Nichols photographed.

The project put conservation one step ahead of exploitation, he said, and including raising \$65 million in the U.S. to establish the parks.

"It's the power of collaboration, and you don't have to be friends to collaborate," he said. "Land is everything."

Nichols recently published a book on African elephants. He spent 20 years with the animals, which have been decimated by poachers after their tusks.

"They had just been slaughtered," he said.

Around the turn of the century, there were some 200,000 elephants in Chad. When Nichols went there in 2005, there were about 3,600. The population dropped to 360.

Nichols took photos of elephants that had been killed and their tusks cut off. He documented groups of orphan elephants where two-year-old animals would take on a parental role for toddlers. He captured elephants visiting the remaining bones of another elephant that had been killed. The animals having caring relationships with each other, and they're smart.

"Elephants could fly a spaceship," he said.

Governments and organizations tried to protect elephants but didn't have the technology or the weapons needed to keep very motivated poachers at bay. The tide may be turning, and elephant numbers are starting to rise.

Part of the elephant project included tracking elephants to better understand their travel patterns.

"That data is exactly what we can do here," Nichols said of Yellowstone.

Nichols is working with a team of photographers to document the park and surrounding ecosystem and communities. Some are focusing on the Grand Tetons, life underwater and local ranching.

"One of the things I find interesting is what goes on here," he said. Some visitors seem to leave their brains at the gates to the park."

Nichols' photos capture mobs of tourists jockeying to get a photo of a roadside bear, visitors mobbing elk herds and bikini-clad beauties posing at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

And, he said, a photographer can't leave the park without the clichés, Old Faithful erupting, the colors of Grand Prismatic Spring and sweeping mountain scenes. The trick is to show them in a new way.

His work in the park also highlights animal behavior.

"I spent three weeks on the bison rut," Nichols said.

Night photography — using techniques and equipment perfected in the Serengeti — shows bears scratching trees and wolf pups at play.

Nichols set up motion-activated cameras at a small spring in a remote location within the park where park officials found a collar that had fallen off a grizzly bear.

The spring turned out to be a "bear bathtub" and a social club. Black bears and grizzlies use the pool to drink from and dip in. They rubbed their scent into the grass for the next bear visitors.

"We now have seven cameras there," he said.

Like his past work, Nichols hopes his Yellowstone photographs will inspire people to be interested in the issues that affect the park and the greater ecosystem, such as invasive species and land use issues.

"I just want it to be an intact ecosystem, whatever it takes," he said. "There's no fence around this park."

Montana decides to keep Yellowstone bison in state
October 16, 2014 9:20 am • The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Montana wildlife officials decided Thursday against shipping 145 bison captured from Yellowstone National Park to the Bronx zoo and other locations across the nation, choosing to send them to an American Indian reservation within the state.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to transfer the bison to Fort Peck Indian Reservation instead of following a recommendation to divide the animals among the reservation, a New York-based wildlife consortium, Oklahoma's Cherokee Nation and the state of Utah. The bison are now being held on a ranch owned by media mogul Ted Turner under a five-year agreement that comes to an end next month, adding urgency to finding them a new home.

Commissioners said they are confident in the Fort Peck tribes' ability to manage the bison after successfully handling the one previous relocation of 63 Yellowstone bison in 2012. Commissioners also wanted to keep the animals in the state in anticipation of a Montana bison conservation plan to be completed next year.

Commissioner Larry Wetsit, a Fort Peck tribal member, said he is certain the tribes will work with the other groups interested in the bison.

"It's always been the intent of the tribe to re-establish buffalo somewhere," Wetsit said. "It's always been our goal, and we will always work with others to ensure that does happen."

An environmental analysis of the relocation proposal is pending. Thursday's vote is conditional on the completion of that analysis.

Yellowstone bison are considered extremely valuable because they are one of the few wild herds left that have no cattle genes. These 145 bison were captured a decade ago under an experimental program to start new herds using the genetically pure Yellowstone animals.

They spent years in quarantine to make sure they weren't carrying the disease brucellosis, which has caused problems for the cattle industry.

The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks agency's recommendations would have given the Wildlife Conservation Society 10 bison for zoos in the Bronx, Queens and Ohio. That recommendation was in recognition of the Bronx zoo being the founder of the American Bison Society, Montana Wildlife Division Administrator Ken McDonald said.

The society was instrumental in conserving the last bison before they were wiped out in North America.

The state agency recommended only 70 of the bison go to Montana's Fort Peck Indian Reservation, with 35 to Oklahoma's Cherokee Nation and the remaining 30 to Utah's Division of Wildlife.

A fifth applicant, the private American Prairie wildlife reserve in north-central Montana, was dropped from consideration after wildlife officials said they wouldn't relocate bison to nontribal lands in the state until the bison conservation plan is completed.

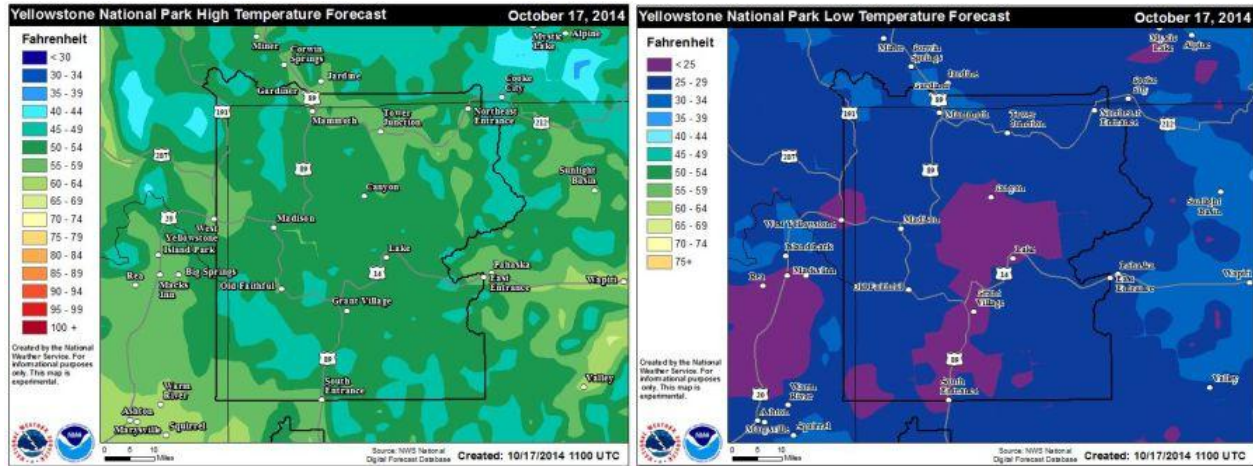
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Congratulations on thirty years of service, Brian Chan! While we missed the photo op of his plaque presentation at EMT training, he was lucky enough to then demonstrate the look of normal blood loss (with cranberry sauce) during childbirth and we were sure not to miss that photo!

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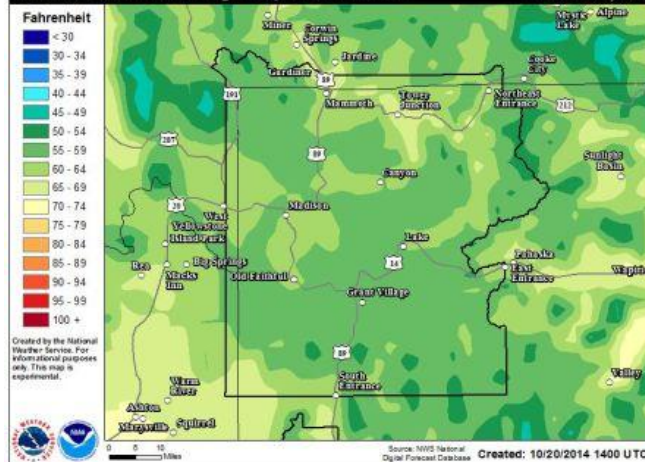
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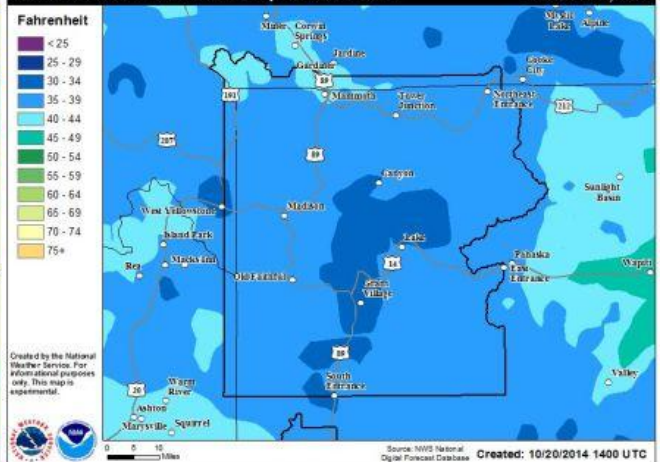
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Yellowstone National Park Low Temperature Forecast

October 21, 2014



Overnight Lows

Today: Mostly sunny. Highs 55 to 61.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows 33 to 39.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy with slight chance of rain showers in the morning...then cloudy with chance of rain showers and slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 46 to 52. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy. Chance of rain showers in the evening...then chance of snow showers and rain showers after midnight. Lows around 28. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the evening. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

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Marlene Whiteside, from Lake Maintenance, inside a section of the 24" diameter utility conduit that will go 30' under the Yellowstone River at Fishing Bridge. This section is 450' long and will wind up being 2000' of continuous pipe.

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Halloween Baked Goods - may be dropped off at the MCC between 3pm and 4pm on Oct 31st. Booth Volunteers Set up/Decorating, Food and Beverage, and Clean up volunteers are all needed.

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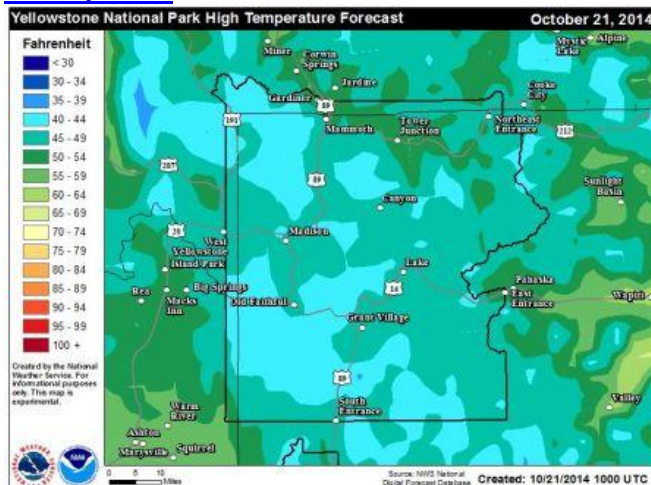


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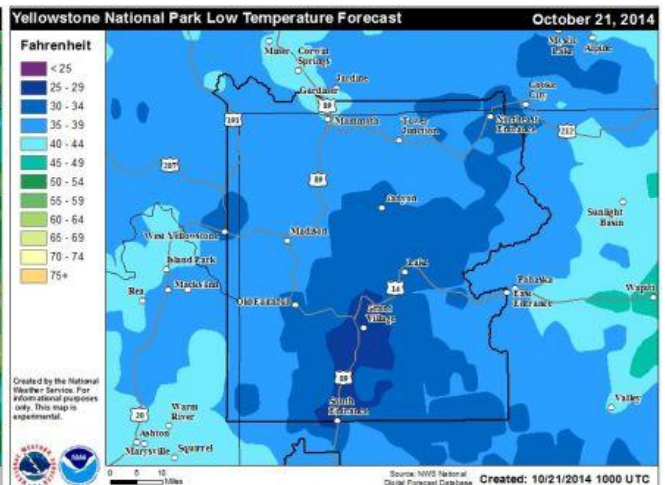
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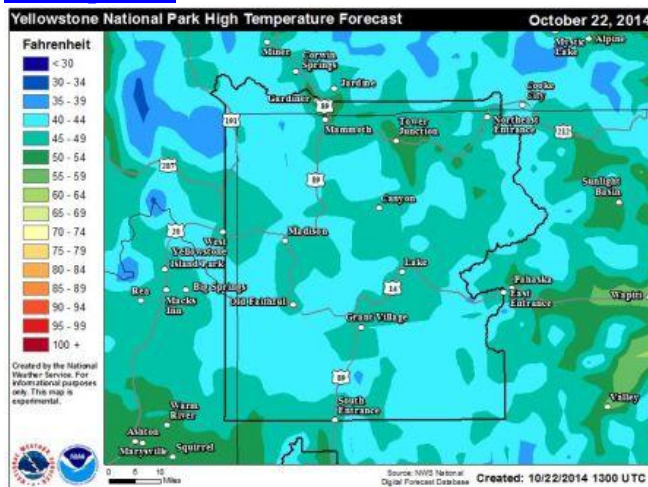


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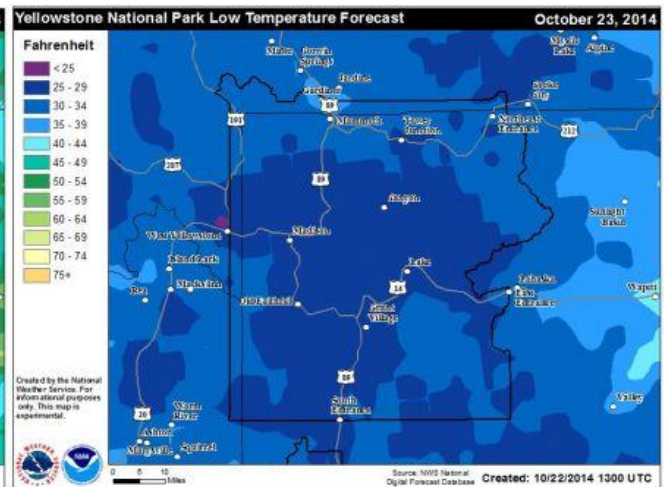
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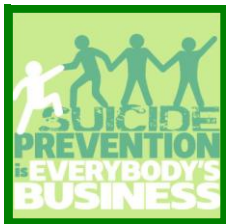
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Adaptable omnivore: Grizzlies' varied diet may protect species from changing climate

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MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS, Wyo. — For years, many conservationists have worried what grizzly bears in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem will eat as changing climate and habitat conditions bring fewer whitebark pine nuts, cutthroat trout and other prime food sources. A recent study offers an answer: almost anything else.

Research by several state and federal wildlife biologists found that grizzlies across the Yellowstone area eat a total of 266 different species of plants and animals, and display an amazingly adaptable diet that ranges from moths to algae.

Kerry Gunther, who leads Yellowstone National Park's bear management program, said grizzly bears are "remarkable generalists," adept at switching food sources based on what's available.

Because of that dietary "plasticity," Gunther said, the grizzly bear is "really not a good poster child for a species that could be significantly impacted by climate change."

Gunther presented the findings of the study earlier this month at Mammoth Hot Springs during the 12th Biennial Scientific Conference on the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Unlike white-tailed jackrabbits or wolverines, which thrive only in specific climate zones, grizzlies can more easily move up or down through different elevations to time their seasonal feeding with the best available foods, Gunther said.

The study looked at data collected from more than 175 sources from 1943-2009, including analysis of more than 11,000 grizzly bear scat samples.

When given the chance, bears will self-select a diet to maximize weight gain, preferring a mix of about 17 percent protein to 83 percent fats and carbohydrates, Gunther said.

Bears most commonly feed on grasses, sedges and ants, but draw more caloric energy from favorite foods like berries, trout, bison, elk and small mammals.

Whitebark pine nuts are an energy-dense food source that have been cited in numerous legal filings as part of the ongoing dispute over removing federal protections for grizzlies.

But Gunther said that 28 percent of the radio-collared bears he has been studying currently have no whitebark pine trees in their home range.

Cutthroat trout numbers in Yellowstone Lake had been sharply declining in past years before recent efforts to restore the native fish.

The cutthroat trout is important to many species in Yellowstone, but only a small fraction of grizzlies have home ranges adjacent to Yellowstone Lake. Looking back on several decades of data, the fish were "never really a big proportion of food for grizzly bears in the Yellowstone ecosystem," Gunther said.

Some bears across the region don't have access to elk, and most bears outside Yellowstone will never feed on bison, despite the importance of both of those large mammals to the diets of many grizzlies.

The biggest change in grizzly diets over the past few decades came when garbage dumps inside Yellowstone were closed, shutting off a favorite food source for the bears. Grizzlies in the park switched to eating more broadleaf, flowering plants like dandelions, Gunther said.

Knowing what bears eat and learning more about their dietary adaptability is important because 17 different agencies manage their habitat across the ecosystem, Gunther said.

It's unlikely Gunther's research will settle questions about the role of diet and food sources in the ongoing legal disputes over federal protections for grizzlies.

But it has certainly proven eye-opening for seasoned biologists who thought they pretty much knew what grizzly bears ate.

"We all knew they ate a lot of different things," Gunther said. "But they ate a lot more than we even imagined."

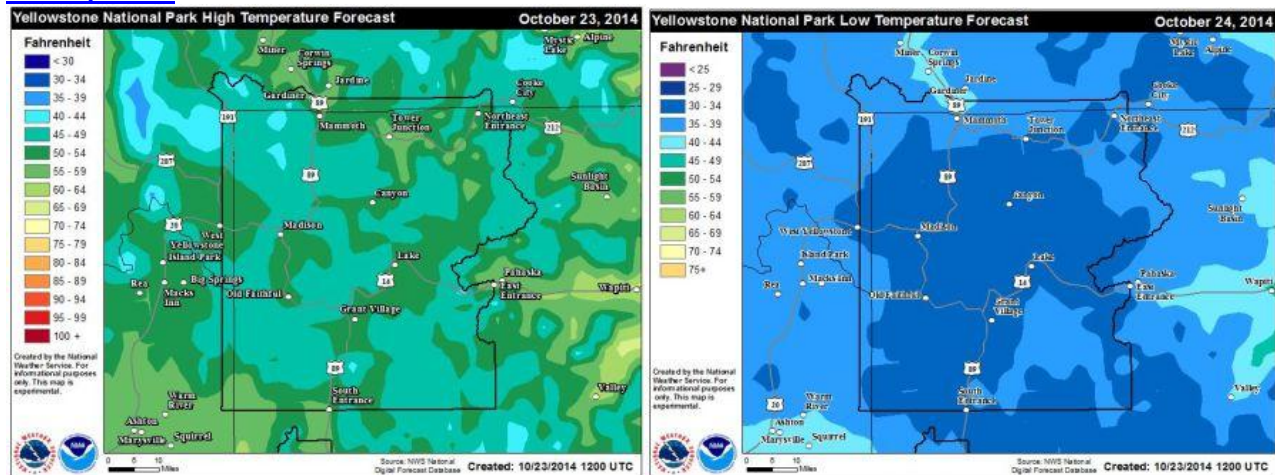
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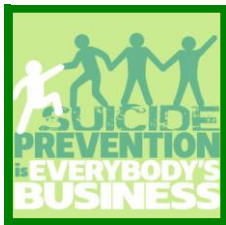
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Six Win Regional Director’s 2014 Natural Resource Awards

By [Donna Shorrock](#) October 09, 2014

Intermountain Region Director Sue Masica has named five employees and a cooperating scientist-volunteer as winners of the 2014 IMR Regional Director’s Natural Resource Awards. The awards recognize commitment to natural resource education, research, management and protection. This year’s recipients represent 10 NPS units in five of the IMR’s eight states.

“As a group, these honorees exemplify every facet of the Park Service natural resources mission,” Masica said. “All of them have excelled in their programs and set a high standard in natural resource leadership for our region and the rest of NPS.”

The awards, the recipients and their accomplishments include:

Natural Resource Management: Mark E. Miller, chief of Resource Stewardship and Science, Southeast

Utah Group (Arches and Canyonlands national parks, Hovenweep and Natural Bridges national monuments) Miller's leadership has inspired stewardship and collaboration in protecting, preserving and improving natural resources. He was instrumental in producing a master plan to guide Bureau of Land Management oil, gas and potash leasing on 783,000 acres of BLM lands next to Arches and Canyonlands. He also devised a system to gather, catalog and safeguard information for claims under RS 2477, the statute that governs control of roads on federal lands, a vital topic in southern Utah. Miller also has built alliances in the scientific community to focus on key natural resource conditions and problems in the Colorado Plateau region.

Natural Resource Research: Eric Metzler, adjunct curator, Michigan State University and volunteer, White Sands National Monument and Carlsbad Caverns National Park

Metzler's work exemplifies excellence in advancing and publishing scientific research for natural resource management. His efforts at White Sands led to the discovery of more than 600 species of moths. Thirty-six are new to science and nearly all are endemic to the dunes, a phenomenon he chronicled in 10 scientific papers he has written on the subject. He also built a database for insect richness and diversity that helps the monument accomplish NPS all-taxa inventory goals. Metzler has helped provide interpretive materials, seminars and other formal presentations for both local and regional NPS staff. He has volunteered more than 1,600 hours annually at White Sands and Carlsbad Caverns.

Natural Resource Management in a Small Park: David Bustos, chief of Resources Management, White Sands National Monument

Bustos has shown outstanding dedication to protecting the monument's natural and cultural resources and a firm commitment to their study and stewardship. He administers a complex resources program that excels with only a small staff of seasonal and term employees. He oversaw the first-ever soil faunal inventory and carbon sequestration project in NPS. He hosted the first White Sands Science Symposium and he coordinated a team of paleontologists, geologists and other specialists to inventory and analyze Late Pleistocene vertebrate footprints. He also has managed major park research on the monument's groundwater and its interaction with the dunes.

Natural Resource Professional: Herb Meyer, paleontologist/Resource Management specialist, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

In his 20 years as the monument's paleontologist, Meyer has established exceptional research and Inventory and Monitoring (I&M) programs and has been intern mentor to more than 45 aspiring paleontology and museum professionals. His dedication to science-informed management has led to the first 3-D documentation of the monument's famous petrified tree stumps and development of an I&M protocol for the Eocene petrified forest in Florissant's sister park, El Bosque Petrificado Piedra Chamana in Peru. He also has published scientific volumes on Florissant's fossils, including the recent and acclaimed *Saved in Time: The Establishment of Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument*. He also spearheaded redesign of exhibit content for the monument's new visitor center.

Superintendent of the Year for Natural Resource Stewardship: Mark Spier, superintendent, South Texas Group (Padre Island National Seashore and Palo Alto National Historical Park)

Spier has been tireless in his commitment to the NPS mission of resource protection and conservation in the face of development pressures facing the South Texas parks. He led efforts to identify issues for protecting Palo Alto and its associated national historic landmark from an electrical transmission line upgrade and he was primary negotiator on Section 106 measures for the planned Tenaska power plant. He also advanced consultation with SpaceX to minimize effects on natural and cultural resources of Palmito Ranch Battlefield NHL and its larger natural setting. Spier also initiated a project to restore former

Rio Grande channels *orresacas* by removing 20th-century water control features from *resacas* in the core battlefield at Palo Alto. At Padre Island, he worked diligently to correct a misinformation campaign about a potential land sale with The Nature Conservancy and the seashore.

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<http://www.yellowstonegate.com/2014/10/yellowstone-science-conference-looks-beyond-boundaries-for-answers/>

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/adaptable-omnivore-grizzlies-varied-diet-may-protect-species-from-changing/article_c85f58b4-6a69-5534-b09a-4b568c529dd6.html

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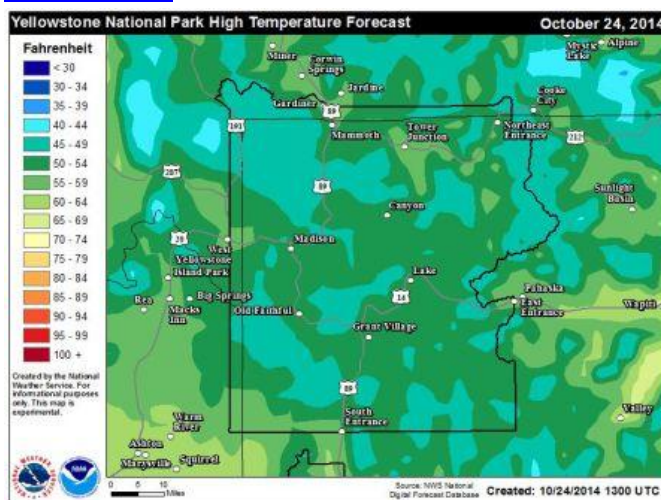
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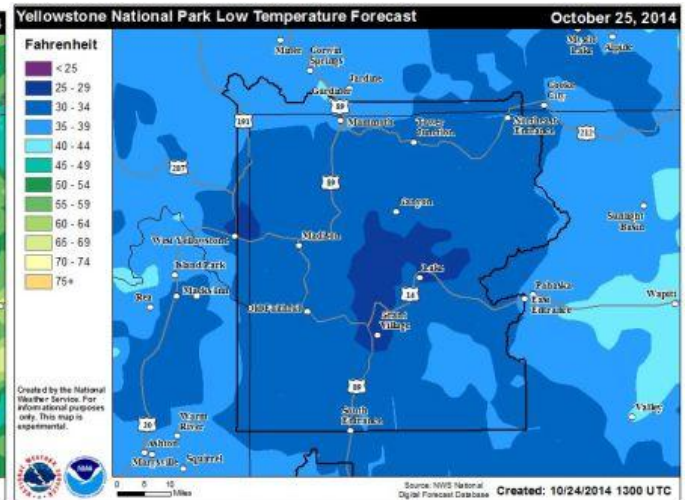
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Sunday: Breezy...colder. Mostly cloudy. Chance of snow showers in the morning...then chance of snow and rain in the afternoon. Highs 38 to 44. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

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West Yellowstone Girls Cross Country team took 1st place with a team total of 38 at the State Meet in Helena this weekend. NPS Employee Rich Jehle's Daughter Annie was a part of that team.

#938 Pailee Parker took 1st place with a time of 18:16:68

#935 Jewlz Collins took 13th place with a time of 21:10:15

#936 Emily Everest took 24th place with a time of 22:20:18

#937 Annie Jehle took 26th place with a time of 22:32:58

#934 Darby Binfet took 33rd place with a time of 23:03:16

This is also the first year they have had a cross country team. (photos by Lori Wilkinson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Honored with Stephen T. Mather Conservation Award National Parks Conservation Association Award Given at 37th Annual Ranger Rendezvous Conference



WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) today honored the work of Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Dan Wenk with its Stephen T. Mather conservation award. Of his many achievements since taking over as Yellowstone Superintendent in 2011 and throughout his nearly four decades of work with the National Park Service, Superintendent Wenk recently secured a long-desired, positive solution to winter use management in our nation's first national park..

“From reaching a solution to a longstanding conflict over winter use in Yellowstone to taking on other challenging wildlife and recreation issues, Superintendent Wenk has proven to be an exemplary leader that the National Parks Conservation Association is pleased to honor today,” said Bart Melton, Yellowstone Senior Program Manager for the National Parks Conservation Association.

“I am honored to receive this award from NPCA,” said Yellowstone Superintendent Dan Wenk. “To receive an award given in the name of our first Director is humbling. I am also humbled because I know how many in the NPS worked incredibly hard to allow us to bring the winter use controversy to a close. We would have never been able to do this without the efforts of my predecessors who set the stage with all the stakeholders invested in the issue.”

With leadership posts in Washington D.C. and elsewhere, Superintendent Wenk made his mark on the National Park system long before he arrived at Yellowstone.

“Dan Wenk is the very definition of ‘public servant,’” said Craig Obey, NPCA’s Senior Vice President for Government Affairs. “In his many leadership positions within the National Park Service, he has been willing to make the tough decisions and do what is right, not just what is popular. Whether you agree with Dan or not on an issue, you know where he stands, and he stands for the parks.” Obey presented the Stephen T. Mather conservation award to Superintendent Wenk at the Association of National Park Rangers’ annual conference. The award, named after the first National Park Service director, is given to individuals that have shown steadfast leadership and persistent dedication to our national parks.

Superintendent Wenk arrived at Yellowstone National Park in the midst of yet another planning effort to determine snowmobile and snowcoach use in the park. This long controversial issue was fought over in the halls of congress, two courts and in newspapers across the country since the early 1990s. Wenk enlisted a fresh approach and began a successful partnership with stakeholders and key decision makers to set a new course. In October of 2013, a final decision was signed, putting Yellowstone National Park on the path towards better protections so visitors could enjoy clean air, the sounds of geysers and bubbling mudpots, and park wildlife.

Superintendent Wenk has also been a strong advocate for protecting Yellowstone National Park's resources, inside and outside of park boundaries, on wolf, bison, and fisheries management issues. Wenk's career with the National Park Service began in 1975 and has been filled with numerous successes. Prior to Yellowstone, he served as Deputy Director of Operations for the National Park Service in Washington from 2007 to 2011. Wenk also served as the Acting Director of the National Park Service during the Bush Administration and the transition of the Obama Administration. Superintendent Wenk has demonstrated time and again his leadership and commitment to preserving America's national parks for ours and future generations.

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Education Program Manager Beth Taylor is the Intermountain Region's 2014 Freeman Tilden Award winner! This award recognizes Beth Taylor for her project in fostering a new generation of conservation stewards for Yellowstone by revitalizing and expanding three youth education programs for Yellowstone National Park from January 2013 through June 2014. The three significant contributions were: producing a new 28-page Junior Ranger (JR) booklet and 3 patches that serve 30,000 youth annually and generates \$90,000 in park revenues; connecting Native Americans to their ancestral lands by engaging 6,600 underserved youth and families at schools, Powwows, and community events while securing grants and scholarships for 260 students to participate in onsite educational programs at Yellowstone; and connecting students from across the country and around the world to Yellowstone through real-time distance learning (DL) programs—serving more than 17,500 youth. This annual NPS award is given regionally and nationally in recognition of outstanding interpretation and education programs and media. Regional winners compete for the national award. The national Tilden Award winner will be announced at the annual conference of the National Association for Interpretation, which will be held in Denver, Colorado in November.

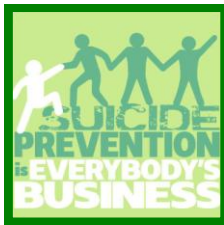
Bob Fuhrmann, Youth Programs Manager for REYP, has been selected as a member of the Department of the Interior's International Technical Assistance Program's (ITAP) team which will participate in the Nation of Jordan's Youth Engagement Workshop. The workshop will occur around mid-November 2014. Bob and the DOI team are working with an in-country partner of DOI-ITAP as well as the Royal Society of Conservation Networks in Jordan. The workshop will be taking place in Ajloun Park in the northwest section of the country, and will share some of the best practices of how the NPS & BLM are engaging youth in natural and cultural areas in the US. More than 70% of Jordan's population is under 30 years of age. The audience will consist of educators, protected area managers, and civil society, including current youth leaders. The outcome will be a roster of recommendations and a practical road map for achieving prioritized objectives. We are pleased that Bob's expertise in youth education and programs is being recognized through his selection for this assignment.

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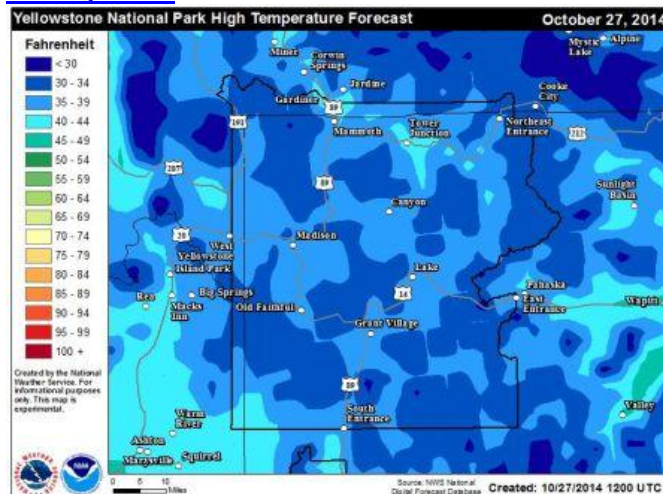
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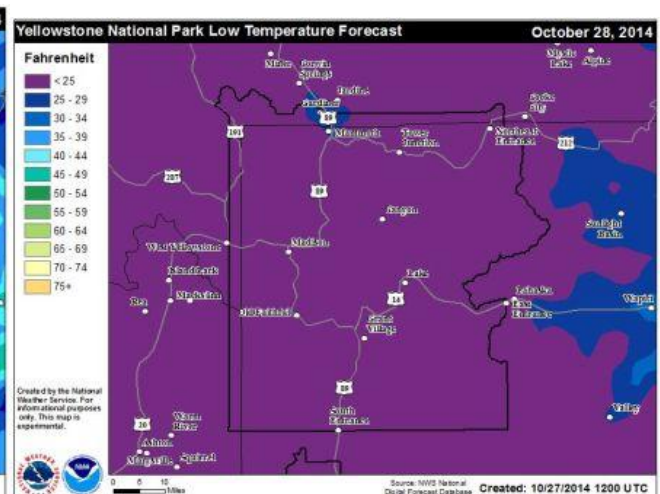
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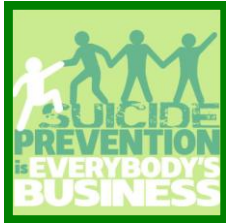
Ben Rodman #351 - Son of NPS employee Ann Rodman and Medcor employee Colleen Eldred, did well as a Freshman runner with a 64th place finish and time of 20:24;79

Tristan Rhodes #350 - Daughter of NPS employee Dan Rhodes and Xanterra employee Sharon Rhodes finished the girl's race in 47th with a time of 24:14:98

Gardiner did not have enough runners for a team score. Bruins are coached by NPS Employee Stacey Gunther.
(photos by Lori Wilkinson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a strong possibility that **internet access will be down for IMR and Yellowstone starting at 8 p.m. this evening** as they are changing out equipment in Denver. The estimated time for this cutover to the new equipment is a two hour window. Count on no access for at least this 8 to 10 p.m. window.



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When: **November 7, 2014. Doors open at 6 pm - the movie will begin at 7 pm**
 Where: Mammoth Community Center Gym
 How Much: Tickets will be available pre-sale and at the door for \$10.00.
 Bozone Brewery will be providing refreshments

Think Snow!

IN THE NEWS

Federal agencies host public meeting on greater Yellowstone area

Chronicle Staff The Bozeman Daily Chronicle

Posted: Monday, October 27, 2014 5:55 pm

On Tuesday afternoon, the public will have the opportunity to talk directly to federal land managers about ecosystem issues in the greater Yellowstone area.

Eleven managers from various federal agencies who sit on the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee will be available at the meeting.

They represent various units of the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management. They work together to manage 15 million acres of the greater Yellowstone area in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

To do that, they deal with issues ranging from controlling invasive species and wildfires to managing for climate change.

At the meeting, members of the public will break into small groups and be asked for input on resource management issues, overarching priorities and ways to improve communication with the public and stakeholder groups.

“There’s been quite a bit of misinformation about who’s hosting this and what it’s about,” said Custer-Gallatin National Forest spokeswoman Marna Daley. “This is not a chance to debate things like bison management. But it’s a great opportunity for people to share their thoughts on what’s needed at an ecosystem level.”

The public meeting will be from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Best Western GranTree Inn. The public may also attend a more in-depth committee orientation from 9 a.m. to noon.

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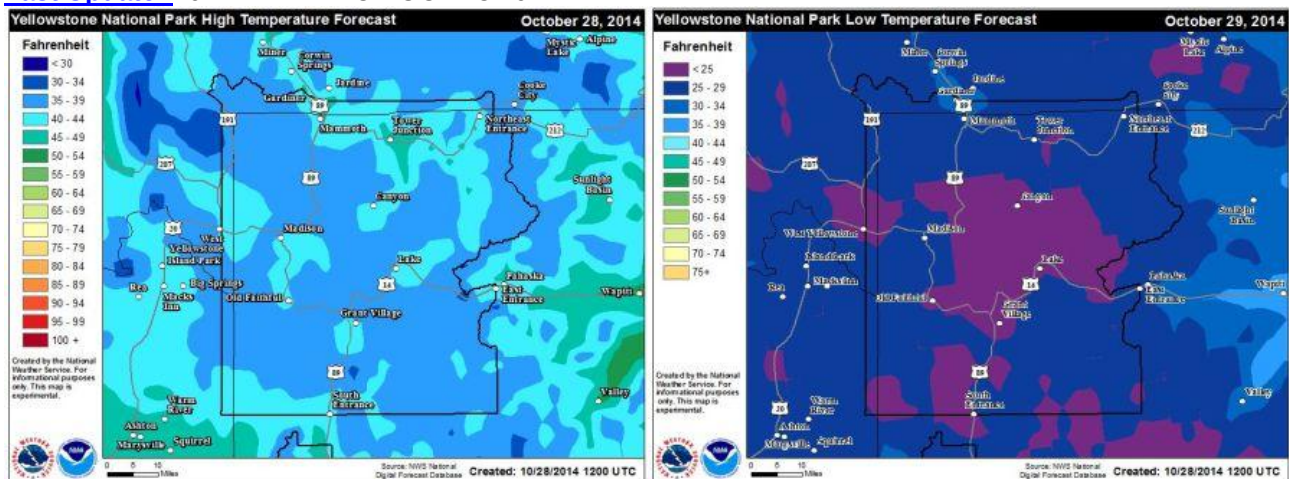
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A mama grizzly and her cub swimming the Firehole.
(photo by Les Brunton)

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Reminder of Mandatory Smartcard use.

Do you have a smartcard? If you are a permanent NPS employee, you should have by now. Assuming you do have a smartcard, are you using it?

At this time all employees are required to use their smartcards to login to the network. Settings for the VPN make it impossible to login remotely any other way. The current VPN setting is how it will be on the network by the end of December.

Please, if you have been avoiding using your smartcard, start to use it now. Don't wait for it to become a crisis in December.

If you have never used your card to login you need to know these things.

1) The card goes into the slot of the keyboard reader with the picture facing you, or the laptop or usb reader face up.

2) When you login, if you haven't been using your card, you must the "Switch User" button when you get to the username and password prompt screen. You will choose the Smartcard option from the screen that comes up. That will prompt you to insert your card and enter your PIN (the PIN is the six to eight number string you chose when you had the card activated.)

3) If you do not recall your password, you will need to contact HR and setup a time they can help you reset the password using the Light Activation Station (LAS). We in the IT shop cannot help you with PIN resets.

4) You can remove the card once you have logged in, it will not lock your computer on removal. You will have to reinsert the card any time you have to unlock the computer.

Please be aware that you will still get popups reminding you to change your password every sixty days. Failure to make that change will cause many programs, including Bison Connect email, to deny you access.

Scared yet? Don't be. It really sounds worse than it is. If you have questions or need help using your card to login, CSS is here at extension 2062.

Thank you,
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In the spirit of **Halloween** and to get you ready for the next announcement! ☺

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2 hours ago • Associated Press

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Most die following conflicts with humans. Those range from bear attacks on livestock to hunters shooting bears in self-defense.

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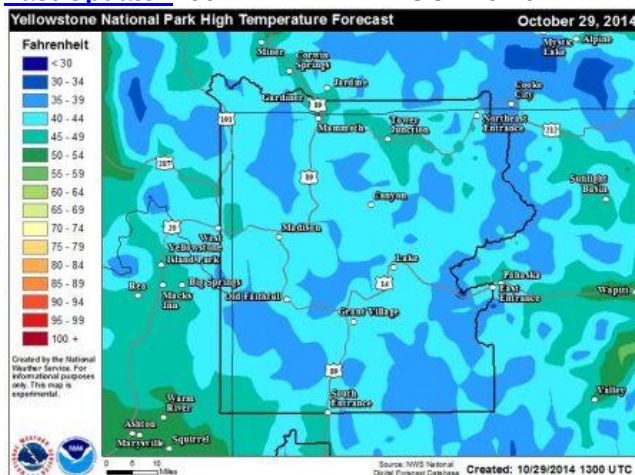
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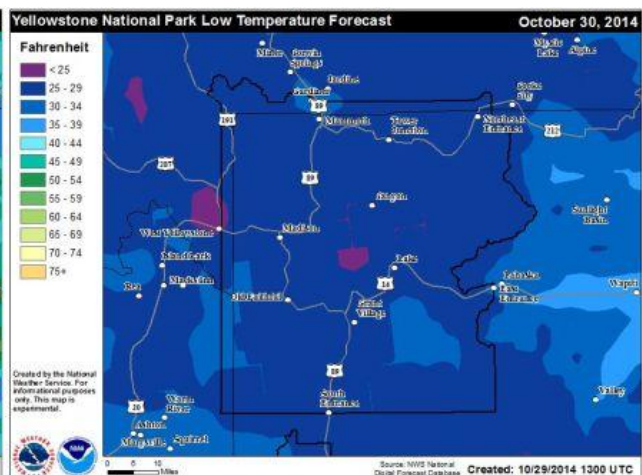
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 The Bozeman Daily Chronicle
 Wednesday, October 29, 2014 1:55 pm

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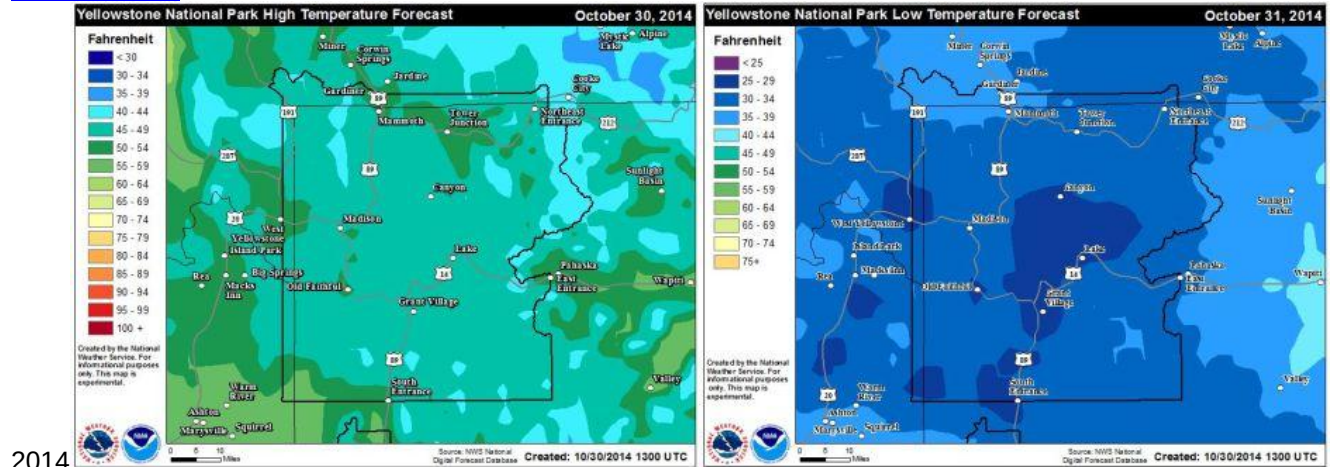
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Saturday: Partly cloudy in the morning...then mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 47 to 53. South winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

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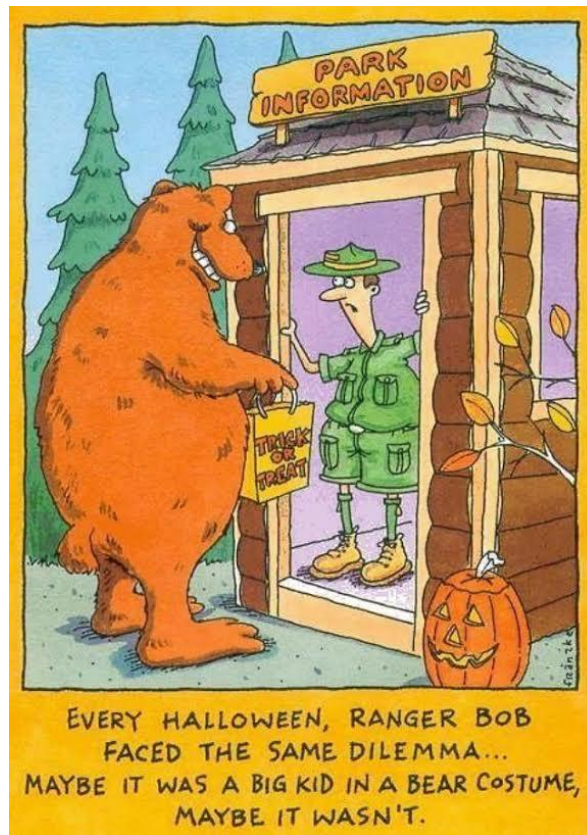
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4 hours ago • [By VINCE DEVLIN](#)

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Logan Pass? That's for Glacier's first superintendent, William R. Logan. Sperry Glacier is for Dr. L.B. Sperry, who spent 13 summers exploring the future park in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Mount Reynolds honors Albert "Death on the Trail" Reynolds, an early ranger whose friendship with the first superintendent of Canada's Waterton Lakes National Park led to the establishment of the world's first international Peace Park.

Deirdre Shaw, Glacier National Park's archivist, can tell you all about men like Grinnell, Logan, Sperry and Reynolds.

But last week Shaw did something different.

At a Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center brown-bag luncheon, she let the largest crowd of the year in on a little secret:

It may have been a man's world in these parts more than a century ago, but Glacier's history is also populated by some adventuresome and fascinating females.

Bootlegger Josephine Doody may be the best known to locals, but the moonshine maker was hardly alone.

Take Mary Roberts Rinehart, an East Coast author, playwright and journalist who fell in love with Glacier Park in the early 1900s.

Rinehart was known for her mysteries – she was often called "the American Agatha Christie" – and she definitely left her mark.

The phrase "the butler did it" stems from Rinehart's 1930 murder mystery "The Door," where the phrase itself never appears, but where – 84-year-old spoiler alert – the butler did it.

Her 1908 novel “The Circular Staircase” broke ground for a new mystery genre that became known as the “Had I But Known” school of mystery writing. Her 1920 play “The Bat,” which featured a costumed super criminal, was cited as one of his inspirations by the cartoonist who created Batman.

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The Easterner spent one of her birthdays on the North Fork of the Flathead River, and described it as “riotous, debauched, and highly erratic.”

“That,” Shaw notes, “was her description of the river – not the birthday party.”

Here are some of the things Mary Roberts Rinehart wrote from her travels in Glacier, that Shaw read to the crowd:

-- “No woman ever really knows a man until she has camped with him.”

-- “I have paid for my experience with a square yard of blisters, and a mile or so of scratches. I have eaten a ton of flapjacks and more bacon than is ladylike to remember.”

-- “Had I commenced to rough it with men early in life, I might have been a different sort of camper. But I commenced in full maturity, and after considerable thought. Contrary to the popular belief that I am a muscular and rather hard-bitten woman, who sails into a campsite and puts up the tents with one hand while unsaddling horses and cooking supper with the other, my part of any expedition ends when I accompany it and take care of myself.

“This rule, carefully impressed on the males of the party, enables me to make hard marches and to be a calm and admiring audience at the end of the day. I know women who have been less foresighted, who have made the initial error of learning how to put up a tent and how to cook over a sheet-iron stove eight inches high. I knew one who made delectable biscuits in a reflector oven, and for months on end her life was just one biscuit after another. She became entirely bent over from the camp stove and, from the wood smoke, at the end of the season her skin resembled that of a well-cured ham.

“I, too, can make biscuits in a reflector oven, but no member of my outfit has ever suspected it – nor ever shall.”

-- In “Through Glacier Park: Seeing America First with Howard Eaton” (1916), “Tenting Tonight: A Chronicle of Sport and Adventure in Glacier Park and the Cascade Mountains” (1918) and “The Out Trail” (1923), Rinehart offered her take on the outdoor life, including her theory on why the males of the human species seek the wilderness.

“About one in a thousand does so because of an overwhelming love of nature,” Rinehart wrote.

One in 10 does, she decided, to either prove he’s as good as he ever was, or to make himself as good as he once was.

Every other man in the wilderness, Rinehart said, was there “for one of two reasons: to get away from women, or to take them along as an admiring audience.”

The first women to see what would become Glacier National Park were many, and their travels here covered thousands of years.

When Indian tribes’ journeys took them through the future park, Shaw notes, Native American women walked – or rode horseback – step by step with the men.

Running Eagle Falls in the park is named for a legendary Blackfeet warrior woman. Bird Woman Falls is also named for a Native woman, though whether it’s for Sacagawea, who never ventured this far north with Lewis and Clark, or someone else, is subject to debate.

George Bird Grinnell’s wife Elizabeth liked to claim she was the first white woman ever to lay eyes on Glacier, but Shaw says that distinction more likely falls to someone like Elizabeth “Nattie” Collins.

Collins, known as “the Montana Cattle Queen,” came from Choteau to prospect for gold in the area starting in the 1880s – and in 1894 or ’95 became the stuff of Glacier folklore.

Collins and one of her mining partners, Frank McPartland, were either drinking or they weren’t, and either arguing or they weren’t, when they shoved off in a rowboat to cross Lake McDonald.

Collins made it. McPartland drowned. McPartland had a mountain in Glacier named for him. Collins has Cattle Queen Creek.

Shaw says other early female visitors to Glacier included a renowned British mountain climber, Dorothy Pilley Richards, and best-selling author Cornelia Cannon, who was not a climber, but still scaled a peak in Glacier with her husband, Harvard Medical School professor Walter Cannon, in 1901 on their honeymoon.

Cornelia reached the summit first and, Shaw says, perhaps jokingly declared it Mount Cannon, but the name stuck. A note the Cannons left at the peak was discovered 84 years later.

Shaw had many stories of Glacier’s earliest female residents.

There was Columbia Falls boarding house owner Lydia Comeau, whose husband had staked out a homestead claim on Lake McDonald before the park was founded, and where the family spent summers.

Lydia’s youngest daughter described her mother as “only about as big as a pint of milk, but she was tough.” On her 90th birthday, Lydia remembered back to the Lake McDonald days and the variety of foods the homesteaders enjoyed, which she described as “jerked venison, salt venison, canned venison and smoked venison.”

The Comeaus’ nearest neighbors were the well-to-do John and Olive Lewis, who owned the Snyder Hotel, a forerunner to Lake McDonald Lodge. When Lydia discovered Olive had climbed – and, in the process, broken – the Comeaus’ fence to pick cherries in the family’s garden, she ordered Olive out.

And when Olive headed for the gate, Shaw says, tiny Lydia stopped her in her tracks, ordered her to leave the way she had come, and “to fix the fence before she left.”

When Olive protested that she did not have a hammer, Lydia handed her a rock and stood watch until Olive had hammered the fence rail back into place.

Glacier Park was a bit of a playground for the rich in its earliest days, and by 1918 Lydia couldn’t take it for much more than a day.

“The freedom up there is gone and there are so many changes, but I love the place,” she wrote. “I go up for a day or so and that is enough. It is not like it used to be, and so much dress and style spoil anything for me. I care very little for fuss and feathers.”

Shaw says she had been in Glacier a good year before learning that a name she kept hearing – “Bud” Henderson – belonged to a woman.

The Norway-born Henderson arrived in Belton, now known as West Glacier, in 1914. Her father worked as a stone mason in the new national park; Bud eventually worked as a dispatcher and telephone operator for the Great Northern Railway. Shaw says she got her nickname because other railroad employees had trouble pronouncing her given name, Gunhild.

The Norwegian woman antagonized her superiors one night.

Shaw told how Bud received a call from the Lake McDonald Lodge winter caretaker in 1924. Three men had ventured out in the icy waters to fish, but their boat had sunk and only two had returned.

Bud alerted rangers. Then she decided to shut down the Belton Depot, went home, grabbed her skis – and passed the all-male rescue party on snowshoes that had departed earlier. Henderson found the man along the shoreline. She and a nearby homesteader, Mr. Chadbourne, built a fire and worked feverishly to revive him.

Bud was quite disgusted when the rescue party arrived, decided the man was dead and refused to relieve her.

“I went down there and worked with him, and poured whiskey into him, and massaged him,” Henderson said. “And I said, get a fire started. ... I had matches and all that. ‘Cause I was a woman, I had a mackinaw and I put that over him. He was still alive when I was there, but Mr. Chadbourne didn’t want to touch him. He says, ‘He’s dead.’ I said no, he’s not dead.”

When Henderson asked the rescue party for more whiskey to give to the man once it arrived, “They said they drank it on the way,” she said. “I froze my knees by the way, leaning over him trying to massage him. He died and it was too bad because he wasn’t dead ... he wasn’t dead even when those fellows arrived. ‘You go massage him,’ I said, ‘I’m all in,’ and they wouldn’t touch him, and so he died.”

Many more women made their way into Shaw’s talk – Mary Ellen Miller, Rosemary “Rum” Cashman and Kay Luding, to name three.

But none of the women of Glacier's early days were employed by the National Park Service. The bias against women – and the fact that the world would eventually begin to change – are both evident in a 1924 letter from Yellowstone National Park's superintendent to his chief ranger.

"In general, I agree with you about girl rangers," Horace Albright, who would serve as NPS deputy director, wrote. "In fact, I took an attitude against them long before you did."

But Albright went on to say he intended to appoint two women to jobs in the park's information office.

"Up to the present time, we have not had a ranger – male or female – who is one-tenth as good at this sort of work as Miss Githmann," Albright wrote. "If I could get a girl of Miss Githmann's caliber, I would be willing to give her a day a week off and make many other exceptions in her case just to get the results of the hours she puts in in the information office. Unless you can wire me the name of some prospective male ranger, I shall (also) certainly appoint Miss Thome, because I think she possesses the qualifications I am after."

Shaw says Mary Sullivan became the first female to work at a job other than clerk-typist in Glacier in the 1930s, when she manned the Polebridge entrance station. Mary Dast became the park's first seasonal female naturalist in 1964, women began to work the trails of Glacier in the early 1970s, and Judy Kuncel was named Glacier's first permanent female law enforcement ranger in 1979.

Which is why so many of Shaw's stories last week about the early women in Glacier involved authors, boarding house owners, telephone operators and a bootlegger.

People who know Glacier may be most familiar with the tales of the latter, Josephine Doody, an opium-addicted moonshine maker who famously supplied locals with homemade whiskey, including Great Northern Railroad employees, who stopped trains on the tracks near her cabin and blew their whistle to indicate how many quarts they wanted to buy.

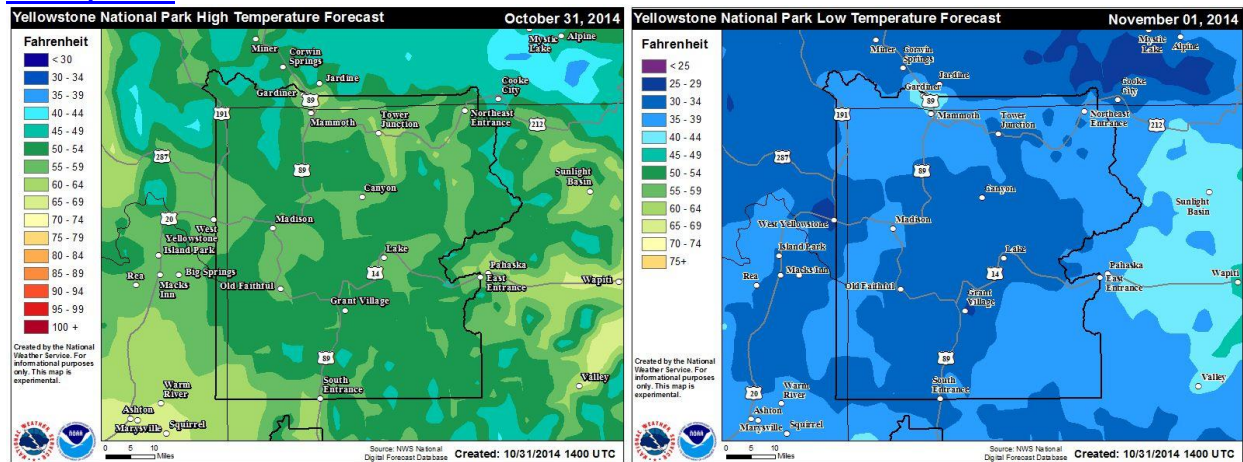
Some park rangers may have been customers too, Shaw notes with a smile, and at least two made the arduous-at-the-time journey to attend her funeral in Kalispell in 1936.

From Doody to Rinehart to Bud Henderson, the women who knew Glacier in its earliest days were not always, Shaw notes, the demure "admiring audience" Rinehart believed men wanted them to be.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/in-a-man-s-world-women-made-their-mark-in/article_252cb23c-0cf2-549e-9818-3bdd22e847d7.html#ixzz3HjyEK2hy

WEATHER**NWS Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park**

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Last Update: 722 AM MDT FRI OCT 31 2014**Today's Highs****Overnight Lows**

Today: Breezy. Partly cloudy. Highs 50 to 56. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

Tonight: Breezy. Mostly cloudy early in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows 31 to 37. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers and snow showers in the morning...then partly cloudy with chance of rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 48 to 54. South winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Saturday Night: Breezy. Snow showers and rain showers likely in the evening...then snow likely after midnight. Snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches. Lows 25 to 31. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Sunday: Breezy...colder. Snow likely. Snow accumulation around 2 inches. Total snow accumulation 4 to 6 inches. Highs 29 to 35. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 70 percent.

Sunday Night: Colder...cloudy. Chance of snow in the evening... Then slight chance of snow after midnight. Lows 16 to 22. Chance of snow 40 percent.

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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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.

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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!