

YNP@Work

A Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Wednesday, April 1, 2015



The real reason why so many roads are closed to the public.
(photo by Neal Hebert)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Annual 4-H Easter Egg Hunt

Location: Gardiner School (meet at the big bear in front)

Date: Thursday April 2, 2015

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Ages: 5 and under



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SPRING OPENING UPDATE

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Present Location:

Lewis River Bridge

Anticipated Destination:

Top of the Lewis River Canyon

Watch for wide loads today from Mammoth to Lake

Snow Conditions:

4' hard packed snow and ice

Equipment:

2 blowers down

Weather:

Sunny, 75 degrees*****

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******Happy April Fools' Day! Actual Weather: Snowing with an inch of new snow, 19 degrees*

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#FINDYOURPARK takes over Times Square. You might recognize a few of those players!

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Twin Parking Lot

Anticipated Destination:

South Entrance

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4' hard packed snow and ice

Equipment:

2 blowers down

Weather:

½” new snow, clear, 11 degrees

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IN THE NEWS

Entrance fees rising in some national parks

51 minutes ago • By KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Be prepared to pay a bit more if you're headed to some national parks and recreation areas this summer.

After a six-year moratorium, the federal government is increasing the price of admission at some of its public lands and raising the fees charged for camping, boating, cave tours and other activities. The National Park Service says the money expected to be raised is just a fraction of the \$11.5 billion needed to repair and maintain roads, trails and park buildings.

Some members of Congress have expressed concern about the fee increases, but National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis said at a March congressional hearing that visitors are still getting an incredible deal when compared to other recreational pursuits.

"We cannot greet them with failing facilities," Jarvis said of the 295 million people expected to visit National Park Service properties, which also include sites like the Lincoln Memorial.

Fees have increased in eight parks, including Yosemite, so far and are likely to rise in several dozen more parks in the coming months.

Each park determines how much to charge visitors after public input and approval from Washington. Jarvis told park superintendents last September to begin the public outreach that must accompany fee increases. The service went to Facebook as part of its efforts to gauge the prospect of higher fees at Yosemite National Park.

"Keep in mind — this belongs to the people, and it shouldn't be priced out of the reach of the average person," wrote Gayle Partmann of Rohnert Park, California. Partmann and her family spent several summer vacations at Yosemite when she was growing up.

"I'd rather pay money to get into Yosemite than any theme park I've been to," wrote William Sanger of Berwick, Maine, who visited the park in October.

Only about a third of the 400-plus properties within the National Park Service system charge an entrance fee. Even in those places that do charge a fee, many visitors are exempted. For example, federal law requires parks to issue free passes for the disabled and to provide the elderly with the option of buying a lifetime pass for just \$10.

Families can also buy an \$80 annual pass that allows them to go to as many national parks as they desire, and that price will remain the same.

By comparison, the cost of going to Disneyland for a day is a minimum of \$99 for one person age 10 and over.

Fees vary from park to park. At Yosemite National Park, the country's third-busiest national park last year, the annual pass increased from \$40 to \$60.

Nick Haris, a motorcyclist who lives about two hours from Yosemite and travels there regularly, said the price increases are unlikely to deter him from coming back, but he's heard grumbling from other motorcyclists.

Haris said area motorcyclists generally just want to ensure they're not singled out for steeper increases than other park visitors. The National Park Service helped alleviate some of those concerns by phasing in the increase and not charging as much as originally proposed. The rate per motorcycle has risen from \$10 to \$15 this year and will jump to \$20 next year.

"I think it's worth it," Haris said.

Jarvis said the National Park Service collects about \$180 million annually through fees and had hoped to raise \$45 million more through all the fee increases. But officials have delayed or rescinded some proposed increases based on opposition from local residents and lawmakers.

The agency's needs are numerous. Half of all paved roads in the national park system have been designated as in fair to poor condition. More than two dozen bridges need repair, as do more than one-third of the hiking trails — some 6,700 miles, according to the agency.

Some Republican lawmakers have questioned the scale of the pending fee increases. Republican Rep. Doug LaMalfa, whose Northern California district includes Lassen Volcanic National Park, said the cost of "just driving through the park" is possibly jumping from \$10 to \$25 per vehicle, while hikers and bikers would see fees go up from \$5 to \$12 a person, and motorcyclists could see an increase from \$5 to \$20.

He said a modest increase, perhaps 25 percent, could be understandable. But going beyond that "really starts making a difference in people's pocketbooks," LaMalfa said.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/entrance-fees-rising-in-some-national-parks/article_79fa9e6f-40e9-58eb-9ad6-9a7532db6226.html#ixzz3WAEb225n

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Friday: Not as cold. Partly cloudy. Highs 33 to 39. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows 14 to 20. Southwest winds around 15 mph.

Saturday: Not as cool. Partly cloudy in the morning...then mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers and snow showers in the afternoon. Highs 41 to 47. Southwest winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows 18 to 24.

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Saturday: Partly cloudy in the morning...then mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers and snow showers in the afternoon. Highs 38 to 44. Southwest winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers and snow showers in the evening...then partly cloudy with isolated snow showers after midnight. Lows 17 to 23. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the evening. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy. Chance of snow in the morning...then chance of rain and snow in the afternoon. Highs 40 to 46. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy. Chance of snow and rain in the evening...then chance of snow after midnight. Lows 17 to 23. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

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Reminder to ALL:

April 13, the Craig Pass road segment, between DeLacy Creek trailhead and Lone Star trailhead, will CLOSE to ALL traffic so the temporary bridge at Isa Lake can be removed.

June 11, the road will open to ALL traffic, with possible half hour delays.

September 10, the Isa Lake bridge project should be completed.

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2015 SAGE LEAPERS 2ND ANNUAL "SPRINT TO SOAK" CHICO HALF MARATHON AND 10K.



What: Half Marathon and 10k FUN RUNS followed by prizes, food and discounted soaking.

When: Sunday, April 12th, registration starts at 8, first race at 9

How Much: **Preregistration: \$15 by MARCH 15 gets you race entry, refreshments, cool canvas swag bag and drawing entry.**

Same day registration: \$10 gets you race entry, refreshments and drawing entry.

PLEASE RSVP VIA THE INFO BELOW EVEN FOR SAME DAY REGISTRATION

To learn more, RSVP and to check out the prizes visit the Sage Leapers Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1552590771669802/> or contact Rachel Cudmore (cudmorerachel@gmail.com) for more information.

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Tonight: Breezy. Partly cloudy with scattered snow showers and slight chance of thunderstorms early in the evening...then partly cloudy with isolated snow showers late in the evening. Mostly clear after midnight. Lows 10 to 16. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph until early morning. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy in the morning...then mostly cloudy with chance of rain showers...snow showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 35 to 41. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

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Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers in the evening...then mostly clear after

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Plows: Area plows running at Grant Village

Present Location:

Fishing Bridge

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IN THE NEWS**Environmentalists sue over Grand Teton grizzly take limit**

April 06, 2015 4:14 pm • Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Two environmental groups have filed a lawsuit saying Grand Teton National Park and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would allow too many grizzly bears to be killed in confrontations with elk hunters before officials would have to reassess their rules for elk hunting in the park.

The Sierra Club and Western Watersheds Project filed suit Friday against the National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

Grand Teton is one of very few U.S. national parks that allow hunting. Each fall, the park hosts a hunt designed to control elk numbers.

Elk hunters regularly kill grizzly bears in self-defense in western Wyoming. That's happened only once since Grand Teton was established in its current boundaries in 1950, however.

In 2012, two elk hunters killed a grizzly as the 530-pound animal was charging them and their father from 42 yards away in the park. Investigators determined the two acted appropriately under the circumstances.

Grizzly bears are listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The bears' protected status requires government agencies to account for a variety of threats in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

Such threats include killings by hunters pursuing big game. Starting in 2007, officials anticipated that elk hunters would kill no more than one grizzly in Grand Teton over the next 15 years.

After the 2012 confrontation, park officials made several changes to their elk hunting program, including closing off to hunting the area where the confrontation occurred.

Meanwhile, Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service officials increased from one to four the maximum number of grizzlies they anticipated hunters would kill by 2022. Reaching that "take" limit would require the agencies to again revisit the rules for elk hunting in the park.

The environmental groups' lawsuit claims the higher take limit fails to account for cumulative threats to grizzlies throughout the region. The lawsuit asks a judge to declare that the change violated the Endangered Species Act.

Elk hunters, especially, are at risk of violent confrontations with grizzlies because they typically leave gut piles from their kills in the field. The region's grizzlies have become more dependent on gut piles and other sources of meat amid decreased availability of nuts from a pine species in decline, said Tim Preso, an Earthjustice attorney representing the groups.

"They've turned to meat to make up for the absence of whitebark pine," Preso said Monday. "If you're a bear, you're either mixing it up with hunters or you're mixing it up with ranchers. In either case, that's a risky lifestyle for a bear."

Grand Teton spokeswoman Jackie Skaggs declined to comment on the lawsuit, citing agency policy not to comment on pending litigation.

"We would prefer of course that no grizzlies are killed in Grand Teton as a result of hunting," Skaggs said.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/environmentalists-sue-over-grand-teton-grizzly-take-limit/article_092db5d3-c581-5269-a38f-b25b97dc459b.html#ixzz3WjFigsIE

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Lisa Strait- YCR
Pat Bigelow- YCR
Mark Gleason-RVP
Kristie Laubach-Maint
Jacob Williams-YCR

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- May 22 in Mammoth
- June 10 in Mammoth
- May 18 at Lake
- May 19 at Lake

Check the P drive for sign up.



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Initial North Hebgen project scoping documents are available online at: www.fs.usda.gov/custergallatin
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Status as of Thursday, April 9, 2015

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Sylvan Pass

Anticipated Destination:
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3' hard packed snow and ice

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Bozeman Chronicle, April 10, By Troy Carter

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The Bozeman-based Montana Mountain Mamas is the face of the "Families 4 Access" campaign and petition. The group recently bought a billboard on Frontage Road near the airport. The billboard shows a woman in chest waders with a fishing pole standing alongside two children in a creek. The billboard reads, "Senator Daines, Don't lock out our future. Renew the Land and Water Conservation Fund TODAY!" The fund needs to be reauthorized by Sept. 15.

Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund in 1964. The fund receives an annual appropriation between \$300 and \$900 million from Congress using revenue from oil and gas leases on the 1.7 billion acres of offshore mineral rights held by the federal government.

The money is spent buying land by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service. It also provides grants to states and city/county governments for the purchase and development of public outdoor recreation areas like Beall Park and wildlife conservation areas like the Gallatin National Forest. Nearly 70 percent of fishing access sites in Montana were built with the conservation fund.

"Hundreds of Montana projects that we use every day and quite often take for granted have been funded in total or in part by LWCF," said Becky Edwards, a Mountain Mama in Bozeman.

President Barack Obama's administration supports making the program's funding mandatory in an attempt to provide for longer-term conservation planning. On March 25, six western Democrats in the Senate, including Montana Sen. Jon Tester, introduced a bill to reauthorize the program along those lines.

Daines, a Republican, considers it an important program and supports reauthorization and funding for it, said spokeswoman Alea Lockman. But he also thinks it should be reauthorized in a transparent process that allows for improvements to be made like increasing the state's role in the program, she said.

That's what worries the Mountain Mamas. They don't want anyone in Washington "opening up the hood" and have reached out to Montana's congressional delegation.

“It’s extremely important that people understand that the LWCF is a program with a proven track record of success and it doesn’t need an overhaul, just immediate renewal,” said Brooke Cottongim, a Mountain Mama from Livingston. “I’d like to keep our quality parks, trails, and open spaces exactly that.”

Since its beginning, the \$16.8 billion Congress has directed to the fund has been unevenly allocated among federal land acquisition (63 percent), the state grant program (26 percent), and other programs (11 percent), according to a congressional report.

Members of Congress could use the program’s 2015 reauthorization to debate the amount to appropriate for land acquisition and identify which lands should be bought.

According to the group’s website, Mountain Mamas is a project of the Seattle-based public relations firm Resource Media. Their campaign’s size has yet to be determined and when asked who was paying the bill, Edwards said the person funding the campaign would remain anonymous.

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/politics/mountain-mamas-want-congress-to-support-federal-parks-fund/article_91dc782c-8369-5d8a-9944-ad39a607a524.html?utm_medium=desktop&utm_source=block_484714&utm_campaign=blox

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Yellowstone accepting firewood collection requests

Posted: Friday, April 10, 2015 4:30 am

By Jason Suder Jackson Hole Daily

Yellowstone National Park began accepting requests last night for firewood collection permits for 2015.

While the public is allowed to collect dead and downed timber for use within the park, the permit would allow visitors to chop down and collect up to three cords of wood for personal consumption. Throughout the weekend the park will take calls requesting permits. As wood becomes available later in the summer the park will notify callers that they qualify.

“We never know at this time of year if or what may be available,” said Matt Nagel of the Visitor Service Office.

Wood becomes available through various service projects, such as wildland fire fuel mitigation, wind events, construction projects and hazardous tree removal.

“As soon as we hear about it and the stuff is accessible, we start calling people, but it’s usually not until later in the summer,” Nagel said.

Permits are issued on a first-call, first-served basis, but having your name on the list does not guarantee receiving a permit.

Last year, the Visitor Service Office received 67 requests but issued only 25 permits. Fourteen were issued the previous year. Permits cost \$25 and are good for three cords of wood, Nagel said. Generally, people are given two weeks to collect their allowance. If interested call 307-344-2116 and leave your name and contact information. Successful applicants will not be notified until wood becomes available. Specific guidelines and regulations will be given at that time. http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/jackson_hole_daily/local/yellowstone-accepting-firewood-collection-requests/article_19f83587-ddf0-5f92-a2a7-0b8a6f68126c.html

Contact Jason Suder at 732-7062 or schools@jhnewsandguide.com.

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Last Update: 607 AM MDT FRIDAY, APR 10 2015

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Saturday Night: Breezy...cloudy. Chance of rain showers...snow showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening...then chance of snow showers after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the evening. Lows 20 to 26. West winds 15 to 25 mph. Gusts up to 40 mph in the evening. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Sunday: Breezy. Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy. Highs 36 to 42. West winds 15 to 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Breezy. Partly cloudy. Lows 19 to 25.

Monday: Not as cool. Mostly sunny. Highs 46 to 52.

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Go thank your dispatchers!

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YELLOWSTONE CO-OP EMPLOYEE RECREATION PROGRAM [YCERP.ORG](#)

Share Your Love of the Park

YCERP is seeking people interested in presenting seminars and sharing their knowledge of Yellowstone with park employees. Do you know the night sky? Are you passionate about park geology, wildflowers, photography, or another interesting field?

In the past year we've hosted seminars about park architecture, botany, history, photography, recreation, wildlife, and literature set in the park. We're open to fields of interest that will both entertain and teach employees about Yellowstone.

We can work with your schedule and host the seminar at any of the park's six main locations. Seminars last 60 – 90 minutes. This can be an opportunity to hone your presentation skills, delve into and describe your research, or

share a favorite subject with others. If presenting interests you please email admin@ycerp.org or contact Andrew Coghill at (307) 344-5224.

Reminder to ALL:

- April 13, the Craig Pass road segment, between DeLacy Creek trailhead and Lone Star trailhead, will CLOSE to ALL traffic so the temporary bridge at Isa Lake can be removed.
- June 11, the road will open to ALL traffic, with possible half hour delays.
- September 10, the Isa Lake bridge project should be completed.

SPRING OPENING UPDATE

Status as of Monday, April 13, 2015

REMEMBER TO THINK – “SAFETY FIRST”

Plows: Area plowing has been completed

Present Location:

Sylvan Pass

Anticipated Destination:

Widening Sylvan Pass to East Entrance

Snow Conditions:

3' hard packed snow and ice

Equipment:

1 blower down

Weather:

Clear, 23 degrees

Communication Center will announce when official “Administrative Travel” is allowed.

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Tuesday, March 10, 2015 – Mammoth to Norris

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Monday, March 16, 2015 – Madison to Old Faithful

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 – Norris to Canyon

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 – Old Faithful to West Thumb – ****INTERIOR EMPLOYEES ONLY**** Contractor will be working at Isa Lake area.

Thursday, March 19, 2015 – Canyon to Lake

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 – Lake to Grant

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – Grant to South

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – Fishing Bridge to East Entrance turned over to Lake Rangers
(there will be a culvert replacement project on the East Entrance Road around Indian Pond on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14 and 15 where no traffic will be authorized).

Be advised that there will be heavy equipment including plows on all Administrative roadways. Advise the Snow Crew by radio if you are in the area. Remember no Administrative traffic on roads being plowed without prior notification.

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EARTHDAY
FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL

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Gardiner, Montana

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Last Update: 606 AM MDT WED APR 15 2015

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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Lake Yellowstone Hotel Designated National Historic Landmark

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Initially designed by architect N.L. Haller of Washington, D.C. and constructed in 1891, the Lake Yellowstone Hotel was entirely reconceived in the first decades of the 20th century by noted architect Robert C. Reamer as a grand resort hotel displaying the Colonial Revival style. Currently the park's oldest hotel in existence, the building sits within a magnificent natural landscape overlooking the north shore of Yellowstone Lake. For photos of the hotel, please visit [YellowstoneNPS Flickr site](#).

The Lake Yellowstone Hotel is owned by the National Park Service and operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts®. Through their concessions contract with the park, Xanterra recently completed a \$28 million renovation of the hotel, which will ensure that this spectacular piece of history continues to delight visitors for years to come.

"This designation is an excellent example of a public-private partnership between Yellowstone National Park and Xanterra," said Acting Superintendent Steve Iobst. "Xanterra was a champion for the nomination of the hotel and funded its preparation."

"This recognition of the Lake Yellowstone Hotel will help protect this irreplaceable example of historic architecture in the world's oldest national park," said Jim McCaleb, general manager of Yellowstone National Park Lodges and Xanterra's vice president of parks north. "It also comes at the perfect time because the hotel will mark its 125th anniversary in 2016, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service."

Established in 1935, the [National Historic Landmarks Program](#) is administered by the National Park Service on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior. The agency works with preservation officials, private property owners, and other partners interested in nominating properties for National Historic Landmark designation. Completed nominations are reviewed by the National Park System Advisory Board, which makes recommendations for designation to the Secretary of the Interior. If selected, property ownership remains the same, but each site receives a designation letter and is eligible for technical preservation advice.

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Allison is leaving!

After 6 years, GIS superwoman, Allison Klein, is leaving the YCR for the big city (Bozeman). Although she isn't going far, her expertise in, well, everything will be sorely missed.



Help us send her off with a proper farewell!!

What: Send Allison off with a mountain of well wishes

When: **THIS** Thursday, April 23, 2015

Where: YCR conference room

Time: 3-5 pm

P.S. Don't forget to also wish her a happy birthday that day





Please remember to **move the remaining vehicles from the Mammoth campground by this Friday.** Thanks, Brandon Lipke

GARDINER CLUB VOLLEYBALL DISCOUNT CARDS will be available for purchase this Friday, April



24th from 2-7pm at the Gardiner Market. Our girls are heading to Florida this June to compete in the AAU Nationals Tournament and will be selling discount cards for \$15.00 each to help pay for their trip. These cards offer discounts towards local businesses and restaurants in the Gardiner, Livingston, and Bozeman areas. Cash donations are also accepted. Please stop by and support these wonderful young women. Thank you again for your support.

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