

YNP@Work

A Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Monday, May 4, 2015



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- Now - June 10, the road is closed to ALL traffic.
- June 11 - Sept. 10, the road is open to ALL travel, with possible half hour delays until project completion.

Norris to Golden Gate (Expected completion date October

- Now - October 1, road construction and half hour delays.
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Posted: Friday, May 1, 2015 6:00 am

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By MIKE MOORE West Yellowstone News

Yellowstone National Park fisheries biologists and technicians gave the fishing community of West Yellowstone an update on their Native Fish Conservation Plan and other regulation changes during a meeting at the Holiday Inn on Monday.

This is the third year the park has conducted such meetings, which were held in Bozeman, West Yellowstone, Cody, Wyo. and Jackson, Wyo. this week.

Park fisheries technician Brian Ertel, fisheries biologist Philip Doepke and Native Fish Conservation Plan leader Todd Koel led the talk.

Ertel began the talk by going over this year's fishing regulation booklet, which has no major changes to regulations this season, he said.

"We streamlined a few things and condensed it down," Ertel said of the regulation book. "We changed the set up of how to identify fish."

He said many local anglers know how to properly identify which trout species they are catching, but that many visitors struggle with this.

In regard to hybridized cutthroat-rainbow trout, he said that under the regulations, if it has a slash, put it back.

Ertel then moved on to the bulk of the conservation program, which is the removal of non-native lake trout from Yellowstone Lake. Since their discovery in the lake in 1994, lake trout have depleted Yellowstone cutthroat populations, which serve as a keystone species for a great deal of wildlife surrounding that area.

“Cutthroat evolved without a (trout) predator in the system and lake trout keyed on them and quickly became established in the system,” Ertel said.

Through gill net efforts with four commercial fishing boats out on the lake each day in the summer, suppression of lake trout has started to show signs of success as cutthroat numbers begin to rebound with a wide variety in size of cutthroat, not just the large cutthroat that were surviving in previous years. This shows researchers cutthroat are beginning to repopulate in larger numbers and survive for a longer period of time than back in the late 90s and early 2000s.

Around 200,000 to 300,000 lake trout have been removed annually since 2012, as the conservation efforts have been ramped up each year, Ertel said.

“We’re having to work harder to get the same amount of fish,” he said. “That’s one of the positive signs we’re seeing out there.”

Doepke said later in the meeting that they are trying to find new and more efficient ways to suppress lake trout. One method they are trying out is targeting known lake trout spawning locations with electro shocking lake trout eggs during their spawn.

“The idea is to kill lake trout eggs,” Doepke said.

They are also trying out a suction dredge to suck the lake trout eggs up off of spawning grounds. Debris and eggs are sucked up, with the eggs being separated and removed from the lake, while the remaining debris is returned to the lake floor.

“We believe these are more efficient (methods),” Koel said.

“We might not know the right tool yet, but we’re collaborating and trying to find out the tool to remove lake trout from the system,” Doepke added.

The meeting then moved to the discussion of stream projects that are ongoing throughout the park. They began with the Grayling Creek project, which aims to reintroduce westslope cutthroat trout and arctic grayling into the system. Efforts in Grayling Creek are aimed at reintroducing and protecting Arctic grayling and westslope cutthroat in this watershed, as they are native to the system. The project called for a barrier to be installed a good distance upstream to prevent Hebgen Lake’s non-native fish species from disrupting Arctic grayling and westslope cutthroat in the higher reaches of the system.

They have also removed non-native species with rotenone, a chemical compound that kills all living organisms in the stream. They first applied rotenone in August of 2013 and again in August of 2014.

This year, they plan to introduce 10,000 westslope and 100,000 arctic grayling eggs into Grayling Creek through remote site incubators. They plan to use this reintroduction method for the next few years to reestablish populations.

“We hope in a few years to see a healthy population of fish up there,” Ertel said.

They then went on to discuss the Lamar River drainage, which has recently seen a surge of rainbow trout moving further upstream into the system. The movement has started to negatively impact native cutthroat trout in streams like Slough Creek and Soda Butte Creek.

To cut off upper reaches of Soda Butte Creek, they created a barrier at Ice Box Falls recently by altering the waterfall from a 30-degree angle to a 90-degree angle to prevent fish from jumping upstream.

In regard to Slough Creek, Ertel said over the past several years’ rainbow trout have made it up to the third meadow.

They have a proposed barrier that will rest just upstream of the Slough Creek campground, and they have also been removing non-natives in that area through electro fishing and volunteer angler removal to knock back the number of rainbows and hybrids.

After speaking of other similar projects ongoing around the park, the meeting was opened up to questions and comments.

One audience member asked what kind of timeframe could anglers expect invertebrates to return to Grayling Creek after having rotenone applied last year.

Ertel said the stream should be almost back to normal by next season, and should have a higher number of invertebrates than before rotenone was introduced.

He added that it will be around three to five years before a catchable population of fish will be in Grayling Creek, but that they will be stocking catchable sizes of fish each year until the population rebounds.

Others made their opinions known that they are upset with the project using rotenone to kill non-natives. Others asked why they are using concrete barriers in a wild and pristine landscape to make the project successful.

“I personally don’t want to see concrete in my trout streams,” one individual said.

Koel said there are trade-offs to the project, as the park is trying to save the Yellowstone cutthroat of the Lamar River Drainage, since it is one of the last and largest populations remaining.

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By LEW FREEDMAN Staff writer |

The question of whether the Yellowstone ecosystem grizzly bear will be delisted as an endangered species hovered over last week's two-day Cody meeting of the Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.

While all statistics – from the number of grizzlies set at an estimated 757 to habitat range – point to a recovered species, uncertainty permeated discussions about when action may be taken by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

In addition, tribal representatives took center stage in publicizing disagreements with the subcommittee after it appeared the group was in harmony on the issue.

This YES group – consisting of representatives of about two dozen federal, state, local and tribal agencies – forwarded a statement to Fish & Wildlife about 18 months ago unanimously recommending delisting of the Yellowstone grizzly from the protection of the Endangered Species Act.

Despite delays and little indication from Fish & Wildlife on when it may act, Brian Nesvik, chairman of the subcommittee, remains optimistic.

“The Service has reached out to the states,” Nesvik said of quiet, ongoing talks with Wyoming, Montana and Idaho on how they would manage the bears.

“There is no draft rule out there. There is no final (time line) on doing it. But I think we are close to the Service making a decision.”

At one point James Walks Alone, indicating he is the tribal historic preservation officer of the Northern Cheyenne, sought to make a statement about his and other tribes being shut out of the process. However, in a moment of tension, he was ruled out of order and his microphone was unplugged. He was able to speak later during a public comment period.

“We’d like to have a say in this,” said Walks Alone, emphasizing the significance of the grizzly bear in Native American culture.

Some 33 tribes submitted papers that opposed delisting including Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council and the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association.

However, from the beginning of YES meetings about eight years ago, Native American tribes, including the Eastern Shoshone, Northern Arapaho, and Shoshone Bannock Tribes, most directly involved with and affected by the Yellowstone grizzly, have seats at the table.

At Thursday’s session Walks Alone received vocal support.

Leander Watson of the Shoshone Bannock Tribes, read a statement from his council opposing delisting. Cited was opposition to trophy hunting on reservation lands and that delisting bears would “contravene” religious beliefs.

Watson would not elaborate on the statement he read.

Norman Willow Sr. of the Northern Arapaho tribe, said “We don’t want delisting of the bear. We have a respect for all animals. You worship and you get the hell out of there.”

Nesvik said later the delisting recommendation was sent to Fish & Wildlife with unanimous backing of the membership. On the day of the vote the Native American tribal representatives did not attend the meeting.

“They didn’t come,” Nesvik said.

In terms of Walks Alone’s call for inclusion, tribes representing constituencies in places like Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, South Dakota and elsewhere do not seem to have standing. The YES group’s charge is the study of Yellowstone grizzly bears, not all grizzly bears.

Grizzly bears were delisted by Fish & Wildlife in 2007, but opponents sued and in 2009 endangered status was reimposed.

Frustration was expressed during the Holiday Inn session in Cody about the lack of movement by Fish & Wildlife on the issue.

“We could sit here the rest of our lives,” said Park County Commissioner Loren Grosskopf, who is a YES member representing local governments.

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Memorandum

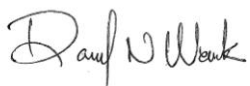
To: Yellowstone National Park Employees
From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park
Subject: My Return to Yellowstone

As many of you know, this past November I was asked to take a short break from my work as Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park to step in as Interim President/CEO for the National Park Foundation (NPF) in D.C.

As a temporary position, my role there at the Foundation was to last up to six months while the Board of Directors undertook a national search to identify a successor. This week marks the completion of the six-month term and I am happy to have returned to my position here at Yellowstone.

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A special thanks to Steve Iobst who performed admirably in the role of Acting Superintendent while I was in D.C. I am grateful to the park service employees and partners who stepped up during my absence, and I thank all of you for your dedication and diligence. Thank you all for your incredible support over these past six months and for the work you do each and every day to benefit Yellowstone National Park.



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Lee Whittlesey

Autograph party
and
Program

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When: 7:00 pm on Thursday May 14, 2015
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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Yellowstone's South Entrance Opens Friday, May 8

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Visitors should be aware that spring in Yellowstone is unpredictable and often brings cold temperatures, high winds and snowfall. In the case of extreme weather conditions, temporary road closures are also possible with little or no advance warning.

Updated Yellowstone National Park road information is available 24 hours a day by calling 307-344-2117 or on the internet at <http://www.nps.gov/yell/conditions.htm>. Visitor services throughout the park are opening for the season. Operating dates and hours are available online at http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/ocd_locale.htm or by consulting the free park newspaper, provided to visitors at each entrance station.

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day in Yellowstone with Free Programs

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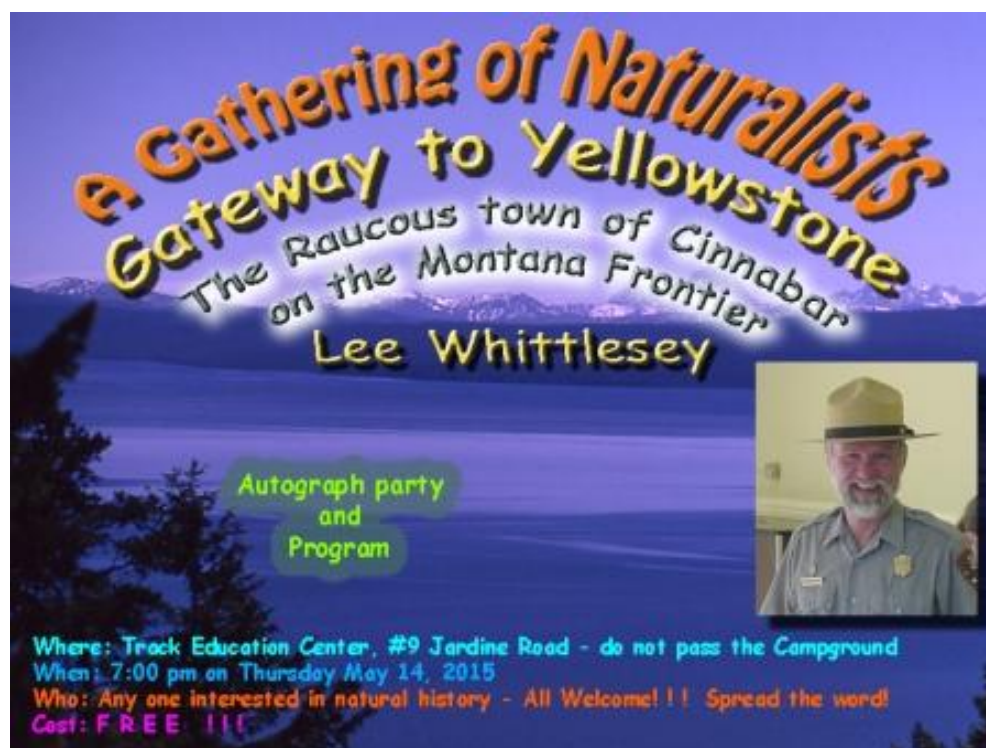
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DECEMBER

December

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George Winston

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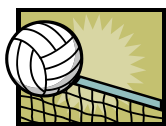
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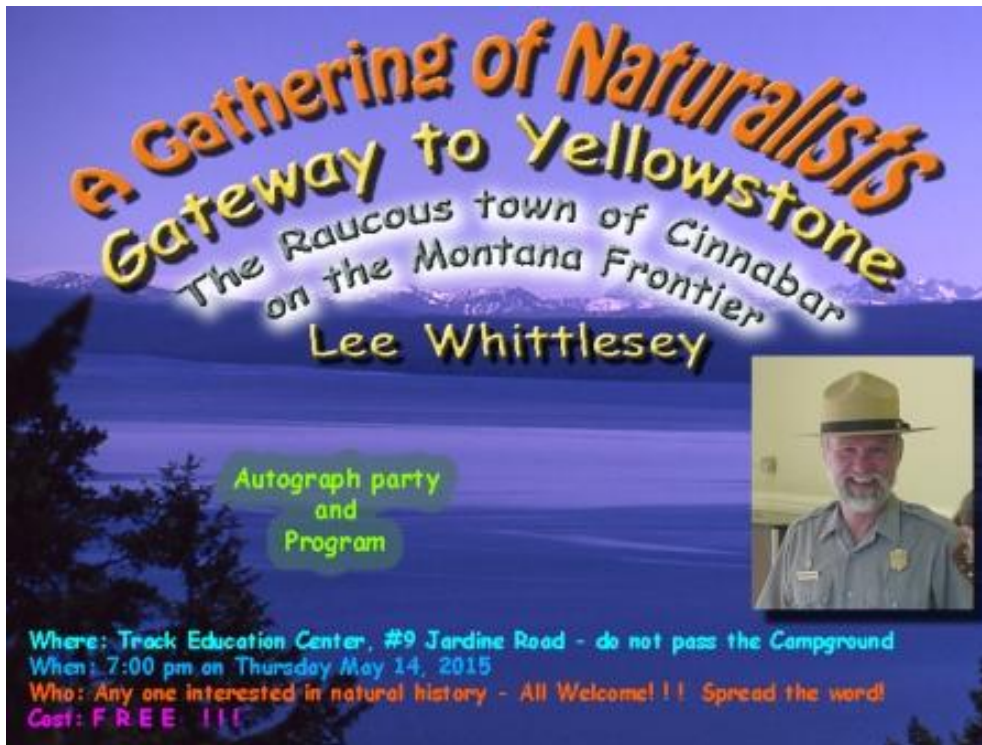
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Both the Bear and Wolf seminars will be hosted at several locations throughout the park. Check ycerp.org for all dates and an interview with Bear Management Program Lead Kerry Gunther.

IN THE NEWS

Wyoming pays Montana to school Yellowstone students

21 hours ago • Associated Press

POWELL, Wyo. — The state of Wyoming has paid a Montana school district more than \$438,000 to educate nearly three dozen students who live on the Wyoming side of the border in Yellowstone National Park.

The payment was made in April to Gardiner Public Schools, which is located at the north entrance to Yellowstone. The park straddles the Wyoming-Montana border.

Wyoming was forced to cover the costs of Mammoth Hot Springs students' education in Gardiner after the federal government abruptly announced last year that it could no longer foot the bill for the Yellowstone students, as it had for decades.

While Wyoming has a constitutional obligation to educate the state's children, Mammoth and the northern part of Yellowstone were not included in a school district.

"They were in their own little world out there," said Kevin Mitchell, superintendent of Park County School District 1.

After months of deliberations, Park County officials in Wyoming and the Wyoming State Board of Education agreed to expand Park County No. 1's boundaries to include the northern part of Yellowstone and pave the way for the state to begin paying for the Mammoth students' education.

The Gardiner and Powell school districts entered into a memorandum of understanding for the students' education this spring.

"I think it's the right thing to do," Mitchell said. "It certainly was a more lengthy process than I anticipated from day one, but the end result is the same — Wyoming kids get funded by Wyoming money."

Gardiner Public Schools Superintendent JT Stroder said he thought the arrangement with the Powell school district went well.

"There were a lot of moving parts to get that lined out. And once we got all of the government tape out of the way, it seemed like it went really smoothly," Stroder said.

About 35 Mammoth students, from kindergarten through high school, attend school in Gardiner.

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Previously, it was about 1,400 square miles, meaning the Yellowstone expansion more than doubled the size of the school district.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/wyoming-pays-montana-to-school-yellowstone-students/article_4521024c-594a-5727-b222-342a62885944.html#ixzz3ZqCPayZn

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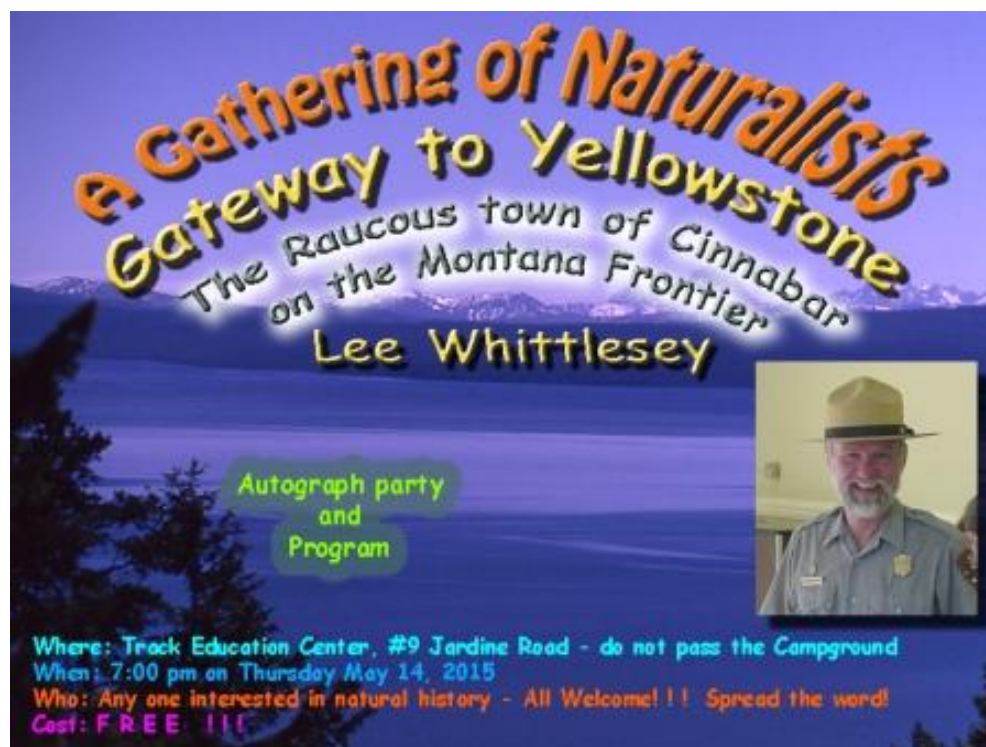
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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

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The park estimates that the new entrance fees will generate \$11 million of revenue per year, approximately \$3 million greater than current entrance fee revenue.

The new fees are summarized here:

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Motorcycles: Motorcycles can enter Yellowstone for \$25 for 1-7 days or both parks for \$40.

Individuals: Per person fees will be \$15 for Yellowstone or \$20 for both parks.

Annual Passes: Yellowstone's annual pass will be \$60. This pass offers visitors in the local area an option that is less expensive than the \$80 Interagency Pass. The Interagency Pass rates will remain the same: Annual (\$80) and Senior (\$10). Military passes and Access passes (for people with permanent disabilities) will remain free.

Yellowstone National Park is a strong economic engine for the region and local communities. In 2014, the park generated \$543.7 million in economic benefits and directly supported over 6,600 jobs. Previous fee increases have had no effect on visitation levels. The last entrance fee increase in Yellowstone National Park occurred in 2006 when fees were raised from \$20 to \$25 for private vehicles.

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Gateway to Yellowstone

The Raucous town of Cinnabar
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Lee Whittlesey

Autograph party
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Program

Where: Track Education Center, #9 Jardine Road - do not pass the Campground

When: 7:00 pm on Thursday May 14, 2015

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23, 25	Sat & Mon	Tower Jct. to Canyon Jct.
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Isa Lake Bridge Replacement (Expected completion date September 10, 2015.)

Visitors can access Lone Star Geyser on the west side and DeLacy Creek trailhead on the east side.

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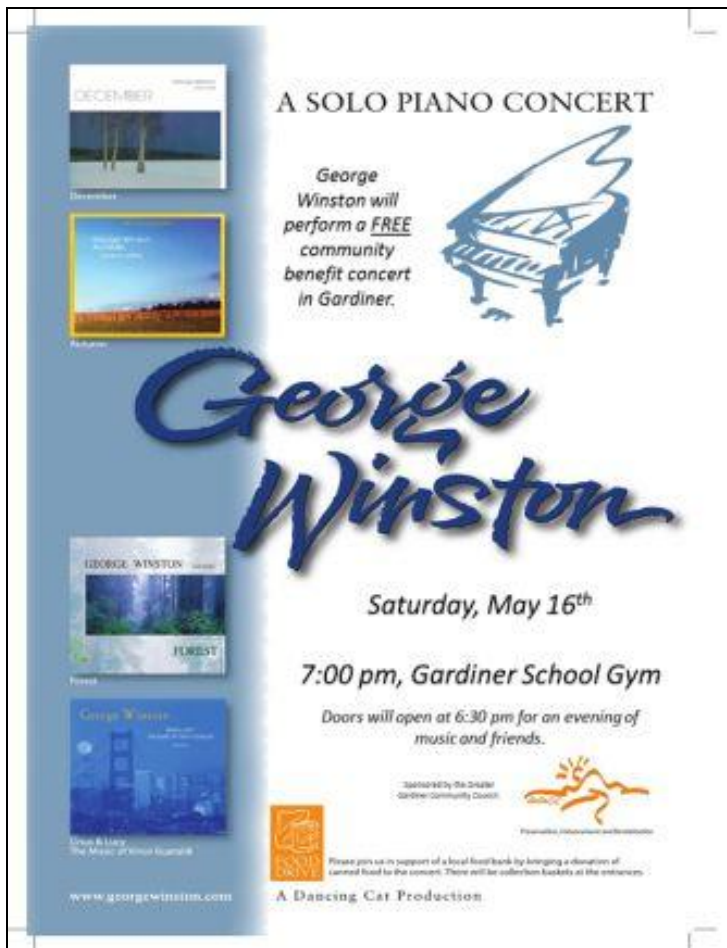
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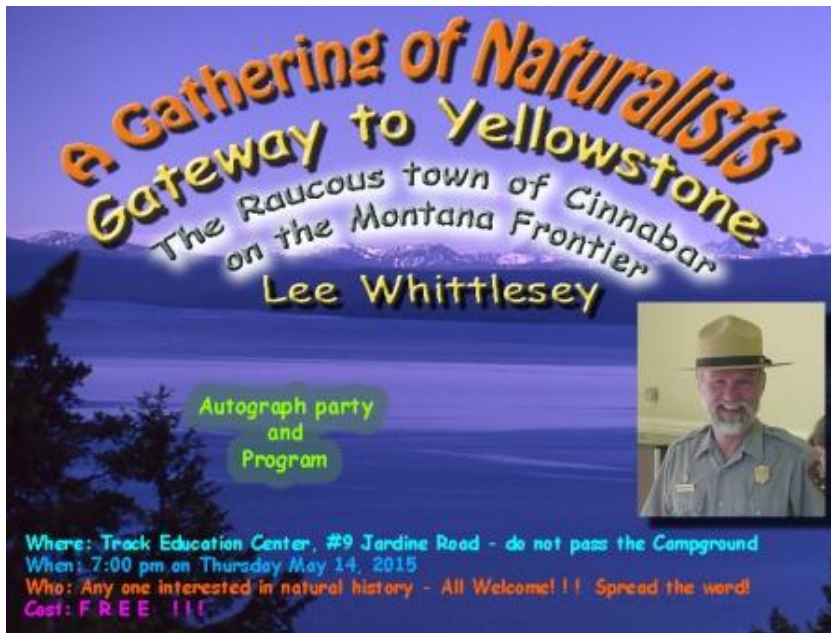
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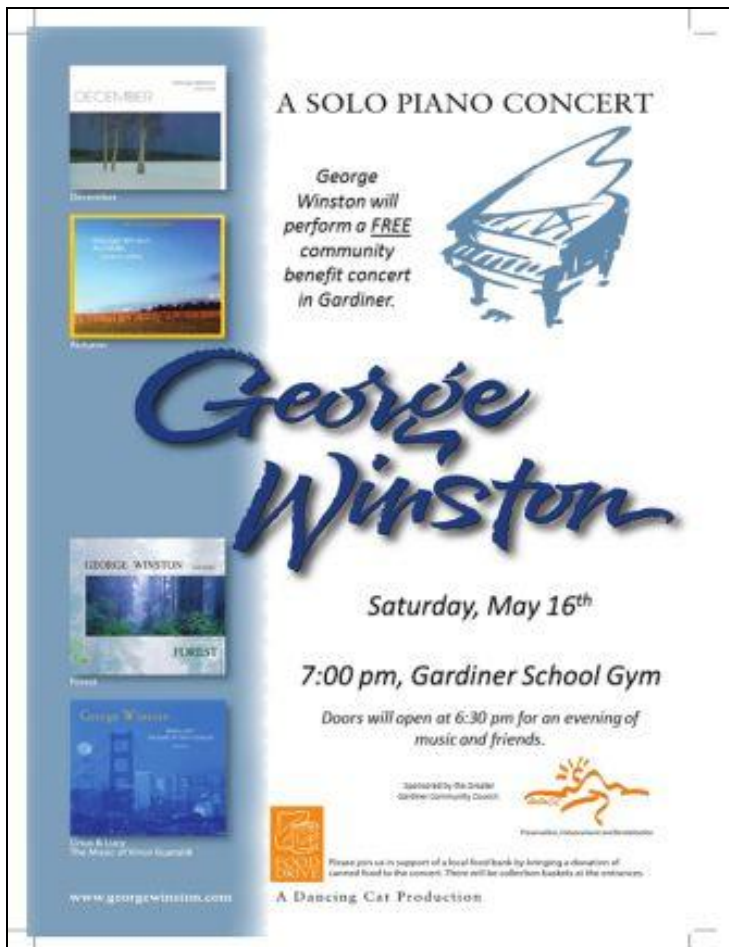
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Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

[Last Update:](#) 652 AM MDT FRI MAY 15 2015

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When responding rangers arrived on scene, there was a group of people less than ten feet from the grazing bison. The rangers, with assistance from bystanders, moved the girl a safe distance from the bison. The girl was transported to the Old Faithful Clinic, treated and then taken by helicopter ambulance for further medical treatment.

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For further information on park safety, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/safety.htm>.

IN THE NEWS**Y'stone drug defendant sentenced**

Posted: Friday, May 15, 2015 4:30 am

[Y'stone drug defendant sentenced](#) Staff Report Jackson Hole Daily

A Seattle woman was sentenced to five years of supervised probation for drug possession in Yellowstone National Park.

Noemi Alvarez Avila, 24, was sentenced by Federal District Court Judge Scott W. Skavdahl last Friday for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and for possession of methamphetamine.

Avila was arrested in the park. Federal officials did not include the date of her arrest in their press release.

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Rangers Save Man After Fall into Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone

Yellowstone National Park rangers saved a man from New York after he fell approximately 25 feet into the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.



(NPS photo)

Shortly before 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 10, a 71-year-old man was attempting to take a picture of a sign at Grand View at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone when he stumbled backwards over a stone barrier and into the canyon. After falling approximately 25 feet, he was able to stop himself at the top of a precipice by bracing his body and feet on opposing sides of a small crevice. A visitor that witnessed the man's fall ran to a nearby parking lot to call 911.

The first two rangers on scene threw looped rope down to the man and secured him to a sign and tree at the top of the canyon. National Park Service employees and members of the Yellowstone Technical Rescue Team responded to the scene and set up a system of ropes and pulleys to carry out the rescue. One harnessed member of the Technical Rescue Team descended to the man's location and secured him into the pulley system. The man was then able to walk to safety with assistance from the ropes, pulleys, and ranger.



Location of rescue marked by black X. (NPS photo)

According to staff on scene, the man was extremely lucky. The crevice and the angle of his body during the fall helped the man stop at the top of a 150 foot drop. A fall just inches to the left may have resulted in a fatality as the canyon wall is mostly steep loose rock.

The man was transported by ground ambulance to a helicopter ambulance for a possible hip injury. Seventeen Park Service staff assisted with this rescue.

WEATHER

NWS Forecast for: Yellowstone National Park

Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 1009 AM MDT TUE MAY 19 2015

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- Once inside the VC, employees do have access to some interior doors using their Building Access Card or PIN. The Card is required for elevator access to 2nd floor. A Card or PIN allows access through the basement Staff door to the break room / side stairwell, through the 2nd floor door at the top of the back stairs, and through the Staff door inside the 1st floor back doors into the exhibits area.
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Statement**Bureau:** National Park Service**Issue:** Cluster of flu-like illnesses at Old Faithful**Park Site:** YELL**Date:** May 20, 2015

Background: On May 17, 2015, the NPS Office of Public Health was notified by MedCor Clinics of 10 concessioner employees with moderate-to-severe flu-like symptoms who were seen at the Old Faithful Clinic from May 15-17. The number and severity of symptoms experienced was unusual, particularly for this time of year when flu activity is trending downward. Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, headache, runny nose, and fatigue.

Further, a review of the concessioner absenteeism database on May 17 confirmed 14 absences (symptoms listed as “other”, but likely respiratory) among Old Faithful Inn employees. The earliest symptom-onset date was May 8. Anecdotally, several ill employees have since improved and returned to work.

After consultation with the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), we believe that these illnesses are likely caused by an influenza type B virus that has been the predominant circulating influenza strain in Wyoming since mid-March. Three laboratory-confirmed influenza B cases were reported to WDH last Friday from the Mammoth area. According to WDH, some influenza B-associated infections this year have presented with more severe symptoms, including hospitalizations. Testing for influenza and other respiratory viruses will be conducted this week at the Old Faithful Clinic to confirm the cause of this cluster.

Influenza is a highly contagious virus that spreads person-to-person through coughing or sneezing. In most cases, there is no specific treatment for influenza, although persons at high-risk for complications may be prescribed anti-viral medications. The most effective prevention measure is to get an influenza vaccine each year.

All NPS and concessioner employees, especially those working in the Old Faithful and Mammoth areas, should be aware of these cases and take appropriate measures to limit spread, including practicing good personal hygiene, washing hands vigilantly, and covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze. The NPS Office of Public Health and Medcor will continue to follow this cluster closely and provide updates, as needed.

Current Status:

- Influenza B is suspected as the cause of flu-like illnesses occurring among concessioner employees at Old Faithful since May 8
 - Testing will be done on select patients this week at the Old Faithful Clinic
 - Pathogens tested will include influenza (types A and B) as well as 10+ additional respiratory viral pathogens
- Basic facts on influenza (“the flu”)
 - Symptoms and severity
 - Common symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, headache, runny nose, and fatigue
 - Anyone can get the flu (even healthy people), and the severity of symptoms varies widely
 - ✓ Most people with the flu will recover in a few days to 2 weeks
 - ✓ Complications can include pneumonia, sinus/ear infections, and death
 - Incubation period: symptoms start 1-4 days after exposure to the virus
 - In North America, flu activity peaks in the winter months but occurs year-round
 - Transmission
 - People with flu can spread it to others up to about 6 feet away
 - Spread primarily through coughing and sneezing
 - Treatment
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- **Important Influenza prevention and control measures**
 - Avoid close contact with ill persons
 - Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water and/or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers
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 - Getting the influenza vaccine every year is the best prevention measure, although it is too late to receive the vaccine now
 - The 2015-2016 seasonal influenza vaccine will be available starting this fall
- For additional resources on influenza
 - NPS Preventing the Flu poster- This poster can be printed and displayed in appropriate public areas, employee dorms, employee dining rooms etc.
http://concessions.nps.gov/docs/news/NPS_Influenza_Poster_Jan%202014.pdf
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Statement

Bureau: National Park Service

Issue: Cluster of flu-like illnesses at Old Faithful

Park Site: YELL

Date: May 20, 2015

Background: On May 17, 2015, the NPS Office of Public Health was notified by MedCor Clinics of 10 concessioner employees with moderate-to-severe flu-like symptoms who were seen at the Old Faithful Clinic from May 15-17. The number and severity of symptoms experienced was unusual, particularly for this time of year when flu activity is trending downward. Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, headache, runny nose, and fatigue.

Further, a review of the concessioner absenteeism database on May 17 confirmed 14 absences (symptoms listed as “other”, but likely respiratory) among Old Faithful Inn employees. The earliest symptom-onset date was May 8. Anecdotally, several ill employees have since improved and returned to work.

After consultation with the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), we believe that these illnesses are likely caused by an influenza type B virus that has been the predominant circulating influenza strain in Wyoming since mid-March. Three laboratory-confirmed influenza B cases were reported to WDH last Friday from the Mammoth area. According to WDH, some influenza B-associated infections this year have presented with more severe symptoms, including hospitalizations. Testing for influenza and other respiratory viruses will be conducted this week at the Old Faithful Clinic to confirm the cause of this cluster.

Influenza is a highly contagious virus that spreads person-to-person through coughing or sneezing. In most cases, there is no specific treatment for influenza, although persons at high-risk for complications may be prescribed anti-viral medications. The most effective prevention measure is to get an influenza vaccine each year.

All NPS and concessioner employees, especially those working in the Old Faithful and Mammoth areas, should be aware of these cases and take appropriate measures to limit spread, including practicing good personal hygiene, washing hands vigilantly, and covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze. The NPS Office of Public Health and Medcor will continue to follow this cluster closely and provide updates, as needed.

Current Status:

- Influenza B is suspected as the cause of flu-like illnesses occurring among concessioner employees at Old Faithful since May 8
 - Testing will be done on select patients this week at the Old Faithful Clinic
 - Pathogens tested will include influenza (types A and B) as well as 10+ additional respiratory viral pathogens
- Basic facts on influenza (“the flu”)
 - Symptoms and severity
 - Common symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, headache, runny nose, and fatigue
 - Anyone can get the flu (even healthy people), and the severity of symptoms varies widely
 - ✓ Most people with the flu will recover in a few days to 2 weeks
 - ✓ Complications can include pneumonia, sinus/ear infections, and death
 - Incubation period: symptoms start 1-4 days after exposure to the virus
 - In North America, flu activity peaks in the winter months but occurs year-round
 - Transmission
 - People with flu can spread it to others up to about 6 feet away
 - Spread primarily through coughing and sneezing
 - Treatment
 - Most influenza patients recover without specific treatment
 - Anti-viral medications, if given within 48 hours after symptom-onset, can reduce the duration of symptoms and are recommended by CDC for populations at high-risk for complications
- Important Influenza prevention and control measures
 - Avoid close contact with ill persons
 - Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water and/or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth (viruses can spread this way)
 - If you develop fever and/or other symptoms, stay home from work or school for at least 24 hours after your fever has ended without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
 - Getting the influenza vaccine every year is the best prevention measure, although it is too late to receive the vaccine now

- The 2015-2016 seasonal influenza vaccine will be available starting this fall
- For additional resources on influenza
 - NPS Preventing the Flu poster- This poster can be printed and displayed in appropriate public areas, employee dorms, employee dining rooms etc.
http://concessions.nps.gov/docs/news/NPS_Influenza_Poster_Jan%202014.pdf
 - CDC influenza website <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/index.htm>

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The National Park Service is using technology to connect to Millennials with intentions of creating the next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates.

“Travelers can plan their visit literally in the palms of their hands,” said Grand Teton Park Superintendent David Vela, referring to small electronic devices.

Vela and Yellowstone Park Superintendent Dan Wenk, were guest speakers at the 62nd annual National Parks Days luncheon May 18 in Cody. Each shared strategies and other marketing tactics intended to draw people to the nation’s most precious lands.

Wenk predicted more cars in the Yellowstone Park system than ever, especially with National Geographic magazine’s plans for another edition solely dedicated to U.S. national parks.

As the park service prepares to celebrate its 100th birthday in August 2016, it is working to publicize the notable places it manages, the inspirational stories national parks tell, the country’s natural resources and its diverse cultural heritage. The “Find Your Park” campaign encourages every American to get out and explore the national park system and post personal stories about park experiences at findyourpark.com.

“It re-introduces to people who already love parks but also develops future park lovers,” Wenk said.

The Park Service wants to capture the attention of international tourists, especially travelers from Asia. The plan is to circulate a magazine in China to help a growing number of Asian tourists plan trips. In addition, a Ph.D. student from China is coming to Grand Teton Park to exchange information.

Wenk said the park’s office of strategic communications is making better use of tools to inform the public. Vela hinted at extraordinary marketing plans in the works.

“A singular product is coming out that will blow you away,” Vela said. “It will give the world a sense of what it’s like to live here. The world will soon know what you and I know ... I think we all will be pleasantly pleased when the product comes out and the world will too, so we need to be prepared.”

New gate fees

Important to the gateway community of Cody is the recent change in gate fees.

Vela said the new fee structure is difficult for some people to understand, but additional funds are needed to help generate revenue to expand and improve facilities and services.

“For Yellowstone National Park, that’s an additional

\$3 million going back to the park for infrastructure,” Wenk said.

That includes building trails and overlooks and making other improvements for people to access sights around the Yellowstone system.

Cabins – used as employee housing for many years – will be converted for visitor use as employees are moved to a new dormitory at Old Faithful.

Road construction alone could easily consume the additional revenue.

Wenk said Yellowstone Park gets \$11 million for road work and by some estimates, Yellowstone needs \$1.5 billion for road improvements.

“You do the math,” he said.

Wildlife, fish management

Calling the Yellowstone bison plan “primarily a Montana issue,” Wenk said it has reached its useful life.

“Bison management – inside and outside the park – is probably the most complex issue at Yellowstone,” he said.

Trout Unlimited supports the National Park Service’s efforts to control lake trout populations in Yellowstone Park and to recover the important native trout fisheries throughout the park’s prized waters.

“It’s harder to catch lake trout,” Wenk said. “I hope soon we are catching less lake trout as the cut throat rebound.”

Grizzly bear numbers are estimated at 750-1,100 in the Yellowstone ecosystem, he said.

“We believe we’ve reached the number to de-list the grizzly bear,” he said. “It’s something that deserves all our attention in terms of what happens and how it happens.”

Because of improvements to facilities, roads and wildlife, Yellowstone is an incredible destination for people here and around the world, Wenk concluded.

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Course Highlights:

- Understanding the impacts of critical incident and traumatic stress on individuals
- Developing crisis intervention skills to help mitigate the stress response
- Understanding the nature and importance of incident assessment
- Learn the resistance, resilience, and recovery continuum
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- Explores the do's and don'ts of the FLO
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All employees are encouraged to participate in the [Wellness Incentive Program](#) (WIP). Full program details can be found by clicking the link above or here: [P:\Safety Committee \(Employee\)\Wellness\Wellness Incentive Program Current](#). You may begin participation at the beginning of any month. Simply complete a certification form and submit it to Stacey Gunther by the fifth day of the following month (i.e. send by April 5th for wellness participation during March). Five names will be drawn each month for an award.

Interested in receiving the latest health and wellness updates?

Access the free wellness newsletter from Mayo Clinic that will come directly to your email inbox. Sign up by pasting this link into your internet browser: <https://newslettersignup.mayoclinic.com/> and following the subscription instructions. There are some great topics for weekly tailgate safety/wellness sessions.

Yellowstone Safety Recognition Program (SRP)

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