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Monday, June 1, 2015

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Don't let Weeds Win! Join us for a full day of weed warfare. Volunteers will pull, dig, and chemically spray noxious weeds in this Wilderness access area just north of Gardiner. It's about a 2.5 mile hike in to the Basin, so be prepared to hike 6-7 miles on the day. Protective gear will be provided for anyone who helps with spraying.

Bassett Creek flows into the Yellowstone River at LaDuke Spring, just north of Gardiner. We'll meet at the La Duke Trailhead (not the picnic area!) at 9:00 a.m. There are a multitude of invasive weeds along this drainage leading into the A-B Wilderness, so we need your help. Weeds are one of the greatest threats to the Wilderness integrity and the native ecosystem. Volunteer efforts on a repeating basis have been shown to make a huge difference in keeping weeds at bay. Difficulty is moderate. Hiking 6-7 miles total. Elevation is ~5500 feet.

<http://www.abwilderness.org/past-projects/day-projects.html>



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RECENT NEWS RELEASES**Second Park Visitor Injured in Bison Encounter This Year**

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According to witness reports, several people were crowding a bison that was lying on the grass near an asphalt path, when the man approached the bison while taking pictures with an electronic notepad. He got to within 3 to 5 feet from the bison when it charged him, tossing him into the air several times.

When responding rangers arrived on scene, the bison was approximately 100 yards from the victim. The victim was transported to a ground ambulance and then taken by helicopter ambulance for further medical treatment.

Visitors are reminded that Yellowstone wildlife is wild. Wildlife should not be approached, no matter how tame or calm they appear. When an animal is near a trail or boardwalk, visitors should still give it a wide berth, not

approaching closer than the recommended safe distances: 25 yards (23 m) away from all large animals - bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, and coyotes and at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and wolves.

Bison can sprint three times faster than humans can run and are unpredictable and dangerous. Visitors are advised to always give the animals enough space, even if that means altering their plans to avoid crowding the animal.

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

IN THE NEWS

Wildlife officials kick off bison management meetings in Bozeman

Officials explain five alternatives to replace 14-year-old bison plan

[By Michael Wright Chronicle Staff Writer](#) 11 hrs ago

Wildlife and national park officials kicked off a series of meetings in Bozeman on Tuesday night, explaining to the public possible changes to the multi-agency management plan for Yellowstone bison.

Since 2001, bison in the greater Yellowstone area have been managed under the Interagency Bison Management Plan, a cooperative effort between Yellowstone National Park, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, and the Montana Department of Livestock.

The IBMP aims to conserve the wild bison population and minimize the risk of brucellosis transmission between bison and livestock.

Among other things, the plan manages the population, hunting seasons and slaughter; and it requires state officials to chase bison back into the Yellowstone at certain times of year when they leave the park's boundaries.

Now officials have decided it's time to create a new bison plan.

"A lot of things have changed since 2001," said Sam Sheppard, the Bozeman region supervisor for FWP.

One of those changes is that there are fewer cattle in the areas around the Park, due to retiring grazing allotments and personal choices by ranchers.

Andrew Coburn of the National Park Service said the agencies also now have more information about the animals to inform their decisions.

The IMBP partner agencies have written five alternative plans — and one option that makes no changes. Each alternative allows hunting and treats bison as wildlife instead of livestock. The proposals are open to public comment until June 15, and a draft bison plan is due out next spring.

At the meeting, state officials explained each proposal, then mingled with the meeting's roughly 30 attendees at the Hilton Garden Inn, which included some agricultural industry representatives and plenty of bison advocates.

Among the advocates was Matt Skoglund of the Natural Resources Defense Council, who said he was excited at the prospect of a new bison management plan.

Skoglund said he wants to see the plan respond to changes like fewer cattle in the Gardiner and West Yellowstone areas and changes to brucellosis regulations.

Sierra Club representative Kiersten Iwai said her group supports the one proposal that doesn't include slaughter as a population management technique. Only one of the six options put forth by the agencies doesn't include slaughter to manage the population.

Natalie Margolis of the Buffalo Field Campaign said bison don't need to be managed. Her group doesn't support any of the proposals and instead has drafted its own alternative, which includes letting bison roam free on public lands.

"People can coexist with buffalo," she said, adding that people who live near the park are happy to live with bison.

Tuesday's meeting in Bozeman was the first of three. Tonight a similar meeting will happen in Gardiner, and another is planned for Thursday in West Yellowstone.

Dan Wenk, superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, said the crowd at the Bozeman meeting was cordial, and said the Gardiner and West Yellowstone meetings will be different because Bozeman is "farther away from the action on the ground."

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2nd injury from Yellowstone bison in 3 weeks highlights safety challenges

17 hours ago • [By RUFFIN PREVOST YellowstoneGate](#)

A 62-year-old Australian man sustained serious injuries Tuesday morning after an encounter with a bison near Old Faithful Lodge in Yellowstone National Park.

The man, whose name was not released by park authorities, is the second visitor in less than three weeks to suffer a serious injury after a close encounter with a bison near Old Faithful geyser.

While it is not uncommon for park visitors to be injured by bison or other wildlife, officials from Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks have commented recently about what they say is a growing challenge in educating international visitors about the danger of wild animals.

According to information released by the park's public affairs office about Tuesday's incident, witnesses reported that several people were crowding around a bison that was lying on the grass near a paved footpath.

The man approached the bison while taking pictures with a tablet. When he had moved to within five feet, the animal charged, tossing the man into the air several times.

When responding rangers arrived on scene, the bison was about 100 yards from the victim. The victim was transported by ambulance and then taken by helicopter for further medical treatment. Park authorities reported that the man's injuries were not considered life-threatening, but additional details were not immediately available.

Last month, a 16-year-old Taiwanese exchange student was injured by a bison while visiting the Upper Geyser Basin with her host family. While hiking near Old Faithful Geyser, the family joined a group of people watching a bison grazing adjacent to the trail.

Witnesses to last month's incident reported that the girl was within about five feet of the bison when she turned her back to the animal to have her picture taken.

During a March interview conducted before either of the recent bison incidents, outgoing Yellowstone spokesman Al Nash discussed "the ongoing issue we have in helping visitors understand that (Yellowstone's) wild animals are truly wild, and that they are visiting a wild environment."

“I frankly wonder if our challenges in that area aren’t getting greater over time now, simply because visitors today have less experience with wild, large animals than visitors may have had 30 years ago,” Nash said.

Visitors to Yellowstone and Grand Teton are from increasingly urban and international population bases, making it more difficult — but even more important — for managers to convey critical safety information about wildlife and the hazards of a wild environment.

During a May visit to Cody for National Parks Day, Grand Teton Superintendent David Vela said the National Park Service increasingly is looking for new ways to connect with international tourists and younger visitors.

One option is a platform of smartphone apps that can convey information about any national park unit, while Grand Teton has created its own Chinese-language print magazine that offers key safety tips for first-time visitors, he said.

But bison injuries are likely to remain among the most common sources of serious injuries in Yellowstone.

Bison can sprint three times faster than humans can run, and are unpredictable and dangerous. And with 3.5 million annual visitors spreading out across Yellowstone’s 2.2 million acres to view and photograph up to 5,000 bison, the odds are high that more such incidents are likely — or even inevitable.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/lifestyles/recreation/nd-injury-from-yellowstone-bison-in-weeks-highlights-safety-challenges/article_f63ecb64-36f2-5221-a6f7-af2ae19ca67f.html#ixzz3c0wTbxHC

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Thursday, June 4, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bassett Creek Weeds Project (June 13th)

Don't let Weeds Win! Join us for a full day of weed warfare. Volunteers will pull, dig, and chemically spray noxious weeds in this Wilderness access area just north of Gardiner. It's about a 2.5 mile hike in to the Basin, so be prepared to hike 6-7 miles on the day. Protective gear will be provided for anyone who helps with spraying. Bassett Creek flows into the Yellowstone River at LaDuke Spring, just north of Gardiner. We'll meet at the La Duke Trailhead (not the picnic area!) at 9:00 a.m. There are a multitude of invasive weeds along this drainage leading into the A-B Wilderness, so we need your help. Weeds are one of the greatest threats to the Wilderness integrity and the native ecosystem. Volunteer efforts on a repeating basis have been shown to make a huge difference in keeping weeds at bay. Difficulty is moderate. Hiking 6-7 miles total. Elevation is ~5500 feet.

<http://www.abwilderness.org/past-projects/day-projects.html>

Property/Supply/Mailroom News

- Congratulations and welcome to Jim Williams! Jim has been on detail from the North Entrance to the Supply Center and will permanently join our staff later in June.



Come and celebrate with Keith Young as he retires.

Potluck and party is this **Saturday, June 6** at 5:30 p.m. at the MCC.
Hope to see you there.



Hello! The videos from the **4th Annual Resource Education Training** for commercial guides are now on the P drive: <P:\Videos\Training\2015\REYP\Guide> And on YouTube (unlisted):

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2-W6nsHJ1-ytVWYOGeOHK5OWfoTS6Las>

Thanks! Dawn Webster

Commercial Filming of NPS employees in Yellowstone:

NPS Employees: If you are approached to be filmed or **professionally** photographed e.g., for a magazine or product as an NPS employee you should decline and let the film crew/ photographer know they need to contact the park's Filming Office (344-2722) or Visitor Services Office (344-2107) for further permit information. As a government employee, you can be photographed or filmed while doing your job in a public place, but in order to be interviewed or posed for a shot, a permit is generally required. If you ever are photographed or filmed, do not sign any release forms. If you have any questions, please call Rachel Cudmore at 344-2722.



The 3rd Annual Montana Spring Knap-In is June 6 and 7 at the Yellowstone Gateway Museum in Livingston. Skilled artisans demonstrate flint knapping and other primitive crafts on the museum's lawn under tents. The event is from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday. Suggested donation of \$3 per person; youth 18 and under are free. Light breakfast and a hot lunch are available on Saturday from the Park County 4-H Shooting Sports group; the group is raising money for members to attend a National 4-H

Shooting Competition. The event draws expert flint knappers from Montana and the region. Experts give demonstrations and lessons, inviting all ages to try making a stone point. On Saturday flint knappers also compete in the "two inch goat game" that tests their percussion flaking skill. On Saturday only, museum staff and volunteers demonstrate the process of making natural cordage using dogbane, and invites program attendees to learn the craft. An auction is scheduled for mid-afternoon on Saturday where event attendees can bid on replica projectile points and knives, jewelry, knitted items, beadwork, and more. All proceeds beyond the weekend's expenses benefit the Yellowstone Gateway Museum. Knappers and other craftspeople display and sell their wares throughout the weekend. For more information, please contact Paul Shea or Karen Reinhart, Yellowstone Gateway Museum, 222-4184. Or visit our website, www.yellowstonegatewaymuseum.org, or find us on Facebook.

The park is hosting a **Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Group Crisis Intervention course** June 23-24 and a **Family Liaison course** June 25.

CISM Overview: The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Group Crisis Intervention course is designed to present the core elements of a comprehensive, systematic, and multicomponent crisis intervention curriculum. The two day course prepares participants to understand a wide range of crisis intervention services including pre and post incident crisis education, on-scene support services, crisis intervention for individuals, small group defusing, large scale Crisis Management Briefing (CMB) and the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD). The need for appropriate follow up services and referrals when necessary is also described. Considerable evidence gathered to date strongly supports the multicomponent crisis intervention strategy which is discussed in this course.

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
- Practice large and small group crisis interventions by means of exercises.
- The role of a comprehensive CISM system in the long term care of employees

This course is 14 hours and is certified by ICISF.

Family Liaison Officer Overview: The training covers the role and responsibilities of the Family Liaison Officer (FLO) during both internal and external incidents within the National Park Service. The role of the FLO during critical incidents is very complex and difficult. The FLO must be a help and support to families in crisis as well as an effective communicator between those families and the NPS. This course will provide the necessary skills and tools to professionally and compassionately serve in this vital role.

Course Highlights:

- Understand the role of the FLO on internal incidents
- Understand the role of the FLO on external incidents
- Explores the do's and don'ts of the FLO
- Improve communication skills
- Put it all together with a usable FLO manual for responding to incidents

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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.

- Through June 10, the road between Lone Star Geyser and DeLacy Creek trailhead is closed to ALL traffic.
- June 11 through September 10, the road is open to ALL travel, with possible half hour delays until project completion.

Norris to Golden Gate (Expected completion date October 1, 2015.)

- April 17 through October 1, expect half hour delays.

Upcoming CPR classes!**Heartsaver CPR and First Aid**

June 6, 2015 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Mammoth EMS classroom
June 10, 2015 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Mammoth EMS classroom
June 12, 2015 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Mammoth EMS classroom
June 15, 2015 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Mammoth EMS classroom
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Questions, please call Juanita Bueter at (406) 224-2629. To sign up for classes go to: [P drive:/safety office/ First Aid and CPR Training](#)

IN THE NEWS**Gardiner area ranchers concerned about bison management**

By MICHAEL WRIGHT Chronicle Staff Writer

12 hrs ago

GARDINER — Bison management is simple for Joe Gross, a North Dakota native who now lives in southern Montana.

“The bison have a place,” Gross said.

That place he’s talking about – Yellowstone National Park – is in sight from the Gardiner School, where the National Park Service and the state of Montana had their second open house on the Interagency Bison Management Plan, a multi-agency effort to control Yellowstone’s wild bison population.

Since 2001, the more than 4,000 Yellowstone bison have been managed under the Interagency Bison Management Plan, a cooperative effort between Yellowstone National Park and the state of Montana to conserve the animals and minimize the risk of brucellosis transmission between bison and livestock.

The partner agencies are rewriting that plan — which they say is outdated — over the next couple of years.

The Gardiner area is no stranger to bison. The animals migrate into the area at different times of the year. That made the Gardiner School lunchroom a perfect place for the second in a series of three IBMP open houses.

The meeting ran identically to one in Bozeman on Tuesday, and one in West Yellowstone on Thursday will be the same. A representative from the National Parks Service laid out proposals set forth by the coalition of government agencies involved and urged people to file comments, and the attendees had the chance to talk to state and park officials about bison management.

What was different, however, was the crowd. Unlike in Bozeman, several Paradise Valley ranchers turned out.

Matt Cunningham, who manages the Anderson Ranch in the Tom Miner Basin, said his main concern is keeping bison away from his cows. He's not worried about brucellosis, though.

"The bison are going to tear down my fences, scatter my cows," Cunningham said.

A March newsletter from the IBMP partner agencies lined out the six "concepts" — essentially potential plans identified by government officials — that a National Parks Service rep laid out for the crowd Wednesday night.

Each correlates to a specific population goal, and each includes hunting as a way to manage the population.

One of the six options is to keep the current plan in place.

With a population goal of 3,000, the agencies slaughter bison and allow hunting to try to control population numbers. They also vaccinate and cull bison to suppress brucellosis. To keep bison away from livestock and reduce the risk of disease transmission, they work to physically separate bison and livestock and chase them back into the park annually.

Cunningham would be just fine with that. Bison are chased back each year, keeping his fences intact.

But some parts of that strategy, like slaughter and hazing, have riled environmental groups and bison advocates over the years.

Only one of the five alternative government proposals doesn't include slaughter. That option would limit bison hazing and eliminate vaccination and culling. It would allow for the Yellowstone herd to reach as many as 7,500 bison, and would rely on hunting and natural processes to keep it from exceeding that.

Some bison advocates like that option, but others argue it doesn't go far enough. Ranchers are leery of the population goal set by that option.

Three of the alternative proposals set a population goal around 3,000, while one would let the population fluctuate between 2,500 and 4,500.

Another suggestion focuses on limiting bison migration into Montana. That would continue the slaughter program and the annual hazing of bison back into the park, but would eliminate vaccination and culling to suppress brucellosis.

Vaccination and culling are included in an option centered on suppressing brucellosis. That plan is the only alternative to the current one that continues vaccination and cull programs to manage the disease.

Another one links tolerance of bison outside the park to population numbers. That option has a population goal of 3,000, so when the population nears that number, bison could roam outside the park more.

Similarly, the last option seeks to let bison roam freely longer outside of the park, perhaps even year round in some places. This one is also the option that would let the population naturally fluctuate between 2,500 and 4,500.

The agencies stress that these are merely ideas. The final plan – which is due out next spring and supposed to be finalized by fall 2017 – could end up being something entirely different.

“This is kind of a wide open process,” said FWP regional supervisor Sam Sheppard. “We are looking for new things to consider.”

Several who attended the meeting had their own ideas.

Jeanne Marie Souvigney, a Livingston resident who has worked in bison conservation, said the plan lacked specific strategies for managing the animals as wildlife.

Glenn Hockett, who drove down from Bozeman for the meeting, said there are many acres of public land in Montana that need to be opened up to bison, rather than trying to keep them in Yellowstone all summer long.

Bill Hoppe, a Gardiner-area rancher who came under fire last year for shooting a bison he said was trying to kill his dog, had a different idea. He said population numbers don’t matter to him. He wants the plan to include compensation for property damage.

“There needs to be some kind of compensation for damage to private property,” Hoppe said. “I don’t care how many they have.”

Hoppe – who actually owns one bison now – said over the years he’s lost horses, sprinkler pipe and fences to wild bison – “and there was never any restitution for any of it.”

The initial public comment period on the plan ends June 15. The National Park Service said it has already gotten around 700 comments and expects more to flow in.

But, Hoppe said, none of the comments will come from him.

“Whatever I got to say don’t make any difference anyway,” he said. “They’ll do what they want and I’ll continue to do what I do.”

Read more: http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/environment/gardiner-area-ranchers-concerned-about-bison-management/article_cd2325cb-1753-515a-b241-32b262e22e71.html

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Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

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NE Entrance road at Upper Barronette Meadows on Friday.
(photo by Tom Schwartz)

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YELLOWSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION-Response to OPM Data Breach

If you are a current or former federal employee, your personal information may have been compromised during a breach of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), which recently announced it became aware of a cybersecurity incident affecting its systems.

The OPM will email notifications to roughly 4 million individuals who may have had personally identifiable information exposed-such as Social Security numbers and birthdates, as a result of the breach. The OPM also said last week that it will be offering credit monitoring and identity theft protection services to federal employees affected by the data breach.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO IS MONITOR YOUR ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS:

- Pull your monthly statements and scour them for unknown transactions.
- Regularly review your accounts online (www.yellowstonefcu.org for Online Banking) or with Audio Teller (877)344-3449.

- Notify the credit union immediately of any suspicious activity or if you wish to cancel your debit card and have a new card issued.

If you do not have Online Banking or Audio Teller access set up, call us and we will be happy to set you up with a password for Online Banking or a PIN for Audio Teller.

Bring on the Party! **Les Brunton's Retirement Party!!**

Sunday, June 28, 2015, 4 pm – ?

Funeral presentation of Credentials & Reminiscing at 6 pm

Les and Laurie's House at 255 Pelican Lane, West Yellowstone (unclelauriescatering@live.com)

Food Provided. Bring your own Beverages. If anyone would like to bring anything (besides your own beverage), Laurie suggests appetizers or desserts.

Retirement only means it is time for a new adventure!



Eric Morey's retirement party will be **Saturday June 27th, 4pm** at Stephens Creek.

Pig Roast! There will be plenty of pig and roasting to go around. Potluck for the rest of the fixings. Hope to see you there!!

Space is limited. If you want to sign up for **Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Group Crisis Intervention course** June 23-24 or the **Family Liaison course** June 25, do it soon. Both classes will be located in the Mammoth Community Center in Mammoth Hot Springs. June 23 will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and June 24th and 25th will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For questions please contact Amy Bartlett at 307-344-2013 or Amy_Bartlett@nps.gov. Sign up at [P Drive:CISM and Family Liaison/Training/](#)

Yellowstone Pavement Preservation and Road Construction Updates

ROAD STRIPING

- **Edge-line Striping** (dates are approximate and weather dependent)
June 15-16 Northeast Entrance to MT Line (Beartooth Hwy)

Property/Supply/Mailroom News

- Soon the YELL Property Office will be distributing the FY15 Annual Personal Property Inventories to the designated Cognizant Employees. The **tentative deadline** for the completion and return of the inventories to the YELL Property Office will be July 20, 2015.
- After distribution of the above mentioned FY15 Annual Personal Property Inventories, we will work on the electronic distribution of the Semi-Annual Weapons Inventories to the affected designated Cognizant Employees.

The **tentative deadline** for the completion and return of the Semi-Annual Weapons Inventories to the YELL Property Office will be sometime in July 2015.

- If you are asked by a Cognizant Employee for help in locating an inventory asset, your cooperation would be greatly appreciated by both the Cognizant Employee and the Property Office.
- Congratulations and welcome to Jim Williams! Jim has been on detail from the North Entrance to the Supply Center and will permanently join our staff later in June.
- Questions, please call Scott Hancock at 344-2085. Thank you.

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Upcoming CPR classes!

Healthcare Provider (For FR, EMTs and above)

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IN THE NEWS

Yellowstone Park entry fee increase goes mostly unnoticed

June 13, 2015 4:00 pm • [By RUFFIN PREVOST yellowstonegate.com](#)

CODY, Wyo. — Plenty of people will tell you that a visit to a national park like Yellowstone or Grand Teton is something you can't put a price on. But entry fees for both parks went up June 1, and despite some initial concerns, early indications are that most visitors either haven't noticed or don't seem to mind.

National parks across the country are raising entry fees and other charges after National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis asked park superintendents last summer to assess public opinion and determine if higher rates would be supported.

Facing a tightening federal budget and rising backlog of maintenance issues and other spending priorities, the Park Service is aiming to standardize rates and tackle a wide range of key projects before the 2016 centennial of the agency's founding.

While it may be too soon to tell what most summer visitors to Yellowstone National Park think of the increased entry fees, there have been hardly any complaints after the first 10 days under the new rate structure, said park spokeswoman Traci Weaver.

"I think people recognize this is an amazing place and Yellowstone is still a great value," she said.

Weaver said that explaining the new rate structure to visitors has not caused significant delays or confusion.

Some visitors from West Yellowstone didn't realize Yellowstone's entry fee no longer covered admission to Grand Teton, while some motorcyclists at the East Gate were unhappy with the rate hike, she said.

Other than those few complaints, "most people don't seem to recognize that there's even been an increase," she said.

That has also been the case at the Visitor Center at the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce.

"We have not heard anything negative," said Claudia Wade, marketing director for the Park County Travel Council. "People either don't know or it's just apparently a nonissue for them."

Ken Voorhis, director of education for the Yellowstone Association, said he was unaware of any significant complaints in Gardiner, where the Association operates a visitor center and store.

Workers in Grand Teton National Park have heard "only a handful of complaints," said park spokeswoman Jackie Skaggs.

"It has been surprisingly well received, and most everyone is taking it in stride," she said.

Among those who took issue were some international visitors who had apparently planned their trip well in advance, and were surprised by the higher fees, which were put in place after relatively brief periods of public comment and agency review.

Previously, a single-vehicle pass to both parks valid for one week had cost \$25. Under the new rate structure now in place, each park charges \$30 for a 1-week, single-vehicle pass or \$50 for both parks.

Weaver and Skaggs both said the new rates have prompted increased sales of an \$80 interagency annual pass good on all federal public lands, a popular option among those visiting the region for longer than one week.

That's good news for both parks, which will each keep 80 percent of all entry fees paid or annual passes purchased. Yellowstone expects to see an additional \$3 million per year, while Grand Teton could see another \$1.2 million.

For Paul Filicetti and Matthew English, who were visiting Cody last week from Missoula, the fee increase hadn't factored into their trip.

They planned to drive home over the Beartooth Highway into Yellowstone's Northeast Entrance, and hadn't thought much about what entry fees might be.

"I suppose I would notice it, but it wouldn't make me avoid the park," Filicetti said. "I just hope the money goes back to the parks and goes toward a good cause."

Officials in both parks have said the additional revenue will help fund resource protection, infrastructure improvements, visitor facilities and other projects.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/yellowstone-park-entry-fee-increase-goes-mostly-unnoticed/article_919dc599-cb04-582c-a189-ec2d1e900d90.html#ixzz3d9g5Waav

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(photo by Jane Olson)

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YELLOWSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION-Response to OPM Data Breach

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The OPM will email notifications to roughly 4 million individuals who may have had personally identifiable information exposed-such as Social Security numbers and birthdates, as a result of the breach. The OPM also said last week that it will be offering credit monitoring and identity theft protection services to federal employees affected by the data breach.

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Employee Safety Committee-Wellness

Thanks to all who participated in the Wellness Incentive Program during the month of MAY! Names were drawn from among the employees who participated and met the program goal of **500 points per month**. The following employees will receive an award for their participation:

Traci Weaver-Superintendent's Office

Brenna Cassidy- YCR

Sarah Holman- REYP

Daniel Adams-Maintenance

John Cataldo-RVP

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Property/Supply/Mailroom News

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- After distribution of the above mentioned FY15 Annual Personal Property Inventories, we will work on the electronic distribution of the Semi-Annual Weapons Inventories to the affected designated Cognizant Employees. The **tentative deadline** for the completion and return of the Semi-Annual Weapons Inventories to the YELL Property Office will be sometime in July 2015.
- If you are asked by a Cognizant Employee for help in locating an inventory asset, your cooperation would be greatly appreciated by both the Cognizant Employee and the Property Office.
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IN THE NEWS

Yellowstone bison comments near 3,000 before deadline

By Michael Wright Chronicle Staff Writer

Jun 15, 2015

An initial public comment period on the future of Yellowstone bison management closed Monday night, with comments rolling in throughout the day.

As of press time, more than 2,800 individual letters and online comments had been submitted. Jennifer Carpenter, acting chief of the Yellowstone Center for Resources, said the bulk of them had come from online, though she received some in the mail.

“It’s a healthy number,” Carpenter said. “I’m glad that people are engaged in the issue.”

She expects more comments to arrive by mail later this week and expected a surge before last night’s midnight deadline.

She also said the number of comments increased significantly after the multi-agency group held open houses on the issue earlier this month.

The park will turn the comments over to Denver-based environmental consulting firm Louis Berger Group, which will complete a report on the comments later this summer.

This marks the end of the first leg of the rewrite process for the Interagency Bison Management Plan, a cooperative effort between the state of Montana and Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone’s 4,900 bison have been managed under the IBMP since 2001.

Wildlife officials say the plan is outdated and earlier this year released a newsletter detailing alternative proposals for managing the animals.

Certain parts of the plan generate controversy. Bison advocates have decried the slaughter program, one tool the partner agencies use to control the population. Annual hazing — chasing the bison off of Montana land and back into the park — has also riled some.

On the other side, ranchers and the agriculture industry have said they want the animals separated from livestock to prevent the spread of brucellosis, an infection that can cause cows to abort calves. They’ve also raised concerns about property damage from bison, like tearing down fences.

The agencies identified six potential alternatives and were asking for input on those. Most of their alternatives included both hazing and slaughter to control the animals, and each included annual hunting seasons and had a specific population goal.

The multi-agency group expects to release a draft of the plan next spring. The process is expected to finish in the fall of 2017.

Read more: http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/wildlife/yellowstone-bison-comments-near-before-deadline/article_143e8079-e430-5d67-a64d-ca6e3d91b387.html

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To: All Department of the Interior Employees
From: Deputy Secretary Mike Connor
Subject: Follow-up on the Cybersecurity Incident

I am writing to provide you an update on the ongoing investigation into the cyber intrusion at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced on June 4, 2015. The OPM has recently discovered that additional systems were compromised. These systems included those that contain information related to the background investigations of current, former, and prospective Federal Government employees, as well as other individuals for whom a Federal background investigation was conducted.

This separate incident – like the one that was announced on June 4 affecting personnel information of current and former Federal employees – was discovered as a result of OPM's aggressive efforts to update its cybersecurity posture, adding numerous tools and capabilities to its network.

The OPM, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are working as part of this ongoing investigation to determine the number of people affected by this separate intrusion. The OPM will notify those individuals whose information may have been compromised as soon as practicable. You will be updated when we have more information on how and when these notifications will occur.

The OPM remains committed to improving its security capabilities and has invested significant resources in implementing tools to strengthen its security barriers. Additionally, OMB has instructed Federal agencies to immediately take a number of steps to further protect Federal information and assets and improve the resilience of Federal networks. We are working closely with OMB, DHS, and other experts across the Government in these efforts to detect and thwart evolving and persistent threats, and ensure that the Department of the Interior is able to deliver its mission of protecting America's natural resources and heritage, honoring our cultures and tribal communities, and supplying the energy to power our future.

As we have recently shared with you, the following are some key reminders of the seriousness of cyber threats and of the importance of vigilance in protecting our systems and data.

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- You may place a fraud alert on your credit file to let creditors know to contact you before opening a new account in your name. Simply call TransUnion® at 1-800-680-7289 to place this alert. TransUnion® will then notify the other two credit bureaus on your behalf.

Precautions to Help You Avoid Becoming a Victim

- Be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls, visits, or email messages from individuals asking about you, your employees, your colleagues, or any other internal information. If an unknown individual claims to be from a legitimate organization, try to verify his or her identity directly with the company.
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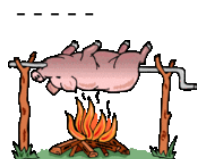
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[By Michael Wright Chronicle Staff Writer](#)

6 hrs ago

State officials have proposed trading electrofishing gear for poison on a popular Yellowstone-area stream, an idea that has some anglers upset.

The project, which is now open for public comment, would use rotenone, an EPA-approved pesticide, to kill all fish in the upper 38 miles of Soda Butte Creek upstream of Ice Box Canyon and restock it with genetically pure Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

The stream begins in the mountains near Cooke City and runs into the Lamar River. It is popular among fly-fishers for its scenic views and population of native Yellowstone cutthroats.

But non-native brook trout live in the upper part of the stream. Biologists say brook trout threaten cutthroat by sharing habitat and competing for food.

State and federal officials worry that brook trout could spread into the Lamar River, one of a few strongholds for Yellowstone cutthroat.

Over the past two decades, state and federal biologists have prevented that through electrofishing — shocking fish and killing the brook trout.

But those efforts haven't done enough, biologists say, and won't eradicate brook trout. Poisoning the stream, which they hope to begin in August, will make it unfishable for at least 30 days and kill all fish in the area — including a population of slightly hybridized Yellowstone cutthroats.

Richard Parks, longtime owner of Parks Fly shop in Gardiner, said poisoning the stream is too much and that the state should continue electrofishing. He equated the change in approach to using a “sledgehammer as a fly swatter.”

“It just seems to be massive overkill,” Parks said.

Parks said hundreds of people fish the upper portion of the stream each year. It's tougher to access than the lower part — which won't be poisoned — but is valuable to anglers who want to fish Soda Butte Creek but “don't want to have to take a number.”

Livingston resident Jim Brandau agreed with Parks and said the stream is very important.

“It's one of my favorite streams in that whole area of the park,” he said.

The public comment period on the proposal closes Friday, and a decision notice is likely in the next few weeks.

But, so far, it appears the state is sticking to its plan.

FWP biologist Mike Ruggles said people want to see pure, native cutthroats in the stream, and getting rid of brook trout is one way to be sure those fish are successful.

“They’re driving to Cooke City to catch cutthroat,” not brook or rainbow trout, Ruggles said. “It’s something that’s unique to the Yellowstone ecosystem.”

Fellow FWP biologist Jason Rhoten, who is working on the project, said electrofishing had suppressed the population, but hasn’t stopped the fish from moving downstream.

“We know that they’re moving,” Rhoten said.

Rhoten said the goal is to remove brook trout, not suppress them. He thinks a poison operation this summer could finish the job. Parks, the fly shop owner, doesn’t buy that.

“The rotenone application probably isn’t going to get every single brook trout either,” Parks said.

Rhoten is confident, though, and said one successful poison operation this summer would save FWP the annual cost of sending electrofishing crews to Soda Butte Creek every summer, like the department has been doing since the early 90s.

The government also has support from one of the state’s major fishing groups, Montana Trout Unlimited.

Bruce Farling, the group’s executive director, agreed that people like fishing for a unique species and added that native species are best suited for the environment.

“Native fish have the genes,” Farling said. “They’ve survived fires, volcanoes, drought.”

Farling favors most projects to restore native fish and noted that poison has been used on several streams, including Cherry Creek, a Madison River tributary.

“This is not a unique project. Projects of this scale and larger have been successful,” he said.

Still, people like Brandau aren’t thrilled about the potential for one of their favorite streams to be shut down.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many of you know former YNP employee Ellen Petrick. Over the weekend her husband, Dale Thomas, was bicycling when he was struck by a vehicle and killed.

Her contact information is included for those of you who may want to reach out to her in this difficult time. (If you would like to call her, please contact Yell_Public_Affairs@nps.gov and we can pass on her phone number.)

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Latest species to be tracked in national parks: Homo sapiens

June 19, 2015 6:00 pm • Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Scientists are putting tracking devices on a new species — people — as they try to learn more about how their movements affect ecosystems in national parks.

Park visitors carrying global positioning devices have provided Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado with data to improve shuttle service to a popular, and often congested, lake. Another recent study at Yosemite National Park in California tracked where people stroll through two popular meadows and pause now and then to admire the view.

Now, people-tracking by researchers with Penn State and Utah State is helping Grand Teton National Park make decisions about a popular southern approach to the park, including whether they should add parking areas, restrooms and a multipurpose trail along the way.

“It’s going to help us better understand the expectations, the motivations and then the ultimate experiences that people have,” park spokeswoman Jackie Skaggs said.

Two years of research showed that between one-third and half of the visitors using an eight-mile section of Moose-Wilson Road in Grand Teton never left their cars or road bikes but were just passing through.

The rest stopped to ride bikes, hike trails or visit an interpretive center along the route, a mile and a half of which is unpaved but could be paved.

Traffic along the road has increased 25 percent in just the past eight years or so.

Participation in the tracking studies is voluntary, the researchers say, and most folks are glad to help. Between 80 and 90 percent of those asked to carry a GPS receiver in Grand Teton in 2013 and 2014 agreed to participate. Hardly anybody failed to return the devices upon leaving the study area.

“People love their parks. They love to answer questions and know that their voice is being heard in some way,” said Peter Newman, a professor in Penn State’s College of Health and Human Development who specializes in recreation, park and tourism management.

As for still being able to find solitude in a national park, that’s sort of the point.

The same tracking technology that informs bus schedules in megacities can help prevent big concentrations of people in national parks, said Kevin Heaslip, a former Utah State associate professor who recently joined Virginia Tech as an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering.

“It’s getting people to the right place at the right time, so they have a better experience while they’re at the park,” he said.

Questionnaires handed out along with the bare-bones GPS units asked what people wanted from their visit to Grand Teton. Opportunities for solitude? Time with family? Exercise? The researchers compared the survey responses to where people went, which they could plot in the backcountry to within 10 feet or less.

“We really need very detailed information on kind of exactly where people went when they traveled off trail,” said Ashley D’Antonio, a postdoctoral researcher at Utah State’s Department of Environment and Society.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/latest-species-to-be-tracked-in-national-parks-homo-sapiens/article_ad31ccca-a585-50da-a489-2abe30b9a004.html#ixzz3doPwGaw2

Yellowstone visitors numbers are up sharply

Posted: Monday, June 22, 2015 4:30 am

[Yellowstone visitors numbers are up sharply](#) By Mark Huffman Jackson Hole Daily

The visitor count at Yellowstone National Park so far this year is running far ahead of the pace of 2014, which saw the second-largest number of tourists ever.

Through the end of May the total count at Yellowstone was 515,693, up more than 100,000 from the first five months of 2014.

That equals an increase of 24.2 percent.

Yellowstone acting public affairs chief Traci Weaver said a mild winter and early spring in the park probably played a big role in the boost, though she also noted a new after-hours counter at the West Yellowstone entrance. May, the typical start of the summer season, saw an increase of 23.7 percent, up from 310,039 people last year to 383,670 this year.

Weaver noted in a release that “visitation to the world’s first national park begins to pick up in May as weather improves and interior roads and visitor facilities open to the public.”

The first four months of 2015 also saw significant increases, but the numbers in those months were, as usual, low in comparison to the busy summer months.

Park officials say July is always the busiest month in Yellowstone, followed by August, June, September and May.

The count of people entering the park was mirrored by counts at the park's nine visitor centers, museums and contact stations. That count hit 624,710 from March 16 to June 13 this year, an increase of 22.6 percent from 2014.

Yellowstone park counted 3,513,484 recreational visitors during 2014, its second-busiest year since counting began in 1916. Last year's number fell short of the record set in 2010 by 127,000.

Last year's count made Yellowstone the National Park Service's fourth-busiest park, behind Great Smokey Mountain National Park at 10 million, Grand Canyon National Park at 4.75 million and Yosemite National Park at 3.88 million.

Grand Teton National Park was ranked last year as the system's eighth-busiest park, with 2,791,392 million, which broke the 1998 record of 2.75 million.

The Park Service had a record year during 2014. Counts at the 369 parks and monuments that tally visitors reached 292.8 million, up 7 percent from 2013. The previous high, 287.1 million, had stood since 1999.

In announcing last year's record numbers, Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis said the system's 405 scenic and historic sites were estimated to support 250,000 jobs and visitor spending of about \$15 billion.

The Park Service will celebrate its centennial in 2016.

Since it began counting, the Park Service has tallied 13.2 billion park entrances.

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Last Update: 1008 AM MDT MON JUN 22 2015

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

Tuesday: Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs 66 to 72. Southwest winds around 15 mph late in the afternoon.

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

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Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows 42 to 48.

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I can't help but think this action was in protest to the depiction of an elk's lack of coordination used on the yellow caution sign. Obviously she was perfectly capable of navigating a set of stairs...then having a little nap, for lack of a better plan. She was up there a good half hour sleeping with her chin on the rail when I walked over to take the pictures after watching her from my yard for awhile. (photo by Melissa McAdam)

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Eric Morey's retirement party will be **Saturday June 27th, 4pm** at the Stephen's Creek Barn. **Pig Roast!** There will be plenty of pig and roasting to go around. **Please bring a side dish or appetizer to share and BYOB.** Hope to see you there!!

Bring on the Party! **Les Brunton's Retirement Party!!**

Sunday, June 28, 2015, 4 pm – ?

Funeral presentation of Credentials & Reminiscing at 6 pm

Les and Laurie's House at 255 Pelican Lane, West Yellowstone (unclelauriescatering@live.com)

Food Provided. Bring your own Beverages. If anyone would like to bring anything (besides your own beverage), Laurie suggests appetizers or desserts.

Retirement only means it is time for a new adventure!

Upcoming CPR classes!

Healthcare Provider (For FR, EMTs and above)

June 25th at 9:30 a.m. at the Mammoth EMS classroom

Heartsaver CPR and First Aid

June 29, 2015 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Mammoth EMS classroom

Questions, please call Juanita Bueter at (406) 224-2629. To sign up for classes go to: [P drive:/safety office/ First Aid and CPR Training](#)

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Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows 40 to 46. Southwest winds around 15 mph until early morning.

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Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows 46 to 52.

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Congratulations John Mayer on 25 years!!

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The Petrified Tree Road, from the oversized vehicle turn-around to the end of the road, and the foot trail to the petrified tree, **will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians on Tue 6/30 and Wed 7/1** to complete work on the trail. The Xanterra horse rides will still be able to operate on the stock trail, and hikers that start at Roosevelt Lodge will still be able to hike the Lost Lake loop.

Please join the Old Faithful Staff in welcoming the latest additions to our team.

Ryan Edwards joins the team after spending several summers as a Seasonal LE Ranger at Glacier NP. This is Ryan's first permanent job. Ryan started a few weeks ago and is adjusting to the craziness of Old Faithful.

Matt Stadler joins the team after starting his summer as a Seasonal LE Ranger in the Lake District. This is Matt's first permanent job. Matt will move over to Old Faithful from Lake sometime in August.

Jesse Pike has been promoted to the Old Faithful Deputy District Ranger position. Jesse has been working as a permanent LE Ranger in the Old Faithful District at Madison Junction since 2010. Jesse has already started taking on some of the duties of the Deputy, but will not officially assume the role until July 26.

Please pass on your congrats or condolences(it is Old Faithful after all) when you see each of these people.

Thank you, Colleen M Rawlings-Old Faithful District Ranger

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Mike Hardin is leaving Yellowstone for The Big Ditch!

Farewell Potluck July 7th 6 pm at the Lake Mess Hall. Bring a side dish or a dessert (your plate and utensils too). Meat and drinks will be provided. HAPPY TRAILS MIKE !!!!!!!

RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Native Arctic Grayling, Westslope Cutthroat Trout Make a Comeback in Grayling Creek

Grayling Creek in northwest Yellowstone National Park will once again be home to a population of its namesake – Arctic grayling. This spring, NPS crews hatched nearly 100,000 grayling eggs in the upper reaches of Grayling Creek and Native westslope cutthroat trout are also being reintroduced - nearly 700 fish and more than 10,000 eggs have been stocked already in 2015. Introductions such as these for grayling and westslope cutthroat trout will be occurring for at least three years at Grayling Creek.

A Minute Out In It video of the Arctic grayling being released in Grayling Creek is available at: <https://youtu.be/mHU7zIR4dto>.

The Arctic grayling and westslope cutthroat introductions are part of a concerted effort to restore a native fish community to the large, remote Grayling Creek watershed. The Madison River and its tributaries including Grayling Creek in Yellowstone National Park once held the southernmost population of fluvial Arctic grayling, a beautiful fish known for its large dorsal fin and iridescent color. Scientists in the 1890s described the fluvial Arctic grayling population as abundant, but by the 1950s, the grayling—one of 11 native fish to Yellowstone—was virtually extirpated. Also, only one aboriginal population of genetically-unaltered westslope cutthroat trout remained in the park.

Crews from the National Park Service, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service and Turner Enterprises have worked in partnership for nearly a decade to create a large secure refuge with 35 miles of stream habitat within the Grayling Creek watershed. In 2012 a natural waterfall was modified to create a barrier that prevents nonnative brown and rainbow trout from invading the restoration area from downstream sources. In 2013 and 2014 interagency crews treated the proposed restoration area with rotenone, an EPA approved pesticide that targets fish, to remove all nonnative and hybridized trout. These treatments proved successful, as no brown or rainbow trout have since been found in Grayling Creek.

The primary source of fluvial Arctic grayling eggs is Axolotl Lake, a small lake near Ennis, Montana where hundreds of Big Hole River strain grayling are held as a source for eggs. Montana FWP's Big Timber Hatchery oversees egg collection and rears them until they are ready to stock in the wild. Westslope cutthroat trout eggs being reintroduced to Grayling Creek are held at a small egg rearing facility at the Sun Ranch in the Madison River Valley. The eggs are collected from wild sources and brought to the Sun Ranch where they are reared until they are almost ready to hatch. Biologists then stock them into the wild.

"Fluvial Arctic grayling and westslope cutthroat trout are being returned to the waters of Yellowstone National Park," said Todd Koel, Leader of the park's Native Fish Conservation Program. "Support by our agency and non-governmental organization partners, as well as funding through donations to the Yellowstone Park Foundation are the reasons this large restoration effort has been successful."

IN THE NEWS

Study: Wolves in big packs more likely to survive mange

June 28, 2015 8:00 am • By Brett French

It's not as healthy to be a lone wolf, especially if you have mange.

That's the conclusion of a recently published [study](#) of Yellowstone National Park wolves that examined survival of animals suffering from an infestation of itch-causing mites.

"There are lots of other examples — humans being one of them — that animals benefit from cooperative care," said Emily Almberg, a research scientist at Penn State and the lead author of the study. "But it was a little surprising that a mangy individual could survive as well as a healthy wolf."

That's right, wolves infected with mange that were living in a pack with at least five other healthy wolves had the same rate of death as their healthy companions, the study found.

Mighty mites

The tiny mites that cause mange were spread to the Northern Rockies by state wildlife veterinarians in 1909 as way to eradicate coyotes and wolves. The female bugs burrow into furbearers' skin, lay eggs and cause itching and often an allergic reaction or rash. The infection is visible when the animal loses hair around the infection site, often from continual scratching.

Mite infections that are localized are survivable, but large infestations can be deadly for several reasons. The itchiness may distract the animal from feeding, drinking and sleeping. Loss of hair, especially in the winter, can mean dangerous heat loss. The outbreaks can also cause secondary infections. The severity of mange seems to be widely variable as does the duration.

So how does being in a pack help a mangy wolf survive? Almberg said that's a bit difficult to nail down, but the prevailing theory is that the pack's ability to feed the sick animal may keep it healthy enough to survive the mite infestation. Without a pack, especially a larger pack, a wolf is more susceptible to going hungry or being killed by rival wolves from other packs.

But being in a larger pack would also seem to be more dangerous for the pack, since one sick individual could infect others.

"That's sort of dogma within disease ecology," said Paul Cross, a disease ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Bozeman who participated in the wolf study. "The cost of larger groups is more disease. It's counterintuitive except where large groups were helpful in terms of better survival."

Such benefits may be common among other cooperative carnivores, Cross said, such as African lions and killer whales.

Mange in YNP

Yellowstone wolves suffered their first significant mange outbreak in 2007, 12 years after they were first reintroduced to the park. Since then, pack and wolf numbers have fallen, and so has the rate of mange infection. Almberg said only a couple of wolves are noticeably infested this year as wolf numbers have stabilized at 104 wolves in 11 packs, not counting this spring's pups.

Mortality rates from those early outbreaks were higher, yet some wolves never contracted the mite or seemed to have some type of immunity, although why is not understood, Almberg said. As Yellowstone's wolf numbers have dwindled, so did mange outbreaks to the point that scientists thought maybe the mites had died out. But they are capable of surviving on a variety of furbearers, so it was only a matter of time before wolves were infected again.

"In cooler, moist temperatures, the mites seem to do better," Almberg said. "The winter of 2013 was really bad, but we don't know why."

Almberg also noted that recent severe outbreaks of mange seem to target younger animals. "This pattern is consistent with either acquired immunity or a 'frailty effect' where particularly susceptible individuals (due to genetics or general condition) are selected against early on in the epidemic," according to the [Yellowstone Wolf: Project Citizen Science's website](#).

Contamination

Infections can come from visiting kill sites where mites have survived on a dead animal or been transferred by an infected animal. The mites can also be transferred by wolf interactions via breeding, pack social contact or fights.

Pets like cats and dogs can also contract mange. The common treatment is an oral dose of medicine, a practice that's not practical in the wild. So, mange will continue to live on among Yellowstone's wolves, coyotes, foxes and now even grizzly and black bears.

"It's an old, old, old parasite," Almberg said. "It's globally distributed. It was present in North America before it was introduced in the West. And there's no practical way to treat it in the wild."

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/lifestyles/recreation/study-wolves-in-big-packs-more-likely-to-survive-mange/article_9bf9586d-133d-557e-96bf-e790b611661b.html#ixzz3eYiWCCOs

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Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers and thunderstorms early in the evening...then mostly clear in the late evening and overnight. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds and small hail early in the evening. Lows 43 to 49. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny in the morning...then partly cloudy with isolated rain showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 72 to 80. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

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