

YNP@Work

A Newsletter for NPS Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Tuesday, August 4, 2015



Cross cutting girls... Bechler Backcountry Seasonal Rangers Donna Youker & Malerie Mento cut a large tree in the backcountry using a crosscut saw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sorry for the delay in getting these messages out, YNP@Work got bumped last week due to the search:

Just wanted say thanks to all of you who made my time in Yellowstone so memorable. I not only learned a great deal, but also made some wonderful new friends. Yellowstone is an amazing place, and it was an incredible chance to work there in a capacity that exposed me to so many aspects of the park and the people who work there. Thanks Steve and Dan for giving me the opportunity, and thanks to all the subject matter experts who patiently explained things to me and the media. You'll be in good hands with Amy and Julena holding down the fort. Until next time, Cheers! Traci Weaver

And on that note... **Yellowstone Public Affairs** is happy to welcome Julena Campbell on detail as Public Affairs Officer for the next 90 to 120 days. A native of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, Julena has been an NPS employee for more than 20 years and has worked in 9 parks and 2 wildlife refuges across the country, including several stints at Grand Teton and the National Elk Refuge. She is currently the chief of interpretation and education and public affairs officer for the Southeast Arizona Group: Chiricahua NM, Coronado NMem, and Fort Bowie NHS. Julena and her adopted coonhound, Cedar, are excited to be back in the GYE and look forward to meeting new folks and being part of the YNP family.

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REQUEST FOR PHOTOS: The Superintendent's Office is currently collecting photos of capacity related issues taken within Yellowstone National Park. Topics could include parking lot gridlock, long lines at entrance stations, long lines for bathrooms or at information desks, crowding on trails, etc. The winning photo will receive a small gift from Superintendent Wenk. Please email your photos to Wade Vagias @ wade_vagias@nps.gov. Thanks!

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Employee Safety Committee-Wellness

Thanks to all who participated in the Wellness Incentive Program during the month of JUNE! 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:

Rafael Velasquez – REYP

John Cataldo – RVP

Yasmine Alkhatib – Concessions Management

Nate Bowersock – YCR

Kristie Laubach- Maint

Full Wellness Incentive Program details can be found here: <http://inpyellshare/emsc> then click on the YNP WIP link in the top left corner of the page. All employees are encouraged to participate each month. If you would like to schedule a program overview with your staff, contact Stacey Gunther (x2239). Certification forms for the month of July are due to Stacey Gunther by August 5th. Here's to your health!



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WEATHER

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Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 653 AM MDT TUE AUG 4 2015

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Wednesday Night: Breezy. Cloudy with chance of rain showers and thunderstorms in the evening...then partly cloudy with slight chance of rain showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the evening. Lows 39 to 45. West winds 15 to 20 mph in the evening. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

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WE WANT YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

Have something to share with other NPS employees in the park? We're especially interested in items occurring outside Mammoth, and in getting digital photos of employees at work! Please remember to send your text or photo submissions for the newsletter to us at YELL_Public_Affairs @nps.gov (not individual's email), so that whoever is doing the newsletter that day has access to it. Thanks! *Back issues of the newsletter are available at P:\YNP@Work Published Issues*

Contribute to the park's social media!

The Social Media Team invites you to contribute photos and ideas to share with Yellowstone's followers on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and flickr! The park posts photos and information on current conditions, noteworthy sightings,

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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.

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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!

For Mammoth Community Center (MCC) information and to book your public, private or work events contact us at: <http://mammothcommunitycenter.weebly.com>, mammothboardyellowstone@gmail.com Mammoth Community Center (MCC) PO Box 503, YNP WY 82190

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(photo by Ed Stark)

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Employee Photo Contest

Submit photographs you have snapped this spring or summer for a chance to win money in five categories: Landscape, Wildlife, Close Up, People, and Humorous. Entry forms are available at location recreation offices or online at ycerp.org. Entries must be submitted to a recreation office by Monday, August 17th at 5:00 pm. You may also cast your vote to decide the winning photographs while the photos travel on display to five park locations August 25, 26, 27.

August 25: Mammoth Hot Spring Recreation Hall – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (during job fair)

August 26: Lake Recreation Hall – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (during job fair)

August 26: Canyon Lodge Employee Dining Room – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

August 27: Old Faithful Recreation Hall – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (during job fair)

August 27: Grant Grayling Dorm Lobby 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Employee Golf Tournament

Join us Friday, August 21st at Overland Golf Course in Big Timber, Montana for our 2nd Annual Yellowstone Employee Golf Tournament. This 4-Person Scramble team format is sure to be a hoot! The \$45 entry fee covers greens fee, cart rental, lunch, and a chance at prizes. Eighty dollar entry fee for non-employees. Shotgun start at 9:30 am. Check in at 9:00 am. Register with your location recreation office or call the Parkwide Recreation Office at (307) 344-5224.

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IN THE NEWS

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3 hours ago • By Brett French

With temperatures regularly climbing into the 90s, it may be hard to believe that Yellowstone National Park officials are already planning for the upcoming winter season.

On Monday at a meeting in West Yellowstone, park outdoor recreation planner Christina Mills will be talking to a group of snowmobilers, snowcoach operators and cross country skiers about what worked well last winter and what could be done better this season.

“The whole point is to recognize that we are learning new things and that we can incorporate them into the park and get the public involved,” Mills said.

The process is known as adaptive management. It’s part of Yellowstone’s new winter use adaptive management plan, which was first fully implemented last season.

It was also the first season for the park’s new non-commercially guided snowmobiling system — one of the topics to be discussed at next week’s meeting.

Guide yourself

One of the problems identified with the new unguided snowmobiling system was that some people were applying for permits for three days but decided, for whatever reason, not to ride in the park all of those days. That meant days were booked but not used.

“We’re looking at ways to structure pricing to encourage them to use all of the days,” said Alicia Murphy, coordinator of the program.

Under the new system, those snowmobilers who don’t want to travel with a guide must take an online safety course. Last season, 539 people took the two-hour course.

After passing the session, the snowmobilers can enter a lottery to apply for days they would like to ride in Yellowstone. The new rules allow only one group of up to five snowmobilers into the park each day from each of Yellowstone’s four winter entrances. The riders can ask for permission to ride in the park from one to three days.

Popular place

Although the lottery system allows these snowmobilers to pick up to eight separate dates that they would like to enter the park, Murphy said most applicants only chose one. They also tended to choose one gate in particular.

“The west gate was the most popular by a pretty large margin,” she said.

The west gate is located on the edge of West Yellowstone, a town touted as the snowmobile capital of the world. The majority of summer and winter tourists enter the park via the West Entrance.

Yellowstone issued 89 non-commercially guided snowmobile permits that used 154 days out of the 279-day winter season. But there were actually 185 permits reserved after the lottery weeded through 379 applications.

“So there were a lot of no-shows or they were not used because of our late opening or early closing dates,” Murphy said.

The West Entrance closed a month-and-a-half early because of poor snow conditions this year.

Murphy will also ask the working group about tweaks to the online test to make certain parts clearer so there’s no ambiguity. But overall, she said the public and park staff were pleased with the new snowmobile program.

“This is probably one of the best-educated groups of anyone who enters any park,” Murphy said. “Obviously, all of these things serve to protect the resource.”

Fat tires

Another new item that may protect the resource while aiding travel into Yellowstone in winter is snowcoaches equipped with low-pressure rubber tires that can travel atop the snow. Unsure about what the impacts would be, the park conducted a pilot study last season with eight coaches and plans to expand the program this season.

“Next winter we’re experimenting with some bigger, wider tires and a broader variety of tire sizes,” Mills wrote in an email. “We expect to have approximately 20 snowcoaches experimenting with low-pressure tires next winter.”

In the park's limited study, it was determined that the low-pressure tires were about two to three times more fuel-efficient than tracked coaches on the same day, were also quieter and passengers felt the ride was more comfortable.

Mills said the park staff is still evaluating a number of criteria that the fat-tired vehicles must meet before being permitted for continual use, but that the early tests seem promising.

In addition to these topics, Mills said the working group will discuss what winter management topic deserves the highest priority.

Time to talk

Monday's meeting is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Visitor Information Center in West Yellowstone. The morning session of the public meeting will include updates on the development of the draft plan. To assist with logistics and preparation, those planning to attend the meeting are asked to email an RSVP to Christina_Mills@nps.gov by Thursday.

The draft plan is available for public review and comment on the Park Service website at www.parkplanning.nps.gov/wuamp.

Comments may also be made in person at the public meeting, hand-delivered, or mailed to Mills at: Office of the Superintendent, Adaptive Management Plan, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190. The deadline to submit comments is Aug. 21.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the NPS will analyze and consider all feedback received for inclusion in the final adaptive management plan, scheduled for release in 2016. For more information about winter use in Yellowstone, as well as the plan, visit www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/winteruse.htm.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/lifestyles/recreation/self-guided-snowmobile-tours-fat-tired-snowcoaches-on-yellowstone-s/article_64eb331c-96ca-5d39-830b-83d7727fe10c.html#ixzz3i3Lt6uwo

Yellowstone employee housing earns green building recognition

20 hours ago • Gazette Staff

A new employee residence in Yellowstone National Park's Old Faithful Village has received the top rating for energy and environmental design.

The platinum rating comes from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program. The residence was built by concessioner Yellowstone National Park Lodges, operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts.

The project is the first platinum-rated certification achieved by a concession operator inside a national park. Platinum is the highest LEED certification level and accounts for only about 7 percent of all LEED-certified projects.

In order to achieve LEED certification, the project needed to meet stringent sustainability requirements in areas such as site selection, water use reduction, energy performance, materials usage, indoor environmental quality and innovation in design.

As part of its concession contract with the National Park Service, Yellowstone National Park Lodges built the 78-unit residence and moved employees from cabins that will be renovated and used for guest accommodations next summer.

Notable achievements in the project include:

More than 94 percent of construction waste was recycled or reused so that it was not transported to the landfill, the closest of which was 150 miles from the site.

Water usage in the building will be reduced by 45 percent, and energy savings will be more than 40 percent versus that of a building using standard construction methods.

Solar panels on the building's roof will generate 11 percent of its electricity.

Beetle-killed pine from Montana was used extensively in trim and paneling.

The residence's entry staircase treads were built from cedar reclaimed from a deconstructed Montana cabin in partnership with the Department of Environmental Quality. The cabin's owner razed the outdated structure and wanted the cabin's reclaimed materials to be used in a park project.

Xanterra worked with Kath Williams + Associates of Bozeman, a consultant who has been instrumental in shepherding many projects through the LEED certification process, including an employee residence that Xanterra built in 2004 in Gardiner that was the first LEED-certified building in Montana.

A key approach to building the residence was to use a modular construction process that allowed for a swift schedule while minimizing waste and maximizing efficiency during the construction process. Constructed in Boise, Idaho, by Guerdon Enterprises, the modular units were transported into the park for final assembly and finishing. This approach meant that in the fall when the temperatures dropped, crews were able to continue to work inside the building instead of putting the project on hold until spring.

The building was designed by Mosaic Architects in Helena, and Montana-based Swank Enterprises was the general contractor. The entirety of the building's high-performance windows were donated by Andersen Windows in partnership with the National Park Service and Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/yellowstone-employee-housing-earns-green-building-recognition/article_d2b55c3e-ab1e-597f-b0ce-1147220186f7.html#ixzz3i3LPwHan

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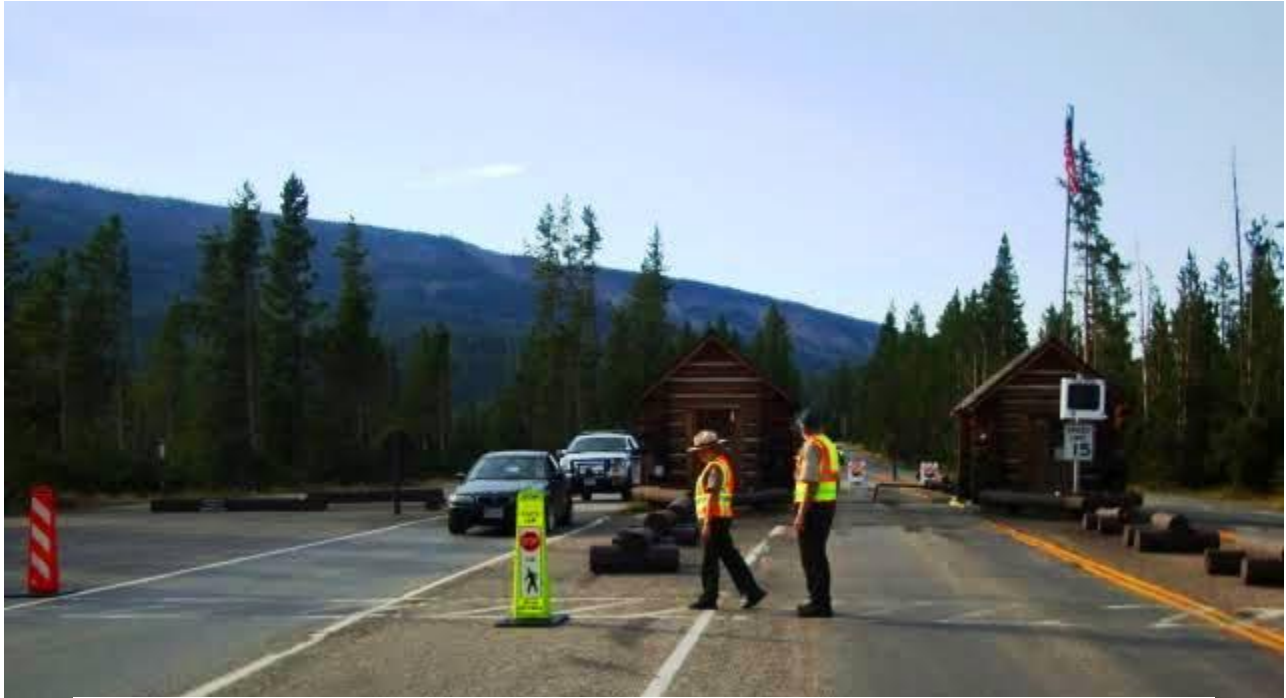
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Youth Mental Health First Aid

- Mental health problems are common -1 in 4 young adults will be diagnosed with a mental health condition this year.
- Every 16 minutes someone in the US dies by suicide.
- Youth and young adults face and experience mental health and substance use challenges differently than adults.
- Early detection and treatment of mental health disorders and substance use concerns is important.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO HELP?

Youth Mental Health First Aid is the help offered to a young person experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge, mental health disorder, or a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate help is received or until the crisis resolves.

This 8-hour certified course teaches signs and symptoms of common mental health problems, when and where to get help, and will teach participants a "5-step method" that can be used when young people are experiencing a mental health concern.

DATE: August 21, 2015
TIME: 8:00am - 4:30pm
LOCATION:
Gardiner School
510 Stone St , Gardiner, MT
COST: Free
8 CEUs and OPI Renewal Credits Offered

Youth Dynamics is offering this training through a partnership with the Montana Office of Public Instruction

Space is limited.
To register, call (406) 245-6539 or visit youthdynamics.org

This poster was developed under grant number 1H795M061869-01 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The views, policies, and opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of SAMHSA or HHS.

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For the first seven months of 2015, record breaking recreational visits totaling 2,279,557 are up 17 percent over last year and 13 percent over the previous record year in 2010.

	Recreational Visits 2015	Recreational Visits 2014	Change
January	28,091	26,778	+ 4.90 %
February	34,343	28,233	+ 21.64 %
March	22,989	18,778	+ 22.43 %
April	46,600	31,356	+ 48.61 %
May	383,670	310,039	+ 23.75 %
June	780,768	669,642	+ 16.59 %
July	980,702	858,856	+ 14.19 %
Total Year-To-Date	2,279,557	1,943,684	+ 17.28 %

Each of the park's five entrances showed increased visits for the month of July, with the North and West entrances both continuing to record the largest increases over July of last year.

Visitation statistics are calculated by taking the actual number of wheeled vehicles entering the park gates, and using a person-per-vehicle multiplier to calculate the number of monthly recreational visitors.

July is typically the park's peak visitation month, followed in order by August, June, September, and May.

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

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Back Row L to R

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Lightning Starts Fire Near the South Arm of Yellowstone Lake

Lightning from recent thunderstorms has started a fire on the Promontory Peninsula between the south and southeast arms of Yellowstone Lake in Yellowstone National Park. Named for a nearby backcountry campsite, the 5L4 fire was reported on Monday, August 24, by park staff.



The 5L4 fire is currently estimated to be between three and five acres and is located within a 1500 acre section of unburned vegetation between the 2013 Alder fire and the 1988 Snake fire. While the fire is visible and growing actively through torching and spotting, it is not threatening any roads or structures. It is anticipated that the fire will naturally confine itself to this area of the peninsula and will be monitored by park fire crews and allowed to play its natural role in the ecosystem. Due to the fire activity, backcountry campsites 5L3, 5L4, and 6A1 have been closed until further notice.

The fire danger in Yellowstone National Park is currently “High”. There are no fire restrictions in place, however, campfires are only allowed in designated grills in park

campgrounds, some picnic areas, and specific backcountry campsites. The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group, which consists of top federal and state fire managers, raised the National Fire Preparedness Level to 5, the highest level possible, on August 13. The raised preparedness level reflects a high degree of wildfire activity, a major commitment of fire resources, and the probability that severe conditions will continue for at least a few days. There are currently 66 large fires or complexes of fires, burning in 11 states across the west.

For up-to-date information on fires burning across the country, go to www.inciweb.nwcg.gov. To learn more about fire management in Yellowstone, visit www.nps.gov/yell/learn/management/firemanagement.htm.

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Last Update: 753 AM MDT WED AUG 26 2015

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Tonight: Cloudy. Scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening...then isolated rain showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the evening. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall after midnight. Lows 40 to 46. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. Chance of rain showers and slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs 65 to 73. Northwest winds around 15 mph late in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy with chance of rain showers and slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening...then partly cloudy after midnight. Lows 40 to 46. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the evening. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Friday: Partly cloudy. Highs 67 to 75. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows 40 to 46.

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The nighttime construction road closure between Norris and Mammoth from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. is **NO LONGER** in effect. (photo by Russ Taylor OFVEC)

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Trail closed across the Fire Hole pedestrian bridge, Old Faithful, through 28th August. This trail is closed from the trail junction on the north side of the Old Faithful geyser, over the Fire Hole bridge, past Observation Point trail junction to where the pavement meets the board walk around the upper geyser basin. The trail is closed for installation of a porous pavement made from recycled tires (including tires from Yellowstone) to replace the degraded asphalt surface. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Work is going very well at the Old Faithful Flexipave project. Project Manager Lynn Chan has some good help.



Reminder that school has started! When driving through the upper and lower Mammoth area, please be aware of children walking to and from bus stops. Keep their safety in mind as you are out and about! Thanks.

Employee Safety Committee-Wellness

Thanks to all who participated in the Wellness Incentive Program during the month of JULY! 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:

Sarah Holman – REYP
 Brenna Cassidy – YCR
 Eric Reinertson – YCR
 Sally Hens – RVP
 Christine Farrar – RVP



Full Wellness Incentive Program details can be found here: <http://inpyellshare/emsc> then click on the YNP WIP link in the top left corner of the page. All employees are encouraged to participate each month. If you would like to schedule a program overview with your staff, contact Stacey Gunther (x2239). Certification forms for the month of August are due to Stacey Gunther by September 5th. Here's to your health!



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The **Yellowstone Film Permits Office** is looking for employees to help monitor film crews working around different locations in the park. A Film Monitor's primary goal is to make sure crews are following park regulations while balancing visitor use of the same areas.

Employees must be prepared with:

- Class A uniform**
- Vehicle**
- Park Radio**
- Basic knowledge of park regulations and filming guidelines**
- Willingness to ensure the regulations are followed by film crews and visitors**

Film monitoring work is overtime (charged to Film Office account) and may not overlap with your regular scheduled hours. If you would like to be considered for this opportunity, please sign up under Monitor List 2015 at P:\FILMING DOCUMENTS\Monitoring. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Cudmore at 307-344-2722 or rachel_cudmore@nps.gov.

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Friday: Mostly sunny. Highs 68 to 76.

Friday Night: Mostly clear. Lows 41 to 47.

Saturday: Breezy. Partly cloudy. Slight chance of rain showers in the morning...then slight chance of rain showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the afternoon. Highs 70 to 78. South winds around 15 mph shifting to the southwest 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows 44 to 50.

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Special Projects Roads will start the paving projects for this coming year next week. On Tuesday and Wednesday (9-1 and 9-2) they will be roto-milling the entrance road (RTE-100) to Grant Village from RTE 14 into the intersection of the Post Office / Campground Road and from the intersection at YPSS towards the Marina (RTE-201). On Thursday (9-3) they will be roto-milling a section of road on RTE 10 between Fountain Paint Pot and Mary Mountain Trail head. The milling will take place on the West bound lane for .5ths of a mile and the cut will be 10ft. wide by 2 to 2 1/2 inches deep, with signing of uneven lanes in place and reduced speed limits (this is the area of the road where the shoulder is breaking off and sagging and has been patched numerous times. On 9-8 the crew will prep the front parking of YPSS station in Grant Village as that area will be included in the paving project. Starting on Monday, 9-14 paving begins with the milled area between Fountain Paint Pot and Mary

Mountain Trailhead Parking being done first, then moving over to the Grant Village area for the remainder of September.

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The Yellowstone Association is seeking **Volunteer Program Assistants** for this winter season! This volunteer will support YA Institute Field Seminars which are based at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch field campus. **Program Assistants** welcome and host students, orient them to the Yellowstone Association and the facility, assist instructors in logistical aspects of courses, drive the 14-passenger mini-bus for all field trips, assist in risk management in the field, maintain and clean campus facilities, and help carry out the YA mission to inspire, educate and preserve. Success in this position requires excellent hiking skills, the ability to determine risk of a situation, excellent interpersonal skills and quick thinking.

For more information: <https://apply.coolworks.com/ya/job-list.asp>

The Yellowstone Association Institute will host a NOLS Wilderness Medicine Institute Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification course at Lamar Buffalo Ranch in November. Required by many outdoor employers and recommended for all outdoor enthusiasts, this course teaches you through classroom sessions and field exercises to prevent and respond to incidents in the backcountry. Upon successful completion of this 80-hour course, you will receive certifications in Wilderness First Responder and CPR. No previous certification is required. For more information: <https://www.yellowstoneassociation.org/program/wilderness-first-responder-2>

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Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows 39 to 45. Southwest winds around 15 mph.

Tuesday: Breezy. Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs 66 to 74. Southwest winds around 15 mph early in the morning becoming southwest 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

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