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Monday, October 5, 2015



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In this picture, Park Ranger Ellen Folman is engaging a young park visitor, who was absolutely fascinated learning the differences of Yellowstone's canines; the question was " 'Howl' you tell the difference between Yellowstone's Canines?". (photo by Landon Rick)

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Parks' packrafting bill floats into uncharted waters

By Mike Koshmrl | Posted: Wednesday, October 14, 2015

A Wyoming congresswoman's effort to force Yellowstone and Grand Teton parks to open up a new recreational use — in this case, paddling on select rivers and streams — has never been pulled off in a national park, experts say.

Rep. Cynthia Lummis' Yellowstone and Grand Teton Paddling Act, now in its third iteration, would prohibit the two national parks from continuing their decades-long bans on running kayaks, packrafts and canoes in places such as the Lamar River and Cottonwood Creek. Similar political maneuvers have no record of success, according to sources reached for this story.

Oftentimes legislation that creates a national park establishes its recreational uses, Grand Teton park spokeswoman Denise Germann said. "But as far as other uses that have come from congressional legislation, we're unaware of any."

Germann said she consulted with the National Park Service's Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs, which did not return phone calls for comment.

Legislative attempts have been made to force Denali National Park to allow snowmobiles in its interior and to erase a National Park Service-wide ban on jet skis.

Those efforts, however, didn't make it successfully through Congress, said Kristen Brengel, senior director for legislation and policy at the National Parks Conservation Association.

"I don't think that what they're trying to do is unprecedented," Brengel said. "There have been attempts at trying to allow uses."

Legislation last year sought more beach driving at the Park Service's Cape Hatteras National Seashore, she said, and a bill passed the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"But it didn't go any further than that," Brengel said.

Historian Bob Righter, an expert on Grand Teton National Park, said that he couldn't think of an instance of legislation opening up a new use against the park's wishes. But Wyoming's delegates have successfully leaned on Grand Teton park managers before to force change, he said.

"Alan Simpson threatened to get Congress to open up Grand Teton for a snowmobile trail, and the Park Service capitulated and said, 'OK, we'll do it,'" Righter said. "That's one incident I can think of, but [legislation] wasn't necessary — it just took the threat.

"The Park Service has often capitulated with just threats," he said. "The reality is that usually the threat of congressional legislation has been enough to get whoever is complaining against the Park Service some satisfaction."

The latest version of Lummis' Paddling Act passed the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee in a 23 to 15 vote Thursday, and is now headed to the full House of Representatives. The website GovTrack.us gives it a 21 percent chance of becoming law.

The bill, H.R. 974, directs the secretary of the interior to create regulations to allow the use of hand-propelled vessels "on certain rivers and streams." The regulations would be created in accordance with "laws, regulations and policies generally applicable to units of the National Park System."

Paddling advocates say that the act would trigger an analysis that's required by the National Environmental Policy Act, which is the ordinary avenue for management changes on federal public land.

But any study would have a predetermined outcome, at least for 429 miles of streams and rivers.

Lummis added an amendment to the act that would force the two national parks to allow, at a minimum, paddling on 50 stream and river segments in Grand Teton and Yellowstone parks.

In Yellowstone the act would open up 37 stretches of water, including 22.3 miles of the Gallatin River, 8.5 miles of the Lewis River and a 13.4-mile reach of Slough Creek. Thirteen stretches of water in Grand Teton park are written into the legislation, including stretches of the Buffalo Fork and Gros Ventre rivers and Arizona, Berry, Cottonwood, Ditch, Lake, Owl, Pacific, Pilgrim, Polecat and Spread creeks.

Among flowing waters, hand-propelled watercraft are currently allowed only on the Snake River in Grand Teton park and the channel between Lewis and Shoshone lakes in Yellowstone.

The amendment was added to give the act “more teeth,” said Jackson Hole resident Tom Turiano, who has worked closely with Lummis’ office on the legislation.

Seeking legislation to trump the parks’ reluctance to loosen the paddling rules was a last-ditch effort, Turiano said.

He and other avid paddlers first tried to achieve a change in the regulations through a Comprehensive River Management Plan that was crafted to comply with the Snake River Headwaters Legacy Act, but the request to assess the new use was shot down.

“We were seeking an administrative solution,” Turiano said. “That was a slap in the face, especially to the paddlers in Jackson, who put a lot of time into getting that Snake River Headwaters Act passed. There was definitely some dissatisfaction that it wasn’t even given a look.”

The paddling advocates “waffled” before going to Lummis, he said.

“But in the end we’ve all said this is the best course of action,” said Turiano, who recalled being skeptical that the ploy would work.

“I remember being completely shocked,” Turiano said. “I was like, ‘Oh my gosh, Cynthia Lummis would actually write this bill. What’s this? This is unheard of.’”

“Not only was it unheard of for her to have an interest in primitive recreation,” he said, “I just hadn’t heard of that happening before, where a legislator cares that much about a particular issue and writes a bill.”

Righter, the historian, said he wasn’t too surprised that the paddling issue had traction with Wyoming’s delegation.

“There’s a lot of legislators over the years where, if there is something against the Park Service, they’re for it,” Righter said. “People like Lummis, I don’t really think that she thinks this stuff through too much.”

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Posted: Friday, October 16, 2015 4:29 pm | *Updated: 4:35 pm, Fri Oct 16, 2015.*

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By LEW FREEDMAN Staff writer

A gradual merger of two non-profit institutions that exist to support Yellowstone National Park was announced last week and has been enthusiastically embraced by Park leadership.

The Yellowstone Park Foundation and the Yellowstone Association – cornerstone supplemental backers of the Park for decades beyond the federal government – have set in motion a plan to combine efforts starting in March 2016.

The two groups would be fully integrated in operations by February 2017.

The Foundation has been the Park’s fundraising partner since 1996 and has raised more than \$100 million in that time. The Association, which has been around since 1933, has concentrated on educational programs.

“The significance of this is it could be potentially great for the Park,” said Yellowstone Superintendent Dan Wenk, who participated in merger talks that began in 2012.

“They have members, they have donors. Synergy is a word that comes to mind. It’s greater support for Yellowstone National Park. It’s an incredible opportunity.”

The Foundation and the Association are probably the highest-profile private supporters of the Park. Over the last 20 years the Foundation has paid for 325 projects to enhance the Yellowstone experience for the millions of tourists who visit annually.

The Association has contributed \$59 million towards educational programs and materials. Most visibly, the Association operates 12 stores within the Park that amass \$3.7 million in gross sales by selling books and the like and conducts about 600 educational courses each year through the Yellowstone Institute in the Lamar Valley.

“We’ve been talking about it for several years,” said Jeff Brown, executive director of the Association. “Both organizations support Yellowstone. We have very similar missions. It’s thinking big.”

Each organization has its own board of directors that backed the merger. Eventually, the boards will also merge. As part of this master plan, fresh leadership will be sought to manage the new organization, which will also get an as-yet-to-be determined new name, too.

“I bet it will have Yellowstone in it,” Brown said.

By the end of the transition period a new president will be hired following a nationwide search to replace Brown and Foundation president Karen Bates Kress, both of whom are planning to retire.

“Ultimately we will hand it off to one president,” Brown said.

Next year’s 100th anniversary of the National Park Service is expected to be a major draw to the Park and the attention generated by the celebrations should also benefit the Foundation and Association, said Melinda Gable, Foundation director of communication and marketing.

“That attention has to help the Park,” Gable said. “The awareness.”

Along with the new name will come a new website for the merged groups.

“I think it’s a case where one plus one equals more than two,” Wenk said.

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Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Numerous rain showers through the night. Numerous snow showers in the late evening and overnight. Snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Lows 32 to 38. Southwest winds around 15 mph early in the evening. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Tuesday: Cloudy. Numerous rain showers...possibly mixed with snow showers in the morning...then scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Little or no snow accumulation. Highs 43 to 49. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

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What it is:

This program offers \$43.00/day tickets (\$11.00 off the regular ticket price) to employees of eligible organizations (must have a Wellness Program in place). These ticket coupons may be used by employees, their spouses, and dependent children. **Coupons are not refundable and are not for resale outside the Yellowstone NPS family.** There are no "black out" days. Coupons are good through 2015-2016 season. Note: all ski days must be used on days off from work.

What we need:

Step 1: YELL must have a **minimum order of 100 coupons in order to participate in the program**. If you are interested in purchasing coupons, please go to here: P:\Safety Committee (Employee)\Wellness\Bridger Wellness Discount Ticket Program 2015-2016 and fill in the appropriate information. **We need this information by NO LATER THAN FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6th.**

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Laura Hancock The Billings Gazette

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CASPER, Wyo. — Wyoming's vast plains, open skies and rugged mountains form the landscape of a new Pixar film about a dinosaur named Arlo and his human friend.

"The Good Dinosaur" will be released in theaters on Thanksgiving. The movie is based on this basic premise: The asteroid that most scientists believe killed the dinosaurs actually missed the Earth. The great reptiles live among humans and an Apatosaurus named Arlo becomes friends with a human. As they traverse a harsh land, Arlo discovers what he is truly capable of while confronting his fears.

The Pixar team traveled to Wyoming twice, in the fall of 2013 and the spring of 2014, to take in the state's natural beauty. Moviegoers throughout the state will recognize land that looks much like home, including stylized versions of the Tetons and Fremont County's Oregon Buttes, said Sharon Calahan, Pixar's director of photography for lighting.

The Wyoming Office of Tourism hopes the film will become a marketing tool for the state. The University of Wyoming Geological Museum is also using the film to educate the public on the state's geology and paleontology.

'Already in love'

At Emeryville, Calif.-based Pixar, Calahan is responsible for the look of each scene in the film — how it's lit, the time of day, season and the weather.

In her spare time, Calahan is an oil painter, and Wyoming is her muse. She's taken several vacations to the state to paint.

When director Peter Sohn was looking for locations the staff could research for scene ideas, Calahan suggested Wyoming.

"For me, I was like already in love with it," she said. "But it was fun to watch Pete fall in love with it and really embrace it as a setting for the film. I think a lot of what he liked about it was the combination of it being really harsh as far as struggling to survive there, as far as what the pioneers must have felt when they were trying to survive in that landscape. And just the incredible beauty of the location and contrasting that together and how it feels like you can see forever, the clear, dry mountain air feeling. And all the weather elements. Just how varied the weather can be.

"You know, it can snow in the summer, and if you don't like the weather, then wait for 10 minutes and it's probably going to be different."

Different teams visited the state in 2013 and 2014, but Calahan attended both trips.

Fall 2013 was an initial scouting trip. They visited the Jackson area and the Idaho side of the Tetons, she said. For the spring 2014 trip, a Pixar team visited Jackson and spent the bulk of their time in Yellowstone.

They took hundreds of pictures, trying to capture vast landscapes and tiny details, such as the bark on a tree or the lichen on a rock.

"Most of what I think influences us when we're making the film is the experience of being there, which is why it's so important to go there ourselves and take our own photos instead of looking for photos online," she said. Calahan hadn't spent a lot of time in the eastern part of Yellowstone. She had never seen the Grand Prismatic Spring.

"When we were driving near it, we turned around a corner, and I just gasped because I was just struck with the beauty of the color of this plume of steam because I had never seen anything like it," she said. "Of course, I took a lot of photos. But the photos didn't really capture it as well as seeing what that was like, and I really wanted to capture that in the film. I don't think I did as good of a job as I wanted to with it because it wasn't featured in that way. But just the memory of that incredible color."

There are other areas of iconic Wyoming landscape the Pixar employees didn't have time to visit, such as the Oregon Buttes. They researched photography of the buttes online, Calahan said.

A good Apatosaurus

The time period of Arlo's adventures in "The Good Dinosaur" is purposely ambiguous. In reality, the dinosaur species lived in Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain West 150 million years ago, said Laura Vietti, manager of the UW Geological Museum.

The Apatosaurus was 70 feet long and weighed 30 tons. The animals had long necks and were herbivores. Arlo is green in the film, although scientists don't actually know the color of scaled dinosaurs, Vietti said.

Vietti said the landscape of Wyoming at the time of the dinosaurs was much different than what people see today or what they will see in the film.

The Geological Museum has a fossil skeleton of an Apatosaurus, which was discovered in 1901 in the Como Bluff area, east of Medicine Bow.

"The fun story is that the dinosaur we have in our museum was originally described as a Brontosaurus," she said.

But the Brontosaurus wasn't an actual dinosaur species. The roots of the Brontosaurus go back to the Bone Wars, in which two ambitious dinosaur-hunting paleontologists competed to unearth, discover and name new species.

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The skull was from a Camarasaurus, another big long-neck dinosaur, she said. The skeleton in the UW Geological Museum now features the correct skull.

The Wyoming Office of Tourism is in discussions with Disney, which owns Pixar, about entering an agreement in which the film and state would be promoted, Diane Shoher, executive director of the tourism office, told members of the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee last month in Jackson.

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Calahan, of Pixar, hopes Wyoming audiences love the film.

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Come in costume - even if you don't plan to join us so you can be a part of our annual photo!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you have an emergency, please notify Kelly Barrie by email or directly by cell phone at (406)551-0484.

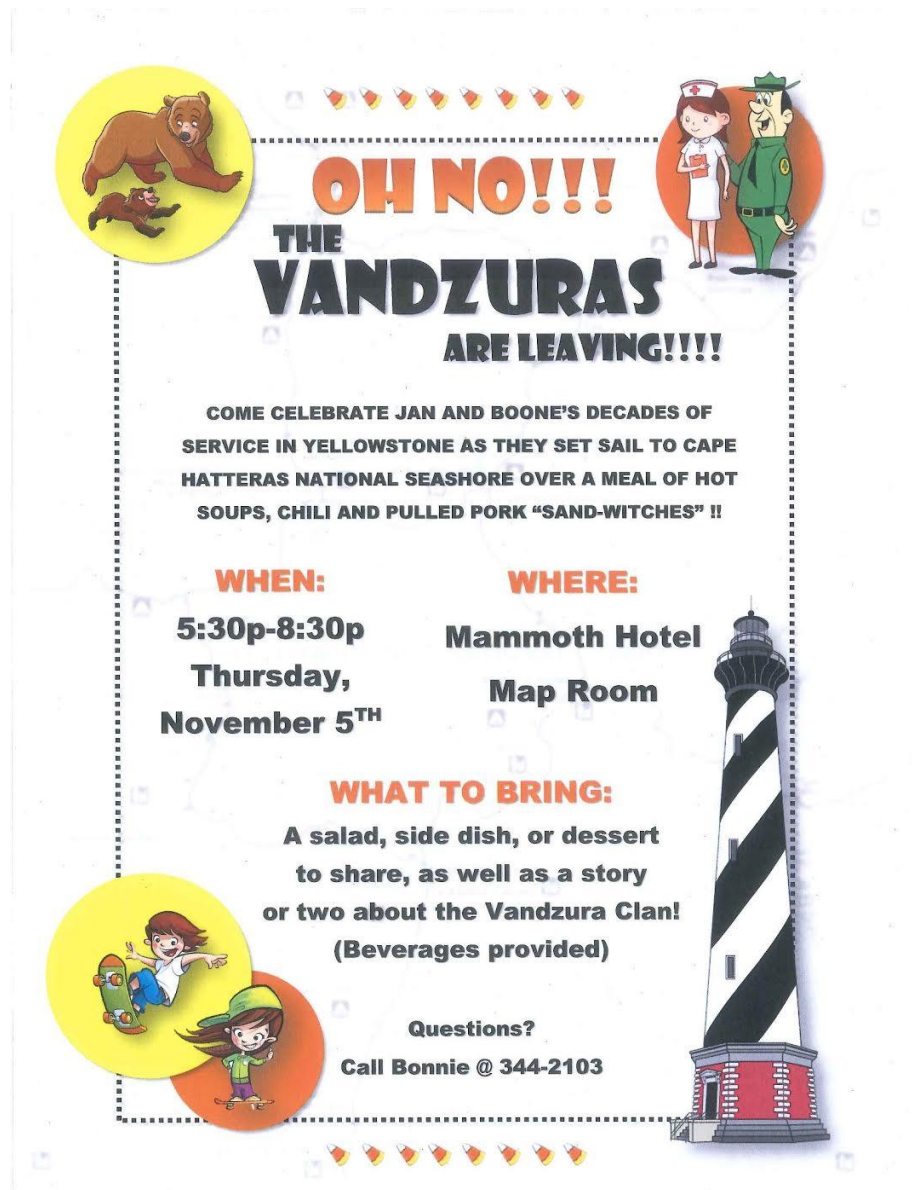
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WHEN:
5:30p-8:30p
Thursday,
November 5TH

WHERE:
Mammoth Hotel
Map Room

WHAT TO BRING:
A salad, side dish, or dessert to share, as well as a story or two about the Vandzura Clan! (Beverages provided)

Questions?
Call Bonnie @ 344-2103

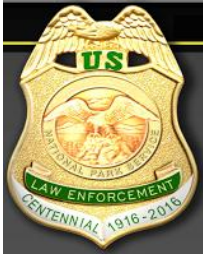
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Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 1124 AM MDT WED OCT 28 2015

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Thursday: Cloudy. Snow likely in the morning...then rain... Possibly mixed with snow in the afternoon. Snow accumulation around 1 inch. Highs 35 to 41. West winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Thursday Night: Cloudy...snow...possibly mixed with rain in the evening...then chance of snow after midnight. Snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Total snow accumulation 1 to 2 inches. Lows 22 to 28. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Friday: Cloudy. Slight chance of snow in the morning...then slight chance of rain and snow in the afternoon. Highs 34 to 40. West winds around 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

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Concessions Management dressed their best to send Rose Gallagher off into retirement! Congrats Rose!



This festive group of Sage Leapers continued the tradition with a ghoulish run to the Terraces.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the weeks of Nov 2 and Nov 9, the Finance Office will only be staffed to receive checks and revenue on Mon, Tues, and Wed. Please plan accordingly. We thank you in advance, and apologize for any inconvenience.

Training Role Players Needed - We are looking for role players for a public information officer training simulation. The date is Thursday, November 5 from noon until 4 p.m. at the Mammoth Fire Cache. We will provide instructions and a simple script. If you are interested, please call Ed Folts or Laura Dooley at 344-2181.



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Upcoming CPR classes!



Healthcare Provider CPR

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 12:30 pm

Location: MCC EMS classroom

Contact Beth Dreyer with questions at 344-2640

Heartsaver CPR and First Aid

Date/Time: Friday, November 13, 2015 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m.

Location: MCC EMS classroom

AND

Date/Time: Friday, November 20, 2015 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m.

Location: MCC EMS classroom

Contact Juanita Bueter with questions. Sign up on the P drive at <P:\Safety Office\First Aid and CPR Training\2015 First Aid and CPR sign up>. Space is limited.

The fall courier began this week and will happen on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** (except on weeks w/a holiday when there will be one run). The run will be rotated between divisions. During this time, mail and packages will be dropped at the winter mail drop areas. The run will be made as weather and road conditions permit, sometimes the mail may need to be shuttled by local staff, e.g., from Lake to Grant. Or, if arrangements are made the courier can meet your staff. The oversnow courier will begin when conditions allow, typically in December. Please keep in mind this courier is primarily conducted for personal and park mail – large items or supply orders should be picked up in Mammoth. If you are in Mammoth or are traveling to an interior park location, it is helpful for everyone if you stop at the park Mail Room to pick up local area mail. If you have further questions, please call 344-2115.

With the changing seasons, the HRC hours are changing as well. Our summer tours are no longer being offered but our lobby exhibits on the Hayden Expedition (with the Moran paintings formerly in the Albright Visitor Center) and fiction in Yellowstone continue to be open to the public. The Library remains open M-F from **9am-4pm, except Wednesdays when it closes at noon**. The Archives are open the same hours except are **additionally closed on Fridays**.

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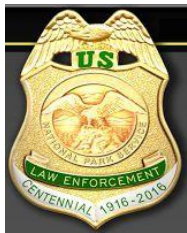
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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Roads to Old Faithful and Canyon Close for the Season on Monday

This weekend provides the last chance for visitors to drive to many iconic locations in Yellowstone before roads close to automobile travel and the park begins preparing for the winter season.

Roads to most of the park's popular locations close to vehicle travel at 8:00 a.m. Monday, November 2. The exception is the road from the park's North Entrance at Gardiner, Montana through Mammoth Hot Springs to the park's Northeast Entrance and the communities of Cooke City and Silver Gate, Montana, which is open all year, weather permitting. All other park roads close for the season to allow the park to begin preparing the roads for guided snowmobile and snowcoach travel beginning Tuesday, December 15.

Visitors driving to and in the park during the fall and winter should have flexible travel plans and be prepared for changing weather conditions. Temporary travel restrictions or closures can occur at any time without notice. Mud and snow tires or tire chains may be required. For the most current information on road conditions and road closures in Yellowstone, visit <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm>. The automated Roads Report phone number, 307-344-2117, is available for information on whether a road is open or closed, but does not contain road condition information.

At Mammoth Hot Springs, the Yellowstone General Store, Post Office, medical clinic, campground, and visitor center remain open all year. Pay-at-the pump fuel is available 24 hours a day all year at all park service stations.

Extensive information and assistance for planning a visit to Yellowstone is available on the park's web site at www.nps.gov/yell.

All communities near Yellowstone are open all year, with local businesses offering a wide range of fall and winter recreation opportunities.

Information on fall and winter lodging, camping, services, and activities near the park in the Montana communities of Gardiner, West Yellowstone, Cooke City, and Silver Gate is available by contacting their respective Chambers of Commerce or from the Montana Office of Tourism at 800-847-4868 or www.visitmt.com.

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Saturday Night: Windy. Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers...possibly mixed with rain showers. Lows 29 to 35. West winds 20 to 30 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

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