

YNP@Work

For Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Monday, April 3, 2017



NPS/ Jake Frank

News

Acorn Lights in Mammoth

You may have noticed that the mercury vapor lights have been replaced along the esplanade and around the parade ground with LED lights that are fully shielded. This is in an effort to save energy and reduce unwanted glare and light pollution while preserving historic integrity.

The park has worked hard to get the right amount of light and the least amount of glare with these lamps. However, the current lighting units do not seem to spread the light to the extent expected based on the prototypes that were tested. Please know, that improvements will continue to be made, and that your safety is the highest priority. Any questions or thoughts, please contact lynn_chan@nps.gov.

Investigative Drilling from Mammoth to Norris

An engineering study will be conducted to gather subsurface geotechnical information to be used for the design of the Norris-Golden Gate (Phase 3) Road Reconstruction Project. The information gathered will be used for the design of the new road structure, parking areas, retaining walls, drainage features, and rock/soil slope treatments.

- Study will be conducted through April 20, 2017.
- Location is from Swan Lake Flat through the Golden Gate/Rustic Fall corridor.
- Traffic impacts will be minimal. A truck-mounted drill rig will occupy a one-lane section of the roadway as the boring takes place. Traffic control will be present to direct traffic safely through the short work zone. There will be a few drill locations on the rock slopes of Golden Gate (above the slumping stone retaining wall), which will require a short delay (less than 20-minutes) while the crane sets the drilling equipment into position.

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Summer 2017 Road Construction

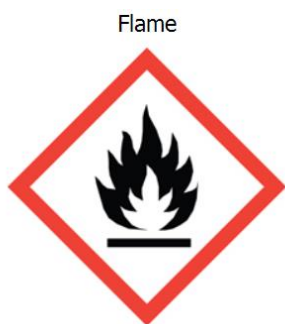
Completion of the Norris to Golden Gate Phase II is projected for November 1, 2018. This 4.7 mile Grand Loop Road reconstruction project starts approximately ¾-mile north of Roaring Mountain and ends just north of the Moose Exhibit in Willow Park. Norris and Indian Creek Campgrounds will remain open! As part of this project a new Glen Creek stock trailhead parking area will be constructed on the north-end of Swan Lake Flat.

Construction starts again April 16, 2017.

- June 1-Sept. 10 Night Closures (10 pm-7am)
- Sept. 10 (10pm) –Oct. 6 (7am) Full Closure
- Nov. 15 – Winter shut down
- Canyon North Rim - The Inspiration Point parking area and trail will be closed all season.

Safety Corner

Universal Hazard Communication: Health Hazard



Indicates:

- Flammables
- Pyrophorics
- Self-Heating
- Emits Flammable Gas
- Self-Reactives
- Organic Peroxides

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AAUW Scholarship Opportunity

The American Associate of University Women (AAUW), Park Branch Montana is seeking female student leaders for their \$1,000 scholarship. Students can download a copy of their [scholarship application online](#). Submissions are due by May 20, 2017.

Summer Nature Camp

Snoopy Cooperative Preschool is considering offering summer nature camps for students entering grades 1-6 focusing on Yellowstone, art, and STEM. The camp would operate primarily out of the Mammoth area and would likely involve parents dropping students off at different locations near Mammoth or Gardiner. As we plan for this potential camp, we are interested in hearing from parents. Please use the [Google Form](#) to answer a few short survey questions. Contact Jenni Burr with questions at (406) 224-7287 or send an email to snoopypreschool@gmail.com.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

April 29, 2017 is [National Drug Take-Back Day](#). Yellowstone and Gardiner residents are encouraged to drop-off unused and/or expired prescription drugs from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Yellowstone Forever Headquarters Building in Gardiner.

Sage Leapers “Sprint to Soak”

This Saturday, April 8, join the Sage Leapers Running Club in their “Sprint to Soak” fun run at Chico Hot Springs. Race-day registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Chico Field of Dreams, cost is \$10.00 per participant. The half marathon race starts at 9:00 a.m. and the 10K at 9:15 a.m. Prizes will be awarded at 10:30 a.m. Participants can soak at Chico for the reduced price of \$5.00. View further [race day information online](#), and send questions to Bret De Young at bret_deyoung@nps.gov.

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(GS-0102-05/07)

Full Time- Temporary NTE 1039

US Citizens

Closes 3/20/2017

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- **Disciplining Employees for Misconduct, Part II:** (Webinar only)
Date: April 4, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (MST)
Vendor: FELTG
Target Audience: All Supervisors/Leads
Location: Superintendent's Conference Room & telework sites (remote computers)
Cost: Paid by Superintendent's office
- **First Aid and CPR Certification**
Dates: April-June from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Mammoth EMS Room at the Mammoth Community Center
Registration: [P:\Safety Office\First Aid and CPR Training](#)
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Vendor: Rich Wessenberg 307-214-7450
Target Audience: All Employees
Location: Mammoth Garage Conference Room
Cost: Free

DOI Training

- **Employee Benefits Webinars:** (Webinar only)
Date: Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (MST)
Cost: Free to attend
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Bison Operations Come to a Close

- By in large, 2016-2017 bison operations are coming to a close.
- IBMP partners typically meet three times a year, and they met on Thursday, April 6, in West Yellowstone. Read more about Thursday's discussions online at the [Bozeman Daily Chronicle](#).
- This season, around 1,200 bison were removed through culling and harvest. Further details are listed in the most recent [Bison Management Summary Report](#) on the [IBMP website](#).

Length of Service Awards

Please join the Superintendent's Office in congratulating the [March and April recipients of Length of Service Awards](#). Their continued commitment to the NPS mission deserves our appreciation and recognition!

Greater Yellowstone Network Newsletter

The Greater Yellowstone Network (GRYN) released their most recent newsletter "[GRYNdow](#)" which is a "window" into science in Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem parks. This issue features information about collaborative projects with their partners, such as the Soda Butte Water Quality project.

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Exclamation Mark



Indicates:

- Irritant (skin and eye)
- Skin Sensitizer
- Acute Toxicity (harmful)
- Narcotic Effects
- Respiratory Tract Irritant
- Hazardous to Ozone Layer (Non-Mandatory)

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NPS/ Matt Poyner

National Park Week

[National Park Week](#) is America's largest celebration of national heritage. It's about making great connections, exploring amazing places, discovering open spaces, enjoying affordable vacations, and enhancing America's best idea—the national parks!

- Fee Free Days: April 22- 23, 2017.
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 23: [Park Rx Day](#)

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Park Roads Scheduled to Open

Beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2017, select roads in Yellowstone National Park will open for the season. Roads include:

- Mammoth Hot Springs to Norris
- Norris to Madison
- Madison to Old Faithful
- Madison to West Entrance
- Norris to Canyon Village

Bicyclists: When the roads open to public automobiles on Friday, April 21, bicycling will be prohibited south of the South Rim Drive towards Hayden Valley due to potential bear activity (*park roads continued on next page*).

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Indicates:

- Gases under pressure

Hazards:

- Oxygen displacement
- Fires
- Explosions
- Toxic gas exposures

Types:

- Liquefied gases (examples include: anhydrous ammonia, chlorine, propane, nitrous oxide and carbon dioxide).
- Non-liquefied gases (examples include: oxygen, nitrogen, helium and argon).
- Dissolved gases (acetylene is the only common dissolved gas).

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(GS-0802-03/03)

Full Time- Temporary NTE 1039

United States Citizens

Closes 4/21/2017

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(WG-5406-10/10)

Full Time- Permanent

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Yellowstone Emergency Operations Center Site

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This site provides:

- Training calendars
- Links to information regarding Wildland Fire, All Hazard Emergency Response, FEMA, ICS courses
- DOI personal preparedness information for all families regarding natural disasters, power outages, storms, etc.
- "Self-Status" option, which is available for responders to use to indicate their availability during incidents

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- Eye Damage
- Corrosive to Metals

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Spotlight on Mercury

For households who have upgraded to the energy efficient compact florescent lights (CFL), please remember they contain trace amounts of mercury. When you begin your spring cleaning routine, be sure to refresh yourself on the proper use, recycling and disposal of these products.

- [Why use CFLs?](#)
- [Learn what to do if a CFL breaks in your home](#)
- Recycle: deliver your old florescent tubes and bulbs to the Supply Center, who collects CFLs (tubes and compact bulbs) for the electric shop to destroy/recycle.

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Y2DAK 3rd Annual Film Festival

Yellowstone Youth Doing Acts of Kindness (Y2DAK) is a community service group for all Gardiner-Mammoth kids, grades 7-12. On May 5, the group will host a fund raiser for an upcoming international service trip at the Mammoth Community Center.

- Y2DAK will be showing six family-friendly films created by Montana filmmakers.
- Prices: \$7 for 16 and older; \$5 for 8 to 15; and kids under 7 are FREE.
- Food: Cinco de Mayo taco bar, with veggie option, for purchase, along with soda, lemonade and beer!

Bingo Night and Root Beer Floats

BINGO, PRIZES, PIZZA, AND SILENT AUCTION!! Please join us May 11, 6 p.m., at the Gardiner School Multi-purpose room for Bingo and pizza. Come help Gardiner Club Volleyball raise funds to support our Club. Contact Holly Long 406-224-2970 with questions.

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