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*SWP. Monthly Narrative
July 30, 1951*

The Superintendent, Santa Fe, New Mexico, attended several meetings with the Los Alamos County Board and the State Highway Commission relative to the allotment of secondary road money for the improvement of Highway 4 between White Rock and the end of the new construction about 1 1/2 miles from the checking station. The county July 30, 1951 are favorable to designating this section of road as number one priority in the county, and it now remains for the State Highway Department and Bureau of Public Roads to agree on the construction. It is anticipated that the available money will construct all but about two miles of the remaining unimproved portion of the

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Bandelier

Three Office visited the area on the 10th. The group was in charge of Narrative Report for July, 1951

Weather The Region Three Office Woman's Club sponsored a party at Frijoles Canyon Lodge on July 13. Seventy-two persons attended, July proved to be the hottest month on records with an average maximum temperature of 96 degrees. Minimum temperatures were generally in the fifties but 43 degrees were recorded on the 10th. The hottest day on record occurred on the 8th when the temperature went to 106 degrees. Palch made an inspection of soil erosion along the lower Frijoles and Rio Grande canyons in connection with the rain. Practically no rain was received until the evening of the 13th when 1.80 inches brought temporary relief from the severe drought conditions. Altogether 1.39 inches of moisture were received, which is far below normal.

The Rito de los Frijoles went dry in the campground the last of June and did not start to flow again until July 24. This is the longest period that old timers have know the Rito to be dry this far up the canyon.

Special Activities

delivering Mrs. Mary Nogi Clubwalla, Madras, India, who is in this country as a guest of the State Department, visited the area on July 17. Naturalist Arnberger brought her out from Santa Fe and she was accompanied by Mrs. Bailey, Indian Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico. This is the first Service area that Mrs. Clubwalla has visited and she seemed to be very much impressed the the National Park objectives. She is an ardent conservationist, and is working for the establishment of parks and recreation areas in India.

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