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Incidents

Mount Rainier NP Melting Of South Tahoma Glacier Causes Outburst Flood

On the evening of August 5th, a glacial outburst from the mountain's South Tahoma Glacier sent debris and boulders as big as pickup trucks down the mountainside. The debris flow registered on seismic monitors and ran for more than eight miles. The event, which consisted of four separate surges, lasted for about an hour. The park's geologist believes that recent warm and sunny weather filled the glacier with melt, causing water to blast a new channel through it.

No one was hurt during the event. The park closed its Westside Road, which saw minor damage after glacial floodwater overtopped it. The nearby Tahoma Creek trail suffered significant damage and is not currently passable.

As the world warms and Mount Rainier's glaciers thin and retreat, these massive debris flows have become a common occurrence on the mountain's south side. Over the years, the park has recorded some 32 debris flows along Tahoma Creek. The South Tahoma Glacier that feeds the creek began to retreat in the 1960s.

A news video of the event can be seen at the KIRO link below.

Sources: Evan Bush, [Seattle Times](#); [KIRO News](#).

Yellowstone NP Seasonal Sentenced To Jail For Setting Fire In Park

A former seasonal employee has been ordered to serve three months in jail and pay \$5,000 in restitution for starting a grass fire that burned near the park's north entrance last month. He was also ordered to serve two years of unsupervised probation and cannot enter Yellowstone National Park for two years.

Curtis J. Faustich admitted to dropping a lit cigarette on the ground while sitting at a picnic table and igniting the fire.

On July 26th, firefighters from the park and Gardiner, Montana, fought and suppressed the fire. No structures were damaged.

Source: Zach Spadt, [KTWO News](#).

Grand Teton NP Visitor Bitten By Rabid Bat

A park visitor hiking with a group near Jenny Lake last week was bitten by a bat that fell from a tree. A group leader captured the bat and contacted rangers for assistance.

Park staff transferred the bat to the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory for testing. The visitor was evaluated at St. John's Medical Center. Post-exposure treatment was deferred at the time, pending the results of the rabies testing. When the test results came back positive for rabies, the visitor was contacted and immediately began treatment.

The park worked with the Teton County Health Department, Wyoming Department of Health, and National Park Service Public Health on this incident to assure an appropriate response.

Source: [Buckrail](#).

Rocky Mountain NP Teen Rescued After Serious Fall

A 15-year-old boy was injured early on the morning of July 27th in a fall of 300 to 400 feet in the area between Mount Meeker and Longs Peak. The boy fell in steep terrain covered with a mix of snow, water and rock.

Because of the remote location, the park's SAR team requested assistance from a helicopter from Buckley Air Force Base. The boy was flown to Upper Beaver Meadows and transferred to a Flight For Life helicopter, which flew him to Children's Hospital.

The teen was not identified, and no information is available about the extent of his injuries.

Source: George Tanner, [Denver Post](#).

Capulin Volcano NM Main Park Road Closed Due To Slides

The main road to the top of the volcano was closed on August 8th due to large cinder slides caused by heavy rains that hit the area.

The slides caused significant damage to the road. An NPS team was to arrive in the park yesterday to assess the damage and determine what work needs to be done.

The road will be closed until further notice.

Source: [KRQE News](#).

National Park System Follow-ups On Previously Reported Incidents

Below are short follow-ups on incidents previously reported in this newsletter.

- *Hot Springs NP* – The park has cleared Quapaw Baths and Spa to resume water-related services after final test results came in negative for Legionella bacteria, which can cause the serious type of pneumonia known as Legionnaires' disease. Preliminary results from tests made a week or so ago suggested Legionella growth, resulting in a recommendation to close water services at the spa while the park and public health officials awaited confirmatory testing. All laboratory testing was performed at a private lab as part of CDC's Environmental Legionella Isolation Techniques Evaluation program. Source: Tanner Newton, [The Sentinel-Record](#).

- *Whiskeytown NRA* – Recovery continues from last year’s Carr Fire, which burned 39,000 of the park’s 42,000 acres and forced campground, inholding, local community and staff evacuations. Part of Peltier Bridge Campground has now reopened, though three sites remain closed indefinitely due to storm damage that occurred over the winter and because there are still hazard trees in that area. The Peltier Trail and those trails associated with nearby NEED Camp remain closed to the public. Source: [Red Bluff Daily News](#).

National Fire Situation

National Interagency Fire Center

NIFC Remains At PL 3; No Major NPS Fires Reported

NIFC remains at PL 3. As of yesterday, there were 60 large fires active nationwide; together, they’d burned 1.2 million acres. New large fires were reported in California, Florida, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas on Monday. Firefighters reached containment goals on six large fires yesterday.

No large fires were reported in NPS areas on yesterday’s NICC summary.

Resource Commitment Trend

Category	July 30th	August 6th	August 13th
Area Command Teams	0	0	0
NIMO Teams	2	2	0
Type 1 Teams	2	1	1
Type 2 Teams	5	6	7
Crews	210	257	152
Engines	314	390	286
Helicopters	70	101	55
Total FF/Overhead	7,220	9,169	6,311

Fires/Acreage

Category	2019 Total	2009-2018 Ave	2019 Variance
United States: YTD Fires	29,339	41,524	- 30%
United States: YTD Acres	3,627,677	4,671,581	- 22%
Canada: YTD Fires	3,554	---	---
Canada: YTD Acres	4,435,541	---	---

Sources: [NICC Incident Management Situation Report](#); [National Interagency Fire Center](#); [IMSR Archives](#); [InciWeb Incident Information System](#).

Congressional Actions

Reports on legislation, upcoming hearings and new public laws of relevance to the national parks, prepared by Don Hellmann, former assistant director, legislative and Congressional affairs for the National Park Service.

New Public Laws

Nothing to report.

Senate Actions

The Senate is in recess until September 9th.

House Actions

The House is in recess until September 9th.

National Park Service

National Park System

A summary of articles pertaining to management and oversight of the NPS, to current trends and issues affecting the National Park System, or to either all or parts of the entire system.

- *Regional Reorganization Continues To Move Forward* – On August 8th, Acting Director Smith sent out a memo Servicewide entitled “Clarification of References to Regions in Policy Guidance.” The objective of the memo was/is to clarify the meaning of the word ‘region’ in existing NPS policy guidance in the light of DOI’s move to twelve new interagency regions. The seven current regions, referred to as “legacy” regions, no longer exist: “Effective immediately, any reference to a ‘region’ in any policy document...will be deemed a reference to one of the DOI Unified Regions.” The twelve new regions are Region 1 (North Atlantic – Appalachian), Region 2 (South Atlantic – Gulf), Region 3 (Great Lakes), Region 4 (Mississippi Basin), Region 5 (Missouri Basin), Region 6 (Arkansas – Rio Grande – Texas Gulf), Region 7 (Upper Colorado Basin), Region 8 (Lower Colorado Basin), Region 9 (Columbia – Pacific Northwest), Region 10 (California – Great Basin), Region 11 (Alaska), and Region 12 (Pacific Islands). A map of the new DOI regions can be found [at this link](#).

Around The Parks

Park reports are in alphabetical order. Included are proposals in the works for new areas or changes in designation for current NPS units.

- *Gateway NRA* – More than 265 women competed in the 34th annual All-Women Lifeguard Tournament in Sandy Hook on Wednesday, July 31st. The tournament features competitive events testing for stamina, speed and skill in areas of lifeguard work such as running, swimming, paddling an ocean kayak and rowing a surfboat. Lifeguard teams from across New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Maryland competed in ten events. The event is the oldest and largest all-women lifeguard tournament in the nation. Since its inception in 1995 the tournament has grown in popularity. The first year there were 55 women representing six lifeguard services from two states, compared to this year with 267 women representing 25 beach patrols from four states. Source: Patti Sapone, [NJ.com](#).
- *Hawaii Volcanoes NP* – Researchers with USGS confirmed last week that there is water at the bottom of the summit crater of Hawaii’s Kilauea volcano, which they say is “unusual” because there has never been a pond of water observed there in recorded history. Hawaiian Volcano Observatory scientists made the discovery after receiving a tip from the public about the presence of apparent water in the volcano crater. HVO scientists flew over the summit of Kilauea in early August and saw reflections from the green pond at the bottom of Halema’uma’u. The researchers aren’t exactly certain what will happen next – one possibility is that lava could slowly heat up the groundwater and eventually create a new lava lake, a second is that the lava could interact with the water table and create small explosions, and a third is that magma will rise rapidly and cause a larger explosion. Source: Chaffin Mitchell, [Accuweather](#).
- *Presidio of San Francisco* – The redesign of Crissy Field will be one of the last puzzle pieces in a decades-long process to turn the Presidio into a park friendly to both wildlife and humans. The

Service, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Presidio Trust are taking suggestions from the public on what people would like to see changed in the 100-acre shoreline park on the northeastern edge of the Presidio. No specific design has been put forward for the reconfiguration, but project managers say that part of the plan would be to create a green gateway for people wandering down from Tunnel Tops, the 14-acre park that will soon be built across the eastern tunnels of Presidio Parkway. Crissy Field was transformed from a decrepit military airstrip into a bayside park in 2001. It now draws nearly 1.2 million people a year who stroll, cycle and walk dogs on a 1.5-mile promenade that skirts coastal scrub habitat, a tidal marsh and beaches in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge. Source: Peter Fimrite, [San Francisco Chronicle](#).

Climate and Conservation

This section covers the myriad interconnected, conservation-related threats that are transforming the national parks, their ecosystems, and the world ecosphere, often simultaneously.

National and Worldwide Issues

Reports on the national and international climate and conservation crisis.

- *IPCC Releases Report On Interrelationship Of Land Use On Climate Change* – On August 8th, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released [a special report on climate change and land](#) that makes it clear that the way we use our land and cultivate our food must quickly become more sustainable if we're going to limit the rise of global temperatures to 1.5°C and meaningfully act on climate change. Agriculture and deforestation are putting additional stress on our land, which is leading to food insecurity, biodiversity loss, and rapid degradation. In essence, we're using more resources than can sustainably be replenished and we must address this imbalance if we're to fight off the worst effects of climate change. By degrading land through poor management practices, the Earth's carbon cycle is being thrown out of balance. Whereas before land was an efficient sink for carbon dioxide, humans have degraded it to the point where it can no longer store carbon as effectively. This is also leading to desertification in already water-stressed regions of the world. According to the report, "the frequency and intensity of dust storms have increased over the last few decades due to land use and land cover changes and climate-related factors. In some dryland areas, increased land surface air temperature and evapotranspiration and decreased precipitation amount, in interaction with climate variability and human activities, have contributed to desertification." Source: Monica Medina and Miro Korenha, [Our Daily Planet](#).
- *Quarter Of World's Population Live In Areas Of Extreme Water Stress* – According to a [newly released report](#) from the World Resources Institute's Aqueduct Water Risk Atlas, a quarter of the world's population across 17 countries are living in regions of extremely high water stress. The reasons behind the water crises go deeper than previously thought, as new WRI hydrological models found that water withdrawals globally have more than doubled since the 1960s due to growing demand – and they show no signs of slowing down. WRI's prediction: "Water stress poses serious threats to human lives, livelihoods and business stability. It's poised to worsen unless countries act: population growth, socioeconomic development and urbanization are increasing water demands, while climate change can make precipitation and demand more variable." Source: Monica Medina and Miro Korenha, [Our Daily Planet](#).

National Park System Issues

Climate Change – News concerning the impacts of climate change on park lands, waters, species and other assets.

- *Everglades NP* – Large areas of Florida's Everglades could be underwater by the time the multibillion-dollar Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan to restore the region is finished, according to a University of Maryland researcher. Seas could be 20 inches higher than the level

anticipated in the plan by 2050, which could mean large areas of the Everglades would be underwater, said William Nuttle, a scientist with the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science. "Some scientists believe that Florida will be about 50 miles shorter by 2050, so the peninsula will actually end at Tamiami Trail by the time this restoration is finished," Nuttle said. Others feel that the plan is needed now more than ever, as it addresses the health of coastal wetlands, the need for a barrier against storm damage, and control of toxic algae events that menace central Florida. Source: Paul Brinkmann, [UPI](#).

Native Flora and Fauna – Recent news pertaining to the protection, propagation and advancement of species now or formerly native to the national parks – or removal of those that aren't:

- *Santa Monica Mountains NRA* – The park has announced that researchers recently found two golden eagle chicks in their nest, which hasn't happened in the park since the late 1980s. The chicks were found in early May nesting in a cave in a remote spot of the western Santa Monica Mountains. Park biologists, joined by representatives from USGS and Bloom Biological Inc., located and banded the eaglets. Those bands will help scientists keep track of their status and migration, among other things. Biologists also took blood samples to conduct genetic testing. Source: Ryan Fonseca, [LAist.com](#).
- *Mount Rainier NP* – The American Ornithological Society reports that the northern spotted owl, protected under the Endangered Species Act in 1990, now faces a threat more serious than loss of old-growth forest that led to its original ESA listing. The number of spotted owls in the park has “declined sharply” over the past two decades due to the spread of barred owls, a closely related, competing species that has moved into the spotted owls' range from the east. Although the decline is occurring through the Northwest, researchers say that the drop in population is “particularly alarming” in the park, where spotted owl habitat has been protected for over 100 years, with virtually no fire or logging disturbance: “With barred owls detected at nearly every spotted owl territory monitored in the park, the future of spotted owls at Mount Rainier is tenuous. It also suggests that preserving owl habitat, while still crucial, is likely no longer enough to sustain the spotted owl population at Mount Rainier.” Source: [Phys.org](#).
- *Yellowstone NP* – The Fish and Wildlife Service has reinstated ESA protections for grizzly bears living near the park. There are six isolated regions of grizzly habitat in the Lower 48, but the biggest population of bears is in Wyoming. That's why the FWS removed protections for those roughly 700 bears last year. But a judge ruled against that decision, saying it was based on bad science and that the federal government has to look at the bear population in the Lower 48 as a whole and not just consider isolated pockets. The reinstatement of protections means that all grizzlies in the Lower 48 are protected again. Source: Amanda Peacher, [Wyoming Public Media](#).
- *North Cascades NP* – The NPS and FWS are preparing a draft EIS on the reintroduction of grizzlies to the North Cascades. The current total grizzly bear population in the area is estimated at fewer than ten animals, including so-called transient grizzlies who visit from British Columbia. The two federal agencies previously received 120,000 comments, 80% of them supporting grizzly recovery, but action was blocked by a Republican Congressman from Washington. Comments can be made on the EIS until October 24th at the [park's PEPC website](#). Source: Joel Connelly, [Seattle Post Intelligencer](#), via KOMO News.
- *Fire Island NS* – It turns out that Hurricane Sandy (October, 2012) was not entirely bad news for the park and its wildlife. According to a [recent report](#), sand moved by the hurricane from Fire Island's oceanside onto its bayside created a number of new sand flats, which was good news for endangered piping plovers, which like to nest on dry, flat sand close to the shoreline where the insects and crustaceans they feed on are easily accessible. Over the past century, coastal development and recreational use of shorelines vastly reduced the amount of waterfront property available to them, but Hurricane Sandy increased suitable habitat for plovers by roughly 50 percent. The population has accordingly doubled since the storm. Source: Annie Roth, [New York Times](#).

Invasives and Exotic Species – News on exotic or invasive species that have appeared or may soon appear in NPS areas and efforts to counter them:

- *Big Bend NP* – The park is engaged in an effort to reduce the numbers of non-native Barbary sheep that are jeopardizing the future of the smaller numbers of native desert bighorn sheep within its boundaries. This week, Big Bend NP and Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel trained in aerial shooting will be extirpating Barbary sheep from helicopters in the Deadhorse Mountains and surrounding area. Barbary sheep, known as aoudad, have been in the park for the past three decades and have increased significantly in recent years. Source: [National Parks Traveler](#).
- *Knife River Villages NHS* – The fungus that causes white-nose syndrome (WNS), a disease that's deadly to hibernating bats, has been detected in North Dakota for the first time. The fungus was found on a little brown bat captured within the park's boundary this past May during testing conducted by the Service's Northern Great Plains Network and the University of Wyoming. WNS has killed millions of bats in North America — with mortality rates of up to 100 percent observed at some colonies — since it first was seen in New York in 2006. To date, WNS has been confirmed in bats from 33 states and seven Canadian provinces. North Dakota joins Wyoming, Mississippi and Texas as states that have detected the fungus that causes WNS have but not yet confirmed the disease. The fungus, *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* (Pd) is named for the powdery, white fungus that often appears around infected bats' muzzles. Source: [Grand Rapids Herald](#).

Park Carrying Capacity – Management challenges pertaining to the balance between park protection and use.

- *Arches NP/Canyonlands NP* – The August 8th issue of the *Moab Sun News* contained a story on one of the impacts of the spike in visitation of recent years – increased vandalism, which has nearly doubled since last year in these two parks. “Vandalism and the complicated role of social media in outdoor recreation is posing a challenge to Moab-area public land managers... [The] immense popularity of the photo-sharing app Instagram is credited with a surge in visitation to outdoor areas nationwide. But with that increased visitation, incidents of vandalism are also on the rise.” The article details causes and possible solutions. Source: Scott Greiner, [Moab Sun News](#).

Systemic Pollution – Issues pertaining to air, light, sound, water and other forms of pollution associated with industrial development, population growth and other sources.

- *Rocky Mountain NP* – USGS has issued a report, entitled [It Is Raining Plastic](#), on a relatively new and growing pollution issue – the spread of microplastics, tiny pieces of mostly fiber material that are invisible to the naked eye. Researchers unexpectedly found them while checking rain samples from a number of Front Range sites for nitrogen pollution, including a monitoring station at 10,000 feet within the park. The microplastics come from the breakdown of myriad synthetics, including fibers from clothing, shreds from tires on the road, and bits of grocery bags and plastic bottles. They're now found everywhere, including areas seemingly as remote as high mountain peaks. Source: Michael Sakas, [Colorado Public Radio](#).

The Coalition

Summary of recent developments within the Coalition, including some of the actions that CNPCA took on your behalf.

- *DOI Reorganization/BLM Move* – The Coalition joined other conservation groups in sending a letter to Congressional leadership that expresses deep concern about the administration's reorganization of the Department of the Interior, the threat of which has become even more ominous with the announcement of the relocation of the Bureau of Land Management headquarters and personnel. The text can be found [at this link](#).

Source: Emily Thompson, Communications and Advocacy Coordinator.

Park People

NPS Alumni Passing Of John Scott

John Scott, 69, a career NPS ranger and manager, away on Sunday, August 4th, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas.

John served with the NPS for 40 years, working in various ranger positions and ending his career as superintendent of Pea Ridge, where he retired in 2014. He was an avid fisherman, boatman, gardener, beekeeper and handyman. He's described by his family as "a most loving husband and father and a park ranger to his roots."

He is survived by his wife, Diane; his three children, David (Jamie), Matthew (Meri Beth) and Emma (Roodyn); and his grandchildren, Austin, Kaylee, Levi and Ava.

A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made in John's memory to the National Park Foundation, 1110 Vermont Ave, NW, Suite 200, Washington D.C. 20005. Words of comfort may be expressed at <https://www.stockdalefuneral.com/notices/John-Carson-Scott>.

Source: [Stockdale-Moody Funeral Services](#).

National Park Service Recent NPS Management Changes

Here's a listing of recent actions pertaining to NPS staff. Click on the links following the brief summaries for additional details:

- *Yosemite NP* – Tom Standen is the recipient of the 2018 Barry Hance Memorial Award. He was presented with the award at a ceremony last month that was attended by approximately 400 park employees, retirees, volunteers, and park partners, including several past award recipients. This peer-nominated award is named in honor of Barry Hance, a long-time park employee who died in an avalanche while plowing the Tioga Road in 1995. Recipients of this prestigious award are employees who exemplify his qualities and attributes, including team work, a positive attitude, concern for the public and fellow employees, public service, and a deep love for Yosemite National Park. The full citation can be found at the following link. Source: [Sierra Sun Times](#).
- *Guilford Courthouse NMP* – James Hill takes over as the park's superintendent on August 20th. Hill has served as superintendent of Agate Fossil Beds for the past ten years; he has also served as acting superintendent at Fort Laramie and Scotts Bluff and as visiting park manager at Badlands. Source: [Greensboro News and Record](#).

From The Archives

This section contains incidents taken from *Morning Report* issues published during the corresponding period (approximately) 25 years ago in 1994. All entries appear in the original verb tense; "submitters" are those people who originally submitted the incident report.

- *Grand Canyon NP* – Rangers managed seven separate emergency medical and SAR incidents in the inner canyon on July 29th. Two people requiring advanced life support measures were flown out of the Phantom Ranch area early that morning. Shortly thereafter, rangers received a report of a possible cardiac arrest on the South Kaibab trail. While the victim was being evacuated, another report came in, this time of a 46-year-old man experiencing shortness of

breath and chest pain on the Bright Angel trail. Rangers who went to his aid determined that he was suffering from exhaustion and mild dehydration and helped him walk out of the canyon. The next incident involved a group of stranded hikers along the Little Colorado River who had run out of food and water while attempting to hike a difficult and seldom traveled route. During this mission, which culminated with the group's evacuation, a report was received of a hiker with a possible lower leg fracture about two-and-a-half miles down the North Kaibab trail. A litter evacuation and medevac were required to bring the victim to the Grand Canyon Clinic. At 8 p.m., a ranger on patrol on the Bright Angel trail was advised that a hiker had collapsed at about the three mile point on the trail. Advanced life support measures were required for the victim, including oral and IV rehydration. While this incident was going on, dispatch received a 911 call reporting that a hiker had collapsed and was unconscious and unresponsive a mile-and-a-half down the South Kaibab trail. Rescue crews found the victim to be severely dehydrated but conscious and alert. ALS measures were begun and a litter team organized to evacuate the patient to the rim. Submitted by E. Brennan.

- *Point Reyes NS* – On the afternoon of July 2nd, a man was seen standing with a butterfly net behind his car on Limantour Road. Rangers obtained a consent search for the vehicle and found over 100 butterfly specimens within. The man said that he'd been on a collection trip and visited national parks only to take photographs, but a log book recovered from the vehicle listed over 50 parks and contained references to possible specimen collecting in them. Seven of the specimens found in the car can be found in Point Reyes. The man eventually admitted that his sole reason for visiting Point Reyes was to collect the Myrtle's silverspot (*Speyeria zerene myrtleae*), which is listed as a federally endangered species. He said that he was unable to find the silverspot and was in the process of leaving the park when contacted. Following a joint investigation by rangers and Fish and Wildlife agents, the man was cited on seven counts of possession of wildlife and a net. Fish and Wildlife will be filing charges for attempting to take an endangered species. Submitted by Paige Ritterbusch.
- *Capitol Reef NP* – On July 28th, an eight-year-old boy wandered away from a large group while hiking on the Hickman Bridge trail and became lost. He decided to climb down a 500-foot cliff to a highway that he saw below; although he descended most of the cliff face successfully, he eventually fell and slid until he lodged in a tiny pocket in the sandstone 70 feet above the bottom of the cliff. A passing motorist heard the boy's calls for help. Ranger Tom Cox ran to the base of the wall and calmed the boy for over two hours while rescue teams scrambled over rough terrain to a point above him. During that period, Cox was joined by the boy's father and a doctor. Rangers Scott Brown and Garry Olson rappelled to the boy, picked him off his perch, and descended to his waiting parents. Except for some abrasions, the boy was uninjured. At times, the highway shoulder was lined with vehicles, as over 200 people watched the rescue. Submitted by CRO.

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A Closing Observation

"We inherited the loveliest of all continents. We should bequeath it to our grandchildren as a land where the majority is disciplined to respect the values even of a minority. Those values are esthetic or spiritual, and they reflect the principle that beauty is an end in itself and that man will find relaxation,

renewed strength and inspiration in the wildness of the earth. We should leave behind a land where those yet unborn will have an opportunity to hear the calls of loons and come to know that they are more glorious than any whirl of motors."

[Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas](#)

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