

CLEAR TEXT:
WASO Ranger Activities'
Electronic Newsletter

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We have a very short edition of CLEAR TEXT this week, partly because many of us are on the road, partly because of the whirlwind of activity going on here and everywhere else. We hope to have more for you on the next pass...

RANGER ACTIVITIES PERSONNEL CHANGES

The Ranger Activities Division, along with the rest of the National Park Service, is in the throes of change. We thought you might like a scorecard on where we are on staffing at present:

* Chris Andress, regional chief ranger for Mid-Atlantic Region, will be coming to Ranger Activities on June 13th for a two month detail as acting branch chief for the Branch of Resource and Visitor Protection. Dick Martin is on a detail to supervise the overall effort to place qualified central office and center personnel in field positions as the agency begins streamlining in earnest. Dick will be operating out of the Washington Office. Rick Gale's incident management team will come in, also on the 13th, to help Dick get the show on the road.

* Tim Stone will be arriving from Sitka next week to become the Service's fee program manager. Bonnie Winslow is currently finishing up her detail in that position, and will be heading back to Santa Fe on June 14th.

* Russ Wilson's detail as acting regulations program manager ends on July 1st, but may be extended. The vacancy announcement should be posted in the very near future.

* Joe Smith finishes up here on June 24th and heads to Cape Hatteras to become the park's new chief ranger. Bob Reid, the NIBRS coordinator for Mid-Atlantic Region, will pick up the responsibility for Servicewide management of the NIBRS system.

Several other personnel changes are looming. We'll report on them as they occur. We will clearly be in a state of flux and semi-turmoil for some months to come. Although we will make every effort to maintain the maximum

level of service to field areas, we ask you to please keep in mind that it will take longer to get things done than heretofore.

OUTSIDE MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Over the past few months, we've been working with writer Debra Shore on an article on high intensity resource and visitor protection problems for Outside Magazine. Many of you have also talked with her. That article has been completed and will be out in the July issue of the magazine. It runs to quite a few pages, and contains some interesting observations on the problems we face in some of our areas. Keep an eye out for it - we think that the American public will find it interesting reading.

FIELD NOTES

Pacific Northwest Region

Pacific Northwest Region has completed the transition from revolvers to semi-automatic weapons. Seventy-five commissioned personnel have received 32 hours of semi-automatic training; all passed the qualification courses, skills test, written test, and stoppage/clearance drills. Three classes were done at Fort Lewis and one at Coulee Dam. Nine firearms instructors from PNR presented the courses. Mike Butler was the lead firearms instructor for three of the classes, and Bernie Merritt for one of the classes. Joe Johnson, FLETC, provided the equipment and valuable support. [Mike Blankenship, PNRO]

PARK EXCHANGE

Great Falls

The park is looking for an international symbol for "No Picking" that looks like a hand poised to pick a flower with a circle and slash superposed. They have many non-English-speaking visitors and would like to get the point across to them via their bulletin boards. They'd prefer a version in black and white which would be suitable for scanning and reproduction on a computer. If you have this symbol or any other resource protection related international symbol, please contact Susan Bloomfield at NP--NCR via cc:Mail. [Susan Bloomfield, GRFA]

VACANCIES, REGISTER OPENINGS AND DETAILS

No listings.

DIVISIONAL TRAVEL

**** JUNE ****

6/6-6/9	Marriott	Drug program audit, North Atlantic Region, Boston, MA, and in-service refresher, Cape Cod, MA
6/9	Hurd	Reorganization technique meeting, Department of Interior, DC
6/10	Marriott	Annual leave
6/6-6/9	Dickerhoof	STARS III meeting, Gatlinburg, TN
6/6-6/10	Gale	S-520/620 cadre meeting, NARTC, Marana, AZ
6/8-6/10	Zimmerman	Fire danger rating group meeting, Ashville, NC
6/13-6/17	Gale	Type III incident management team

development training, Everglades, FL
6/13-6/17 Dickerhoof Annual leave
6/18-6/22 Farrel Hazard fuel removal project planning and
review, Mesa Verde, CO
6/20-6/23 Broyles Steering committee meeting, "Fire
Management for Practitioners", Seattle, WA
6/20-6/24 Zimmerman Fire behavior analyst steering
committee meeting, Atlanta, GA
6/20-6/24 Clark, Berg Regional audit, PNRO, Seattle, WA
6/22-6/24 Botti Southeast Region FMO meeting,
Knoxville, TN
6/27-7/1 Broyles Steering committee meeting, Fire
Management for Agency Administrators
training course, San Diego, CA
6/28-6/30 Dickerhoof VRAP quality control training, Denver, CO

**** JULY ****

7/11-7/13 Hurd IFCC meeting, Boise, ID
7/14 Hurd NIFC dedication, Boise, ID
7/15 Hurd NPS fire staff briefing, Boise, ID
7/11-7/15 Stone Regional fee coordinator training,
Glacier NP, MT

**** AUGUST ****

8/8 - 8/11 Broyles NWCG training working team meeting,
Denver, DO

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