



RANGER ACTIVITIES INFORMATION EXCHANGE



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Chief Ranger's Comments

With a little luck, most of you will be receiving this edition of the Exchange just prior to the Ranger Rendezvous in Jackson Hole, which I'm sure many of you plan on attending. As noted in the last two issues, I will be participating in a workshop there on 025 comparability, and urge all of you to attend it and come prepared to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of our study. I will also be participating in a workshop on Interpretation and Ranger Activities along with Dave Dame, Bill Halainen and others from our two offices. We will be discussing our present activities and future directions, and would like to have you join us in this session. Since we'll be around most of the week, too, I encourage you to meet with us informally to talk about your personal interests and concerns. The Rendezvous provides another invaluable opportunity for those of us sequestered in the Interior Department to find out what's going on in the field, and I hope you'll take the time to seek us out and talk with us.

While on the subject of life in Washington, this seems an opportune time to explain why it sometimes takes a little while to get an answer to your phone call or a turnaround on that draft memorandum that you sent up for comment. Although we are all inundated with work, the nature of our operations in Washington means that we often just can't get to your request or call for hours or even days. Ranger Activities is responsible for about fifteen major program areas, and must respond to the parks, regions, two centers, the Department, a score of other agencies who routinely call us, all the internal NPS Washington divisions and branches, Congress and a host of citizens who write or call us with specific requests. At present, we also have problems with our phone system and with staff shortages (we lack clerical assistance and an emergency services coordinator). We still seek your active input on Ranger Activity programs, but ask that you understand that the delays in responding to you are due to workload and not to indifference.

Updated 025 Statistics

The last issue of Exchange gave statistics on the breakdown of positions by grade in the 025 series, with columns listing the numbers for each grade in 1985 and as of June 21st of this year. These figures were updated on August 30th and are presented below with the change from June 21st noted in parentheses:

025 Grade Distribution

GS/GM-15	50 (+2)	GS-9	607 (-2)
GS/GM-14	68 (-2)	GS-7	472 (+22)
GS/GM-13	163 (+5)	GS-6	89 (-21)
GS-12	269 (-1)	GS-5	799 (-86)
GS-11	412 (+3)	GS-4	200 (-109)
		GS-3	32 (-52)

Field Reports

Cape Cod: A group of fifty women engaged in a topless demonstration around a maypole in Herring Cove on August 26th to celebrate "Women's Equality Day." The park sought to avoid a confrontation and chose not to act against the women while they remained in the cove, but eleven of the demonstrators chose to proceed topless to a nearby concession facility and then to a park fee collection station. They were arrested and charged with violation of the Cape's nudity regulations (36 CFR 7.67g).

Grand Tetons: A 34-year-old male who was participating in a rock climbing class on Exum Practice Rock was on belay when he fell out of his harness and fell 140' to his death. An investigation is being conducted to determine what led to the fall.

Shenandoah: Three 19-year-old males went for a hike up Old Rag on Labor Day and failed to return; the park began an intensive search the following day in weather that was very conducive to hypothermia. All three were able to walk out despite two nights in rain and fog, however, and required no medical attention.

Dinosaur: Last November, a Louisiana man, who was a manic depressive and off his medication, disappeared while in the park. Searchers found his car, which had apparently stalled in snow, and traced his tracks for 17 miles back down the road until they turned off cross-country and faded out in melting snow. On September 2nd, a visitor found his remains on West Cactus Flat.

Yosemite: A couple who'd gone out for a day hike on August 31st could not find their way back to Yosemite Valley, and spent a night out on a ledge above the valley floor. On the next morning, the man went for help and fell approximately 400' to his death. The woman was spotted from a helicopter and rescued; she was dehydrated but uninjured.

Grand Tetons: A berry-picker on Signal Mountain found the remains of a local man who'd been missing since October, 1983. Evidence showed that he had been tied up and shot through the back of the head with a .22 round. The FBI and Park Service are investigating.

Glacier: A couple hiking in the park on August 11th surprised and were mauled by a grizzly. The bear attacked both hikers, leaving one with flesh wounds and two broken arms and the other with punctures, scratches and flesh wounds. Both were able to walk out.

Grand Canyon: On August 31st, about 80 members of Earth First conducted a demonstration in opposition to aircraft overflights of Grand Canyon and uranium mining outside of the park. They were dressed as "nuclear inspectors" with white clothing and gas masks, and used sawdust to demonstrate how fallout could filter down onto the park. The group was generally orderly and no problems were experienced.

Fee Study

Although there is nothing new to report on the fee legislation which is being considered by Congress, there is a new report out which indicates that support for fee increases is apparently substantial. The Park Service's 1982-1983

Nationwide Recreation Survey indicates that a large percentage of the several thousand respondents would favor fairly high maximums for one-time entry or annual passes to the parks. Of the total sample, 53% would find a \$2.50 to \$7.49 entrance fee acceptable, and another 20% would go along with \$7.50 to \$14.99 fees; 10% of the remainder would not object to even higher fees, and 17% felt that they should be lower than \$2.50.

36 CFR Part 50

36 CFR Part 50, which contains the regulations that apply to all park areas administered by National Capitol Region, is being deleted. The vast majority of these regulations duplicate provisions of the Service's general regulations, which do not presently apply to NCR. A final rule has been prepared that applies the general regulations to all NCR parks and codifies in 36 CFR 7.96 as special regulations the provisions of Part 50 that remain essential to the management and protection of these areas. We anticipate publication of the final rule and an effective date sometime later this fall.

Magistrate Court Ruling

Jerry Hightower of Chattahoochee River reports a "new and interesting" decision on probation which was handed down by a magistrate in Atlanta. The court had sentenced Derek Lockley to 64 hours of community service and a year's supervised probation after Lockley pled guilty to possession of alcohol by a minor and possession of marijuana. Four months later, Lockley was again arrested in the park and charged with public intoxication, disorderly, possession of alcohol by a minor, assault on a ranger, attempted bribery, misdemeanor assault and sundry other charges. Following a plea bargain arrangement, Lockley pleaded guilty to three misdemeanor charges, and the government dismissed the others and agreed not to pursue a felony indictment. In addition to considerable fines, Lockley was sentenced to a year's suspended custody and five years probation. Along with other requirements made by the judge, Lockley may not enter any unit of the National Park System during that period. In his comments for the record, the judge said that it is the legal system's duty to protect national parks, visitors and park rangers from reprehensible and violent behavior. Any park contacting Lockley (DOB 9/12/67) should contact Richard Maher, U.S. Probation, 75 Spring Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Law Enforcement Commissions

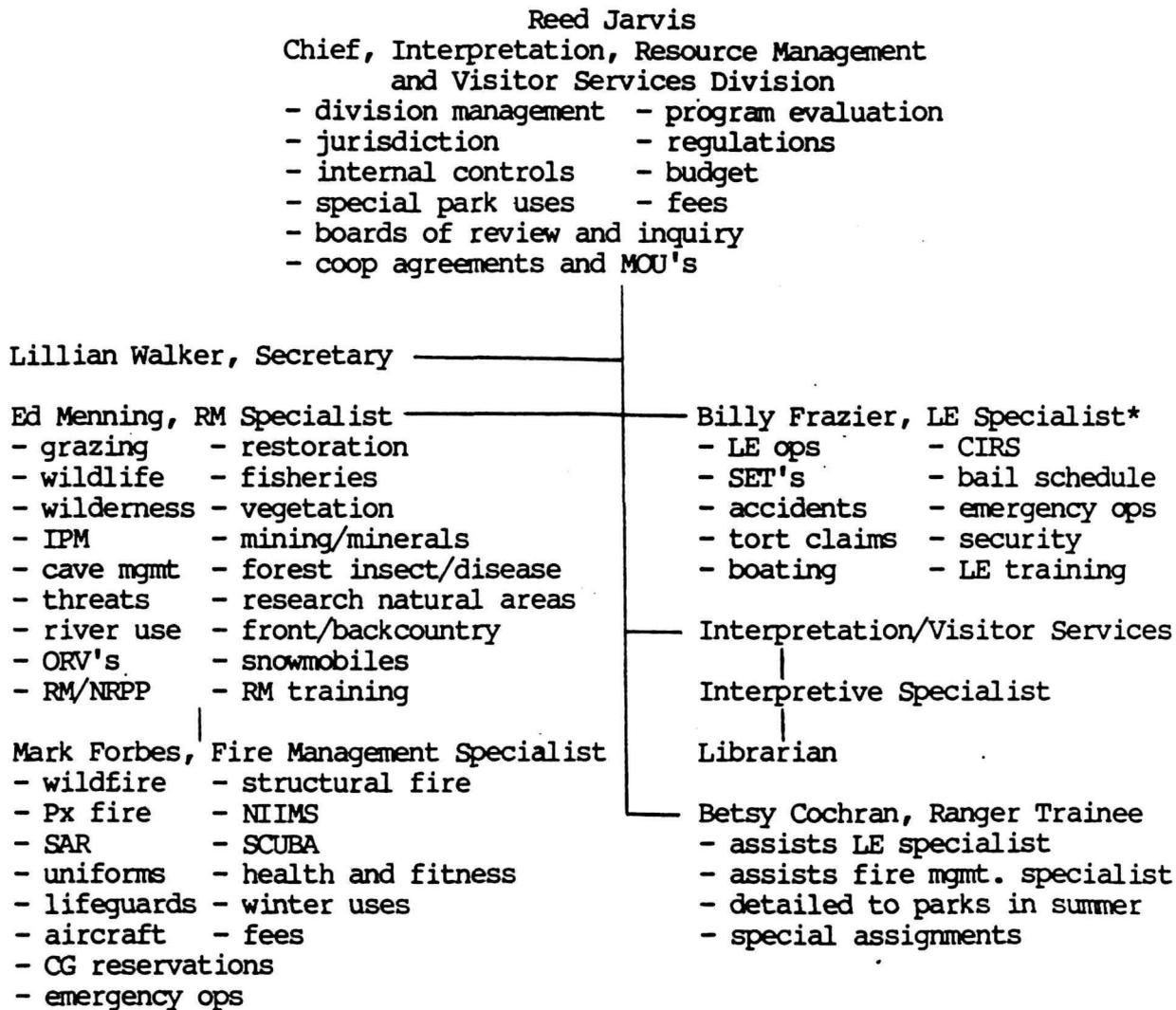
We are often asked how many commissioned rangers there are in the National Park Service. The following figures were culled from the annual law enforcement summaries submitted by the regions last year:

Total Commissions CY 1985: 1410 Permanent, 814 Seasonal

Region	Permanent	Seasonal	Region	Permanent	Seasonal
NAR	57	38	RMR	194	236
MAR	173	59	SWR	131	23
NCR	30	3	WR	401	244
SER	239	85	PNWR	60	51
MWR	95	24	AR	30	51

Pacific Northwest Region Ranger Activities Directory

This is the last in a series of ten diagrams of the organizational structures of regional ranger activities divisions. We hope they have been of use to you. Updates will appear periodically in the chief ranger's directory, now available from either your regional chief ranger or this office. The main FTS phone numbers for people in this office are as follows: Reed Jarvis, 399-5670; Billy Frazier, 399-2635; Mark Forbes, 399-5670; Ed Menning, 399-5670:



*EOD's in late October