

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

January 27, 1951

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Three

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of January, 1951

WEATHER: The prolonged drought was slightly dampened by a one inch snow storm on New Years Eve and again, on January 17, by two inches of snow; however the moisture content of the snow in both storms was only a trace and we are still far below normal.

TRAVEL: A 41% increase in travel appears over last month's count and an increase of over 600% over the same period last year, makes up for the two slow months of November and December. Our very dry weather is believed to be responsible for these increases. A total of 427 visitors entered the monument in 136 cars.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: Out of 427 visitors only 38 were contacted and the total contact time amounted to 6 hours and 50 minutes. In an earnest attempt to cut down our equipment operations we have necessarily neglected the contact work; however we will attempt to solve this problem by parking our dump truck on the job and combining the use on the one pickup for Maintenceman Winbourn's transportation and Ranger Worthington's patrols.

ROADS: No work has been done this month due to the slowness in delivery of tires for the grader and loader.

TRAILS: Maintenceman Winbourn has finished the job of cutting a set of steps into Winter Camp Canyon which gives us a safe ½ mile trail to the Winter Camp View Point of Delicate Arch. Signs have been made for this section of the trail.

WATER SYSTEM: Although we had a serious mishap during the first attempt to install our new Pacific Jet Pump, we now have a supply of water which is kept constant by a very efficient Floatless Switch. We only get 450 gallons per hour, because it was necessary to install a smaller Jet than was originally planned, but since the tanks have been full our pump runs less than an hour a day. It is certainly a relief to know that our tanks are full and will stay full with a minimum of power plant operation.

EQUIPMENT: Three new tires were received and mounted on the D-12 Patrol. This puts this piece of equipment back into operation. We are still waiting for the shipment of tires for the Front-End Loader.

GENERAL: About half the month was spent on the installation of the new Water Pump; however our annual inventory is almost completed and signs have been made for the Delicate Arch Spur Road and Trail.

Bates E. Wilson,
Superintendent

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February 26, 1951

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Three
From: Superintendent, Arches
Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of February, 1951

WEATHER: The drought continues with only a trace of precipitation. A touch of spring has been definitely noted in quite a number of warm days and a few very windy ones.

TRAVEL: Our traffic counter, on loan from the Utah State Highway Department, was returned to them at the close of the January travel month. It will be returned to us May 1, after reconditioning. The visitor count this month was taken from the register and 25% added for Non-registration. There appears a 180% decrease from the count of last month. Non-registration undoubtedly can be blamed for this decrease. The total visitors for this month amounted to 153 people, arriving in 60 cars, from 13 states and Canada. In spite of the heavy decrease between this month and last, we still show an increase of 61% over the same period last year.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: Our interpretive service improved this month with 68 of the 153 visitors being contacted. Total contact time amounted to 7 hours and 40 minutes.

MONUMENT ROADS: Ranger Worthington worked for a week with Maintenceman Winbourn, shaling the crossing on Salt and Winter Camp washes. This work makes the road passable although a finished job of grading is impossible until we receive more moisture.

APPROACH ROADS: The Utah State Highway Department worked a full week plating approach road #93 with shale and improved it a great deal: however much more plating and grading could be done.

WATER SYSTEM: The new Pacific Jet Pump is working satisfactorily with it's capacity the same: 450 gallons per hour.

MOTOR EQUIPMENT: We have been unable to obtain new tires for the Front End Loader, but finally put back into operation by recapping two of the old tires. We are keeping our fingers crossed against blowouts.

PERSONNEL: Notice of the approval of my transfer to Blue Ridge Parkway was received on February 20, but so far I have received no notice as to when this transfer will be made. From the Red Rocks to the Blue Ridges. What a change!

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Superintendent

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March 26 1951

Memorandum;

To: General Superintendent
From: Superintendent, Arches
Subject: Narrative Report for Month of March, 1951

Weather: Two welcome snow storms blotted any thought of warm spring weather, but did bring us almost an inch of much needed moisture.

Travel: We received our Traffic counter back from the State of Utah which they loaned us last year, and our traffic shows a tremendous increase of 864% over last Month. Allowing 3.2 People per car we had 990 people visit the Arches during Easter Sunday.

And we took the actual count from the register from the first of the month to the 23rd and allowed 25% for non registration which gave us a total of 1322 people for the Month.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: Our interpretive Services improved this Month with 530 of the 1322 visitors being contacted, Total contacts this month amounted to 31 hours.

MONUMENT ROADS: Maintenceman Winbourn has completed the spring cleaning of culverts and ditches. He also made one complete round of blading on all Monument Roads. The lack of moisture has been holding us up on this job for some time.

APPROACH ROADS: There is some talk of the State turning the Maintenance of #93 over to the County. We are in favor of this action for Grand County at least has the necessary Equipment.

PUBLICITY: The March issue of the Nash Airflyte Magazine ran a feature article on Arches, by Hal Strong, with a great many excellent pictures. The Denver Post Empire gave a full page of pictures to Arches in their February 18 issue, showing Delicate, Landscape, and turret through North Window.

INVESTIGATION: The Bureau of Reclamation contacted the Superintendent concerning the construction of a dam at the Moab Damsite on the Colorado River. A report of this contact was immediately made to the Regional Office.

PERSONAL: Superintendent Wilson was unable to accept the Transfer to Blue Ridge Parkway, due to the prohibitive increase in the living cost entailed in the Transfer.

EQUIPMENT: Two new tires were received from the front wheels of the front end loader. We have still not been successful in obtaining rear tires for this piece of equipment.

SIGNS: In placing the new signs on Delicate Arch Spur Road we are experimenting with a new design and color scheme. If the combination proves satisfactory we will request permission to change our entire sign system.

NATURAL BRIDGES: The State road Commission on March 6 announced that nearly \$1,666,000 would be expended this year on road construction to uranium mines in southeastern Utah. The State has agreed to finance 10% of the total cost of three separate road improvement projects, while the remainder of the cost will be paid by the Atomic Energy Commission.

The improvement of 90 miles of Road between Green River and Hanksville and the construction of 30 miles of new road, to avoid the 9000 foot elevations at the Bears Ears in the Elk Mountains will certainly increase travel to Natural Bridges. A truck road is also under construction from the junction of Hite and Bridges roads, running about forty miles south to an oil well which is being drilled by the Skelly Oil Company.

LOCAL INTERESTS: Construction has started on a truck trail from Moab down the North side of the Colorado River to the Cane Creek Oil Well.

UTILITIES: A new Propane hotwater heater and a kitchen range were installed in quarters #1 on March 5 and 6. During this installation corrections were made to the existing system to bring it up to standard specifications.

T. Earl Worthington
Acting Superintendent

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April 26 1951

Memorandum;

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Narrative Report for Month of April, 1951

Weather: We received two welcome rain storms this month in which ½ inch of precipitation fell.

It gave us a chance to grade all monument roads.

Travel: A 74% increase over the same period last year was noted; of the 2270 visitors for the month 990 arrived on Easter Sunday.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: Contacts of 920 people was made with a total time of 65 hours.

Nineteen guided tours were made with an attendance of 210 people.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Easter Services were held at the Window Section of the monument with 250 people in attendance.

MONUMENT ROADS: As of April 20 all road equipment operations ceased due to lack of funds.

APPROACH ROADS: Utah State Highway Maintenance crew bladed route # 93 twice this month; however due to lack of moisture the results were very poor.

NPS VISITORS: Ranger & Mrs RF. Uhte of Yosemite National Park
Chief Ranger, & Mrs L.W. Hallock Crater Lakes National Park
Ranger & Mrs Ray Dobbins Cole, National Monument
Superintendent Rose Mesa Verde National Monument

T. Earl Worthington
Park Ranger

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June 3 1951

Memorandum;

To: General Superintendent
From: Superintendent, Arches
Subject: Narrative Report for Month of May, 1951

Weather: Over one inch of rain fell during this report period bringing with it abnormally cool weather. Maybe these Rain Makers have something!

Travel: In spite of the stormy weather 1495 visitors arrived in the area in 447 cars which gives us an increase of 36% over the same period last year. Twenty-seven states and four foreign counties were represented.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Of the 1495 visitors who entered the monument 650 were contacted. Fourteen guided tours were made with a total attendance of 216 people. Total contact time amounted to 81 hours. Three tours outside the monument were made with 108 students of the Grand County School. The purpose of these field trips was to view and discuss vandalized petroglyphs along the Colorado River and explain to them the meaning and reasons for the Antiquities Act.

INTERPRETIVE DEVICES: The four panels which flank the two large center panels on the Wayside Exhibit were received from the Regional Office along with a welcome \$35.00 to pay for their installation. The installation of these panels will complete our Wayside Exhibit. Informational and directional signs for the Cover Nature Trail were received from Les Arnberger who is revising our Nature Trail leaflet. His help and suggestions will improve this trail a great deal.

PUBLICITY: Director George Sherman of the Universal Motion Picture Co. spent one half day in the monument seeking location sites for a Technicolor picture to be filmed in the vicinity of Moab around the end of June. He left without making any definite decision on the location, saying that there was so much to choose from that the decision was going to be difficult.

PERSONNEL: Park Ranger T. Earl Worthington is on Annual Leave from May 18 until May 31, in order to use up his 1950 annual leave.

ROADS: Taking advantage of the moisture received this month Maintenance man Winbourn was able to do a good job of blading on all monument roads.

NATURAL BRIDGES: Two trips to Natural Bridges were made for the purpose of transporting and installing propane tanks, refrigerator and stove.

Bates Wilson
Superintendent

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June 27 1951

Memorandum;

To: General Superintendent
From: Superintendent, Arches
Subject: Narrative Report for Month of June, 1951

Weather: Although we received no measurable amount of precipitation temperatures have been exceptionally low for the month of June.

Travel: During this unusually cool weather 2794 people visited the area in 872 cars. Thirty-eight states, District of Columbia, and seven foreign countries were represented. An increase of 91 % over the same period last year is noted.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Of the 2794 visitors 817 were contacted in the monument and 330 at headquarters. The Cove Nature Trail was used by an estimated 640 visitors and 658 stopped at the Wayside Exhibit. Many comments expressing appreciation of these two interpretive devices appear on the register.

PUBLICITY: A permit to film motion pictures was issued to The Universal Motion Picture Company. They started filming "Battle of Apache Pass" on June 21, using location at Fisher Towers on the Colorado and at the Sand Flats East of Moab. Their present plans are to film in the monument around the first of July. This picture, being made in Technicolor should give this area a great deal of publicity.

NPS VISITORS: General Superintendent, John M. Davis, May 29
Landscape Architect, Carl W. Alleman, June 24
Hugh M. Miller, Assistant Regional Director, June 1
Harold M. Ratcliff, Forrester, June 1.

PERSONNEL: Howard M. Williams entered on duty as Seasonal ranger June 24. Ranger Worthington returned from two weeks annual leave May 31.

ROADS: Due to the lack of funds during the first part of the report period and no moisture, Maintenceman Winbourn has only been able to do shale plating work on the monument roads; however they are in fair condition.

APPROACH ROADS: Because of the possible motion picture filming in the area to State Highway Department plans to do extensive shale plating on Route # 93.

PROTECTION: A case of theft was reported on June 25 by a visitor whose car was broken into and a purse stolen. The window of the car, parked at the Windows Section, was broken and a purse containing \$6.00 was taken from the front seat while the owners were making a tour to Double Arch. We received the report two hours after the theft was discovered and were unable to get any description of cars or people who were in that area at the time the crime could have been committed. Consequently we were unable to do much of anything except make a report to the local authorities.

EQUIPMENT: One army surplus truck was sold on invitation bid to Robertson Brothers, Moab, the successful bidders.

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July 27 1951

Memorandum;

To: General Superintendent
From: Superintendent, Arches
Subject: Narrative Report for Month of June, 1951

Weather: Temperatures between 100 & 1007 have prevailed for the last three weeks. Although higher temperatures have been recorded this is the longest continued high temperature on record.

One light rain fell in the Monument; However a heavier rain fell west of highway 160, in the head of Courthouse Wash, which ran enough water to make the crossing on State route #93 impossible, for half a day.

Travel: Due to the continued excessive heat & the presence of the Motion Picture : group in Moab our travel shows a decrease of 10% from the same period last year; However our annual travel shows an increase of 28% over last year. During this July period 2554 visitors entered the Monument in 807 cars Representing 43 States and 4 Foreign Countries.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: Of the 2554 Visitors 1202 were contacted at the Wayside Exhibit and 253 were contacted at Monument Headquarters. 8 Guided tours with a total attendance of 59 people were made. Ranger Worthington gave 2 illustrated talks with a duration of 1hr. each at his residence to 10 people after hours.

The Cove Nature Trail was used by 906 People and many comment of appreciation were received verbally and found on the Register.

All visitors who stopped at the Wayside Exhibit expressed their interest in the information it affords.

PUBLICITY: The Universal Picture Inc. started filming the Battle of Apache Pass in Court House wash in Arches National Monument on July 1 1951 and completed their work on July 8th, the entire cast of 120 people and 40 head of horses were used.

The Filming was done in the bottom of the Wash and on the slick rock rims no damage was done and their \$1,000 Bond was turned back as soon as the area was cleaned up.

EQUIPMENT MATERIAL: An almost new Iron Wood trailer house was delivered on July 14th by Tony Valenria of Bandelier Nat'l Monument. It was leveled up on blocks near the Wayside Exhibit, and will serve as quarters for our seasonal Ranger when all utilities are installed. Ranger Howard Williams has improved our Radio Transmission 100%.

An electric welder was received from Casa Grande, courtesy of Bill Supernaugh's pickup; However it has not yet been used as it is a 3 phase Motor and requires more voltage than we can produce.

From Grand Canyon we received a drill Press & 300 Ft, of #4 under ground cable.

This cable should make a great improvement on our power lines, not only in looks but in efficiency.

NPS VISITORS: Mr & Mrs Jerome Miller & Daughter Regional Office
Tony Valencia Bandelier National Monument.

ROADS: Maintenceman Winbourn took advantage of the one light rain received in the Monument and Bladed all Roads, The State highway Dept. spent 3 days shaling the worst stretches of approach Road # 93. This work improved the condition of the sand holes, but considerable moisture is needed for a good Blading job.

ACCIDENTS: This narrative report is being written in a rough draft for Ranger Worthingtons completion.

At this writing I am now taking my ease in the Grand County Hospital, Following an accident which occurred on July 26 at the Wayside Exhibit. While attempting to hitch a compressor, mounted on a 2 wheel trailer, to a pickup, I received a deep cut on the back side of my right leg, just above the knee, when the tongue of the trailer swung unexpectedly and caught my leg against the license plate bracket of the pickup. The cut is over 2" long with one main muscle severed, but thanks to the quick and efficient 1st aid of Ranger Worthington and Maintenceman Winbourn, And Dr, H.V. Temples Skilled stitching job no complications are expected.

T. Earl Worthington
Acting Superintendent

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August 27 1951

Memorandum;

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Narrative Report for Month of August, 1951

Weather: Temperatures remained above 100 degrees until the last week of the report period when two light rains brought welcome relief.

Travel: We again show a decrease in travel from the same period last year, amounting to 34% and believe it can be attributed to excessive heat. Our total visitor count amounted to 2749 people in 859 cars, representing 34 states and five foreign countries.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Of the 2794 visitors 1665 were contacted at the Wayside Exhibit and 205 at Headquarters. The Cove Nature Trail was used by an estimated 1665 people. On August 13, Ranger Williams moved into the Trailer House recently parked at the Wayside Exhibit. His being stationed in the area five days a week gives us a great many more contacts, better control & protection and also saves 30 miles per day on equipment operation.

ROADS: Moisture from the two rains that fell in the area was sufficient for a complete balding job of all our roads; however it took three full days to repair all wash crossings. Approach road # 93 is in fair condition.

NPS VISITORS: Kenny Saunders on August 14
Natt Dodge on August 25

PERSONNEL: As the result of an accident I was on sick leave for 56 hours during the month and then took emergency Annual Leave in order to take my daughter to a clinic in Albuquerque for allergy tests. I returned via Santa Fe and spend one and one half days in the Regional Office.

Bates E. Wilson
Superintendent