

A N N U A L R E P O R T

FISCAL YEAR 1939

CENTRAL

The fiscal year of 1939 was highly successful from the standpoint of operation and travel in spite of several adverse factors. Sub-normal precipitation considerably shortened the winter sports season and caused an early reduction of volume in streams and waterfalls. Controls on the All-Year Highway during its reconstruction after the severe flood of December 1937 continued until mid-summer of 1939. This discouraged a large number of tourists from visiting the park. The Golden Gate International Exposition, on the other hand, attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors to the State, many of whom also visited Yosemite. Had travel and weather conditions been ideal, it undoubtedly would have been a record visitor year.

Weather

Total snowfall for the year, as measured in Yosemite Valley, was 85½ inches as compared to the normal of 96 inches for the previous year. Water content of the snow was far below normal as indicated in the precipitation record for the year of 24.44 inches as compared to 58.99 inches for the previous year. Average precipitation for Yosemite over the past ten years has been 36 inches.

140520	Permits to Enter National Parks	213,603.00
140590	Business Concessions	6,786.92
143490	Fees, Water & Power Rights	5.00
144330	Reimbursements, Government Property Lost or Damaged	83.42
144280	Reimbursement of Travel Expenses	2.50
144735	Reimbursements - All Other	5.04
144871	Donations to the United States	0
144880	Moneys Received from Persons Unknown	.80
145050	Sale of Electric Current	64,984.15
145076	Sale of Heat, Light and Water	50.00
145080	Sale of Livestock and Livestock Products	0
145190	Sale of Water	8,450.00
145130	Sale of Equipment, Etc.	170.46
145140	Sale of Refuse, Garbage, Manure, Etc.	0
145160	Sale of Scrap and Salvaged Materials	1,281.95
145200	Sale of Subsistence	5.95
145255	Quarters	1,262.75
145275	Telephone & Telegraph Service	13,893.26
145300	Work Done (Garbage Burned)	3,323.10
148037	Donations to National Park Service	0
148182	Contributions, Civil Service Retirement and Disability Funds (TRUST FUND)	1.44
TOTALS, Revenues Collected		\$314,047.74

From the above figures it is noted that the revenues which the park turned back to the Treasury Department for the 1939 fiscal year exceeded our administration, protection, and maintenance appropriation for that period by \$2,127.74.

National Monuments

Both the Devil Postpile National Monument and Joshua Tree National Monument are under the administration of Yosemite National Park. One ranger was assigned to the Devil Postpile during the summer season. A total of 7,450 people visited the monument, which represents a gain of 38% over the previous year. Part of this increase in travel is attributed to the longer and more open season.

As no funds were made available for Joshua Tree National Monument, no personnel was assigned there. A number of inspection trips and research studies were made by park and other Service personnel during the year.

Land Acquisition

In connection with the Carl Inn Area authorized for addition to Yosemite National Park, the Government completed the purchase of the holdings of the Yosemite Sugar Pine Lumber Company in the area, which constitute most of the 7,200 acres in the tract. At the close of the fiscal year the acquisition of the ownerships of the State of California, Mrs. D. A. Curry, and Mr. T. H. Carlon within the area was being consummated by negotiation; and declarations of taking recently had been filed covering the holdings of the Yosemite Power Company on which the Carl Inn resort is located, and of George and Steve Cuneo.

Appraisals were made of the Sarah Scroggs, John Greeley, John R. Christiana, and John R. Tyrrell properties at Wawona. Also, an appraisal was made of the Teaford property southeast of the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees.

Personnel

The following personnel changes occurred in the permanent organization during the 1939 fiscal year:

Mr. Fred E. Quist was appointed to a position of Operator, Activated Sludge Treatment Plant, effective August 19, 1938, by transfer from Yellowstone National Park.