

The YELLOWSTONE



News

August 15, 1994

NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: August 26

The Word From WASO

Highlights from Senior Staff Meeting-August 2:

Don Herring, Acting Associate Director, Operations, reported that the Operations staff continues to meet regularly with Tom Collier, Secretary Babbitt's Chief of Staff, on housing reform. He said several contributors are eager to discuss how they can help NPS and its employees.

Joan Anzelmo, Chief of Public Affairs, noted that the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), short on fire fighters, is considering a plan to hire unemployed loggers to help with the fight. USFS may also seek an exemption to temporarily hire experts who took the buyout.

Operation Opportunity Report:
The Incident Management Team Tally now stands at 86 central office placements in field positions with 41 of these representing buyout vacancies. This program has restored more than \$2 million to parks. (Hugh Manar, OpOp)

Need a Good Listener?

The Employee Assistance Program has many ready ears through Maschhoff, Barr and Associates. Its professional staff has years of experience in dealing with family problems, alcohol/drug abuse, depression, stress and a variety of other issues. The services are available to the employee and his/her family.

Call 1-800-523-5668

TDD: 1-800-882-7610

Alston New Superintendent of Glen Canyon NRA

Joe Alston, a seasonal river ranger and firefighter in the high desert parks of Arizona and Utah more than two decades ago, is headed back to canyon country as superintendent of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area straddling the Utah-Arizona border.

Currently our Assistant Superintendent of Yellowstone, Joe was named to the top post at Glen Canyon by Rocky Mountain Regional Director Bob Baker. Baker said the 44-year-old Alston is uniquely qualified to head one of the busiest parks in the 366-unit National Park System.

"By looking at his resume, you might think Alston has been preparing all his life for this job at Glen Canyon," said Baker. "Joe knows the area. He has previous experience in running a water-based national recreation area. And he has the on-the-job and academic credentials in concessions management to head a park with a strong concessionaire presence.

"Also, Joe has prepped as second-in-command at Yellowstone, one of the few parks that is as busy as Glen Canyon, or has equivalent responsibilities in resource management and visitor protection."

Baker's comparisons are apt, because Glen Canyon, a 1.2 million-acre area containing 186-mile long Lake Powell, gets 5.4 million visitor days per year and is the seventh busiest area in the National Park System. Yellowstone at 2.2 million acres, hosts about 30,000 more visitor days as the sixth busiest park unit.

"I'm extremely pleased to be part of a country I know well and to manage an area that has grown beyond anyone's expectations in the years since I left," said Joe.

Joe started here in Yellowstone as a concessions management specialist in the late 1970's. In July 1980, he transferred to the Alaska Region as chief of concessions management. During his Alaska tour, he served for six months as acting superintendent of 3.2 million-acre Glacier Bay National Park. In December 1980, Alston got his first taste of managing a recreation area as superintendent of Curecanti NRA, which embraces three lakes along a 40-mile stretch of the Gunnison River in southern Colorado. In September 1989, he returned to Yellowstone as assistant superintendent.

Leaving Yellowstone in mid-October, Joe will also serve as superintendent of Rainbow Bridge National Monument, a 160-acre area site which contains the world's largest known natural arch, spanning 290 feet.

■ \$10,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON ILLEGAL STOCKING

Lake Trout Discovered in Yellowstone Lake

Lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*), have been discovered in Yellowstone Lake, where they pose a grave threat to the future of the lake's native Yellowstone cutthroat trout (*Onchorhynchus clarki bouveri*) and to many other animals. On July 30, a park visitor caught a one-pound lake trout south of Stevenson Island, and on August 5 another visitor caught a similar-size lake trout near the lake shore between Breeze Point and Wolf Point. Subsequent investigations established the authenticity of the catches. These fish were almost certainly illegally stocked, which Superintendent Barbee describes as an "appalling act of environmental vandalism." Lake trout were stocked in other park waters in the 1890s, but have never before been scientifically documented in Yellowstone Lake.

To help determine the extent of lake trout presence, and to control their numbers, Yellowstone Lake fishing regulations have been modified as of August 12. Under the new regulations, there are no limits on the number or size of lake trout that anglers may take from Yellowstone Lake. Regulations for Yellowstone Lake cutthroat trout have not changed. Regulations for lake trout in other park waters have not changed. Anglers capturing lake trout from Yellowstone Lake are required to kill them. Because little is yet known about the numbers, distribution, or origin of these lake trout, anglers are requested to present their lake trout at Fishing Bridge, Bridge Bay, or Grant Village ranger stations or visitor centers for examination. Anglers may be asked to turn in lake trout for study, but may keep the fish if they prefer.

The NPS is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for introducing lake trout into Yellowstone Lake. This reward is only a small fraction of what it will eventually cost to attempt to control lake trout in Yellowstone Lake. If the exotic fish becomes widespread the ecological and economic costs will be extraordinary. "The presence of this fish in Yellowstone Lake may not seem significant" said Barbee. "But we appear to be on the verge of an ecological disaster. The potential consequences of this thoughtless act are enormous." When lake trout are introduced on top of existing cutthroat trout populations, the cutthroats may be nearly or completely wiped out. Large lake trout prey heavily on the smaller cutthroat. This has grave implications. It could mean the destruction of the last major stronghold of inland cutthroat trout. Yellowstone Lake has been an almost museum-pure home of these fish for thousands of years, and it would be a tragic loss to Yellowstone's wilderness quality, to anglers, and to science.

The implications of lake trout in Yellowstone Lake reach far beyond the park's mission to preserve native trout populations, and involve the entire ecosystem. If lake trout make serious inroads on the cutthroat trout population, many animals will suffer, including eagles, osprey, otters, and bears. Cutthroats dwell in shallow water, and are readily available to many fish-eating birds. Lake trout spend almost all of their time in deep water, out of reach of most predators. And unlike cutthroat trout, which spawn in dozens of small streams around the lake, lake trout will spawn in deeper water in the lake itself. Many grizzly bears feed heavily on stream-spawning cutthroat trout, and could simply lose that important food source.

Cutthroat trout are also the basis of a multi-million dollar sportfishing activity

in Yellowstone, with anglers coming from all over the world to capture these wild native fish.

"Some thoughtless individual has jeopardized a sport-fishing resource that contributes to the livelihood of many people in this region," Barbee said. Lake trout, because of their deep-water habits, will be available to relatively few anglers, and will not provide an equivalent sport fishery if they reduce or destroy the cutthroat trout population.

Plans are underway to control the exotic fish, including identification and monitoring of possible lake trout spawning areas, where the fish gather in the fall. Barbee also emphasized the importance of public involvement in this emergency. "We're going to be counting on our fishermen friends," he said. "They're out there every day, and they can help. Their catches will not only reduce the number of lake trout, but will also tell us a great deal about what's happening to the lake ecosystem."

For Your Health...First Aid for Heat Exhaustion

A Message From the Safety Office

SYMPTOMS... Clammy, flushed or pale skin, sweating, dizziness, weakness, nausea, rapid and shallow breathing, headache, vomiting.

FIRST AID... Lie down in a cooler (not cold) place with feet raised and tight clothing loosened. Give sips of salt water (1 teaspoon per quart) or plain water if heart or blood pressure problems. Call a doctor, especially if there is vomiting or fainting.

PREVENTION... Drink plenty of water as your body loses as much as three gallons of fluids per day in hot weather. Wear a hat, sunglasses, and loose cotton clothing. Take frequent breaks from work.

Award Given to Hall

On August 9 Virgil Hall of the Mammoth Sign Shop was presented with a Safety Award for his efforts in promoting a safe work environment in the park. Virgil has also been working with local school children to promote safety.

Dosimeters Missing

The Safety Office is trying to locate two noise dosimeters that were loaned out over the winter and not yet returned. Please contact Edith at 344-2029 to return them.

Wedding Bells Chime

*Together with their parents
Heather Lynn Whitman
and
Bradley Garrett Evans
request the honor of your presence
at their marriage
on Saturday, the third of September
Nineteen hundred and ninety-four
at eleven o'clock in the morning
Mammoth Hot Springs Chapel
Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming*

*Reception following ceremony
at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. John Whitman*

Visitation a Hot Topic

The media has been very interested in visitation to national parks, specifically visitation to the most popular parks. Visitation to national parks is up .65% so far this year compared to the same period last year (January-May). (Here in Yellowstone for that same period we were up 16.5%) The high numbers tell NPSers we're doing our job and fulfilling Secretary Babbitt's commitment to our NPS mission of preserving resources and serving the public.

A Field Guide to Yellowstone Visitors

*by Heather Alexander, 12, Fort Lupton, Colorado
(with a little help from Mom)*

While traveling in Yellowstone National Park keep watch for a very common species, the Touristi. There are many different kinds and come in light or dark phases, and every variation in between.

Touristi may be classified in many different ways, for instance: Touristi Photographus; Touristi Exuberantus, who are commonly seen in jogging shorts and tank tops, and who sometimes are seen running up and down the trails before all the other awestruck Touristi. Then there are the Touristi Retirus, who, like turtles, drag along large trailers containing all the conveniences of home. Touristi Puristous are the type that stop at every pull-off and buy every brochure. The Touristi Sweetheartus who's hands seem inextricably attached. The Touristi Grumpus, the Touristi Politous and last but not least, the Touristi Fishingus who are usually seen in ponds and streams. You may be able to identify the immatures by their smaller size and are sometimes seen being dragged along behind their parents. Adults may be identified by their larger size and greater knowledge (sometimes).

If you are a close observer you may notice other kinds of Touristi, and please notice another close relative to the Touristi which are the Parki Rangerous and the Parki Sheriffous. This species is sometimes needed to calm, protect and restrain the Touristi, especially Touristi Exuberentous and Touristi Photographus.

Touristi identification guide signing off. Enjoy your trip.

Second Park Employee Alumni Reunion

On the weekend of September 17 and 18 Mammoth Hot Springs will be the site of the second park employee alumni reunion.

This reunion, like the first held in 1986, is intended for all present and former employees of Yellowstone National Park, including NPS and concession employees (TW Recreational Services; Hamilton Stores, Inc; Yellowstone Park Service Stations; Yellowstone Park Medical Services, Montana Power Company; U S West Communications; etc.). The weekend's activities include a cowboy cookout and dance, informal discussions with park staff on park issues, and various field trips (Specimen Ridge, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, the Mammoth Historic District, Crown Butte Mine). Alumni planning to attend the dinner and dance on Saturday night, September 17, will need to register by September 14, 1994. For registration information or additional information on the reunion, call (307) 344-2013.

■ YOU CAN, TOO!

Public Affairs Office Goes Electronic

Recently cc:mail Postmaster and general all-around computer wiz Ron Buss created a park-wide cc:mail bulletin board for PAO called "YELL Park Info Hotline". On this bulletin board we intend to post press releases, and The Yellowstone News, as well as other information as incidents arise (for example, recently we posted daily park fire updates). Our hope is to get the information on "what's happening" out there to NPS employees in an immediate, if not timely fashion. So get in the habit of checking your cc:mail daily! Remember, too, that anyone can post a notice on this bulletin board!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

► Ladies Barbershop Chorus Performance

The Yellowstone Harmony Chorus, Sweet Adelines International, will present a concert entitled "Harmony Our Way". This ladies four-part barbershop chorus from Cody, Wyoming, will sing in the Gardiner School Multi-purpose Room on Saturday, September 17, at 2 p.m. and then at the Mammoth School Gym at 7:30 p.m. that same evening. Advance tickets sales are necessary to help defray expenses: \$3 adults, \$2 children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the Gardiner Bank or by calling Debbie Keller at 848-7690.

► Attention Park County, Wyoming, Voters!

The League of Women Voters has given the park a video of their August 2 "Meet the Candidates" program held in Cody. To see this two hour video, contact Jan Laye (344-2003) in the Superintendent's Office. Also available in the Superintendent's Office are copies of the 1994 Voter's Guide and Proposed Constitutional Amendments for the General Election, Nov. 8.

► 100 Mile Bike Ride

The Tri-State Century Bike Ride will begin on Sunday, August 28 at 7:30 a.m. Riders should meet at the Madison campground at 7:15 a.m. for a pre-ride briefing. No entry fee. Sag wagon provided. Riders must wear helmets and comply with all park bicycling regulations. Prizes provided by West Yellowstone Bike Shop, TWRS, and Hamilton Stores. Call Steve Mazur (344-9273) or Rob Danno (344-7397) for required pre-registration and further information.

► 3rd Annual Kid's Art Opening

On Thursday, August 18 the Yellowstone Kid's Summer Art Program will hold it's 3rd Annual Art Opening from 4-6 p.m. at the Mammoth School. Please come and see what your kids have been up to all summer! We will unveil our new mural for the Mountain Rose Theater, and show our "Nighttime Forest" installation. Everyone is welcome! Kids will need to pick up the artwork they want to keep the same evening from 6-6:30 p.m.

► Youth Soccer League Sign-Up

Boys and girls ages 6-13 are invited to the final sign up for the Gardiner-Mammoth Youth Soccer Association Fall Recreational League on Wednesday, August 17 at the Gardiner School Multi-Purpose Room from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$20 for the first player, \$10 each additional player per family. Scholarships available. Bring old equipment (cleats and shin-guards that are too small) for an equipment exchange hosted during the sign-up. Practice will start around September 1st. Games will be played in Livingston each Saturday until mid-October. For more information call Jean Broadhead at 848-7960.

► Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, August 19, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next Visit: September 2.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted:

Good used 15 hp to 40 hp outboard motor. Call 344-7955 evenings or weekends.

For Sale:

17 ft. Sea Swirl boat with tri-hull, inboard/outboard, 165hp, 6 cylinder, cover, extra prop, convertible top, \$3,700 OBO. Call 646-9295 evenings or 344-2803 msg.

For Sale:

1984 Buick Century; Stereo/Radio with record storage; Easy chair, gold & brown stripe. Call 344-2029 days or 848-7575 evenings.

For Sale:

*Large area rug, Mission 66 picture window curtains & rod, complete double bed, oak dresser/mirror, couch, upholstered chair, antique gate-leg table, bicycle exercise trainer, skis, kids ski boots, coffee table. Cheap prices.

*1985 Subaru GL 4-wheel drive station wagon, \$1800. See Joe Alston or call 344-7468.

For Sale:

Black Aluminum topper for a small truck, \$250 OBO. Call Cat at 242-2718.

Lawn Services:

Leaving on vacation? Lawn work too much to handle? Contact Sabrina. She can do it for you! 344-7711.

For Sale:

Nordic Flex Gold weight machine, excellent condition, \$600 OBO. Call 848-7052.

Found:

Pair of prescription glasses left in the Sign Shop. Call 344-2339 to claim.

For Sale:

1988 Polaris Trail Indy snowmobile w/long track conversion kit, trailer hitch, spare belts, excellent condition, \$2,400 OBO. Call 242-2603 or 242-7275 (message).

Found:

Large grey sweatshirt at Old Faithful Fire Station. Call Joe at 545-2717.

Housing Needed:

Female biologist, 39, very clean, non-smoker, looking for nice inexpensive apartment (furnished, if possible) or house to share w/other female in Gardiner/Mammoth from now until end of October. Call Monika at 848-7857 or after mid-August call 848-5474 to leave message.

Good Homes Needed:

Grey/white mother cat and three black 3 week-old kittens found in Lower Mammoth housing area. Kittens available in 2-3 weeks. Call Sarah to choose your kitten today...344-2233 (w) or 344-7916 (h).

Pen Pal Wanted:

I only know Yellowstone through television and would like to visit personally. I'd like to have a friend there. Please write." Norma Rodriguez D. / Sector T #II / Col. Lopez Mateos C.P. 82140 / Mazatlan Sin., Mexico

For Sale:

Carpets...the price is right. Call the Barbeks at 344-7432.

16th ANNUAL YELLOWSTONE 6 MILE RUN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1993--9:00 A.M.
COME JOIN THE FUN. RACE, RUN, WALK, or CRAWL

The race will begin at the Gardiner School, with the first three miles of the course following the Stephens Creek Road north and then returning on the old railroad bed. ENRTY FEE: \$10.00 which includes T-shirt; \$2.00 without a shirt. Make checks payable to Y.P.P.C. (Yellowstone Park Preservation Council). Application and fees should be sent to Betsy Mitchell, Visitor Services Office, P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park Wyoming 82190. Applications should be submitted by August 17. Late registration will be accepted up until the race starting time, but expect a delay in receiving your T-shirt.

Check in time at the Gardiner School is 8:30 a.m.

		Male	Female
NAME _____	18 & Under	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCAL ADDRESS _____	19 - 29	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PHONE _____	AGE _____ 30-39	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
T-SHIRT SIZE			
Small _____	Large _____	40-49	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medium _____	X-Large _____	50 & Over	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you don't want a T-shirt, send \$2.00 and check here:

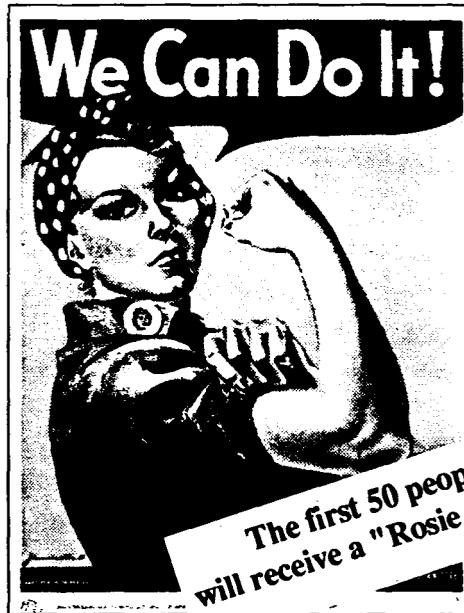
WAIVER:

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Yellowstone Park Preservation Council or their respective agents, for any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in connection with my entry in the said Yellowstone Six Mile Run.

Signature _____

Date _____

Come and help celebrate national
"Women's Equality Day"
August 26, 1994



Guest speaker will be

Evangeline Swift

Director, Policy and Evaluation
United States Merit Systems Protection Board
on

"A Question of Equity: Women and the Glass Ceiling"
Mammoth Hotel Map Room
2:00 p.m.

The program will include the video "Trade Secrets—Blue Collar Women Speak Out."
There will be a pot luck salad luncheon on the Administration Building lawn at noon.
Salad greens, punch and cookies will be provided. Please *bring creative salad toppings*.
(Look for the carnival tent in front of the Canteen.)

If you have questions or would like to R.S.V.P. call 344-2204 or 2203.

This program is brought to you by the Federal Women's Program Committee with
full support from the park administration. Everyone welcome!

**SECOND
YELLOWSTONE ALUMNI
REUNION**

A Roosevelt Style Dinner will be held Saturday, September 17, 1994, at the Mammoth Hot Springs Recreation Hall. The dinner will begin at 6:00 PM and the menu will include:

Ribeye Steak (adult 12 oz., children 6 oz.); Roosevelt Beans; Chuckwagon Corn; Potato Salad; Cornbread Muffins; Apple Cobbler; Watermelon and Beverages. A cash bar will be available for alcoholic beverages beginning at 5:00 PM.

The price for the dinner (including tax and gratuity) is:

Adult	\$17.85
Child (5-11)	\$ 9.52
under 5	free

To register for the dinner, please fill out the attached form and mail to:

**TW Recreational Services
Attn: Tami Whittlesey
Special Reservations Coordinator
PO Box 165
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190**

The deadline for registration is September 14, 1994. Refunds will not be given after September 11, 1994.

Check in will be at the Mammoth Activity Desk, Saturday, September 17, 1994, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE () _____ HOME PHONE () _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT _____

(check, money order, Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Diners Club, Discover, JCB)

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____

Please make checks or money orders payable to: TW Recreational Services