

# The YELLOWSTONE FILE



## News

May 21, 1997

NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: June 24

## National Trails Day Celebration Begins With Work Day

**National  
Trails Day**



**June 7, 1997**

"Connecting Places, Connecting People" is the theme for National Trails Day 1997, and the park is going to do just that; better connect the YACC Camp with Mammoth. We're going to build a hiking/biking trail between the YACC Camp and the horse corrals that will join the historic stone-lined trail to Mammoth. No more walking along the side of the road, dodging RV mirrors!

The park is going to celebrate National Trails Day a couple days early with an employee work day. If you'd like to learn first-hand how to build a trail, join the trail crew on Thursday, June 5, 1997!

Wear sturdy leather shoes or boots, bring gloves, and be ready for some good hard work. You can work the full day or a half day. No matter what your ability, we will have a job for you. What a great opportunity to learn a new skill (with permission from your supervisor, of course!)

We'll meet at the YACC Camp mess hall at 8 a.m. to get organized. The Trail crew will provide instruction on the use of tools and trail building techniques.

We'll break for lunch (FREE TO TRAIL BUILDERS) provided by the Yellowstone Federal Employees Association. Non-trail builders are also invited to the picnic lunch at the grassy area near Dick and Karen Winters' residence in the YACC Camp. (Cost will be announced later.) If it rains, we'll move to the conference room in the New Garage.

If you would like to help build a trail that will keep employees and visitors safe, and reduce traffic congestion and pollution, or if you have any questions, call Leigh Anne at x2016 by May 30 to sign up. EVERYONE is welcome.

(This project is endorsed by Mike Finley, Marv Jensen, Resource Council, and the Yellowstone Federal Employees Association.)

## Compas Picnic Scheduled for May 28

Lori and Eric Compas would like all of their friends in Yellowstone to meet their son Tommy. As most of you know, when Tommy was born last October, he had a few heart problems. He is fine now, but the doctor has not allowed Lori and Eric to show Tommy off until now because he didn't want Tommy exposed to all of our germs. So, in honor of spring and Tommy, join us at noon on Wednesday, May 28, for a potluck picnic on the lawn in front of the Administration Building (in case of bad weather, the Canteen has been reserved). Bring your own service, drink, and a dish to share. Questions? Call Beth Kaeding at 344-2012.

## **Dear Yellowstone Park:**

*To all it may concern: Between February 21 and the 6th of March this year I had the unique opportunity to successfully ski alone across Yellowstone National Park. This is a letter of thanks to all of the people who work at the park who helped, encouraged and supported me in my effort. I had wanted to ski across the park solo for many years but for one reason or another I could never gather the strength, time (or guts) to do it. This year, however, I finally gave it a try, and was rewarded with the experience I will never forget.*

*Experiences such as seeing the full moon rise from my camp on the side of Mount Washburn, being up and skiing before dawn, sitting in Alum Creek and watching bison graze through the misty silence, breaking trail through the Hayden Valley and singing song after song out loud to help me forget my tired body, following bison trails and blessing them for breaking trail for me, listening for the howl of wolves, cursing those damn snowmobilers, the secret joy of seeing a pine martin, and the sadness of when I had to turn back from Grants Pass trail because the snow was up to my waist.*

*I know that lots of folks come through the park, and that all of you are busy with the daily tasks that keep a place as large and complex as Yellowstone ticking, but I want to say thank you to all of the people who offered advice, kept tabs on me, or just took the time to talk. I could tell that each of you care deeply for the magnificent land that makes up Yellowstone, and without exception showed enthusiasm and support for me as I reached to learn more about the park and about myself. Sincerely, Rab Cummings, Missoula, Montana*

## **News From the Personnel Office**

### **New Permanent Employees**

Lynne Mager--Visitor Use Assistant

George Barrett--Maintenance Worker (EOD June 8)

Michael Kirby--Supervisory Computer Specialist (EOD June 22)

### **New Term Employees**

Thomas Tuck--Telecommunications Clerk

James Ruzycki--Fish Biologist (EOD June 1)

### **Promotion**

Mark Vallie--Maintenance Mechanic

### **Co-Op**

Robert Fuhman--Park Ranger

## **Mammoth Community Library Offers Alternative to TV**

Come and visit the Mammoth Community Library located in the Canteen building. They have a great collection of books and offer a great book exchange program for those who have trouble committing to a specific date. The library schedule is Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday noon until 1 p.m.

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*Jan Lave, Editor, Superintendent's Office 344-2003*

## NEWS FROM THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

### **RED CARD COMMITTEE "MISSION STATEMENT"**

"The Red Card Committee consists of Yellowstone personnel representing each Park division, district and Incident Command System (ICS) section. They have volunteered to assist the Fire Management Staff in wildland and ICS needs assessment to prioritize training courses and to identify park employees who are in need of training. The committee also supports the use of ICS on all park incidents and events."

The following is a list of the members of the committee.

### EOC(emergency operations center)

LISA HELMS  
PHIL PERKINS

### ADMINISTRATION

LAURA BERGMAN

### MAINTENANCE

JOHN CATES - NORTH DISTRICT/SPECIAL PROJECTS/SHOPS  
JIM EVANOFF - SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICTS

### RANGER DIVISION

BRIAN HELMS- NORTH DISTRICT  
DAVE PRICE - SNAKE RIVER/GRANT/EAST/LAKE MAINT.  
TIM REID - CANYON/LAKE/NORRIS/CANYON MAINT.  
ALLISON ROBB - WEST DISTRICT

Current red card holders or persons interested in becoming involved with fire or other ICS events, these are your contacts.

This program is for firefighters as well as overhead positions.

Feel free to contact any member. It is not necessary to contact only your division rep.

Lists will be developed as to skills and availability.

ICS HAS A SPOT FOR EVERYONE AND COVERS ALL TYPES OF EVENTS.

SUPERVISORY APPROVAL IS REQUIRED

## RESULTS OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PARK TO PARADISE TRIATHLON - MAY 3, 1997

Category	Team #	Team Name	Team time	Boater	Boat time	Biker	Bike time	Runner	Run time
Race-men	80	Royal Teton Ranch Eagles	2:23:57 (#1)	Allen	0:45:00 (#1)	Galloway	1:05:05 (#3)	Vaughn	0:33:52 (#1)
Race-men	71	Angels	2:41:54	Pantoja	0:51:09	Neto	1:02:22 (#2)	Issa	0:48:23
Race-men	78	With the Wind	2:46:04	Miller	0:56:15	Miller	1:09:13	Bernethy	0:40:36
Race-mixed	73	Racicot Erasers	2:27:19 (#2)	Page	0:46:56 (#2)	deGarmo	0:58:13 (#1)	Morton	0:42:10
Race-mixed	74	R.A.J.	2:34:33 (#3)	Rodman	0:48:56 (#3)	McAdams	1:09:13	Owen	0:36:24 (#2)
Race-mixed	75	Nipsee	2:48:17	Schultz/Kingus	0:57:21	Bryan	1:09:49	Stieb	0:41:07
Race-women	65	Pajama	3:16:30	Bell	0:53:42	Hesch	1:37:04	Kempff	0:45:44
Race-women	70	Paradise Peacocks	3:31:22	Ruhnka/Larsen	0:53:09	Ferrier	1:49:07	Heam	0:49:46
Rec-men	81	Sandbaggers	2:47:59	Short/Shuler	0:51:59	Dettori	1:18:07	Wytanis	0:37:53 (#3)
Rec-men	62	Branding Iron	3:08:40	Ballard/ Faechner	1:02:00	York	1:18:01	Ouellette	0:48:39
Rec-mixed	57	Biohazard	2:47:41	Ostovar	0:50:46	Fuhrman	1:16:13	Mader	0:40:42
Rec-mixed	52	Asphalt Eaters	2:56:27	Dunworth	1:03:43	Gruber	1:09:43	Rhodes	0:43:01
Rec-mixed	63	Oughtabees	2:58:54	Heller/Ward	0:52:52	Sacklin	1:24:02	MacCartney	0:42:02
Rec-mixed	64	Emdorphin Warriors	3:00:24	Engler/Myer	0:51:57	Munro	1:28:46	Smith	0:39:41
Rec-mixed	94	Crash Test Dummies	3:20:12	Gunther/Mack	0:52:00	Hendricks	1:46:31	Biel	0:41:41
Rec-mixed	82	Same Young Four	3:20:39	Eldred/Berg	0:53:44	Reich	1:46:35	Daigle-Berg	0:40:20
Rec-women	59	Black Lightening	3:22:26	Peterson/McClure	1:03:07	Cleveland	1:37:00	Ricardi	0:42:19
Solo-men	76	The Mule	2:57:21	Chad R	0:55:35	Chad R	1:16:17	Chad R	0:45:29
Solo-men	79	Duane Colmey	3:12:50	Colmey	0:54:08	Colmey	1:26:20	Colmey	0:52:22
Solo-men	72	Dad	3:28:22	Compas	0:54:17	Compas	1:32:47	Compas	1:01:18
Solo-women	77	Jacy Brouillette	3:16:28	Brouillette	0:56:10	Brouillette	1:32:30	Brouillette	0:47:48

The Park to Paradise Race Committee wants to thank all the volunteers who helped make this years race such a success - timers, registration people, safety people, cooks, and those who helped with door prizes and advertising. We especially want to acknowledge the generous donations of food to the cookout from **AmFac Parks and Resorts**, the **North Entrance Food Farm**, and the **Yellowstone Federal Employees Association**. Thanks to **Dan Liddell** for the t-shirt design and the **Yellowstone Cooperative Recreation Program** for their help getting the t-shirts made. The **Park County Sheriffs Department** and the **Montana Highway Patrol** helped out to keep everyone safe. The following businesses and organizations donated some great door prizes: in Bozeman - **Barrel Mountaineering**, **Chalet Sports**, **Greater Yellowstone Coalition**, **Makenzie River Pizza**, **Yellowstone Ecosystem Studies**; in Gardiner - **Bear Country Café**, **Electric Peak Espresso**, **Gardiner Drug**, **Gardiner Hardware**, **Helen's Corral**, **High Country Photo**, the **K-Bar**, **Kremmer Exxon**, **Mountain Man Fruit Co.**, **Mountain Rose Theater**, **Ranch Kitchen**, **Tire Iron**, **Town Café**, **Yellowstone Gallery**, **Yellowstone Raft Company**, **Your Town Video**, **Yellowstone Park Service Stations**; in Livingston - **Dairy Queen**, **The Pickle Barrel**, **Timber Trails**; and in Mammoth - **AmFac Parks and Resorts** and **Yellowstone's Bear Management Office**.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

\* **Vet Visit** – Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, May 30 from 2 to 5 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: June 13.

\* **Come On and Contra Dance!!!** – The Broken String Band is back due to popular demand. Contra dancing is a caller directed dance that is similar to square dancing. It's a lot of fun and no previous knowledge is required. Where: Mammoth School, When: Friday May 30 at 7 p.m. Donations at the door for band expenses. Everyone is welcome!

\* **GIGANTIC Multi-Family Yard Sale** – Saturday, June 7 starting at 9 a.m. Several families from Lower mammoth are participating—follow the signs!!!

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**For Sale:** Custom, white Kirsch mini-blinds for Mission 66 house—living room, dining room, bedrooms, kitchen. They were \$600 new, \$300 takes all. Will also sell individually. Make an offer. Evenings call 344-7455, daytime call 344-2151 or 344-2020.

**For Sale:** Hot Springs SPA, Model Sovereign, 3 years old, \$3000. Mac IIsi, 5/40, with monitor and printer, \$550. Call 344-7349 after 5 p.m.

**For Sale:** 1991 Polaris Long Track snowmobile, 2-up seat with rest and cargo basket. \$1600. Call Jim at 344-2350 or (406)333-4729.

**For Sale:** French gardening shoes, like new, great for rain, gardening, muddy conditions. \$10, women's size 7 (runs a little small, new \$40). Call Renee at 344-2204.

**For Sale:** 1995 Polaris XCR 600, excellent condition, new, was \$6700, will sell for \$3300. Nortic Track Achiever, new, good condition, was \$750, will sell for \$350. Mossburg 500 shotgun, \$150. Call John at 344-8918, leave message.

**For Sale:** 1984 Ford F-150, 4x2 pickup with fiberglass shell. In good shape, 18 MPG, \$2400 or best offer. Call (406) 646-9295, leave message.

**For Sale:** 1989 Nissan PU SE-V6, 4x4, extended cab, fiberglass topper. Excellent condition and maintenance. Asking \$8200. (406) 646-7696 (In W. Yellowstone)

**For Sale:** 1992 Chevy 4x4, 1/2 ton, short box, very nice condition. Call 344-7483 after 5:30 p.m.

**For Sale:** Women's Red Wing fire boots, size 8 1/2 C, like brand new, worn one week, \$100, OBO. Call Lynne at 344-7402 eves, 344-2160 days.

**For Sale:** Yakima standard bike mount (holds one mountain or road bike, remove front wheel, fits Yakima round cross bar). \$25. Call Jean or Rocky at 344-7452.

**For Sale:** 1992 Ford Ranger Supercab, 4x4, 5 speed, V6, 4.0l engine, has engine block heater, fiberglass topper, truck bed liner, and is set up for light towing capability. Excellent condition, well maintained. Call 848-7142 for more info.

**Found:** Leatherman Supertool, along the road east of Tower Jct.(towards Lamar). May be claimed by owner identifying initials carved in tool. Call Jean or Rocky at 344-7452.

**Roommate Wanted:** for two bedroom apartment in Gardiner, overlooking the Yellowstone River, nice, fenced-in yard, non-smoker, no pets; \$250 per month plus 1/2 utilities. Call Lynne at 344-7402 eves, or 344-2160 days.

**Graduation is Coming Up:** have you been wondering what to give that special graduate this year? A handmade quilt would give a real "homey" touch to that dorm room this fall. Call 344-7483 for details.

### **CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT CORNER**

This week's article is on Yellowstone Park Medical Services (YPMS) and their contract with the National Park Service (NPS). YPMS has been providing medical services in Yellowstone since 1980, and is operated by West Park Hospital, Cody, Wyoming. The current ten year concession contract was signed in 1993 and expires in 2002.

Like all concession contracts, it was written to insure that a satisfactory level of services would be available in Yellowstone for visitors and employees. The contract also insures an appropriate return to the government for the opportunity of doing business in the park. Providing medical services in a seasonal park like Yellowstone is expensive. Recruiting physicians, nurses and other professional staff for seasonal positions and providing adequate housing and food service is difficult. Therefore, YPMS was not required to pay a franchise fee to the government. However, the contract required a significant building program which included constructing employee housing at Lake and Old Faithful for seasonal medical personnel. This concessioner was also required to provide medical equipment including ambulances and emergency vehicles to be used, not only by hospital staff, but also by the park's Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). Investments required under this contract amount to over \$1 million. Their first construction project, completed last year, was a duplex at Lake. YPMS provides supervisory support, technical assistance and training for the NPS Emergency Medical Services Program.

Concessioner rates must be approved by the National Park Service. A comprehensive review and analysis of medical rates is completed annually by the Concessions Management Office. Rates are approved using the American Medical Association's accepted procedures as well as a study of medical rates in the surrounding area for clinics and hospitals providing similar services. Clinics and hospitals in Bozeman, Livingston, Billings, and Big Timber, Montana are the facilities most frequently used for the comparability process. Medical Services in the park include a clinic which is open year round at Mammoth, a seasonal hospital and clinic operation at Lake and a seasonal clinic at Old Faithful. All facilities are fully staffed with professional medical personnel. Lake Hospital is equipped to provide emergency care as well as inpatient services. Lake Hospital includes a clinic, pharmacy, laboratory and x-ray services. The hospital opens one week before Memorial Day and remains open until mid-September. Emergency services are provided 24-hours a day, seven days a week during this time. The Lake Clinic is also open seven days each week from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The Old Faithful Clinic opens and closes each year in conjunction with the Old Faithful Inn. Clinic services are available in early May through mid-October. The clinic is open seven days each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The clinic normally closes for lunch each day from noon until 1:00 p.m. The Mammoth Clinic is open all year with a full time physician. Clinic hours during the winter months are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the summer months, the clinic is open seven days each week with the same hours of operation. The clinic closes for lunch daily from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

In addition to the services mentioned above, an Employee Health Care Program is available for National Park Service seasonal employees. This program is mandatory for seasonal concessioner employees. The plan costs 58-cents a day. If you are interested in the Plan, brochures are available by contacting any of the YPMS facilities: Lake Hospital - 307-242-7241, Old Faithful Clinic - 307-545-7325 and the Mammoth Clinic - 307-344-7965.