

Yosemite National Park  
California

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 1938

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**GENERAL** June 30, 1938, marked the close of an extremely active and interesting year in Yosemite. There were, as usual, many problems, large numbers of visitors, adverse weather conditions which created real emergencies, and an ever-increasing amount of administrative and routine activities in each of the divisions here. We feel that to the park visitor, however, there was no outward semblance of a tremendously busy organization, but only a comparatively smooth operation designed to assist and control people efficiently and with the least possible amount of interference.

The 461,492 visitors who came to Yosemite during the 1937 travel year were the greatest bona fide number recorded here in any year. Travel during the present travel year is somewhat less than last, however, evidently due principally to the flood conditions which were encountered in December throughout the state, the closing of approach roads during winter and spring months by slides caused by flood damage and general saturation, and the flooding of highways in the lowlands during the spring.

The 600 companies remained throughout the winter, and two additional companies were brought in this spring principally for Ribes control work, one located at Crane Flat and the other at Middle Fork a short distance outside of the park in the Stanislaus National Forest.

**RADIO**

Radio communication continued to prove highly useful in several phases of operation here. It was of assistance during the flood period in December when roads into the park were impassable. It is, of course, of much service after the first snows of winter, which usually bring down telephone lines to outpost stations. On emergencies of almost any character it is highly valuable.

**NATIONAL  
MONUMENT  
ADMINIS-  
TRATION**

Yosemite was responsible for the Devil Postpile National Monument and the Joshua Tree National Monument. One ranger was stationed at Devil Postpile during the summer months, but no personnel was assigned to Joshua Tree. It was possible, through careful budgeting, to construct 30 camp tables with attached benches for the Devil Postpile National Monument out of funds allotted to that area for the 1938 fiscal year. No development of any nature has been undertaken by the Service at the Joshua Tree National Monument.

**PERSONNEL  
CHANGES**

Two permanent employees transferred from Yosemite during the year. Ranger Wilfred E. Merrill transferred to the Boulder Dam Recreational Area in November. Junior Bacteriologist Russell O. White transferred to the federal Food and Drug Administration, at San Francisco, in December.