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Incidents

Mount Rainier NP Missing Snowshoer Spotted From Helicopter And Rescued

A snowshoer who became separated from a friend spent a cold night in the backcountry of Mount Rainier before being spotted by searchers in a helicopter who guided his rescue.

The unidentified man and his partner had been on the Muir Snowfield at an elevation of 9,500 feet last Saturday. The two separated shortly before 2 p.m., with the snowshoer intending to head down to Paradise while his friend, who was on skis, headed for Camp Muir. When the snowshoer failed to reach Paradise, rangers were contacted.

Three National Park Service teams conducted an initial search for the missing snowshoer until early Sunday morning in winter conditions that minimized visibility. The overnight low at Paradise dropped to 16 degrees Fahrenheit with 5 inches of new snow.

NPS search managers and Mount Rescue Association ground teams began searching again on Sunday morning. Clouds prevented launching air operations until afternoon, when a contract helicopter from Hi Line Helicopters with park rangers aboard joined the search. The helicopter team located the snowshoer in the Nisqually River drainage on the west side of the river a mile upstream from Glacier Bridge. Ground teams reached the snowshoer an hour later. Searchers worked to warm him while a helicopter from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island responded. The military Seahawk helicopter hoisted and transported him directly to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Source: [National Parks Traveler](#).

Shenandoah NP Missing Hypothermic Woman Rescued

Warren County sheriff's deputies rescued a 61-year-old woman after finding her late last week in the early stages of hypothermia in thick underbrush in the park.

The search for the woman began with a request at 10:40 p.m. from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office for assistance in locating her. She had left her residence that morning and her family had not been able to locate or contact her since then. The woman's phone indicated she was last known to be near the area north of Skyline Drive. Her vehicle was found on Skyline Drive in the area of the Dicky Ridge trailhead.

A search was begun that included a bloodhound. The dog, following up on scent from the woman's clothing, found her lying face down in dense underbrush. She was still breathing, but extremely disoriented and in the beginning stages of hypothermia after being in the area for about 11 hours.

The woman was transported to Warren Memorial Hospital for further treatment and evaluation.

Source: Charles Paullin, [The Northern Virginia Daily](#).

National Park System Follow-ups On Previously Reported Incidents

Below are short follow-ups on incidents previously reported in this newsletter.

- *Yellowstone NP* – You will undoubtedly recall the incident recently reported in these pages in which an enterprising crew of young visitors tried to cook a chicken in one of the park’s thermal springs. With Thanksgiving imminent, you’re no doubt expecting that a reenactment was attempted with turkeys. No, but the National Park Service LEGO Vignettes Facebook now includes a scene of the original incident. “Lego Ranger” Gavin Gardner, an actual ranger at Salem Maritime Historic Site in Massachusetts, has been creating and posting daily Lego scenes on social media since the pandemic began, some offering comic relief, others providing safety warnings. This is a little of both. You can find it and several other Gardner connections [at this webpage](#). Source: Danielle Johnson, [Jackson Hole News And Guide](#).
- *Gulf Islands NS* – The Florida portions of the park sustained more than \$4.5 million in damages from Hurricane Sally, according to early estimates. Much of the park still remains closed more than two months after the Category 2 hurricane passed over the region. The greatest damage came to the roadways, with repairs estimated to cost close to \$2 million, along with another \$1.2 million to repair the "obliterated" ferry pier. In all, the Florida side has 26 separate repair projects to do for Hurricane Sally, and about just as many on the Mississippi side following Hurricane Zeta.

Source: Madison Arnold, [Pensacola News Journal](#).

National Fire Situation

National Interagency Fire Center Fire Activity Diminishes Nationwide

NIFC remains at Preparedness Level 2.

Four new large fires have been reported this week, two in Oklahoma and one each in Kentucky and Utah. There are 29 uncontained large fires currently burning in seven states; together, they have burned 1.9 million acres. Wildland firefighters contained ten large fires, including the August Complex on the Mendocino National Forest in California.

Park And Park-Related Fires

- *Rocky Mountain NP* – The [East Troublesome Fire](#) has burned 193,812 acres and is now 72% contained. NIFC will no longer be posting a narrative entry on the fire. The park has posted a video on its Facebook page that provides an overview of the damage caused by the fire ([click on this link to see it](#)). Approximately 30,000 acres, or nine percent of the park, has been impacted by the East Troublesome and Cameron Peak Fires.

Resource Commitment Trend

Category	November 3	November 10	November 25

Area Command Teams	1	0	0
NIMO Teams	1	1	0
Type 1 Teams	2	0	0
Type 2 Teams	3	4	4
Crews	91	46	17
Engines	358	198	105
Helicopters	49	24	9
Total FF/Overhead	5,939	3,406	1,483

Fires/Acreage

Category	2010-2019 Ave	2020 Total	Difference
United States: YTD Fires	54,599	50,483	- 4,116
United States: YTD Acres	6,506,438	8,843,065	+ 2,336,627

Sources: [NICC Incident Management Situation Report](#); [National Interagency Fire Center](#); [IMSR Archives](#); [InciWeb Incident Information System](#).

Congressional Actions

Reports on legislation, upcoming hearings and new public laws of relevance to the national parks, prepared by Don Hellmann, former assistant director, legislative and Congressional affairs for the National Park Service.

New Public Laws

October 30 – The president signed into law:

- [H.R. 3399](#), to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program (Public Law 116–186).
- [S. 3051](#), to improve protections for wildlife (Public Law 116–188). The bill concerns a number of programs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Sec. 110 of the act reauthorizes the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network through 2025.

Senate Actions

November 12 –The Senate passed [H.R. 1773](#), to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition and other material to win the war, that were referred to as “Rosie the Riveter”, in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations.

November 16 –The Senate passed [H.R. 6395](#), to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. The Senate had previously passed its own version of this legislation, [S. 4049](#), on July 23rd. The action of the Senate on November 16th was just a procedural move to substitute its version of S. 4049 for the language of the House-passed H.R. 6395, so it could go to conference with the House on the bill to resolve the differences between the two versions. [See the Coalition Weekly Report of August 19th for further information about the Senate-passed S. 4049 that impacts the National Park Service.](#)

November 16 –The Senate passed [S. 327](#), to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, by a vote of 401 yeas with none voting nay.

November 17 –The Committee on the Judiciary held a hearing to examine breaking the news, focusing on censorship, suppression, and the 2020 election, after receiving testimony from Jack Dorsey, Twitter, Inc., San Francisco, California; and Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook, Inc., Menlo Park, California.

November 18 –The Senate agreed to [S. Res. 779](#), recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

November 18 –The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining held a hearing on the following bills, among others:

- [H.R. 823](#) and [S. 241](#), to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado.
- [S. 1695](#), to amend the Wilderness Act to allow local Federal officials to determine the manner in which non-motorized uses may be permitted in wilderness areas.
- [S. 4569](#), to modify the boundary of the Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument in the State of Arizona.
- [S. 4599](#), to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry.
- [S. 4625](#), to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western United States.

Testimony was provided by Chris French, Deputy Chief, Forest System, National Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Michael Nedd, Deputy Director, Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, and public witnesses. [Phil Francis submitted a Statement for the Record on behalf of the coalition on various bills on the agenda.](#)

November 18 –The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine modernizing Federal telework, focusing on moving forward using the lessons learned during the COVID–19 pandemic, after receiving testimony from Michelle B. Rosenberg, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Keith Washington, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Administration; Sydney T. Rose, Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Administration and Management; and Jim Borland, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Systems, and Deputy Chief Information Officer for IT Operations, Social Security Administration.

House Actions

November 17–The House Committee on Natural Resources held a hearing entitled “Ocean Climate Action: Solutions to the Climate Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses. There were no witnesses from federal agencies at the hearing.

November 18—The House passed:

- [H.R. 4636](#), to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prioritize and advance efforts to improve waste management systems and prevent and reduce plastic waste and marine debris.
- [H.R. 7954](#), to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.

November 19 –The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the over 250,000 Americans who have passed away a result of the COVID–19 virus.

National Park Service

National Park System

A summary of articles pertaining to management and oversight of the NPS, to current trends and issues affecting the National Park System, or to either all or parts of the entire system.

- *Alaska Region Jurisdictional Regs Released* – On November 5th, the NPS released final regulations in response to a March 2019 U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding the authority the agency could wield in national parks and preserves in Alaska. The move reduced the authority the Park Service had when it comes to state, Native corporation, or private lands that fall within a park or preserve's boundaries. The Supreme Court case, *Sturgeon v. Frost*, held that NPS regulatory authority was limited by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to federally owned lands, and not to State, Native corporation, or private lands, irrespective of park unit boundaries. The revised regulations clarify that ANILCA did not give the NPS jurisdiction to regulate lands and waters within the boundaries of Alaska National Park System units that are not federally owned, including navigable waters and other inholdings. The final rule recognizes that under ANILCA only federally owned lands and waters can be regulated as a part of a park unit. Source: [National Parks Traveler](#).

Around The Parks

Park reports are in alphabetical order. Included are proposals in the works for new areas or changes in designation for current NPS units.

- *Blue Ridge Parkway* – A nonprofit that has dedicated its existence for more than 30 years to cleaning, repairing and beautifying the Blue Ridge Parkway has been informed its philanthropic ties to the national park end next month. The Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, a 501(c)(3) headquartered in Roanoke, Virginia, but comprising 10 chapters, including one in Asheville, was notified by email on October 27th that its formal agreement with the parkway would expire at the end of the year. The decision to end the partnership appears to be rooted in part by perceived confusion between the Friends of the Parkway and the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation – the two current nonprofit fundraisers – as well as staffing shortages at parkway headquarters. See the full text of the story for details on this complex story. Source: Karen Chávez, [Asheville Citizen Times](#).
- *Great Smoky Mountains NP* – Trillium Gap Trail, a much-loved but long suffering park trail, reopened to the public on November 10th, freshly rehabilitated after decades of pounding by countless hikers and backpackers. Just over the North Carolina border in Tennessee, the 6.7-mile Trillium Gap Trail is one of the most popular trails in the park, leading hikers to Grotto Falls and one of five that lead to the 6,593-foot-high Mount Le Conte. Rehab of the trail was one of the top priorities among the more than 800 miles of trails in the Smokies and in May 2019 was closed to the public while the park's professional, dedicated trail crew, known as Trails Forever, along with the American Conservation Experience Conservation Corps and volunteers, took on the project. Park staff, volunteers and trail lovers celebrated the completion of the two-year trail rehabilitation project two weeks ago with a ribbon cutting and hike to see the trail's transformation. Source: [Karen Chávez, Asheville Citizen Times](#).
- *Lake Mead NRA* – The park is seeking public comment on a revised EA to evaluate the impacts of improving the existing Willow Beach Road, which provides visitors with access from U.S. Highway 93 to the Willow Beach developed area within Lake Mead National Recreation Area. This EA evaluates three alternatives for managing Willow Beach Road, describes the environment that would be impacted by the alternatives and assesses the environmental consequences of implementing the alternatives: 1) Under the no-action alternative, the current management of Willow Beach Road would continue with no changes; 2) under the Jumbo Wash alternative, portions of the road would be widened and the existing road would be removed from a narrow canyon and realigned to cross over a ridgeline adjacent to Jumbo Wash, which would require the construction of two bridges; 3) under the northern alignment, which is the preferred alternative, portions of the road near the entrance station would be widened, and a

new road would be constructed along a ridgeline located north of the existing road. This alternative reduces the amount of road located within the floodplain. The road would also include three pullouts and a scenic overlook. [Comments may be made on the park's NEPA website before December 20th.](#) Source: [KLAS News.](#)

- *Yellowstone NP* – The park broke all records for October visitation last month. It hosted 360,034 recreation visits in October 2020, up 110% from October 2019. This surpassed the previous record of 252,013 set in 2015 by 43%. So far in 2020, the park has hosted 3,743,907 recreation visits, down only 6% from the same period last year. Of course, the park was closed due to health and safety reasons related to COVID-19 beginning March 24th this year. Two Wyoming entrances opened on May 18th and three Montana entrances opened on June 1st. All five entrances have been open since June 1st. All roads in Yellowstone, with one exception, are closed to automobile traffic now until late April. The road from the park's North Entrance at Gardiner, Montana, through Mammoth Hot Springs to the Northeast Entrance and the communities of Cooke City and Silver Gate, Montana, is open year-round, weather-permitting, and conditions permitting, most park roads will open to over snow travel on December 15th. Source: National Park Service.

The Federal Government

News from around the federal government – including DOI, kindred agencies and the courts – of consequence to the NPS.

- *Rep. Haaland Under Consideration As DOI Secretary* – “The Biden transition team is in the process of vetting Rep. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.) for the Interior secretary post,” reports The Hill. “The development came after Haaland dropped out of the three-way leadership race for House Democratic Caucus vice chairwoman. If Haaland is tapped by President-elect Joe Biden, her nomination would be historic, making her the first Native American Cabinet secretary, where she would oversee an agency with vast responsibility over tribal issues and public lands. In 2018, she became one of the first two Native American women elected to Congress, alongside Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.)” Source: [Rebecca Beitsch and Scott Wong, The Hill.](#)
- *Enforcing Environmental Laws – Our Daily Planet* posted a story last Wednesday entitled “What Can Biden Do On Day 1? Litigate and Enforce Environmental Laws.” Here are the first couple of paragraphs: “The incoming Biden Administration’s Department of Justice and Environmental Protection Agency can immediately reverse current policies directing lax enforcement of the nation’s pollution laws, which undoubtedly have resulted in decreased compliance by facilities across the country. [A recent study](#) showed that the Trump Administration had brought significantly fewer enforcement actions than in the prior eight years. The Biden team could immediately ramp up monitoring, inspections, and enforcement on Day 1. They could also revive environmental settlements that allowed parties settling enforcement cases to “repay” the public through implementing environmental projects on the ground that undo or make up for direct damage and use it in climate cases. Justice Department lawyers could also reverse the government’s opposition to key climate litigation being brought by cities and states against oil companies.” Source: [Our Daily Planet.](#)

The Coalition

Summary of recent developments within the Coalition, including some of the actions that CPANP took on your behalf. Links to specified documents are embedded in each entry.

- *FOIA For LWCF Projects* – The Coalition [submitted an FOIA request](#) for the National Park Service list(s) of properties to be purchased using the Land and Water Conservation Fund for FY 2021 and beyond. We submitted this request after DOI missed the November 2nd deadline to present it to Congress.

- *LWCF Projects List, Continued* – Although the above list was produced last week, it left much to be desired. CPANP [issued a statement](#) in response to DOI’s published list of LWCF projects, which lacked detail and included questionable math, calling it “utterly unacceptable. [It] demonstrates bad faith on the part of not only Secretary Bernhardt but President Trump, who signed this bill into law.” The Coalition encouraged Congress to “ensure the intent of the law is followed by ensuring the federal side of LWCF is wholly funded.”
- *NEPA Alignment With CEQ Regulations* – The Coalition [issued a statement](#) on OMB's memo directing federal agencies to prioritize aligning their NEPA procedures with the finalized CEQ regulations. Phil Francis called the directive “a waste of taxpayer money and National Park Service staff time, as there are numerous court cases pending challenging the new CEQ regulations.”
- *Post-Election Activism* – Coalition Chair Phil Francis [spoke with Conde Nast Traveler](#) about how travelers can stay active and tuned-in to issues in this post-election environment. “Our national parks and public lands are meant to be enjoyed by all Americans, and they will always need advocates, regardless of the election results. We will continue to advocate on overarching policy and actions, [which] includes pushing for an increase in funding for the National Parks Service, a halt to oil and gas lease sales that threaten resources, and ensuring that environmental protections are in place.”
- *Testimony Given On NPS Bills* – CPANP [submitted testimony](#) for a Senate hearing on various national park and public lands bills, expressing support for bills such as the CORE Act and the Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument Boundary Adjustment Act. We also expressed reservations about other bills, including portions of the National Prescribed Fire Act of 2000 and the Human-Powered Travel in Wilderness Areas Act.
- *Supporting Wildlife Overcrossings* – The Coalition [signed on to a letter](#) requesting that the proposed XpressWest High-Speed Rail Project include wildlife overcrossings, which are necessary to avoid the permanent blockage of critical California wildlife corridors resulting from the project’s concrete barrier walls:
- *FY 2021 Appropriations* – The Coalition [signed on to joint letter](#) regarding FY 2021 appropriations and the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, as well as the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.
- *Supporting National Parks And Public Lands* – CPANP [sent a letter](#) to the chairs and ranking members of the Natural Resources and Armed Services Committees expressing our support for the National Defense Authorization Act, specifically several provisions that would help protect national parks and public lands.

Source: Emily Thompson, Communications and Advocacy Coordinator.

Park People

NPS Alumni Passing of Scott Leeds

Scott Leeds, 64, a long-time employee at Delaware Water Gap NRA, passed away on October 28th.

Scott was employed as an administrative assistant by New York University and then as an administrative assistant by National Park Service for more than 20 years.

He was a member of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. He was active in their Children’s Choir and Chancel Choir for more than 15 years, and St. David’s Society, New York Chapter.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by many cousins in the Wilkes-Barre area and out of state.

Source: [Citizens' Voice](#).

National Park Service Recent NPS Management Changes

Here's a listing of recent personnel changes in the NPS. Click on the links following the brief summaries for additional details:

- *Grand Teton NP* – Palmer "Chip" Jenkins, Jr., has been named as the new superintendent of Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway in Wyoming. Jenkins has more than 34 years of experience working in and leading national parks and is currently serving as the superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park. He will assume his new role in the next 60 days. Jenkins has served as superintendent at Mount Rainier National Park since 2018. His previous service includes serving as superintendent of North Cascades National Park, superintendent of Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, acting superintendent of Yosemite National Park, and as a deputy regional director and acting regional director. Jenkins also worked as a natural resources specialist with the NPS' Denver Service Center, the agency's central planning, design and construction management office. He began his career as a seasonal ranger at North Cascades National Park. Jenkins' wife, Laurie, also works for the NPS in the National Natural Landmarks program. Source: [National Park Service](#).
- *John Day Fossil Beds NM* – Roy Zipp became the park's new superintendent on November 22nd. He comes to John Day from a position as superintendent at Ebey's Landing NHR. Source: [National Park Service](#).
- *Olympic NP* – Scott Jacobs began serving as the park's chief ranger on November 16th. He comes to the park from FLETC, where he served as the national program manager for the Field Training and Evaluation Program. His prior duty stations include Boston National Historic Park, Big Bend National Park, Mesa Verde National Park, and Yosemite National Park. Source: [National Park Service](#).

From The Archives

This section contains incidents taken from *Morning Report* issues published during the corresponding week (approximately) 25 years ago in 1995. All entries appear in the original verb tense; "submitters" are those people who originally submitted the incident report.

- *Point Reyes NS* – The 47-foot fishing vessel *Sunset 1* struck the reef at Bolinas Point at 3:30 a.m. on November 16th. The Coast Guard rescued two fisherman from the boat, which was a total loss. Representatives from the park, Coast Guard, California Fish and Game's Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response, and Farallones National Marine Sanctuary responded to the incident. Emergency oil spill funds will be used for hazardous waste removal if the owner does not remove the material, which is possible, as the owner of the vessel has no insurance. Park staff began cleaning up large debris scattered along major beach areas over the weekend. Physical hazards to the public include hooks and other fishing gear, such as lines and nets. All will be removed. Submitted by Don Neubacher and Sara Allen.
- *Glacier NP* – During the summer of 1995, the park received four \$100 entrance fee checks from tour companies called, variously, Munsen Discovery Enterprises, Munsen Discovery Travel and The Discovery Experience - but all owned by Paul Martin Munsen of Hinsdale, Illinois. The four checks were drawn on three different banks and were all returned unpaid. Letters of collection have been sent to the company, but no payment has yet been received. Unpaid checks have also been received by Glacier Parks Incorporated, the park's primary concessioner, and by Yellowstone and Yosemite. A background investigation on Munsen revealed an

extensive criminal history involving check kiting and bank fraud, including probation on a 1992 conviction. Parks are advised to check with their remittance/budget office personnel to determine if they have unpaid checks from Munsen's companies. If your park has received such checks, please contact the law enforcement office at Glacier, which is coordinating an investigation with the FBI. Submitted by Chief Ranger's Office.

- *Grand Canyon NP* – On Friday, November 17th, Arizona Governor Fife Symington and about 100 state employees - including 50 unarmed National Guardsmen - gathered at the Grand Canyon Airport just outside the park to take over and reopen the park. The park had been officially closed at 8 a.m. on November 16th. Over 150 media representatives and ten satellite trucks accompanied the state contingent. The delegation departed following several hours of sensitive negotiations, including calls to Secretary Babbitt, the White House, the U.S. Attorney's Office and members of the Arizona Congressional delegation. Legal counsel on both sides advised that there was no legal basis for the governor's proposed actions. Governor Symington and Secretary Babbitt were scheduled to resume negotiations by telephone on November 19th, but they were called off because the park reopened along with the rest of the government. It is possible that the state will offer additional assistance and a cash donation to keep the park open if a second government shutdown should occur. Submitted by Charlie Peterson and Mallory Smith, MA, GRCA.

A Closing Observation

“Solemnly staring at the camera for my first official photograph as superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, I felt a surge of happiness go through me. All the doubts, depression, and fears were gone. There was nothing but opportunity to make this land, the size of Rhode Island and Delaware, into a shining example of what a national park could be. I was filled with anticipation of work to be done, goals to be reached, and years of sunshine ahead in this strange and beautiful wilderness. I always remembered this day as one of the proudest moments of my entire life.”

[Horace Albright](#), July 14, 1919

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