Recycling Changes Aid Effort

There have been a lot of questions this summer about the state of recycling within Yellowstone Park, mainly because some changes are here and some are yet to come. The most significant changes are that we can now recycle ALL office paper in one combined bin. Post-It notes, envelopes, envelopes with windows, and all colors of paper can now be recycled. This combined "Office Pak" is being sorted by the Montana Developmental Center in Boulder, Montana, under arrangement with a local Bozeman recycler.

Newspapers and magazines are not a part of the "Office Pak" and must be recycled in separate containers. We can now take cereal type boxes along with corrugated cardboard as they can be baled together. Please remove the waxed paper or plastic inserts.

The situation with glass has been extremely interesting and difficult this summer. We are still recycling glass for "glassphalt" in the park, but we cannot use all that is produced. Last winter, almost 100 tons of glass was taken to Trident, Montana, and used in the manufacture of cement, but this is now on hold pending some legislative rule changes in Montana. We have just recently begun to take the glass to another cement factory in Inkom, Idaho, which appears to be able to take it without any problems.

Yellowstone Park is a part of the Headwaters Cooperative Recycling Project that will begin on September 1. This is a cooperative effort with nine southwestern Montana counties so that recycling can be accomplished in small rural towns. The cooperative will start with aluminum, steel, and newspaper. The park's recyclables will go to the cooperative and additional bins for these commodities will be set up at the green box site near the Gardiner airport and in Emigrant. West Yellowstone is also participating. This will mean that, within the next month, we can start to recycle steel cans here in the park.

Recycling centers can be found in the Mammoth, North Entrance, Canyon, Lake, Grant, Old Faithful, and West Entrance areas. Only the Mammoth center is available at all times, so check with the local maintenance supervisor for the best way to get your recyclable materials to the recycling centers. We hope to get more mobile centers in place within the next month.

If a visitor asks about recycling and wants to recycle the items that we can dispose of, please let them know about the program and take their recyclables to the centers. We know that more user friendly depositories are needed, but
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the odor and contamination problems without staffing the centers are still to be overcome. We are working on trying to get some staffed hours worked out. Stay tuned.

At this time we can recycle glass, Office Pak, cardboard, aluminum, magazines, and newspaper, with steel soon to follow. Recycling is a combined effort between Yellowstone National Park, Amfac, Hamilton Stores, and Yellowstone Park Service Stations, along with local Bozeman recyclers who helped us find markets for some of the products (glass and Office Pak).

♀♂♀ New Arrivals ♂♀♂

Congratulations to Mike and Elizabeth Murray following the birth of their son Evan Alexander on July 13. Evan arrived at 11:55 p.m. and weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs.

Former YNP Naturalist/Instructor Dies

Richard (Dick) F. Follett, long-time Yellowstone Institute instructor and former ranger-naturalist died on July 1, 1997, after a year-long battle with cancer. He was 61. Dick, an award-winning elementary school teacher from Santa Rosa, California, worked as a seasonal ranger-naturalist at Mammoth Hot Springs from 1970-1976. Among his other accomplishments, he helped develop the Fort Yellowstone living history program. He then became an instructor at the Yellowstone Institute, returning the next 19 summers to teach his very popular bird class. Dick was the author of two national park bird books, one for Yellowstone-Grand Teton, the other for Crater Lake. Through his deep devotion to Yellowstone and the quiet strength and wisdom he shared so freely, Dick introduced many people to the park's wonders. In the best sense a member of the Yellowstone Family, Dick leaves a legacy of many friendships and a heightened public awareness of all the park stands for. He is survived by his wife Peggy, four children, and 14 grandchildren. Donations in his memory can be made to the Yellowstone Institute, P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone Park, WY 82190 (Checks can be made payable to the Yellowstone Institute--Dick Follett Memorial).

Employee Needs Leave Donations

Janet Lewis, an employee at the Mammoth Water Treatment Plant is caring for her husband Dan Mahoney, Fisheries Division, who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Employees who wish to share their annual leave with Janet may contact the Personnel Office at 344-2047 to obtain a donor leave form.

Dear National Trails Day Workers, Trail Crew, and YFEA:

A belated thank you for all of your good, hard work! The last few times I've come home from the Tetons, I've seen visitors hiking the new trail between the YACC Camp and Mammoth. I've heard praise from mountain bikers that the new trail is a great connection to the Bunsen Peak Trail. The cooperative effort, among a wide variety of employees from different divisions and their families, was tremendous! I am so proud of our accomplishment. Thanks to all of you, the trail that was once a dashed line on a plan, became a reality. Leigh Anne Dunworth, Grand Teton National Park
COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Vet Visit — Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, July 25, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit, August 8.

* August Commemorative Celebratory Events—in honor of the park’s 125th anniversary have been determined and are as follows:

  August 1: In a brief program beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 1, the newly installed bison exhibit, "Where the Buffalo Roam," will be dedicated. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Location: Canyon Visitor Center.

  August 17: This event will honor protectors of Yellowstone and will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 17. The theme was originally focused on the military's contribution to the park, but has since been broadened to include the opportunity to honor all the protectors of Yellowstone. A military band will be present as well as military reenactors. The program will also include the dedication of the newly installed Fort Yellowstone self-guided tour. Location: Mammoth Hot Springs Parade Ground (across from the Albright Visitor Center).

  August 25: Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25, this program will take a retrospective look at the park's first 125 years and a contemplative look forward to its next 125 years. Invited speakers will present their thoughts on the value of Yellowstone and the importance of the national park idea. Because the actual date of Yellowstone's establishment is March 1, the August 25 date was chosen for this event because it is the establishment date for the National Park Service. Location: Old Faithful (outside, near the Old Faithful Lodge).

Superintendent Finley invites everyone to attend these events and to help celebrate "125 years of the best idea America ever had." Additional details of each event will be released as the event date approaches.

* YFEA Sponsors Parkwide Lunch—Mark your calendars and plan to have lunch with your friends and coworkers on August 7. YFEA will sponsor a parkwide lunch for Mammoth, Grant, Lake, Canyon, Madison, and Old Faithful from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. YFEA will be serving up hamburgers, veggie burgers, chips, salad, dessert, and drinks for $3 for members and $5 for non-members. Remember, members must renew their memberships by August 7 in order to eat for $3. See you there!

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: 10 year-old Schwinn mountain bike for sale, $150. Call Jean at 344-2002 or 344-n50.

For Sale: Gerry Guardian car seat, fits infant to 40 lb. child, $25. Panama type straw hat (made in Ecuador) 4 1/2" brim, and chin strap. Worn only twice, $13. Coir area rug, 4’ x 6’ burgundy, $10. All in very good to excellent shape. Please call 344-7788.

For Sale: 1982 Oldsmobile Brougham. Power windows and seats, radio, cruise control, great tires, engine heater, 138,000 miles. $800. Call Cathy at 848-7614 eves or 344-5252 days.
For Sale: 1993 Nissan extended cab pickup, 4x4, 4 cylinder, 5-spd, new tires, topper, warranty left, like new, one owner, Cherry pearl metallic, sharp! Asking $12,000. Call Joel Marston at (307) 545-2730 (w) or (406) 388-3422 (h).

For Sale: 1993 Toyota, 2-wheel drive, with new windowed shell, new tires, 5 speed manual (5th gear is overdrive), red in color, AM/FM cassette radio, 67,000, excellent inside & out. $7,000/OBO, Call Tom and Theresa Coleman at (406) 222-4845 or ask Stu Coleman about it at 344-2225.

For Sale: White Hawthorne 10" smoke jumpers. Men’s size 6 1/2, black, great condition, paid $210, make an offer. Call Cathy Raven at (406) 994-2441 or 994-2633.

For Sale: Women’s Red Wing fire boots, size 8 1/2 C, like new, worn one week, $100, or best offer. Call Lynne at 344-7402 eves, 344-2160 days.

Wanted to Buy: Eisenhower jacket, size 40-42 regular. Call Pete at (307) 242-2550 (w) or (307) 242-7221 (h).

Chip Seal Project to Begin
The Maintenance Special Projects Crew has scheduled a chip seal project, August 11-14 and 18-21, on the road section from Canyon to Fishing Bridge. The road will be closed to all public and administrative travel from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The chip seal operation is weather dependent. If the project is postponed due to inclement weather, the road will reopen to all travel. The daily report and the Communications Center will be updated whenever the status of the project changes. If you have any questions regarding this project, contact Alan Sumeriski at 344-2320 or Dayna McClure at 344-2304.

Park Hosts Americorps Team
A team of Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) members are serving at Canyon Village in the park this summer. In a project aimed at refurbishing Grebe Lake Trail and combating other needed areas primarily within the Canyon region, this team is working in connection with Bill Hopkins of the NPS. The month long project is not only serving the needs of Yellowstone but the Americorps members who are gaining trail building and maintenance skills. In working in the park, Americorps is helping to make a lasting difference in Yellowstone as well as for the many people who visit. Team Leader, Ross Freshwater said, "It's not only exciting but an opportunity of a lifetime to take part in the rejuvenation of Yellowstone, especially on its 125th anniversary.
The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was established in 1975 as the official federal memorial to honor our thirty-third President. The Foundation recognizes President Truman's contributions to the nation, his commitment to public service, and his interest in education. Truman Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate an extensive commitment to "making a difference" in public service; leadership experience and talent and intellectual excellence.

Each year, over 1000 college juniors are nominated for the merit-based Scholarship by institutions throughout the United States. Following a rigorous selection process, including an interview by a 5-6 member panel of college presidents, federal judges, and former Truman Scholars, up to 85 nominees are awarded Truman Scholarships. Truman Scholars participate in leadership development programs and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

Once selected, each Truman Scholar is required to attend our Leadership Week program at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO. Over the course of the week, Scholars are exposed to public service leaders, other Truman Scholars working in the public sector, and opportunities for priority admission to graduate programs. They also must complete a group public policy analysis project.

One year following the Leadership Week, Scholars are eligible to attend the Truman Foundation's Summer Institute program in Washington, DC. Each year only 40 Scholars are selected for this program which includes two weeks of graduate level seminars, workshops, and site visits, a Tuesday dinner series with public service leaders, community service projects, Friday personal development workshops and a substantive internship in a federal department/agency or on Capitol Hill.

Truman Scholars have gone on to serve the public as managers of government programs, legislators and aides for legislative bodies, budget and management analysts, foreign service officers, staff members in policy analysis and research organizations, attorneys for government agencies, public defenders, educators, and professional staff in advocacy organizations and not-for-profit institutions.