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Editor's Note

There will be no issue of the *Coalition Weekly Report* on July 15th. The next edition will appear on Wednesday, July 22nd.

Incidents

Carlsbad Caverns NP Visitor Fatally Shot By Ranger

A Carlsbad ranger is on administrative leave after shooting and killing an unarmed man from southwestern Colorado on March 21st. The following brief account was taken from one of numerous articles about the incident, but an accurate account of what transpired will be the province of the board of inquiry. What follows is based on the video from the body cam that Mitchell was wearing.

Charles "Gage" Lorentz was driving from his worksite in Texas to Montrose when he visited the park.

Ranger Robert Mitchell stopped Lorentz for speeding on a dirt road. After getting out of his vehicle, Lorentz complied with Mitchell's order to spread his feet and move closer to a railing, but refused to turn around or take his hands out of his pockets. Mitchell then employed his taser.

The next 26 seconds of the video are missing. When it resumes, Mitchell has his service weapon out and shoots Lorentz twice. When other officers arrived, Mitchell told them that his taser didn't work the first time, that he tried a second time to stun Lorentz, and that Lorentz hit him in the head. The shooting ensued.

Police reports state Lorentz was unarmed at the time and the autopsy reports show he had no alcohol or drugs in his system.

Source: [KKCO News](#).

Grand Canyon NP Woman Falls To Death While Taking Photos

An Arizona woman fell to her death at Mather Point on July 3rd. She was taking photos with her family when she accidentally stepped off the edge of the canyon rim.

The body of Maria A. Salgado Lopez, 59, of Scottsdale was recovered by park rangers about 100 feet below the Canyon's Rim near the South Rim's visitor center.

The Grand Canyon had 17 fatalities in 2018, and at least three people died in the park in 2019.

Last year, two people died at the Grand Canyon in separate incidents that included one man stumbling over the edge of the rim while trying to take pictures at Grand Canyon West, a popular tourist destination on the Hualapai reservation outside the boundaries of the national park. About a month later, a third visitor fell 400 feet over the South Rim.

Source: Audrey McNamara, [CBS News](#).

Gettysburg NMP Armed Militias Respond To Antifa Hoax

The following was taken from an investigative article in the July 4th *Washington Post*:

“For weeks, a mysterious figure on social media talked up plans for antifa protesters to converge on [the park] on Independence Day to burn American flags, an event that seemed at times to border on the farcical.

“Let’s get together and burn flags in protest of thugs and animals in blue,’ the anonymous person behind a Facebook page called Left Behind USA wrote in mid-June. There would be antifa face paint, the person wrote, and organizers would ‘be giving away free small flags to children to safely throw into the fire.’

“As word spread, self-proclaimed militias, bikers, skinheads and far-right groups from outside the state issued a call to action, pledging in online videos and posts to come to Gettysburg to protect the Civil War monuments and the nation’s flag from desecration. Some said they would bring firearms and use force if necessary...

“On Saturday, hours before the planned flag-burning protest, hundreds of bikers, militia members and self-described patriots began gathering outside the Gettysburg Cemetery and at nearby sites with Confederate memorials. Some waved Confederate flags. Many gripped assault rifles slung from their shoulders. One carried a baseball bat...Less than a mile away, at the Virginia Monument, hundreds of bikers and armed men gathered around a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.”

At 3 p.m., when the Antifa rally was supposed to begin, there was no sign of anyone from that group. Someone did see a person in the cemetery wearing a Black Lives Matter t-shirt and about 50 people soon surrounded him. It turned out he was an associate pastor at a nearby church who was visiting the grave of an ancestor. Police – evidently rangers – showed up and asked the pastor to leave. The park’s acting public affairs officer gave this reason: “For his own safety, federal law enforcement made the decision to remove him, and he was escorted out of the cemetery.”

Post reporters subsequently conducted an investigation into the source of the antifa story, who proved to be a person named Alan Jeffs. The article details the investigation and everything they learned about Jeffs, who clearly was a fictional person, and about the practice of using social media to cause such incidents.

Source: Shawn Boburg and Dalton Bennett, [Washington Post](#).

Glacier NP Body Of Missing Hiker Found

The body of 77-year-old George Calvin Adams of Pocatello, Idaho, who’d been missing since last week, has been found in the Hidden Meadows area of the park.

Adams was staying in Kalispell when he left for a hike on Friday, June 26th, and failed to return. He was reported missing the following day. Rangers found his vehicle the following Monday at the trailhead for Hidden Meadow Trail.

No information on the cause of death has been released, but an animal attack is not suspected.

Adams worked as an instructor of bassoon and musicology at Idaho State University.

Source: [KTVB News](#).

Buffalo NR Searchers Find Body Of Missing Hiker

The body of a missing hiker was found on Wednesday, June 17th, in the Ponca Wilderness Area of the park.

At about 11 a.m. Wednesday, search and rescue personnel found the remains of Thomas Reid, 65, of West Memphis, in the Sneys Creek drainage area south of Compton. He'd been missing for four days.

Reid and his brother began hiking along the Center Point Trail on Saturday morning. After veering off to the Sneys Creek Trail, Reid reportedly injured his leg, and his brother went to get help. Upon returning to the area, he was unable to find Reid.

The National Park Service led a search and rescue operation that began Saturday evening, with ground and aerial searches conducted of the area.

Although the cause of death has not yet been determined, the Center Point Trail is steep and rugged. It is not a hike that is recommended during hotter times of the year.

Source: Bill Bowden, [Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#).

New River Gorge NR Woman Jailed For Faking Falling Death

Julie Wheeler, 43, who faked a fatal fall from Grandview overlook last May 31st, has been sentenced to 42 months in federal prison on federal health care charges. Extra time was added to her term for obstructing and impeding the administration of justice.

Wheeler and her husband, Rodney Wheeler, 48, made international news when their teenage son reported that his mom had disappeared at Grandview Ledges at New River Gorge while searching for a lost earring. This report led to an extensive multi-agency search by state, federal and local authorities, assisted by numerous volunteers. West Virginia State Police found Julie at her own home in Beaver on June 2nd, hiding in a downstairs closet.

The couple staged the elaborate hoax so that Julie could avoid a prison sentence she'd recently received. She had pleaded guilty in February to submitting fraudulent applications to the Veterans Affairs Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program, which she overbilled for providing spina bifida care for her now-deceased younger sister.

Wheeler was also ordered to pay \$289,055.07 in restitution, an amount that was calculated by the Veterans Administration.

Source: Jessica Farrish, [Register-Herald](#).

Denali NP Plane Makes Emergency Landing In Park

A small airplane made an emergency landing in the park and the two people inside the plane were rescued shortly thereafter.

The Cessna 180 landed about 11 a.m. last Thursday near the Eielson Visitor Center, located at mile 66 of Denali Park Road.

Park employees airlifted the two people in the plane to McKinley National Park Airport, near the entrance of the park, where they were met by emergency medical services personnel from the Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department. Neither person was injured.

Source: [San Francisco Chronicle](#).

National Park System Follow-ups On Previously Reported Incidents

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

- *Mount Rainier NP* – The body of climber Matthew Bunker, who was reported missing last week on Liberty Ridge, was located on June 29th. Bunker went skiing ahead of his partner near Thumb Rock, at a 10,400 feet elevation, and it's believed he fell in steep terrain while they were descending. Bunker's body was found in a crevasse at the base of a cliff, an area of continuous rock and ice fall that poses too high of a risk for rescue crews to access the location and recover his body. Meanwhile, the separate searches for two missing hikers — Vincent Dije, 25, who disappeared on June 19th, and Talal Sabbagh, 17, who disappeared on June 22nd — are continuing. Source: [KIRO News](#).
- *Harpers Ferry NHP* – The popular footbridge at Harpers Ferry reopened last Friday afternoon. The footbridge, which crosses the Potomac River, sustained significant damage during a CSX train derailment last December on the nearby railroad bridge. The footbridge connects hikers and bikers to popular spots like Maryland Heights, the Appalachian Trail and the C&O Canal. A contractor for CSX, the responsible railway, began working on the bridge in earnest in May. CSX has been working closely with the Park Service on the project. Source: Jeff Jenkins, [West Virginia Metro News](#).

National Fire Situation

National Interagency Fire Center No Large Fires Reported In Any NPS Area

The national preparedness level remains at PL 3.

Nationwide, the 34 large fires currently active have more than 417,000 acres. Six new large fires were reported on Monday – four in California, one in Arizona, and one in Florida.

Park And Park-Related Fires

No large fires are reported in any NPS unit.

Resource Commitment Trend

Category	June 23	June 30	July 7
Area Command Teams	0	0	0
NIMO Teams	1	1	1
Type 1 Teams	3	1	1
Type 2 Teams	5	4	4
Crews	97	82	98
Engines	277	267	256
Helicopters	40	49	66
Total FF/Overhead	4,530	4,198	4,232

Fires/Acreage

Category	2010-2019 Ave	2020 Total	Difference
United States: YTD Fires	28,642	25,786	- 2,856
United States: YTD Acres	2,395,719	1,492,543	- 903,176

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

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.

- *Planning Begins For 250th Anniversary Of Revolutionary War* – The NPS and the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission (“America 250”) have partnered to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. Says the NPS: “The partnership will enrich efforts to educate and inspire as the nation begins the countdown to the largest and most inclusive commemoration in the nation’s history.” The commemoration period began this Fourth of July and will continue through 2026. Source: [National Park Service](#).
- *John Hope Franklin Park Becomes Part Of Civil Rights Network* – Secretary Bernhardt has designated the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park as an official member of the African American Civil Rights Network, formally recognizing the historical and national significance of the tragic Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 and Dr. John Hope Franklin’s work to advance the African American civil rights movement. The African American Civil Rights Network Act authorizes the Service to coordinate and facilitate federal and non-federal activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret the history of the African American Civil Rights movement; the significance of the civil rights movement as a crucial element in the evolution of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and the relevance of the African American Civil Rights movement in fostering the spirit of social justice and national reconciliation. There are now 29 sites in the network, 18 of them administered by the NPS. Source: [National Park Service](#).

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.

- *Cuyahoga Valley NP* – For the first time in nearly two centuries, the section of the Cuyahoga River passing through the park is now flowing freely. The Brecksville Dam is now gone from the river. Also gone is the original dam at the site, the wooden Pinery Dam, which was built in 1827 to divert water from the river into the newly constructed Ohio & Erie Canal. The removal process started in May with notching a hole in the dam to lower the water level and slowly release a buildup of sediment. Crews documented the two dams for a historical report with photos before demolishing both of them. The next step will be the installation of a screw pump, which will help control the water level in the nearby section of the canal. The work is expected to wrap up by the fall. Source: Emily Mills, [Akron Beacon Journal](#).
- *Grand Canyon NP* – Because of deferred maintenance and increased visitation levels, the Phantom Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at the bottom of Grand Canyon, requires critical rehabilitation. Effective immediately, the park is implementing modifications to operations at Phantom Ranch that will continue through the year 2021. These changes are in response to guidance from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. In order to

reduce water and wastewater demands to the plant, the park will limit overnight use at existing visitor facilities at Phantom Ranch. This project is anticipated to last approximately 18 to 24 months. Modified operations will impact both NPS and Xanterra Phantom Ranch facilities. At Bright Angel Campground, site reservations will be decreased by 50 percent with a reduction in flush toilet restrooms for both day and overnight users. Phantom Ranch will close all hiker dormitories and suspend all guest showers during the project. The hiker dormitories have been closed since March in response to the COVID-19 virus and will remain closed throughout the duration of this project. Source: [Grand Canyon News](#).

- *Lake Mead NRA* – Three new life jacket loaner stations have been installed along one of the lake's most popular beaches. Thanks to Get Outdoors Nevada, visitors to Boulder Beach will have more options to grab a life jacket and stay safe. The new stations are spread out along the beach, including the Special Events Beach and the Canoe/Kayak Beach. These stations are stocked with life jackets of all sizes, from infant sizes to adult. Instructions are available on-site to help visitors choose the correct size and proper wear. The life jackets are free, and the stations are stocked through the Love Lake Mead Campaign. Source: Cody Miller, [KSNV News](#).
- *Lincoln Home NHS* – People who tour Abraham Lincoln's home get just part of the story of the 16th president's life in Springfield. A better picture would emerge if they could see how modest that home was before it was expanded. That's the idea behind the Abraham Lincoln Association's plan to reconstruct "Lincoln's Springfield Cottage" on a property that lies just outside the park. The project cost is estimated at \$400,000 and the association will try to raise the funds. Source: Bernard Schoenburg, [State Journal-Register](#).
- *Saguaro NP* – The National Park Service and the national nonprofit Trust for Public Land have teamed up to acquire just over 83 acres in the foothills of the Tucson Mountains to protect it from development. The mostly undisturbed patch of desert includes an important wildlife corridor between the Santa Cruz River and the eastern flank of the Tucson Mountains. The land slopes upward roughly 200 feet from east to west, providing sweeping views of Tucson and the Catalina Mountains. Source: Henry Brean, [Arizona Daily Star](#).

NPS Projects

A listing of significant National Park Service projects which are currently open to public comment, plus due dates and URL's to related sites. Park names appear in **boldface** for new entries.

- *Channel Islands NP* – The park is proposing to construct a new campground at Prisoners Harbor on Santa Cruz Island. It would include six small, rustic individual campsites with a maximum capacity of 24 overnight visitors. [The comment period closes on July 12th](#).
- *Cuyahoga Valley NP* – The park is evaluating options for restoring habitat and hydrology along the Cuyahoga River in Summit and Cuyahoga Counties. The ecology and water quality of the Cuyahoga River have improved substantially over recent decades but remain impaired. These impairments have resulted in designation of the reach of the river that runs through CVNP as an Area of Concern under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Funding for this work will be provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). [Comments may be made through July 27th](#).
- *North Cascades NP* – The park is preparing to develop an environmental assessment to make modifications to the trail and camps in lower Thunder Creek in the Stephen Mather Wilderness. Flooding, erosion, and resource protection concerns have informed the proposed action. The preliminary proposal is to reroute 1,500 feet of trail and relocate a hiker and group camp in the vicinity of McAllister Camps on the Thunder Creek Trail. The park also proposes to construct a new administrative camp near Junction Camp another 3.5 miles up the same trail. A washed out bridge with very large steel stringers formerly used to access a closed camp would be removed by helicopter. The purpose of this action is to minimize the impacts of hiker

and stock use along the trail, thereby preserving wilderness character of the designated Stephen Mather Wilderness. [Comments are being accepted until July 14th.](#)

- **Paterson Great Falls NHP** – Plans are being made for a new visitor experience and education center in Overlook Park across from Great Falls. The proposed facility would be the first point of contact for the anticipated 300,000 plus visitors coming to the national park each year. It is planned as an approximately 13,000 square foot facility at the scenic falls overlook, connected to the existing footprint of the former 1915 steam generating plant. [Comments on the plan will be taken until July 28th.](#)
- **Voyageurs NP** – The park is taking comments on a site development plan for the Kettle Falls area. The plan will consider improvements to recreational amenities, accessibility, wayfinding, and overnight visitor opportunities, and improvements to housing options for staff in the area while assuring the on-going protection of natural and cultural resources. The plan is needed to identify site improvements such as access for boats, houseboats, and seaplanes; additional concession staff housing and visitor overnight lodging; trails and other day-use amenities; or other amenities within a historic landscape. [Comments will be taken until July 10th.](#)

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 at the end of each entry.

- **Support For ‘Moving Forward Act’** – The Coalition signed on to a letter sent to the House leadership urging support for [H.R. 2](#), the Invest In America Act (aka The Moving Forward Act), The \$1.5 trillion infrastructure package includes investments in wildlife and public lands conservation programs that will create thousands of jobs and provide benefits to people, communities, biodiversity, and the environment. [Text of letter.](#)
- **Alaska Jurisdiction Rule** – CPANP submitted comments on the proposed rule – NPS jurisdiction in Alaska – expressing concern that it goes far beyond the narrow focus of the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Sturgeon v. Frost*. This will likely create public confusion regarding NPS’s legitimate authority to regulate activities on park, monument, and preserve lands and non-navigable waters, and in parks that pre-dated the 1959 Statehood Act. [Text of letter.](#)
- **Air Quality Standards** – The Coalition signed on to a letter sent to the EPA strongly opposing the proposal to retain the current, inadequate secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Particulate Matter, urging the agency to revise the proposal considering the decade of science it has ignored, and proposing a new rule in a new comment period to protect the public welfare. [Text of letter.](#)
- **FOIA Requests** – CPANP submitted two FOIA requests this week. The first was yet another request related to COVID-19 infections in national parks and among NPS employees; the second concerned 4th of July holiday events and impacts on the NPS. [Text of first letter;](#) [text of second letter.](#)
- **Op-Ed On Utah Oil And Gas Lease Sales** – Coalition member Phil Brueck's op-ed on the dangers of Utah's upcoming oil and gas lease sales recently appeared in the *Salt Lake Tribune*. [Text of op-ed.](#)
- **Statement On Fireworks At Mount Rushmore** – CPANP issued a statement about our opposition to bringing fireworks back to Mount Rushmore this year, citing concerns over the potential for wildfires, the impacts to the resource, and the risk of exposure to COVID-19. [Text of statement.](#)
- **Op-Ed On Mount Rushmore Fireworks** – Coalition member Cheryl Schreier's op-ed about the danger and inadvisability of hosting fireworks at Mt. Rushmore ran in the *Washington Post*. [Text of op-ed.](#)

Source: Emily Thompson, Communications and Advocacy Coordinator.

Park People

NPS Alumni

Passing Of Dave Parker

Dave Parker, 80, who helped write legislation creating Redwood and North Cascades national parks, died of coronavirus at an assisted care facility in Virginia on May 10th.

After graduating from Wayne State University, he and his wife, Carol, moved to Washington, D.C., for an internship position with Senator “Scoop” Jackson on the Senate Energy Committee. The six-month adventure turned into more than 50 years of working in the nation’s capital.

Along with working on parks legislation, Dave promoted visitation to the national parks. He went on to work in the Nixon and Ford administrations and served as a deputy assistant secretary in Commerce after Ford left office.

Dave was passionate about the national park system. He checked off on his last national park, Hawaii Volcanoes, in 2017, 63 years after visiting his first (and favorite) national park, Grand Teton. He was an inveterate traveler; over his life he visited all 50 states and 85 countries.

Source: Rachel Chason, [Washington Post](#).

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:

- *Wind Cave NP* – Michelle Wheatley, a 20-year veteran of the National Park Service, is now serving as the park’s acting superintendent. Previously, she served as superintendent at Jewell Cave. She’s expected to fill the position until October. Source: [KNBN News](#).
- *Kennesaw NBP* – Patrick Gamman, a public lands veteran with nearly three decades of experience in park service, will serve as the park’s next superintendent. He will assume his new duties in mid-August. Source: [Rome News-Tribune](#).

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.

- *Shenandoah NP* – The park is recovering from the impacts of torrential rains and floods that occurred on June 28th. Power has been restored to the Big Meadows area, which should soon be fully operational. All road access to trails on the east side of the park between Routes 211 and 33 has been barred at the request of the county sheriff’s office due to the national state of disaster declared for the area. A large slide (600 yards long by 50 feet wide) of trees, rocks and soil occurred near the Berry Hollow area and ran outside the park, coming to rest against a private residence. On July 1st, the park received a report that some people might have been stranded in the Conway River area since June 27th. The reporting party said he saw a vehicle with two people in it enter the rugged fire road at that location about two hours before the area was cut off by rising water, and said that he had spent that night clinging to a tree top after a six-foot-high wall of water came down the drainage. He was able to get to a residence outside the park the next day, but remained stranded there until Saturday. Three rangers checked the

area but were unable to locate the vehicle or its occupants. The park has assisted Green County by lending earth moving equipment and operators to push one lane through destroyed state roads to reach some 200 stranded people. Efforts continue to reach other families through the park and get urgently needed supplies to them. Submitted by Brenda Ritchie.

- *Mammoth Cave NP* – On June 8th, a researcher reported finding a hole under the Crystal Cave gate. Park staff subsequently determined that the cave had been illegally entered and that gypsum and travertine cave formations and two sculpted clay heads had been stolen. The latter were carved out of damp clay sediments in the cave by Floyd Collins and his brother around 1920; the heads are life-sized and reputedly carved in the likeness of the two men, who were working to create trails in order to open Crystal Cave to commercial tours when it was still in private hands. Investigators identified four possible suspects. Three have been interviewed, and all have confessed to varying amounts of involvement. It appears that there were at least five separate entries between mid-April and the end of May, but that not all suspects were present each time. Over 300 pounds of formations have been recovered from three gift shop operators in the Cave City area who paid about a dollar a pound for them. The clay heads were sold to a fourth gift shop operator for \$300, and have also been recovered. One vehicle was seized following service of a search warrant. It contained particles of cave formations, cave soils, tools and notes pertaining to the sale of the formations. Tools found inside the cave have been sent to the FBI lab for analysis for latent fingerprints. Investigators also found a large pile of gypsum and travertine in the cave which had been stockpiled for later removal by the suspects. The park is working with experts in geology to place a value on the damage to these irreplaceable formations. An assistant U.S. attorney was to visit the park late last week to review the case, and it's expected that indictments will be sought on multiple felony counts. The fourth suspect is being sought along with additional formations known to have been stolen from the cave. Submitted by Chief Ranger Phil Veluzat.
- *Yosemite NP* – On the morning of June 21st, park SAR personnel were en route on Highway 140 to assist a county SAR team in the search for a drowning victim outside the park when one of the searchers saw a saddled horse swimming downstream through class 4 and 5 rapids. It was later learned that the horse had fallen in the river three miles upstream, and that the rider had jumped clear of the animal before it fell in. The horse was able to swim into an eddy along the stream bank, where it became stranded on its side on submerged rocks. One of the searchers was able to reach the horse, lead it upstream in the eddy to a flat rock shelf, then help it to struggle out of the water onto the shelf. The horse was tranquilized by a veterinarian and lifted out of the river by a utility boom truck. Although bruised and cut, the horse survived and is reportedly doing well. Submitted by Mary Coelho.

A Closing Observation

"The parks do not belong to one state or to one section. They have become democratized. The Yosemite, the Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon are national properties in which every citizen has a vested interest; they belong as much to the man of Massachusetts, of Michigan, of Florida, as they do to the people of California, of Wyoming, and of Arizona....Who will gainsay that the parks contain the highest potentialities of national pride, national contentment, and national health? A visit inspires love of country; begets contentment; engenders pride of possession; contains the antidote for national restlessness...He is a better citizen with a keener appreciation of the privilege of living here who has toured the national parks."

Stephen Mather, Director, 1917-1929

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