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Incidents

Yellowstone NP

Three Busted For Cooking Chickens In Hot Spring

An Idaho Falls man and two others are in hot water after being found with cooking pots and two chickens in a thermal area of the park.

On August 7th, a ranger received reports that a group was hiking toward Shoshone Geyser Basin with cooking pots. The ranger responded and discovered two whole chickens in a burlap sack sitting in a hot spring with a cooking pot nearby. The ranger spoke with the group of ten, including a child.

The Idaho Falls man and two others were cited for foot travel in a thermal area; the first man was also ordered to appear in a Mammoth Hot Springs court. The man pleaded guilty to the citation on September 10th in addition to a charge for violating closures and use limits. He was ordered to pay a \$600 fine for each charge and will serve two years of unsupervised probation. During that time, he is banned from the park.

This isn't the first time park visitors have been in trouble for trying to cook chicken near a geyser. In 2001, a Seattle television show host and producer dug a hole in the park to show how natural heat could cook chicken. The show was reportedly fined \$150 and placed on two-year probation for disturbing mineral deposits in a national park and stepping off trails near steaming geysers.

[Click here for a link to the story.](#) Source: Nate Eaton, *East Idaho News*.

Glacier NP

Woman Dies In Scuba Diving Accident

An 18-year-old woman from Missoula died as a result of a scuba diving accident at Lake McDonald on November 1st.

A ranger responded to a report of a scuba diving accident at the lake at approximately 5:50 p.m. The woman was declared deceased after resuscitation efforts by members of the diving group and first responders were unsuccessful.

The woman was part of a scuba diving group of six people who started their dive near the dock of Lake McDonald Lodge around 4 p.m. At the time of the incident, bystanders drove to Apgar Village for a cell signal to call 911. Kalispell Regional Healthcare's A.L.E.R.T. was first on the scene, about 30 minutes after the initial 911 call.

A second diver, a 22-year-old man, suffered shortness of breath and was transported by Three Rivers Ambulance to Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was later flown to Seattle for hyperbaric treatment.

The incident is under investigation.

[Click here for story](#). Source: *Flathead Beacon*.

Mount Rainier NP Two Bodies Recovered From Mountain

Rangers at Mount Rainier have recovered the bodies of two men from Tolmie Peak in the northwest corner of the park. The bodies were discovered by hikers on October 31st.

Investigators believe that the two men died from self-inflicted gunshot wounds and that the shootings had occurred recently. The men are ages 29 and 34, and neither are from western Washington.

[Click here for story link](#). Source: KOMO News.

Yellowstone NP Child Burned In Fall Into Thermal Feature

A three-year-old child suffered second-degree burns after falling into a thermal feature near Midway Geyser Basin last month.

According to the park, the child "took off running from the trail, slipped and then fell into a small thermal feature" in the area of the Fountain Freight Road.

The child was burned on his lower body and back and was taken by helicopter to the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center's Burn Center in Idaho Falls.

This incident was the second significant injury reported at a Yellowstone thermal area this year. In May, a visitor who'd illegally entered the park fell into a thermal feature near Old Faithful while backing up to take a photo. Last year, a man similarly fell into thermal water and suffered severe burns while trespassing near the cone of Old Faithful.

[For more information, click on this link](#). Source: *Powell Tribune*.

National Fire Situation

National Interagency Fire Center Assessments Reveal Several Buildings Lost To Fires In Rocky Mountain NP

NIFC remains at Preparedness Level 2.

At present, 34 large fires are burning in 11 states; together they have burned 2.8 million acres. Fire activity continues in the eastern half of the country, where large fires are reported in Kentucky, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Park And Park-Related Fires

- *Rocky Mountain NP* – Portions of the [East Troublesome Fire](#) and [Cameron Peak Fire](#) continue to burn within park boundaries. Many areas of the park reopened last Friday after being closed since October 22nd due to the East Troublesome Fire. Areas reopened include roads, parking areas and trails in Wild Basin, Longs Peak, Lily Lake, Twin Sisters, Lumpy Ridge and US 34 through the Fall River entrance to Many Parks curve as well as Endovalley Road. Old Fall River Road will be open to bicycles, leashed pets and walkers. The west side of Rocky Mountain National Park remains closed. Initial damage assessments have revealed a number of building

losses. Structures that have burned include the park's trails and tack barn and all its contents, the Grand Lake entrance station office (sparing the entrance kiosks themselves), the historic Onahu Lodge and Green Mountain cabins, and the Harbison Meadows vault toilet facility. The four-bay garage at Trail River Ranch and all its historic contents were lost. The main park housing area, the Kawuneeche Visitor Center, the Trail River Ranch main building and Buckaroo Barn were all spared. On the east side of the park, the historic Fern Lake backcountry patrol cabin, built in 1925, was lost.

- *Yosemite NP* – NIFC reports two significant fires in the park. The [Blue Jay Fire](#) (6,922 acres, up from 6,915 acres last week). It's 50% contained. The [Wolf Fire](#) (2,057 acres, up from 2,040 acres, up from 1,935 acres last week. It's 30% contained.
- *Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs* – The Moraine Fire has burned 1,243 acres, up from 1,176 acres last week. It's now 70% contained. Full containment is forecast for November 30th. There are two other notable fires in the park. The [Rattlesnake Fire](#) (8,074 acres, 40% contained) is burning in the Kern drainage and is being managed for resource benefits. The [SQF Complex](#) covers several jurisdictions, including the park, where about 19,000 acres had burned as of last week. This fire is particularly significant, as it has burned nearly the entire South Fork of the Kaweah River drainage within the park, including a number of Giant Sequoia groves. It's 80% contained.

Resource Commitment Trend

Category	October 27	November 3	November 10
Area Command Teams	2	1	0
NIMO Teams	2	1	1
Type 1 Teams	6	2	0
Type 2 Teams	6	3	4
Crews	137	91	46
Engines	358	358	198
Helicopters	87	49	24
Total FF/Overhead	7,333	5,939	3,406

Fires/Acreage

Category	2010-2019 Ave	2020 Total	Difference
United States: YTD Fires	53,323	49,557	- 3,766
United States: YTD Acres	6,471,023	8,727,443	+ 2,256,420

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

Nothing to report.

Senate Actions

The Senate was not in session.

House Actions

The House was not in session.

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.

- *Next NPS Director – E&E News* is reporting that there are “at least” three people on President-elect Biden’s short list for director of the National Park Service – Cassius Cash, the superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and a ten-year agency veteran; Christine Lehnertz, president and CEO of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy in San Francisco and the former superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park; and Mike Reynolds, director of the Interior Department's Lower Colorado Basin, Upper Colorado Basin and Arkansas-Rio Grande-Texas-Gulf regions. “One of the first casualties of Trump's loss will be Margaret Everson, who just took over as acting head of NPS in August,” reports *E&E News*. “Her appointment angered critics who argued that she was unqualified for the job, since she had never even worked for the agency. But a decision to permanently fill the position could be months away. Biden must first pick an Interior secretary, who is then likely to have a big say in who ultimately gets the job. Jarvis, the 18th NPS director, was not confirmed until September 2009, eight months after Obama took office. Obama waited until July 2009 to nominate him.” [Click here for full article](#). Source: Rob Hotakainen, *E&E News*.

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.

- *Dinosaur NM* – Last July, more than 6,000 paleontological, archaeological, historical, and biological specimens were moved from the park to the Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum, located in nearby Vernal, Utah. Fourteen monument staff members, three Geoscientist in the Parks interns, five volunteers, and four Utah State employees participated in this interagency project. Many long-term benefits were immediately realized as every object was inventoried, cleaned, and, if necessary, stabilized. The collection was originally in the Quarry Visitor Center, completed in 1958 to house the historic Carnegie Quarry, which became home to the official museum collections. When that building was condemned in 2006 and remodeled with a smaller footprint as the new Quarry Exhibit Hall in 2011, there was no longer space in the monument to properly accommodate the entire collection in one location. Since 2006, the collections have been stored in multiple temporary locations around the monument. [Click here for full article](#). Source: *Meeker Herald-Times*.
- *Great Smoky Mountains NP* – Ole Smoky Distillery, one of the nation’s fastest growing spirits companies, has announced its renewed partnership with the Friends of the Smokies, an East Tennessee non-profit organization that assists the National Park Service in its mission to preserve and protect the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by raising funds and public awareness and providing volunteers for needed projects. Ole Smoky Distillery has released a new limited-edition commemorative Ole Smoky ‘Friends of the Smokies’ Blackberry Moonshine that can be purchased at Ole Smoky’s Holler and Barrelhouse Distilleries in Gatlinburg and The Barn in Pigeon Forge. A portion of the sales of each moonshine jar sold benefits the Friends of the Smokies. [Click here for story](#). Source: *The Argus-News*.

- *Gulf Islands NS* – Crab Island, a submerged sandbar within the Choctawhatchee Bay portion of the park, has become such a popular summertime party spot that it's often referred to as "the Wild West." The area draws hundreds of boats and numerous floating commercial services, such as restaurants, water taxis, and mobile small craft vendors, which traverse and anchor within the sandy and seagrass portions of the sandbar. The crowds have raised issues of concern to both the park and area governments, including life-threatening accidents and fatalities, damaged seagrass beds and diminished water quality. "[On] weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day, reports the park, "there are hundreds of visitor incidents including marine DUI, disturbances and altercations, boating and personal watercraft accidents, boat fires, medical emergencies, swimmer assists and rescues, and fatalities." The park is now seeking public input on a proposed "commercial services strategy" that aims for better management of commercial operations at Crab Island. A "virtual civic engagement" meeting will be held online at 1 pm on Thursday. To attend the meetings, visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/CrabIsland>. This website will also include a link for the public to submit comments through November 23rd, a link to watch a recorded version of the virtual meeting, and additional information on the planning process. [Click here to link to the story](#). Source: Tony Judnich, *Northwest Florida Daily News*.
- *President's Park* – The 98th National Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will take place on December 3rd, albeit virtually. The ceremony will be streamed on the [National Christmas Tree's website](#), which will be the only way to view the ceremony since NPS and the National Park Foundation said there won't be an in-person ceremony due to COVID-19 concerns. However, the show can be streamed on-demand throughout the holiday season. [Click here for news story](#). Source: Matthew Delaney, WTOP News.
- *Yosemite NP* – Rock climber Emily Harrington has become the first woman and fourth person to free-climb the Golden Gate route on El Capitan's 3,000-foot granite wall in a single day. Harrington began to scale El Capitan early on November 4th. She reached the top 21 hours, 13 minutes and 51 seconds later. Only three others — all men — have made the free climb on that route in a day. [Click here for news story](#). Source: *Washington Post*.

Briefly Noted

Other matters of interest pertaining to the parks and their people.

- *New Book By Coalition Member* – A new book filled with NPS parks and sites provides guidance to how to research, preserve, and interpret the history of half of all Americans, focusing not only on the usual written, oral and visual sources but also on the tangible resources of landscapes, architecture (buildings and structures) and objects. *Doing Women's History in Public: A Handbook for Interpretation for Museums and Historic Sites* was published by Rowman & Littlefield and the American Association for State and Local History. Written by NPS retiree/historian Heather Huyck, who has visited 324 NPS units, the book features many NPS parks, including Gettysburg NMP, Tumacácori NHP, Rosie the Riveter/World War II Homefront NHP, Maggie L. Walker NHS, Little Bighorn Battlefield NM, Salem Maritime NHS, Kennecott (Wrangell-St. Elias NP) and Keweenaw NHP.

The Federal Government

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

NOTE: The following three articles apply to the ongoing transition from the current administration to the new administration. The second and third articles appeared in last week's edition, but are being reprinted due to their increased relevance.

- *Reversals Of Trump Policies Coming Soon* – The *Washington Post* ran a story on November 7th entitled “Biden Plans Immediate Flurry Of Executive Orders To Reverse Trump Policies.” Many of those, of course, pertain to the environment and public lands. “Biden has said that he plans to immediately reverse Trump’s rollback of 100 public health and environmental rules that the Obama administration had in place... Biden has long pledged to rejoin the Paris climate accords by executive order, but he has also said that he would attempt to persuade other nations to adopt higher standards in an attempt to curb the impacts of climate change.” [For additional details, see the article at this link](#). Source: Matt Viser, Seung Min Kim and Annie Linskey, *Washington Post*.
- *Changing Administrations* – On October 28th, *Atlantic* ran a story entitled “The Transition Is Already Happening (And It’s Going Fine So Far).” It begins with a summary of potential problems that would occur in a changeover, should it occur: “Transitions can be challenging even under the best circumstances. And President Donald Trump, to say the least, may not be psychologically or temperamentally predisposed to a thoughtful, well-planned transition. Even back when he was the incoming president, his on-ramp to the presidency was extraordinarily haphazard, disorganized, and incomplete. Add in his petulance and expected fury at the outcome, and there is surely reason to fear the havoc the president and his team could wreak on their way to the exits.” It admonishes readers to take heart, as much of the transition process is governed by law – specifically, the Presidential Transition Act, signed into law in 1964. “This law—and its many amendments, the most recent of which was enacted just this year—provides millions of dollars in funding for transition operations and requires the government to support potential incoming administrations with information, expertise, and direct assistance. Strikingly, Congress placed almost all the responsibility for managing the transition in the hands of career employees. This means that when it comes to matters of transition, the president and those immediately surrounding him are less important than they seem: The real action lies with career staff in the agencies.” [See the article at this link for further details](#). Source: Kate Shaw and Michael Eric Herz, *Atlantic*.
- *Undoing ‘Environmental Horrors’* – *Mic*, an online publication that provides “an essential lens to navigating modern life and examines how culture, technology, and politics are redefining the way we live in real-time,” has posted an article synthesizing the difficulties Biden will have in undoing various “environmental horrors” brought on by the current administration. It provides a good companion to the two entries above. [Click here to read the article](#). Source: Harry Cheadle, *Mic*.

Park People

NPS Alumni

Passing Of Helen Keutzer

Helen Keutzer, who served as secretary to ten superintendents at Rocky Mountain NP over the course of her 34 year career with the Park Service, passed away quietly in her sleep in the early hours of Saturday, October 24th, at Boulder Community Hospital, where she was being treated for complications from pneumonia.

Helen was fiercely independent to the very end, living by herself in Estes Park, and baking loaves of French bread for her kids just three weeks earlier. She renewed her driver’s license the day after her 92nd birthday, acing the vision test without the assistance of glasses.

Helen Scott was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia, and stayed in the South until moving to Boulder in 1954 to be near her sister. In February, 1961, Helen got a secretarial job with the National Park Service and moved with her children and a cat to Grand Lake, never having been there before. After two years, she was promoted to secretary to the superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Those who knew her know that Helen loved shopping and she loved Elvis. She also loved helping others, delighting especially in pet sitting, helping as sous chef and cleaning up at parties, and even doing her kids' ironing until recently.

Helen is survived by her son Leon Clifton from Isle of Wight, UK, daughter Gayle Ellis and husband Randy of Boulder, son Michael Keutzer and wife Amy of Franktown, and honorary son Jim Schofield and wife Ceanne of Boulder. She leaves four grandchildren: Will Clifton, India Clifton, Heidi Kelly, and Logan Schofield.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Helen Keutzer's honor to the Estes Park Pet Association, P.O. Box 4342, Estes Park, CO 80517.

[Click here for the text of the obituary.](#) Source: *Estes Park News*.

NPS Alumni

Passing Of Tom Des Jean

Tom Des Jean, 72, who served as park archeologist at Big South Fork for 28 years, died on November 2nd.

Born in 1948, Des Jean was originally from Indianapolis, but eventually moved to Oneida to accept a position with the National Park Service. His work to preserve the history of the then-new national park had an indelible impact on it during its formative years. Following his retirement, he stayed on in Scott County. An adjunct faculty member at Roane State Community College, he also assisted the Museum of Scott County's efforts to preserve local history.

When Des Jean made his move to Big South Fork, he inherited the job of documenting archaeological evidence in a region where historical sites were rife with looting. He developed a monitoring plan for some of the park's archaeological sites to stamp out that looting, and ultimately helped prosecute offenders who were destroying the archaeological record.

In 1987, four people were arrested with the help of remote sensing devices that had been placed on an archaeological site. The case garnered national attention, as the first time that violators of the 1979 Archaeological Resources Protection Act had been charged as felons.

In those early days, the archaeological record of the culturally-rich Big South Fork area was still scant. Des Jean helped to record more than 1,300 archaeological sites beneath cliff lines throughout the national park — the most of any national park in the southeastern U.S.

In 2004, after successfully overseeing his third looting case made under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, Des Jean was awarded the National Park Service's Outstanding Service in Archaeological Resource Protection award.

Des Jean published a number of research papers and articles. Perhaps his best work was a paper examining the history of illicit moonshine-making activity within the Big South Fork region. With the help of other archaeologists and volunteers, Des Jean documented dozens of still sites throughout the national park.

Des Jean is survived by his wife, Vicki, and children Nina Benton and Matthew Des Jean.

[Click here for full article.](#) Source: *Independent Herald*.

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:

- *Upper Delaware S&RR* – Joseph Salvatore will become the park’s superintendent on December 10th. Since 2016, Salvatore has served as the deputy chief of the Park Facility Management Division in WASO. In this position, he was responsible for facility management policies, programming, and planning across the service. Salvatore enlisted in the Navy when he was 18 years old. He spent six years on active duty and made six strategic deterrent patrols out of Holy Loch Scotland on the nuclear submarine, *USS George Washington Carver*, SSBN 656, Gold Crew, including patrolling during Operation Desert Storm. After leaving the Navy, Salvatore spent nine years as a defense contractor. He returned to government service in 2001, spending 10 years with the Joint Warfighting Center, Joint Forces Command. After spending three years as a commander in Navy Region Japan, serving as the director of strategy and future requirements, he assumed his first NPS position as chief of facility management for the National Mall and Memorial Parks. Source: National Park Service.
- *Women’s Rights NHP/Harriett Tubman NHP* – Ahna Wilson is the new superintendent of these two parks. Wilson currently serves as the site manager for Eisenhower NHS. She joined the NPS in 2009 as a historian for C&O Canal NHP, managing more than 1,300 historic structures, park museum and archive collections, and completing project compliance for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Source: National Park Service.
- *Knife River Indian Villages NHS* – Alicia Deegan was named the park’s superintendent this past summer. Deegan began her career with the Service in 2005, serving as a facility operations specialist at Mount Rushmore. In 2015, she moved to Knife River, where she took a position as education technician, then became the interpretation and cultural resource program manager in 2016. Deegan is a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (three affiliated tribes on the Fort Berthold Reservation). She is a child of the Knife Clan on her father’s side; her mother is of German and Norwegian descent. 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.

- *Great Smoky Mountains NP* – Two hikers discovered Tom Ruzinski, 34, lying on the Appalachian Trail about eight miles west of Newfound Gap on November 12th. One went to get help while the other stayed behind and shared a sleeping bag with the victim in order to keep him warm. Park medics Steve Kloster and Ron Parrish arrived at the scene after midnight and found that Ruzinski had expired. Criminal investigator John Mattox conducted a follow-up investigation and determined that Ruzinski had disappeared on July 31st and that he may have been on the Appalachian Trail since that time. When last seen at his father's home, Ruzinski weighed about 225 pounds; when found on the trail, he weighed about 125 pounds. Ruzinski was wearing tennis shoes and had used underwear and duct tape to fashion foot warmers. He was also wearing several layers of undershirts, but had no appropriate outerwear. Ruzinski's family said that he had been suffering from depression for quite some time. An autopsy is to be conducted today; indications are that he may have died from exposure from the freezing rain and high winds that struck the park over the weekend. Submitted by Chief Ranger Jason Houck.
- *Gulf Islands NS* – The park began enforcing a prohibition on all commercial fishing within its boundaries last May because of an observed decline in seagrass beds and fish populations and because of the incompatibility of commercial fishing with the park's mission and purpose. Although a prohibition on commercial fishing exists in 36 CFR 2.3(d)(4), questions had been raised regarding its applicability to Gulf Islands. The solicitor, however, recently determined that the regulation applied to fishing in the park. Enforcement was begun following a series of hearings to inform the public. A number of commercial gill net fishermen and crabbers have been cited since May. On November 6th, rangers stopped four shrimp boats for illegal fishing in park waters in four separate incidents. Two were south of Horn Island in the Gulf of Mexico;

two were in the sound north of the island. Heavy rains over the previous days had apparently driven the shrimp out into deeper water with higher salinity, tempting the commercial shrimpers to fish in the park. The shrimp trawls and illegal catches were seized; the latter were sold to a seafood house, and the checks are being held in escrow pending court adjudication. Submitted by District Ranger Mark Lewis,

- *North Cascades NP* – The combination of early snow in the North Cascades, heavy rains and rising temperatures brought significant flooding and damage to a number of areas in the Skagit River drainage - including portions of the park - on November 8th. Nearly seven inches of rain fell in a 36-hour period, causing damage similar in magnitude to that experienced during the floods of November, 1990. Water erosion and rock slides in the Sourdough Creek and Rhode Creek areas caused culverts to become plugged and large quantities of rock and debris to be deposited over existing roads. About 6,000 cubic yards of material covers the road access to Colonial campground and partially covers Highway 20 at the Rhode Creek crossing. The creek's former channel has also been filled, and the campground boat launch has been partly filled. The creek now flows down the boat launch and has caused damage to the roadway and parking area. Another 2,000 cubic yards of rock debris was deposited on the road at Sourdough Creek, blocking access to Seattle City Light facilities beyond the site. A large section of the westbound lane of Highway 20 two miles beyond the closed highway gate at Ross Dam trailhead has collapsed due to a slide. Damage is within the section of the road normally closed at this time of year. Sky Creek and Damnation Creek are threatening bridge crossings between Marblemount and Newhalem. Extensive pavement damage and shoulder erosion are reported at both locations. The road above Marblemount has accordingly been closed to all but emergency and administrative traffic. Park maintenance crews are working with the state to redirect creek flows, repair damages and reopen this portion of the highway. *Some employees living outside the park have reported minor damage to their properties. The rain has stopped at present, but more is forecast for the area. Submitted by Chief Ranger Pete Cowan.

A Closing Observation

"We [in America] enjoy comforts never known before, but they are not enough; somehow, somehow, we must make contact with naturalness, the source of all life. The frontiers are still too close to forget and the memory of wilderness goes far back into the eons when man lived close to the earth and was in tune with the ancient rhythms. We still listen to the song of the wilderness and long for a land we have lost. Civilization has not changed emotional needs which were ours long before it arose. This is the reason for the hunger, the true meaning of wilderness and the search of moderns for places where they can know it again. The battle to save the last remnants is not only a struggle for freedom and beauty, but for the spirit of man in a world that seems to have lost its balance and perspective."

Author and former Wilderness Society president [Sigurd Olson](#), 1973

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