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# YELLOWSTONE

## News

October 20, 1994

NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: October 31

### OP OP Opportunity

Interested in a three week detail in Washington, D.C. Can your boss spare you? Operation Opportunity (OP OP) wants you! Job details include budget, computer (dBase), and basic clerk/telephone positions; travel, per diem, and salary paid. Three week details running until January 1, 1995. If you're interested and have supervisory approval, call Laura Long at 344-2039 by Friday, October 28.

### A Seasonal Reminder

Winter is upon us, and the Mammoth maintenance staff would like to ask commuters to refrain from parking the front or the back of vehicles over the sidewalk as it makes shoveling the walk more difficult. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Missing Magazines

The Research Library is missing the following periodicals and would like them returned ASAP:

*Ecology*, Vol.74, No.1, Jan. 1993  
*Audubon*, Vol.11-12, Nov/Dec '91  
*Montana the Magazine of Western History*, Vol.43, No.1, Winter '93  
*National Parks*, Sept/Oct 1991

### Feedback Requested

People, Land and Water, the monthly newspaper for employees of the Department of the Interior has arrived in the park. Two copies of the paper have been distributed to supervisors to be shared among employees. Your feedback and suggestions are important and will be given consideration when editors go to work on future issues. Send your comments to Debbie Dortch via cc:mail or via fax at 202-219-0910.

### Phelps Receives Award

On October 7 Acting Superintendent Rick Smith presented Jim Phelps with a Special Service Award recognizing Jim's ongoing and exemplary leadership and extra efforts filling in as the acting Tower MVO Supervisor while John Cates was away on fires this summer. Congratulations Jim!

### NPS Legislation Update

**Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Monuments** will be elevated to national parks under a desert protection bill approved by the Senate last week and awaiting President Clinton's signature. The bill adds approximately 1.2 million acres to Death Valley, making it the largest national park in the Lower 48, while Joshua Tree will pick-up approximately 234,000 acres. The bill also establishes the 1.4 million-acre **Mojave National Preserve** to be administered by NPS, and designates as wilderness approximately 3.5 million acres of mostly BLM land.

Newspapers have reported defeat for a bill that would have protected geysers in **Yellowstone** and a narrow loss in the House for legislation that would have raised entrance fees and increased NPS take. Although the fee vote was 238 for and 174 against, the vote failed on a parliamentary provision requiring a two-thirds majority.

### Personnel News

by Mary Heller, Personnel Office

#### New Faces in the Park

**Dan Hand** is the new Supervisory Park Ranger for Interpretation at Old Faithful. He has been the Director of Visitor Services at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis since 1991 and has worked extensively throughout the National Park Service over the last twenty years (Glen Canyon NRA, Everglades, Coulee Dam NRA, Cuyahoga Valley NRA, Fort Union NM, Shiloh NMP, Ft. Caroline NM, Blue Ridge Parkway, Carl Sandburg Home NHS, Fort Raleigh NHS & Wright Bros. NM). Dan's wife, Huhgetta, brings secretarial, budget and administrative technician skills from her employment with the National Park Service at Everglades, Ulysses S. Grant NHS and Glen Canyon, skills she hopes to use in Yellowstone. She also enjoys knitting and needlepoint. Their son, Joel, has already begun volunteering with the ranger division and is looking forward to getting to know the park.

Many of you will remember **Laura Joss** from her detail here as Acting Chief of Interpretation in 1992. She comes to us this time, with her spouse "Skip" Meehan, from the Rocky Mountain Regional Office where she has been the Regional Curator since 1990. Laura started her NPS career in 1981 as a Volunteer-In-Parks at Mesa Verde NP. She worked for over 7 years as either staff or a contractor in NPS sites and museums including: Glen Canyon NRA, Grant-Kohrs NHS, Big Hole National Battlefield, The Children's Museum in Indianapolis, New York State Museum, Onondaga Historical Association, Buffalo Museum of Science, New Jersey State Parks and the John Wesley Powell Museum. Laura is looking forward to cross-country skiing this winter, a sport she has enjoyed since high school. She also loves making pottery.

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**Stuart "Skip" Meehan**, like **Laur**, comes to us from the Regional Office where he has been a Park Ranger, Interpretation/Information since 1993. Prior to 1993, Skip did contract work in exhibit design for the Forest Service and National Park Service and also was an exhibit designer, for 8 year periods each, at the California Academy of Sciences and the Arizona State Museum. From 1986 to 1990 he worked at Glen Canyon NRA in interpretation and dispatch. Skip is an avid pool player and landscape artist.

**Mike Phillips** joins Yellowstone as the Supervisory Wildlife Biologist heading up the Wolf Reintroduction Project. He comes with a wealth of experience, most recently as Coordinator of the Field Program for the Red Wolf Recovery Program in the Southeastern United States. Mike brings with him his wife, Linda, and daughter, Grace. The Phillips family is excited about the coming arrival of another child in 1995!

## **Seasonals Join Permanent Ranks**

Congratulations are due to **Steven Aamold**, now a permanent Automotive Worker, and **Bennett Rees**, now a permanent Maintenance Worker.

## **Permanent Employees Promoted**

Congratulations to **Scott Kremer** and **William "Buddy" Powell** who were both recently been promoted to Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic positions at the Mammoth Garage.

## **YA Position Opening**

The Yellowstone Association is looking for a full-time Membership Coordinator, and hopes to fill the position as soon as possible. The Membership Coordinator is primarily responsible for developing and managing the Association's membership/donor program. In addition to maintaining membership records, the position is also responsible for writing, editing and producing the quarterly membership newsletter, and for planning and coordinating several member's meetings during the year. The annual salary for the position is \$20,500 plus paid holidays and vacations, a flexible benefit program and company-paid retirement plan.

For a complete job description, contact **Debbie Chambers** at the Yellowstone Association at 307-344-2289.

## **Fire Prevention Week Essay Contest Winners**

Congratulations to the following Fire Prevention essay winners from the Gardiner School. Each winner was awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. See next issue for additional winning essays.

### **Fire Prevention - by Carly Jerla**

It was a cold December night. All was peaceful and safe inside their home. No one would ever suspect that such a disaster would occur inside such a quiet family's household.

She had just finished a relaxing shower and she was journeying to the kitchen to put on a pot of coffee. He was out, working and They were upstairs innocently playing in Their bedroom. "Innocently playing" is what we all think but They are always up to much more than what it seems. Underneath the bed They were experimenting with matches and at the same time managing to start a fire that will cause many sleepless nights in the future.

The smoke alarm starts ringing (thank God they had just replaced the batteries yesterday) and She sprints upstairs to see what the little monsters had done this time. She expected bad but got worse when the room was swallowed in flames and the ceiling was hidden in black smoke.

Luckily They escaped the room and stood dumfounded in the hallway gaping at the disaster They had just created. They safely got out of the house and made their way to a neighbor's house. She called Him and the fire department and they had both arrived there in timeless measures. The entire home was destroyed. A new beginning must take place. The beginning of life for this family. In the future they will learn to be more responsible. To watch over Them like hawks and to always practice fire prevention. You always need to be more responsible for your for your actions and sometimes the actions of others. Before you do anything just rapidly think over the consequences. In this story if they would have followed these rules the destruction of a home could have been forgotten.

### **Fire Prevention - by Anna Tschida**

Fire prevention is a subject that touches all of us, yet how often do each of us think about it? Fire prevention week, October 9-15, gives everyone an excellent opportunity to determine what they can do about fire prevention in their homes. This is an issue that every person can understand and have a part in whether it be to write an essay, replace the batteries in a smoke detector at home, or talk to a child about what fire prevention is.

As with most issues, people ignore fire danger until they see it have an impact on their lives, which is usually too late. By recognizing what you can do to keep your family safe, you protect yourself from much grief and heartache. Be aware of what some fire hazards are. Check you home periodically for those hazards. Most importantly, correct those hazards for fire prevention in your home.

Fire prevention is not another issue to be ignored, so take action today. Each day you put assessing your home's fire danger off is another day your home and family are at risk. Don't wait for a tragedy to make you act, do it because you have the knowledge to protect yourself.

### **Fire - by Zondra Skertich**

Fire. It's so dangerous. Although fire can't always be prevented, there are many things we can do to stop it. People should always be conscious of what they do, and if they are helping to prevent fires.

In your house, try not to leave things on that can start fires, such as curling irons, stoves, and other electrical appliances. These things can help to keep your house from catching on fire. But, accidents happen, your five-year-old neighbor could decide to light off firecrackers in your kitchen. Or you could have an electrical short. Accidents can always happen. If an accident does happen, you should always be prepared. Make sure you have a smoke alarm and at least two exit plans from every room.

Fires can not only start in homes, but also in the outdoors. So you should be very careful while camping, or doing other outdoor activities. If it is very dry out, which is often the case here in Montana, try not to start a camp fire. But, if you do, be sure not to let it get out of control. Don't build it near dead, dry branches, and when you go to put it out, make sure it is completely out, even the tiniest ember can start a large forest fire.

Forest fires can start very easily by accident, by lightening, a cigaret, or many other things. If a fire comes near your home, hose down your house, so no flying embers can catch a dry eave or log.

I have never been too conscious of fires. Until just recently during the Deckard Flat Fire, when my house was endangered. That was when I realized how hazardous fires can be.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## ► P.T.O Fundraiser

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the P.T.O Rummage Sale, Raffle, and Chili/Hot Dog Dinner on November 17 at 5 p.m. at the Mammoth School. Donation items for the sale may be left in the front hall of the school at any time. Call Laura O'Dea, 344-8814, for more information. Items for consignment (min. selling price \$15) will be accepted at the school between 5:30 - 7 p.m. on November 15 & 16. P.T.O receives 20% of the selling price. Call Tana Sholly for more information, 344-7936.

## ► Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, October 28, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next Visit: November 11.

## ► Annual Fire Cache Party

Thanks to everyone who helped during this year's fire season! The 1994 Annual Fire Cache Party will be held on Friday, October 28, at the Gardiner Eagle's Hall beginning at 6 p.m. Some food and beverage will be provided. All are welcome. Come early. Stay late. Bring the kids.

## ► Dance Lessons

Interested in taking beginner or intermediate country/western dance classes? Depending on the amount of interest shown, classes will be offered on November 8 & 9 and 15 & 16 at the Mammoth Canteen from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost per session will be \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples. Beginning level will concentrate on country swing (jitterbug) and basic two step. Intermediate could cover triple step, Montana and Wyoming two step, rhythm step, and waltz. Please indicate your interest by leaving a message for Dave Price at 848-7910 or 344-2144 or PO Box 606, Gardiner. He'll be away until November 2.

## ► Season Ski Passes

*(Please note correction in adult price and change in due date)* Big Sky Ski Resort is once again offering Yellowstone employees and their families, and permanent residents of Gardiner, the opportunity to purchase annual ski passes at a great rate. The cost for an adult daily lift ticket is \$38 this year.

1993/94 SEASON PASS RATES  
(Good for all ski days & nite skiing)

Adults.....\$235  
Juniors (11yrs thru high school)...\$150  
Children (10yrs and under).....FREE

To obtain a pass, fill out and submit an application form (located in the back of the newsletter) no later than October 25. Families should use one form and list each family member's name. All applicants must have a Yellowstone or Gardiner address.

Send or give your completed form and check made out to **Big Sky Resort** to Dan Sholly, PO Box 512, Yellowstone, WY 82190, or Chris McIntosh in Gardiner, 848-7945. You may pick up your pass at Big Sky the first day you ski (bring last year's photo to speed up processing).

## ► Library Bazaar

Attention Crafters! It's that time of year again. The Gardiner Library Bazaar will be held November 8. If you would like to reserve a table space, call Marion Jones at 848-7591. Remember only hand-crafted items are accepted.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## For Sale:

Yellowstone Helitak t-shirts are now available in assorted colors and sizes, short sleeve \$10, long sleeve \$15. Call Jim Sites at the Fire Cache, 344-2182.

## For Sale:

\*1988 Raleigh Technium (aluminum) mountain bike, very good condition, 21.5" frame, recently overhauled, \$500 (you won't find a new bike this good at this price!)  
\*Phoenix Isere fiberglass downriver racing/touring kayak, good condition, weighs only 32lbs., \$600. Call Dan Carty evenings or weekends, 344-7758.

## Wanted to Buy:

Fish aquarium and all the stuff that goes with it. Call 344-7788.

## For Sale:

"This End Up" brand living room set: matching blue/beige sofa, two chairs, one end table, one coffee table, \$300. Call 344-9242 after 5 p.m.

## For Sale:

\*Rossignol SMS Sport skis, 195cm, Salomon 647 bindings, \$80.  
\*Fisher Superglass skis, 175cm, Salomon 202 bindings, \$40.  
\*Kastinger boots, wm's 5½, \$25.  
\*Kastinger boots, men's 9, \$25.  
\*Ice axe, ABC superleicht, like new, \$50. Call 406-848-7591.

## For Sale:

\*Four Cooper snowtires, 205 x 65R/15, only 500 miles, \$100 or best offer.  
\*Soloflex weight machine, 4 yrs old, good condition, \$400. Call 344-7349 after 5 p.m.

## For Sale:

Brother Word Processor WP-2600Q with Whisper Printer. Includes: Thesaurus, Spreadsheet program & templates, Lotus 1-2-3 file conversion program, and a few others. Also can be used as a typewriter. \$390. Phone 344-7306 or 344-2059.

## For Sale:

Katadyn water filter. Filters bacteria and giardia. \$250 new, will sell for \$175. Call 848-7910 evenings or 344-2144.

## Housesitter Wanted:

The McCoy family is looking for a housesitter for 11 days during the month of December. We have pets. Reply to 344-9225 or 344-2333.

## For Sale:

Heavy duty utility trailer \$250.  
X-country skis, Rossignol 200cm \$20.  
Lightweight X-country boots, women's 7½, \$10. Call Mary, 242-7523.



**Happy  
Halloween**

**BIG SKY RESORT**  
**1994/95 SEASON SKI PASS**  
**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SKI CLUB**

Qualification Criteria

Those year around and permanent residents of Yellowstone National Park or Gardiner, MT (as defined by the sewer and/or water district) and/or active full-time winter season employees of Yellowstone National Park, TW Services, Hamilton Stores and other official YNP concessions shall qualify for membership.

Proof of Residency

One or more of the following documents may be required to prove residency requirement before or after pass purchase:

1. Drivers license
2. Voter registration information
3. Employment documentation
4. Sworn affidavit by applicant
5. School registration information

Subject to Revocation and Criminal Charges

Individuals who misrepresent their membership qualifications are subject to pass revocation without refund at any time. **WARNING:** Individuals who misuse pass privileges by allowing their pass to be used by others, misuse at ticket reader turnstiles, skiing recklessly, out-of-bounds, or in an otherwise unsafe manner shall be subject to pass revocation without refund and criminal charges under Montana state law.

**Those having misused skiing privileges will not be eligible for a season pass during this or future seasons.** Lost or stolen season passes must be reported immediately to the Lift Ticket Sales Office (995-5000, ext. 5740). There will be a replacement fee of \$25 charged. Passes which are lost or stolen and not reported immediately will be handled the same as misused passes. On occasion, passes become damaged which causes rejection at the turnstiles. These passes will be replaced free of charge at the ticket office.

Release of Liability

Purchaser assumes all risk of injury, loss or damages resulting from use of Big Sky of Montana, Inc. property or equipment, and releases Big Sky of Montana, Inc. from all liability thereof. Riding lifts can be hazardous to your clothing. Big Sky of Montana, Inc. is not responsible for stains, including oil and/or grease on any kind of clothing. No refunds or transfers are allowed.

I have read and understand the above, meet residency requirements fully, and wish to apply for a Big Sky Resort Season Ski Pass.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Adult  
☐ High School (Age 11 through grade 12)  
☐ Child (Ages 10 and under)

If you checked high school or child, please submit the name and signature of parent or guardian:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_