

The

# YELLOWSTONE

News

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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: May 10

## Park Housing Meeting

An open house will be held at the YACC Camp at Mammoth on Thursday, May 4, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. to discuss the Mammoth Housing Development Plan. Preparation of the plan and an Environmental Assessment is now underway for the Mammoth Hot Springs area. The plan will address needs of the National Park Service, park concessionaires, and cooperators for housing in the Mammoth and North Entrance areas.

Yellowstone National Park, in conjunction with planners and landscape architects from the consulting firms of The Roybal Corporation and DHM, Inc. are collecting resource information and formulating possible alternatives for housing in the Mammoth area. A range of alternatives involving additional housing in the YACC Camp area and by the Gardiner school, as well as renovation of existing houses, will be evaluated. Opportunities for development on lands outside park boundaries will also be explored. A draft plan and environmental assessment is being prepared and should be ready for public review in October 1995.

Interested parties unable to attend the open house are encouraged to submit their comments by May 19 to: Planning Office, *Mammoth Housing Plan*, Yellowstone National Park, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190, or call (307) 344-2021.

## Park Wolf Missing, Presumed Dead

One of the recently released Yellowstone wolves, the alpha male wolf from the Rose Creek Pack is missing and an investigation which was started on Thursday, is underway to determine the animal's whereabouts. In the investigation, the Fish and Wildlife Service is working in close cooperation with State and local authorities.

The radio-equipped collar used in monitoring the reintroduced animal was located east of Red Lodge, Montana; but the wolf itself was not in the area. The condition of the collar indicated it may have been physically removed rather than having slipped off the animal. The large male and its mate were last located in Custer National Forest on April 24 during a regularly scheduled monitoring flight.

During a routine monitoring flight on Wednesday, April 26, Yellowstone Park biologists received a "mortality" signal from the collar of one of the wolves. The mortality signal occurs if an animal is stationary for at least four hours. The rate of the signal doubles, indicating that the animal is not moving and possibly dead. According to the specific collar setting, the signal was identified as belonging to the alpha male of the Rose Creek Pack.

This wolf was one of the 29 wolves relocated from Canada into Yellowstone Park and central Idaho, which are protected under a special rule in the Endangered Species Act. This special rule, referred to a reintroduction of nonessential, experimental populations, allows private landowners to kill a wolf if it is found in the act of maiming or killing livestock. Sharon Rose, of the Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that there was no sign of any such attack.

On Thursday morning, National Park Service biologists located the signal by air and retrieved the collar. A reward of \$1,000 is being offered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any individual or individuals responsible for taking the wolf. All information provided will be kept confidential. Anyone with information should contact the Fish and Wildlife Service agents in Billings, at (406) 247-7355; Cody, WY. (307) 678-7604; or a local fish and game officer.

## Thank You's...

The Division of Interpretation would like to thank the Maintenance and Radio Shop crews for all their hard work on the office reconfiguration and remodeling job on the second floor of the Albright Visitor Center.

Everything looks really great! Your hard work is much appreciated. Our operations will be much more efficient as the result of your efforts. The public will certainly benefit from the new carpet this summer. Again, many thanks for yet another high quality, professional job.

## Earth Day News

According to Mammoth Teacher Dave Stringfield, 334 pounds of trash was collected on 4/24 by the Mammoth School students, K-6, as their contribution to the Earth Day celebration/clean-up. Thank you students!

## Message to Supervisors

Once you've gone through the all-consuming process of hiring your Seasonals and housing has been assigned..PLEASE let the people already residing in that housing know that a new seasonal is about to arrive. It's simple. Contact **Judy Proffit** at ext. 2086, then call their supervisor so he/she can let their seasonal know company is coming. A welcome can be planned. More important, it's a consideration that each and every one of us deserves. Signed, **Seasonals** who care about Seasonals

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## Contributions Accepted for Bombing Victims

Employees who wish to make charitable contributions in support of relief efforts connected with the Oklahoma City bombing may contact any of the disaster relief organizations approved by the Combined Federal Campaign. In addition, in accordance with Section 7 of Executive Order 12353, Federal employees are authorized, without the approval of OPM, to solicit funds within their agency on behalf of employees of the agency. An Oklahoma City Federal Family Assistance Relief Fund has been set up to provide assistance to those affected by the Oklahoma City Federal Building bombing. If you would like to contribute, send your check to:

Oklahoma City Federal Family Assistance Relief Fund  
Oklahoma Federal Credit Union  
517 NE 36th St.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-2523

If you need additional information, please contact Dick Campbell at the VA Medical Center (405) 270-5157.

Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA) has announced that it has established the OK Fund to assist federal employees and their families who were affected by the bombing. Donations can be made to: FEEA, 8441 W. Bowles Ave., Suite 200, Littleton, CO 80123. Please make out checks to: OK Fund. (Employees may make contributions to these or ANY organization they wish.)

## Awareness Program Set For May 12

The Park County Health Department will be sponsoring a HIV/AIDS Awareness Program on Friday, May 12, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Gardiner School Multi-purpose Room. **Dr. Mike Kimbro**, from the Mammoth Medical Clinic, will give a short talk on universal precautions for people living and working in the Mammoth-Gardiner area. With over two million visitors from around the world visiting Yellowstone, and staying in the park and Gardiner, the community needs to be aware of possible contact in the work environment for employers as well as employees.

A married couple will give testimony on living with HIV infection. They will explain how they became infected, how it has affected their lives, marriage, children and their future. Questions will be encouraged from attendees.

## EQUIPMENT SWAP:

Thinking of upgrading your outdoor equipment? The co-op employee recreation department is already planning an outdoor equipment swap next fall. The date has tentatively been set for Saturday, September 9 in the Mammoth gym. It's not too early to begin thinking of the items you just don't need, or would like to replace. SO, set aside your cross-country skis, car racks, water filters, etc. Look for more information as the date gets closer.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Volunteers Needed:

**The Greater Yellowstone Conservation Data Center**, a cooperative program between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy, needs volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks. While we are in particular need of persons to do data entry, we also need help in extracting and mapping information and other administrative tasks. If interested, please call either Pete Feigley or Eugénie Drayton at 344-2157.

### Free to Good Home:

VCR, needs \$88.50 to be repaired and is currently at Authorized Service Center in Bozeman. Interested? Call Diane, soon at 344-2249 or 848-7808.

### For Sale:

1980 Honda Motorcycle, XL-185 S. New running gear. Call 406/646-9295 or 344-2803.

### Position Offered:

Washington Construction is looking for a Payroll Clerk for help on the East Entrance Road Construction Project. Start date is early May, 1995, and the location would be Lake area, YNP. Job duties would include, checking timecards, generating payroll checks, answering phones, signing up new employees, printing daily and weekly reports. Pay scale depends on experience and does include benefits. Hours would be M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. to noon. Job requirements are basic computer knowledge, ability to keypunch data quickly, and good communication and math skills. Call or send resume to, Tom Kraus, (307) 242-7300, Washington Construction Co., P.O. Box 804, YNP, WY 82190.

### For Sale:

Looking for some new wheels? How about a 1978 Yamaha 400? A real trooper, \$280 or best offer. Call 344-7446.

### For Sale:

1976 International bus; 20 passenger, gas, automatic, very good shape. \$3000. For more information contact Don Nelson, The Yellowstone Institute, at (307) 344-2295.

### For Sale:

1977 Chevy Impala. Great condition and runs great, too! New tires. \$1500. Call 848-7318 after 5 p.m.

### For Sale:

1978 Yamaha 400. A real trooper. \$280 or best offer. Call 344-7446.

### For Sale:

Bridgestone MB-4 mountain bike, 18" frame, good condition, \$400. Profile Aero Bar (for bike racing), \$30. Call Dan Carty at 344-7758 evenings.

### Help Available:

Responsible 12 year old (soon to be 13) young man available for babysitting, dog walking, mowing lawns, and other odd jobs that you might need done now or this summer. Call Rick at 344-7775.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### \* Wolf Footage to be Shown

Bob Landis, wildlife filmmaker, will be presenting rough-cut footage of the Yellowstone Soda Butte Wolf Pack encountering coyotes. The film will be shown in the Superintendent's Conference Room, Wednesday, May 3 at noon. Bring your lunch, don't miss this!

### \* Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, May 5, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next Visit: May 19.

### \* Children's Theatre Presents Play

Missoula's Children's Theatre and Yellowstone Park School students will present "Jack and the Beanstalk" on Saturday, May 6, at 4 p.m. in the Mammoth School Gym. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and children.

### \* Whitebark Pine Presentation

Katherine Kendall, of Glacier National Park will present an overview of "Status and Trends in Whitebark Pine Ecosystems" on Tuesday, May 9, 12:00 noon, in the Superintendent's Conference Room. Katherine will speak on a project that will document the status and trends of Whitebark pine stands in Glacier, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Everyone is invited to attend.

May 4, 1995

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*The Annual*  
**NATIONAL  
DAY OF  
PRAYER**

*First Thursday of May*

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