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THE YELLOWSTONE NEWS

Wednesday, September 10

Next Deadline: Wednesday, October 8, 2003

YELLOWSTONE MUSEUM, LIBRARY, AND ARCHIVES TO RESTRICT HOURS IN PREPARATION FOR MOVE

In preparation for the move to the new Heritage and Research Center (HRC), in the summer of 2004, Yellowstone's research library, archives, museum collections, and photo archives will be gradually phasing down access to both the public and park staff. The HRC, now under construction, is a 32,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility designed to meet National Park Service (NPS) and National Archives standards for storage of some 300,000 objects in Yellowstone's collection. The collection also contains nearly 5 million archival records, including unpublished records created or received by the Army, NPS staff, or various park concessioners; and special collections that range from individual files created by employees to privately generated manuscripts on Yellowstone topics. The research library has 20,000 rare books and additional volumes for circulation, periodicals, theses and dissertations, microfilm, videos, oral history tapes and transcripts, maps, drawings, and other separates. The HRC will feature rotating displays in the lobby and will be well suited to accommodate tours of the collection and provide improved access and working space for visitors and researchers.

Because of the scope of Yellowstone's Museum collections, the Cultural Resource staff will need the better part of next year to complete outstanding cataloguing projects, inventory the collections, and carefully pack and move the vast array of items in the museum - items ranging from tiny, delicate artifacts and collectibles to historic hotel signs and large pieces of furniture. We regret the inconvenience these closures will cause people desiring to use the collections; however, we think users will agree that the end result will be worth the temporary loss of access.

The herbarium collection will remain open this winter and through most of the summer until its planned move in August 2004. Access to the rest of the museum collection, **including the photo archives**, will close in October 2003. Museum staff have scanned and digitized some 3,000 historic photographs in the collection and are working with the Public Affairs Office and others to make these images available via CD and the park's computer network or website. If you anticipate projects in the next year that require historic photographs from the park's collection, please contact the museum staff at (307) 344-2267 to set up an appointment in September. During the closure such requests will be referred to other repositories with significant collections of Yellowstone imagery.

The library and archives is currently open Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.), and Mondays and Fridays by appointment only. These hours will remain in effect until December 18, 2003, when the library and archives will close in order to inventory and pack their collections for the move to the HRC. Starting December 1, 2003, the library will be phasing out circulation; no book or interlibrary loans will be initiated. All library materials must be returned by Monday, January 5, 2004.

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During the closure those needing to perform archival research may wish to contact other repositories, including the Montana Historical Society, Montana State University Library Special Collections, and the National Archives and Records Administration.

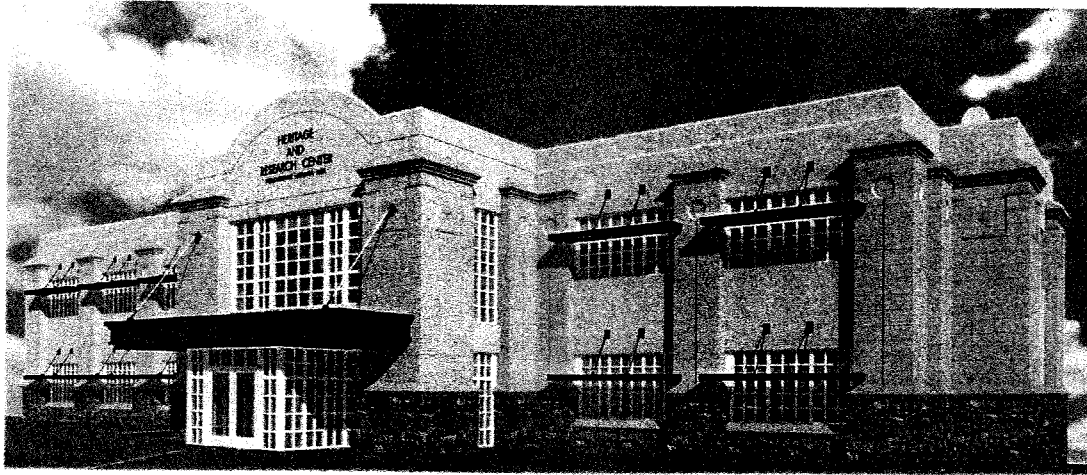
The Yellowstone Research Library is a member of the Wyoming Libraries Network (WYLD). Park staff should have free borrowing privileges at other WYLD libraries, such as the Buffalo Bill Historical Center which has a large number of Yellowstone materials, including rare books, in its collection. For more information go to wyldweb.state.wy.us. Other facilities with Yellowstone-related materials include Montana State University, the University of Wyoming, and the Montana State Historical Society in Helena. More information on using these facilities during Yellowstone's museum and library closure will be forthcoming.

Over the next year, the park will not be actively seeking to acquire new items for the collection; however, the curator's office will consider making purchases and accepting donations on a case-by-case basis. Anyone wishing to transfer or donate items to the museum or archives is encouraged to do so before December 18, 2003. For assistance please contact archives specialist Harold Housley at (307) 344-2264, or the museum staff at (307) 344-2267.

Plans call for the library, archive, and museum objects to be moved beginning June 1, 2004—assuming the building is completed on schedule—with tentative completion by early autumn. There will be a number of excellent **volunteer opportunities** available to help us with "Moving the Memories" stored in the park collection. If you wish to offer your time and talents to help catalog, inventory, and/or pack the seldom seen items in the collection, or if you have questions about the Heritage Center or the museum closure, please contact Maurine Hinckley-Cole, Branch of Cultural Resources, at (307) 344-2223 or maurine.cole@nps.gov. The cultural resource staff appreciates your cooperation as we all look forward to a new and exciting future for the preservation and use of the natural and cultural resource objects in the Yellowstone collection.

MUSEUM/LIBRARY/ARCHIVES SCHEDULE 2003-2004

September, 2003	Historic Photos/Museum Open by Appointment (307) 344-2267 Research Library/Archives Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
October 1, 2003	Historic Photo/Museum collection (except Herbarium) Closes
December 1, 2003	Last day to check-out books/interlibrary loans
December 18, 2003	Research Library and Archives close
January 5, 2004	ALL books/loans due back to Research Library
June 1– August 18, 2004 (See photo next page)	Library/Archives/Museum collections Relocate to HRC



Heritage and Research Center Yellowstone National Park



ALL OF YOU MADE THE DAY:

I want to extend my gratitude to all of Yellowstone National Park's employees for the superb job each and every one of YOU accomplished before, during and after the 100th Anniversary of the Roosevelt Arch event on Monday, August 25, 2003.

From the initial planning, to the preparations and throughout the entire day, each of YOU performed in a gracious and grand fashion. It was particularly wonderful that the Director of the National Park Service, Fran Mainella, was here to see what all of YOU accomplished. She remarked to me and many others how impressed she was by all of YOU.

Yellowstone National Park and the National Park Service has a long and deep tradition of expressing and demonstrating our dedication to our mission through our day to day activities as

well as during special events. Once again, not only did each of YOU live up to that tradition, YOU also enhanced and embedded in the minds and hearts of everyone who participated and attended, that the National Park Service and Yellowstone National Park are special places with special people, like YOU, who are dedicated to the preservation, protection and education of our national treasures.

Again, my deepest thanks to each of YOU for making August 25, 2003, such a great day.

Suzanne Lewis
Superintendent

WEST ENTRANCE PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

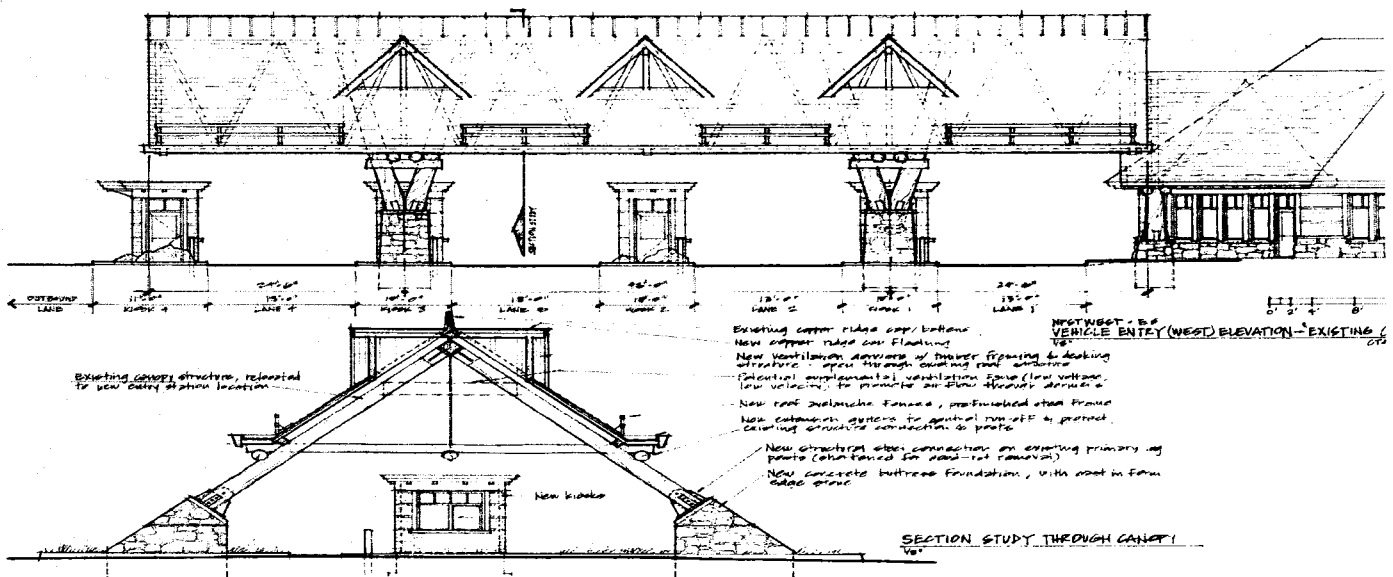
Park staff are invited to comment on the *West Entrance Project Environmental Assessment*, in which the National Park Service (NPS) proposes to construct a new West Entrance Station and to enlarge the West Yellowstone, Montana, Chamber of Commerce building. These actions hope to resolve the many structural, geographic, visitor service, office, and health and safety problems of the current entrance.

Specifically, the NPS proposed to build a new entrance 800 feet further inside the park (to the east of the existing entrance). The new entrance would feature an additional traffic lane (which would also be an express/employee lane), four new kiosks, a new administrative building for entrance station staff, and improved ventilation systems for all buildings. The existing canopy would be moved, reassembled, and remodeled

on the new site. The Chamber of Commerce expansion would include enlarged visitor service areas, a 50-person auditorium/meeting room, office space for interpretive staff, and additional public restrooms. All new structures would be designed to be as environmentally sustainable and energy efficient as possible, in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council.

If you would like to comment on this proposal, you may view the environmental assessment on the Yellowstone National Park website at <http://www.nps.gov/yell/technical/planning>. You may obtain a copy of the environmental assessment by calling Mike Yochim at (307) 344-2703, or e-mailing him at mike_yochim@nps.gov. Comments must be submitted in writing before the end of the **October 7, 2003**, comment period.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK - NEW WEST ENTRANCE STATION
NEW BUILDING CONCEPT DESIGN (EXISTING CANOPY) - OPTION 2



Please keep in mind that these are preliminary drawings, and the final draft may be different.

PERSONNEL NEWS

PEER AWARDS

Bert Timmons, Lake Laborer
Andrea Demasi, Lamar Ranger

Rick Fey, Lake Ranger

TERM APPOINTMENTS

Philip Doepke
EOD 9/07/03

Craig Johnson
EOD 8/31/03

Biological Science Technician
Wisconsin Area

Visual Information Technician
Oregon Area

REASSIGNMENTS

Mona Divine
EOD 9/07/03

Realm Director
Peschutes, Ochoco, Malheur National Forest Service,
United States Forest Service, Oregon

Ashley Sites
EOD 8/03/03

Assistant Fire Management Officer
Nez Perce National Forest,
United States Forest Service, Idaho

Jessie Farias

Assistant Chief Ranger
Mesa Verde

Rick Bennett
EOD 9/21/03

District Ranger
Glen Canyon

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS

Glen Dixon
EOD 9/07/03

Carpenter
Canyon District

PROMOTIONS

Beth Taylor
EOD 8/31/03

Park Ranger (Interpretation)
Old Faithful

RETIREMENTS

Virginia Brock
EOD 8/29/03

Human Resources Assistant
Moving to Sparks, Nevada

Judy Churchwell
9/30/03

Assistant Chief, Business Management

BENEFITS UPDATE

Are your Designation of Beneficiary forms current? In reviewing Office of Personnel files for benefits forms, many files either did not have designation of beneficiary forms on file, or the designations were very old. If designations are not current, they may not reflect the beneficiaries you currently desire.

Beneficiary forms may be completed for benefits as follows:

- * Unpaid Compensation (Form SF-1152) indicates who your beneficiaries are for unpaid salary, unused annual leave, etc., in the event of your death.

- * Life Insurance Designation of Beneficiary (SF-2823).
- * Designation of Beneficiary for Lump Sum Retirement Contributions (when no survivor annuity is payable) (Civil Service Retirement System - CSRS, Form SF-2808; Federal Employee Retirement System - FERS, Form SF-3102).
- * Thrift Savings Plan Designation of Beneficiary (TSP-3).

If you need assistance with these forms, please call Rosanne at (307) 344-2041, or visit the Human Resources Office.

Little People's Learning Center

Little People's Learning Center has immediate openings for:

- * Childcare providers. Competitive wages, benefit package, and housing available.
- * Part-time housekeeping/cook position: Competitive wages.

Please call Barb at (307) 344-7785.

Norris Ranger Museum, VIP's

Al Mebane

Ben Ladd

Jim and Eddie Caslick

Bruce Freet

September 7 – 11

September 11 – 20

September 14 – 17

September 21 – 27



Yellowstone Association

Institute

Upcoming Courses at the
Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Wilderness First Aid

November 1-2 (#1101)

January 14-15 (#102)

Location: Lamar Valley Limit: 24

Instructor: Wilderness Medicine Institute Staff

\$140 (Member's fee \$130)

This certification course is ideal for hikers, skiers, and outdoor professionals who want to learn the basics of emergency care in remote settings. Emphasis will be on learning the principles of medical care rather memorizing information. May be used to recertify as a Wilderness First Responder.

Wilderness First Responder

November 6-15 (#1102)

Location: Lamar Valley Limit: 24

Instructor: Wilderness Medicine Institute Staff

\$480 (Member's fee \$470)

This 80-hour certification course is required by many outdoor employers and recommended for anyone who works or plays in the backcountry. Participants will learn how to apply the principles of medical care to emergencies in remote settings. Participants must be 18 years old.

Level I Avalanche Safety

December 11-14 (#1201)

January 8-11 (#101)

Location: Lamar Valley Limit: 16

Instructors: Chris Lundy, M.S. & Lance Riek, M.S.

\$210 (Member's fee \$200)

Invaluable for winter backcountry travelers and outdoor professionals, this course focuses on the factors that contribute to avalanche hazard and the tools needed to effectively assess those hazards in the field. Search and rescue will also be covered in detail. The course includes two field days in the mountains above Cooke City (snowmobile shuttles included each day). Skis or snowshoes required. Fee includes \$15 for course materials.

*For more information on any of our programs, please visit our website,
www.YellowstoneAssociation.org, or call us at (307) 344-2294.*

The Yellowstone Stage

-Summer 2003 Series of Guest Speakers, Authors, Musicians & Artisans

In the Old Faithful Inn Lobby "Celebrating 100 Years on a Worldwide Stage"

Wednesday, September 10	Jett Hitt, Composer <i>Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra</i>
Thursday, September 11	Dave Petersen, Author <i>Yellowstone, Like No Other Place On Earth</i>
Friday, September 12	Parks Reece, Artist <i>Call of the Wild – the art of Parks Reece</i>
Saturday, September 13	Parks Reece, Artist <i>Call of the Wild – the art of Parks Reece</i>
Sunday, September 14	Parks Reece, Artist <i>Call of the Wild – the art of Parks Reece</i>
Monday, September 15	Parks Reece, Artist <i>Call of the Wild – the art of Parks Reece</i>
Tuesday, September 16	Dave Petersen, Author <i>Yellowstone, Like No Other Place On Earth</i> Fred Pflughoft, Photographer <i>Great Lodges of the West</i>
Wednesday, September 17	Jett Hitt, Composer <i>Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra</i>
Thursday, September 18	Dave Petersen, Author <i>Yellowstone, Like No Other Place On Earth</i>
Friday, September 19	Ed Firmage, Photographer <i>Large Format Yellowstone Print Images and Book</i>
Saturday, September 20	Ed Firmage, Photographer <i>Large Format Yellowstone Print Images and Book</i>
Sunday, September 21	Ed Firmage, Photographer <i>Large Format Yellowstone Print Images and Book</i>
Monday, September 22	Ed Firmage, Photographer <i>Large Format Yellowstone Print Images and Book</i>

The Yellowstone Stage, *continued*

Tuesday, September 23	Dave Petersen, Author <i>Yellowstone, Like No Other Place On Earth</i>
Wednesday, September 24	Jett Hitt, Composer <i>Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra</i>
Thursday, September 25	Dave Petersen, Author <i>Yellowstone, Like No Other Place On Earth</i>
Friday, September 26	Jett Hitt, Composer <i>Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra</i>
Saturday, September 27	Jett Hitt, Composer <i>Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra</i>
Sunday, September 28	Jett Hitt, Composer <i>Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra</i>
Monday, September 29	Jett Hitt, Composer <i>Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra</i>



Employee Recreation

LEAGUE SPORTS WINNERS!

*Softball: "Geezers" – Mammoth
Volleyball: "Roosevelt Cooters" – Roosevelt
Basketball "Super Troopers" - Canyon*

2003EMPLOYEE PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS!

Category: Action

*1st: John Rozum – Grant Village
2nd: Wayne Wolfersberger – Fishing Bridge
3rd: Susan Freshour – Lake*

Category: Humor

*1st: Zachary Park – Mammoth
2nd: Nicholas Choppy – Mammoth
3rd: John Ruzum – Grant Village*

Category: Beauty

*1st: Wayne Wolfersberger – Fishing Bridge
2nd: Ardythe Wendt – Mammoth
3rd: Jessica Vandrtwerp - Canyon*

Category: Still Life

*1st: John Rozum – Grant Village
2nd: Wayne Wolfersberger – Fishing Bridge
3rd: Jodi Marie Clere - Lake*

Category: People

*1st: Chuck Hansen – Lake
2nd: Chris Jenkins – Old Faithful
3rd: Anne Stein - Roosevelt*

*Over 200 photographs were submitted – a big thank you goes out to all participants!
Nearly 100 employees participated in judging – thank you!
(photographers names were concealed during judging & entrants were disqualified from the judging process)
A big thank you to Kodak for sponsoring the contest and providing prizes!*

*Enlargements of winning photos are now on display in all Recreation Hall display cases!
Check them out –they're beautifull!*

MAMMOTH RECREATION HALL USE WINTER 2003

Please call the Parkwide Recreation office in Mammoth at 344-5225 if you are interested in reserving time for regular use of the Mammoth Recreation hall during this winter. In years past, volleyball, basketball, and ballet have been scheduled through the winter. In an attempt to avoid any time conflicts, please make requests as soon as possible so a schedule can be developed and displayed. Keep in mind that activities should be recreational in nature! Thank You!

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Washer, dryer, and dishwasher, \$50 each, OBO. Call Mark or Alice at (406) 848-7962.

FOR SALE: 1996 Subaru Legacy AWD wagon. Original owner. Well maintained. Garaged. \$4,900, OBO. Call Dave or Mary at (406) 848-7192.

FOR SALE: 1993 Lincoln Town Car. Dependable, excellent condition, well taken care of. Garaged. 133K, 25/mpg, \$3,500. For more information, call Bob Agle at (406) 848-7253.

FOR SALE: Car dolly, used twice. \$600, OBO. For more information, call Eric at (307) 344-2808.

Veterinarian Visit: Dr. James Murray, DVM of Livingston will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, September 19, and Friday, October 17, 2003. After that he will return to his regular bi-weekly schedule. Call (406) 222-3700 if you would like to schedule an appointment for a home visit.

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