

UNITED STATES
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 Mount Rainier National Park
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Memorandum

To: Chief Park Ranger
 From: District Ranger, Tatoosh District
 Subject: District Ranger's Narrative Report For November, 1956.

General

Weather Conditions: In the Paradise area the month of November was warmer and drier than normal. The maximum temperature of 61 degrees occurred on the 25th and again on the 29th; the minimum of 12 degrees occurred on the 19th. The mean temperature for the month was 37.7 degrees compared to an average of 32.9 degrees. The precipitation for the month totaled 6.68 inches which is half the mean of 13.39 inches. Snow occurred on 7 days with a total of 40.1 inches. The snow depth at the end of the month was 32 inches. There were 11 cloudy, 5 partly cloudy, and 14 clear days.

In the Ohanapecosh area the temperature extremes for the month were a high of 48 degrees on the 11th and a low of 19 degrees on the 19th. There were 12 days with measurable precipitation, while the rest of the month was nice and clear. The precipitation for the month totaled 5.57 inches with 1.90 inches being the largest amount received in a 24 hour period.

Increase or Decrease in Travel: As no travel was recorded at Ohanapecosh for the month of November 1955 there is no comparison of travel for the month, but the yearly figures are up over the same time last year.

Ohanapecosh:	Month		Year	
	Cars	People	Cars	People
November 1956	631	2145	39461	133878
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November 1956	479	1629	45317	154359

There was no campground use for the month due to the weather.

Administration

Personnel: John Anderson entered on duty as winter caretaker at Paradise on the 30th.

Safety and Health: On the 18th Pvt. Mace of Fort Lewis fell while cutting wood near his camp on the Van Trump trail above Christine Falls, and broke his shoulder bone. Also on the 18th two cars collided on the upper Inspiration turn. There were no injuries reported. On the 22nd, park pick-up, I 51908, skidded into the stone wall at Ricksecker Point doing minor damage to the right front fender. (see reports).

Interpretive Activities and Developments

Research and Observations: A ptarmigan, in winter plumage, was observed along the road at Marmot Point on the 17th. On the 19th a marten was observed inside the storm front on the porch of the ranger station at Paradise raiding the garbage can. Also on the 19th a porcupine was seen on the roadside .3 mile below Glacier Bridge. On the 7th a large 4-point bull elk was seen at the Stevens Canyon Road Wye above Ohanapecosh. On the 17th 4 cow elk were seen above the Panther Creek bridge. Also on the 17th a snow-shoe hare was seen at Ohanapecosh, in winter coat except for just a few dark hairs. Numerous elk tracks were seen in the snow above the Ohanapecosh Ranger Station.

Operations


Protection and Ranger Service: Routine patrols of roads, boundaries, and ski area were maintained throughout the month. Winter trail markers were placed on the ski trail between Paradise and Narada.

Maintenance: The living room in the Paradise ranger station was painted. Radio-telephone line #11 was installed to the ranger station and the ski tow ticket booth. Line #6 to Paradise was out of order for several days, but was working at the end of the month. The road crew from White River was in the Ohanapecosh area during the early part of the month cleaning out gutters and culverts. On the 16th the East Side Road was closed for the winter and the signs placed at the White Pass Wye.

The last of the Ohanapecosh rest rooms were closed for the winter on the 19th. A board was installed in the bath-room of the ranger station to hide the unsightly hot-water tank.

Considerable time was spent during the month working on winter use signs and making new road barricades.

Concessioners: At Paradise the practice hill ski tow began operation on the 10th, the Alta Vista Tow on the 24th.


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