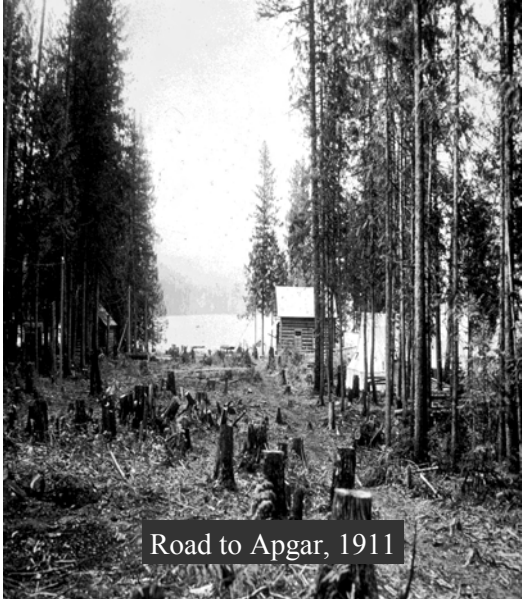




Landowner News

2011

Hello to all and a fond farewell to your landowner liaison Wendy Ross. Wendy has been promoted to Superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site in North Dakota. The Glacier staff will miss her greatly, but we are gratified to see Wendy move into a much deserved leadership role with the National Park Service. I will be acting in Wendy's stead until a full-time replacement is hired sometime this summer, and I will be working out of Wendy's office so no need to change your phone contact information. Wendy's departure leaves large shoes to fill and even with my size 11 feet I'm sure there will be some knowledge gaps, but she and I discussed landowner topics in depth before her departure and I know many of you personally already, so I hope this transition will not be too bumpy. If you have any questions please call me and if I can't answer your question, I will do some research and get you an answer. I hope this newsletter will be a useful reference for you. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you this summer.



Road to Apgar, 1911

Sincerely, Brian McKeon

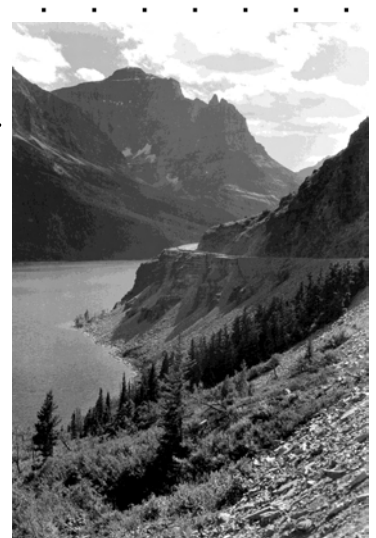
ROAD CLOSURE DATES

Park roads may be closed to motorized traffic at any time if unsafe due to weather or other conditions. Landowner requests for motorized travel beyond closed gates must be made to the Superintendent and must be based on compelling, unforeseen, or emergency need. The following dates are the core closure periods for roads that access private property in the park. Keep in mind that the opening dates may be later than those posted if weather or repair work prevent vehicle access and closing dates may be earlier for the same reasons. Please call if you are unsure about the condition of your access road.

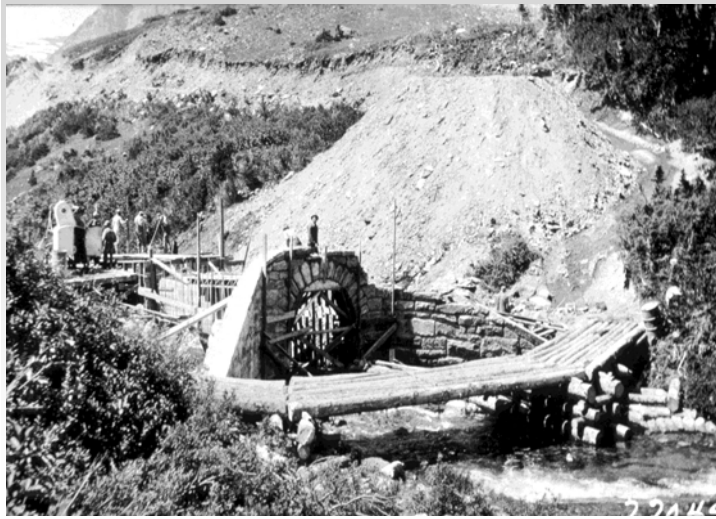
<u>Road</u>	<u>Core Vehicle Closure</u>	<u>Road Open to Motor Vehicles</u>
✓ <i>Lake McDonald Lodge to Avalanche Gate</i>	<i>December 15-March 31</i>	<i>Spring Opening through December 14</i>
✓ <i>Grist Road</i>	<i>January 1-March 15</i>	<i>Spring Opening through December 31</i>
✓ <i>Inside North Fork (Fish Cr.- Logging)</i>	<i>January 1- March 31</i>	<i>Usually early May through late fall</i>
✓ <i>North Fork (access to Kintla and Bowman)</i>	<i>January 1- March 31</i>	<i>Usually early May through late fall</i>
✓ <i>Quarter Circle Bridge Road</i>	<i>January 1- March 31</i>	<i>Usually May through December 31</i>

PARKWIDE EMERGENCY-911 SYSTEM

Many landowners have already called or stopped by park headquarters to get their E-911 addresses. If you haven't stopped by, please do and I can give you your E-911 address and have the opportunity to introduce myself. The park is working with Flathead County to standardize emergency response efforts and these addresses are also being used by package delivery companies and will assure that your packages get to you in a timely manner. Flathead County requires that the building number assigned to your home or business be displayed prominently with a minimum four-inch high numbers and a high contrast background. If the front door area is not visible or is further than 50 feet from the road then you are also required to display your address at your driveway entrance to assist emergency services and others in locating you. To reduce confusion at branching driveways with multiple addresses, the park is working on a standardization plan to achieve the >50 feet requirement.



<p><u>SAVE THE DATE!</u></p> <p>COMMUNITY MEETING AND POTLUCK</p> <p>July 18, 2011 1:00 - 3:00 PM</p> <p>West Glacier Community Building</p> <p>Visit with Superintendent Chas Cartwright and Park Staff</p>	<p>YOUR AREA RANGERS</p> <p>North Fork District Ranger Scott Emmerich (406) 888-7842, scott_emmerich@nps.gov</p> <p>Lake McDonald District Ranger Gary Moses (406) 888-7849 gary_moses@nps.gov</p> <p>West Glacier Area Ranger Brad Blickhan (406) 888-5833 brad_blickhan@nps.gov</p>
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North McDonald Creek Bridge

The park is working with the Federal Highway Administration to implement necessary repairs to the bridge. It is frustrating for both landowners and National Park Service personnel that until repairs are made, a vehicle weight limit is necessary. Although the weight limit precludes some activities, perhaps the most frequently needed of these is garbage removal. To ease this burden the park will again place a large bear resistant dumpster on the Going to the Sun Road side of the bridge for your use. If the dumpster is full, please let a park employee know so we can empty it.

Bear Resistant Garbage Cans Available for Purchase

Although bear resistant garbage cans are not required on private lands within Glacier National Park, they can save you money over time by eliminating replacement of traditional garbage cans damaged by hungry bears. Their use will also help prevent destruction of food conditioned bears by removing human food sources from their diet. Using a grant from the Glacier National Park Fund, we will purchase bear resistant cans and offer them to landowners at cost. To obtain one, just make a tax deductible contribution to the Glacier National Park Fund and receive a certificate redeemable for a can. Purchase a couple. They only come in one color so there's no fussing with annoying choices and they make great stocking stuffers or party favors! Call Brian McKeon or Gary Moses for more details.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) BOAT INSPECTIONS

Aquatic invasive invertebrates including zebra and quagga mussels, as well as various invasive aquatic plants are decimating lakes and waterways throughout the eastern U.S. Those threats are moving west on boat hulls and motors and in live wells and ballast tanks of recreational boats. Glacier National Park implemented a limited AIS boat inspection program last year to try to get a handle on boat numbers and where those boats were coming from, and to proactively target the AIS threat before it arrived in Glacier National Park. The recent discovery of a quagga mussel on a sailboat hull prior to launching in Flathead Lake validated our efforts last year. To further protect the park's lakes we are implementing a more rigorous inspection program this year. For those landowners whose boats remain in the park throughout the summer, little will change from last year. We are requiring all trailered watercraft to be inspected upon each entry to the park this year, so if your boat remains in the park, you will not have to obtain a new permit after your initial inspection. If you take your boat out of the park for any reason, it will need to be inspected upon its return. If your boat is already at your property (and out of the water) for the season, please call me and we can make an appointment to send an inspector out to permit your boat on site if that will make things easier. Otherwise, just stop by the front desk with your boat during regular business hours to get an inspection and permit.



Zebra mussel encrusted lawn chair

CONTRACTORS CAN GET BY (WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS)

Glacier National Park requires a special use permit for commercial operators and contractors entering the park to access private property. If you have a commercial contractor or business doing work on your property, please send the contractor a signed letter with the following information as far in advance of the scheduled work as possible:

- 1) Contractor or business name
- 2) Landowner name
- 3) Address where work will be performed
- 4) Approximate time work will take to complete

Once the contractor receives this information, they should bring the letter and their vehicle registration to the front desk where they can obtain a placard (non-recreational pass) to display upon entering the park via the by-pass lane when they are working.

Water Service Activation

The plumbing shop would like to remind anyone needing their water system activated to contact the acting lands specialist to set up an appointment 3-5 days in advance of your need. Calling the plumbing shop directly could result in significant delays and frustration. The plumbers are quite busy in Spring and early Summer getting the park's many water systems operational and they may not return messages promptly.

*Don't hesitate to stop by, call, or email
My office hours are Monday -Thursday
7 a.m.-5:00 p.m.*

*Brian McKeon • Acting Lands Specialist/
Backcountry Permit Program Specialist
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