

Daily Report - Yosemite National Park Friday, February 10, 2012

WEATHER

Yosemite Valley

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 44.

El Portal

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61.

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Today: Sunny, with a high near 66.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 51.

HAPPENING TODAY

Under Our Skin III

Mountain Crisis Services, Inc. is holding their 8th annual Valentine's Day benefit show February 10 & 11 at 8 p.m., indoors at the Mariposa County Park Amphitheater. Under Our Skin III features all new material: monologues, dialogues, fine art, film, music and dance centered around the lives of women in contemporary society and in history, locally and globally. And for the first time, men will be performing alongside the wonderful women who make this event a much-anticipated treasure - deepening our connections, illuminating our relationships, and celebrating the life-sustaining essence we share Under Our Skin. Each performance will be followed by the now-legendary Soroptimist's Chocolate Reception at the River Rock Inn. Our tickets are \$35.00 in advance, available at Mountain Crisis Services, River Rock Inn and Pony Espresso, or \$40.00 at the door. A full evening of theater, an intermission raffle of locally-made artwork, and a luscious chocolate after-party make for a wonderful Valentine's date, and a delightful way to support Mountain Crisis Services' mission to end violence in our community and our culture. For more information please see our website at www.mcsinc.info, or call Mountain Crisis Services at 742-5865. (A. Tudor)

PARK AND PARTNER NEWS

The General Services Administration Internet Auction

Auction includes Yosemite personal property consisting of an aerial platform truck. For further information regarding the sale item or to register to bid, visit the website gsaauctions.gov. Sale number 91QSCI12192 lot 320. The sale will close on February 15,

2012. An appointment must be made with Don Ramsey (379-1024) prior to inspection, no exceptions (serious bidders only). Park employees must view the item and bid on their own time. Park employees are allowed to participate in the sale, with the exception of any employee with unfair (nonpublic) detailed knowledge or prior use of an item offered for sale. Such employees are prohibited from bidding on that item, and the prohibition includes their immediate family as well. (D. Ramsey - 2/10)

IT Branch Welcomes New Permanent Employee, Tom Richie, and Detail, Cheryl DeShazer

Tom will be maintaining/expanding our Sharepoint site as well as general IT support. Originally from Dallas, TX, Tom Richie has lived in southern New Mexico for the past 20+ years. He got his start in IT as a computer technician at the NASA White Sands Test Facility and worked his way up to become a network staff member, where he oversaw web site development. Following NASA, Tom worked with the White Sands Missile Range Environmental Compliance Division where he developed web-enabled databases for the long-term monitoring program, the Title V air emissions reporting program, and tracking programs for potential environmental problems and safety issues. After a brief role as Network Administrator for the City of Las Cruces, NM, Tom joined the National Park Service in 2005. Since then, he has served as the Data Manager for the Chihuahuan Desert Inventory and Monitoring Network. One of his most prized accomplishments with the Network is the integration of natural resources monitoring data stored in Microsoft SharePoint with an image management system and enterprise Geodatabase. Outside of work, Tom enjoys home improvement projects, wildlife photography, hiking and amateur astronomy. He is very much looking forward to exploring new territory at Yosemite National Park!

Cheryl will be doing general IT support and will be here until early April. For the past 8 years, Cheryl has been the IT Specialist at Brown v. Board of Education NHS in Topeka, KS. Her park consists of 17 users and she's also in charge of all of the audio/visual equipment in the exhibit space. She supports several smaller parks in the MWR as well: Nicodemus NHS, Effigy Mounds NM, Tallgrass Prairie NP, Fort Scott NHS, Fort Larned NHS, and Harry S Truman NHS. Cheryl works on computers and peripherals, Audio Video equipment, phone systems (both VoIP and analog), website and photo/video editing, and has some limited knowledge of radios. Cheryl has been married for 22 years and has two daughters. Emily attends Kansas State University and is majoring in photojournalism. Julie is a junior in high school and attends culinary arts class through a local vocational-technical school. Cheryl can be reached at 379 1176.

Welcome aboard Tom and Cheryl! (R. Watson - 2/9)

Badger Pass Daily Snow Report - 2/10

Base Depth: 12" - 24"

Snow Conditions: Spring Conditions With Powder & Packed Powder

Temperature: High 49 Low 33

Runs Groomed: Bruin, Eagle, Rabbit, Turtle, Badger & Red Fox

Lifts Open: Turtle, Bruin, Eagle, Badger

Runs open: All, except Beaver

XC trail snow conditions: Good coverage from Badger Pass to Glacier Point. However, there are some small, bare spots with asphalt showing. (S. Costello - 2/10)

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Fire Management to Resume Debris Pile Burning in El Portal and Foresta

Yosemite fire management may resume hand pile burning in El Portal and Foresta with help from the forecasted rain. Localized flames and smoke will be visible but impacts should be negligible and short lived. In an ongoing effort, park, state and private fire crews have created forest debris hand piles in and around the communities of Foresta and El Portal. These piles are being made to reduce biomass and create a 'defensible space' fuel break around Yosemite's vulnerable Wildland Urban Interface communities. Additionally, thinning, piling and burning can restore fire dependant ecosystems and set the stage for the progressive management of future natural or prescribed fires. Please contact Kelly Singer @ 372-0413 or Taro Pusina @ 375-9576 with any questions. (T. Pusina - 1/20)

Village Store Closed

The Village Store will be closed for remodeling beginning Tuesday, January 17th and will reopen on Thursday, February 16th @ Noon. (1/18)

UPDATE - Foresta Road Closure thru 2/29/12 - Slide Repair Between Rancheria and Old El Portal

The current road closure along Foresta Road will continue thru the end of February 2012. Due to the unseasonably dry weather crews made good progress on the upper (cut) slope stabilization and it is nearly complete, however the steep slopes required much of the work to occur with hand labor, so they were not able to make as much progress as planned. The remaining work includes the final seeding and mulching along the upper slope, then installation of a retaining wall along the lower (fill) slope, and then the final curb and pavement repairs. (M. Pieper - 1/6)

ACTING DESIGNATIONS

Dave Humphrey will be Acting Division Chief for Resources Management and Science on February 9th and 10th, 2012. He can be reached at 209-379-1029.

Tom Tobin will be the Acting Contacting Officer from 2/6 thru 2/21. Jody Auerbach is out to the office and will return on 2/22. Jody will periodically be checking her email. Tom can be reached at 379-1040.

Madelyn Ruffner (379-1226) is on a 120-day detail as Acting Environmental Planning and Compliance Program Manager. Madelyn may be found at her regular desk location in the EPC Trailer. Elexis Mayer (379-1377) has temporarily moved to the Planning Trailer to continue her work on the Merced River Plan. For further assistance, you may also contact Jessica Zeek (379-1002), Administrative Support Assistant for Environmental Planning and Compliance.

Jack Hoeflich will be acting Valley District Ranger until further notice.

Andy Fristensky will be Acting Deputy Chief of Interpretive Operations until further notice. He may be reached at 372-0599.

Jeffrey Trust will be Acting Yosemite Valley Field Interpretation Supervisor until further notice. He may be reached at 372-0307.

Ron Watson will be the Acting Supervisory Information Technology Specialist until further notice. He may be reached at 379-1074.

Brenna Lissoway (379-1283) is on a detail as the Park Archivist. If you have need to access the Archives, or have archive related questions, you can call 379-1282 or 379-1104.

COMMUNITY NEWS

El Portal Town Planning Advisory Committee

Meeting at 7 PM, February 14 at the El Portal Branch Library at Rancheria Flat. Issues on the agenda include the El Portal Gas Station, Mariposa County recreation facilities planning for El Portal, possible El Portal to Yosemite shuttle service, and updates on the Merced River Plan and other ongoing issues. Residents of the El Portal Community are invited to attend. (M. Ross - 2/10)

For Rent

In the Jerseydale section just before Mariposa Pines. Access off Hwy 140 from Triangle Road, 37 miles from YNP. 2 bedroom, 1 bath Justus Cedar home with full kitchen (refrigerator, oven, dishwasher), washer & dryer, central heat and air, wood-burning fireplace, large redwood deck, pool on a 10 acre private property in the Sierra Natl Forest. Reduced rent (\$500. a month) in exchange for minor caretaking and security, per simple lease agreement. Available February on a month to month basis. Property (which also includes a Main House and garage/studio) is on market for sale, but likely many months before that becomes an issue. Some furniture may be available for purchase from previous tenant. Pet OK. If interested, please send email covering your needs and interests and a Resume with local references. Contact Kip Cohen at kipcohen1@gmail.com. (K. Cohen - 2/9)

Job Posting - Yosemite Conservancy - Theater and Program Promotion Assistant

The Theater and Program Promotion Assistant is a full time, seasonal position promotes Yosemite Conservancy education programs (outdoor adventure, wilderness, art, volunteer and Theater) and provides logistics and on-site support to the performers in the Yosemite Conservancy Theater program in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. This position will supervised by the General Manager and work cooperatively with the Theater program performers, NPS staff and Yosemite Conservancy staff. For more information about Yosemite Conservancy, the position and how to apply, see <http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org/employment> (R. Miller – 2/9)

6th Street Cinema

Film Entrance is \$7 per film for non-members; non-member students pay \$5. Monthly membership is \$12 allowing film entry for \$3 each. (Please note: we are not accepting credit cards this year.) www.sixthstreetcinema.org This week: Feb. 10th-11th (Friday Saturday) 7:30 p.m. SENNA . A documentary of Formula One Brazilian race driver Ayrton

Senna , who won the F1 world championship three times before his death at age 34. See preview:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NeFqsWWG1qE&list=UUN9iRpSgh38oN5kOySVznWQ&index=10&feature=plcp> (T. Arfsten - 2/9)

Entries must be in by 7:00am the day of publication. There are no weekend or holiday editions. Submissions must be concise and will be posted for two days, then on the day of the event. Submissions: email yose_daily_report@nps.gov (there's no need to email anyone else). Yosemite's *Daily Report* is an internal memorandum of long standing intended to provide timely administrative information needed for daily park operations. The primary purpose of the report is to serve as a communication tool for park management to pass specific operational information to field employees of Yosemite National Park, park partners, concessioners, and related government agencies in a fast and efficient manner and offer a format for interdivisional, interagency, and general intra-park notifications. Although the Daily Report is intended exclusively as an internal memorandum, it is posted here in an effort to extend timely operational information to the communities surrounding the park.