



Riverways Record

Internal Review of Draft General Management Plan Continues

“The park’s draft General Management Plan (GMP) continues to be reviewed by the National Park Service’s Denver Service Center and the Midwest Regional Office in Omaha, Nebraska,” states interim Superintendent Bill Black. “The process is taking longer than we anticipated.”

Eventually, all the review comments from the park, regional office and Denver Service Center will be incorporated into the draft and then sent to the National Park Service leadership in Washington D. C. for their review. Once this review is completed, the draft General Management Plan will be released for public review and comment. “Due to the delay in the internal review process, release for public review and comment has also been pushed back. We have no information on when the public release will occur,” Black explains.

The park will inform the public when the review and comment period will occur. We encourage and welcome your input on the draft General Management Plan.

The public has had many questions concerning park operations in the interim until the new General Management Plan is approved. “The park continues to be managed using current law, policy and guidelines,” states Black. For example, no decision has been made by the National Park Service or Ozark National Scenic Riverways to the current boat horsepower (hp) restrictions on the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers.

The horsepower limits are:

Current River

North Boundary to Akers	Akers to Round Spring	Round Spring to Jerktail	Jerktail to Two Rivers	Two Rivers to Northern Edge of Van Buren Gap	Southern Edge of Van Buren Gap to Big Spring	Big Spring to Goose Neck
10 HP Seasonal	25 HP	40 HP	40 HP	40 HP	40 HP	No Limit

Jacks Fork River

Prongs to Rymers	Rymers to Bay Creek	Bay Creek to Alley Mill	Alley Mill to Western Edge of Eminence Gap	Eastern Edge of Eminence Gap to Two Rivers
Non-Motorized	10 HP Seasonal	25 HP	40 HP	40 HP

If there are changes to the horsepower limits, they will be outlined in the final General Management Plan (GMP) and will have a phase in period.



Ozark National Scenic Riverways began spring prescribed burning the last weekend of February. This smoke column was seen from Denning Fields just off of NN Highway and was part of the Denning Hollow Burn. Upcoming burns are listed on page 2.

Park Employees Recognized



Left to Right: Acting Superintendent Bill Black with Deputy Superintendent Russ Runge (at end) recognizes the Top Ten Percent Award recipients DeWayne Griffin, Peggy Bruce, Carl Terrill, Julie Stewart, and Kevin German and Chris Figge (not pictured).



Left to Right: Rick Drummond receives 35-years of federal service certificate from Deputy Superintendent Russ Runge. A 20 year federal service certificate was awarded to Lindel Gregory (not pictured).

Riverways Plans to Conduct Prescribed Burns

Preparations are underway for Ozark National Scenic Riverways to accomplish several prescribed burns this spring. The burns will be carefully planned and monitored by the park's Fire

Management staff and will be performed between early February and mid-April. The ignition and timing of these prescribed burns is dependent on the weather and vegetation meeting certain conditions. During the prescribed burns, park operations will continue as usual. However, for public safety reasons, foot and vehicle travel near these prescribed fire operations may be restricted.

acres and is located near Devils Well in northern Shannon County. The Longbay prescribed burn unit encompasses 1,200 acres and is located south of Big Spring between State Highway Z and the Current River. The Peavine/Sweezie Hollow prescribed burn unit is 375 acres and is located north of Big Spring between Peavine Road and the Current River. The Stegall Mountain prescribed burn unit is 5,350 acres and encompasses portions of Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Peck Ranch, and Rocky Creek Conservation area, including Thorny Mountain, Mule Mountain, and Stegall Mountain near Rocky Falls.

Several prescribed burn units are currently planned for treatment this spring. Alley Spring prescribed burn unit contains 826 acres and is located northwest of Alley Spring. The Devils Well prescribed burn unit contains 340



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Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/ozar or Facebook.

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Upcoming Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Wednesday, February 29, 2012	Permanent Park Ranger Interpreter position for Alley Spring is open. Apply through www.usajobs.gov
Thursday, March 1 - Friday, May 4, 2012	Raftyard stairs and river access closed for rehabilitation
Thursday, March 1 - April 2012	Roadway paving maintenance for campgrounds at Alley Spring and Round Spring
Monday, March 5, 2012	Permanent Park Ranger Visitor Protection position for Alley Spring is open. Those with federal status or special hiring authorities, apply through www.usajobs.gov
Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Permanent Park Ranger Interpreter position for Alley Spring closes at 11:59 pm. Apply through www.usajobs.gov
Saturday, March 17, 2012	ONSR at Home, Garden and Leisure Show in Poplar Bluff
Sunday, March 18, 2012	Permanent Park Ranger Visitor Protection position for Alley Spring closes at 11:59 pm.. Apply through www.usajobs.gov