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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

-----Arches----- NATIONAL MONUMENT

-----Moab, Utah-----

-----January 28, 1943-----

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The Superintendent
Southwestern National Monuments
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir; Visitors for the month 46; Travel year to date 278.

Due to the shortage of feed and water outside of the Monument I have had a busy month with trespassers. They have slipped in and watered at the head of Fresh Water in spite of all I could do. There are about three of these sheep men that are quite a bit of trouble. Mr Jim Westwood has been a lot of help to me on this trespassing problem. He has a permit to run cattle on the Monument and at this time of year spends quite a lot of his time riding horse-back over the Monument and can keep me informed as to where the sheep are located.

Mr Taubert, Olcott and Butterfield were Monument visitors this month. Mr Olcott and Butterfield are still some where in this section of the country. I spent one day with them out in the Delicate Arch and Devil's Garden country.

A group of Soldiers are at the CCC Camp removing the balance of the buildings. Leaving only the maintenance shop which I am supposed to move over to the Monument headquarters as soon as I can secure some help.

We have had pretty good weather so far this month. The river, however has been pretty well frozen over a time or two. There is about three (3) inches of snow over in the Devil's Garden, but has melted off on the south slopes. No snow at headquarters as yet but some has fallen a time or two. Only 2 or 3 light showers of rain this month.

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Pick-up and horse-back patrol has been carried out most ever day during the month. I have been out of hay for horse feed for several days which is pretty tough on the old pony. I had some hay spoke for but the fellow backed out, and I have been trying ever place to locate some.

Mr Marlow Glenn, Acting Administrative officer, War relocation Authority, former Auditor for the National Park Service, is stationed temporarily here at Moab, Utah. So far they have only 16 japs in the Dalton well CCC Camp, but plan for more later. Mr Glenn has amde a few trips out on the Monument with me. I plan to take him over in the Devil's Garden as soon as we both can get away at the same time.

Road conditions remain about the same through out the area. Several trips have been made into the Salt Valley, and I find the roads over there much better than during the hot dry months.

Some work has been done on the yard fence at the Custodian's residence, but not much headway will be made until the sheepmen have moved back to their summer range, which will be about 6 weeks or more.

I planned to do some planting of trees and etc., and most of my spare time from trespassing problems will be used in doing this planting.

One load of gravel has been hauled for the driveway at the residence. Also one load of good top soil has been hauled in for the yard.

Respectfully,

Lewis T. McKinney
Custodian

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Moab, Utah

February 23, 1943

The Superintendent
Southwestern National Monuments,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir;

Visitors for the month 27 ; travel year todate 304.

Trespassing problems have been plentiful this month. Horse-back and pick-up patrol has been carried out with some sucess. Gravel has been hauled in for the driveway and service yard, about 50 yards. 16 Trees have been planted near the residence and storage house. Also some shrubs have been transplanted. 5 loads of gravel have been hauled and spread on the road in front of the Custodian's residence.

The old model A ford was received from Canyon De Chelly. As soon as I can get the time the motor from this will be installed and hookedup with the water pump.

Three telephone poles have been set for a telephone to the residence. But no telephone yet.

The weather hasn't been so bad, but it is still freezing ice almost each night. A few light showers and a few flakes of snow has fallen but not enough to produce any moisture to speak of.

All building are gone from NP 7 U, except the Maintenance shop. This will be moved as soon as I can secure help. This is something that is just about the thing of the past here.

Respectfully,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Moab, Utah.....

March 23rd, 1943..... 19.....

The Superintendent,
Southwestern National Monuments
U.S. National Park Service
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir;

Visitors this month 29; travel year to date ~~256~~ ³³³.

The weather has been quite unsettled throughout the month with quite a bit of moisture. About 2 inches of snow fell during the day of the 18th., with some rain before and after the snow. It was the most snow that we have had here at any one time during the entire winter. It was swell for the Ranchers but the fruit was hit pretty hard, as a lot of the threes were in blossom and it froze hard on the night of the 18th.

The Monument roads are not in very good condition. Some hand work has been done, but it needs a blade over it pretty bad. I have the promise of a small rubber-tired maintainer, to use a day or so. This I can operate with the truck and can help the condition quite a bit with a couple of rounds. That is if I can beg some one to either drive the truck or operate the blade. I guess I will have to trade work with someone, help is just the thing of the past.

Mr Carlson and Mr Ratcliff showed up at the Monument on the 11th., Mr Carlson was here only long enough to pickup some tools. Mr Ratcliff spent the balance of the week here, also Sunday and left monday with the Chevrolet pickup and a load of tools.

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My trespass problems are still with me. Horse-back and pickup patrol has been continued with some results. I have found three boundary markers turned around and several destroyed completely. I can understand why these ranchers are squaking for help. Although I believe it is less work to keep stock on an area, rather than keep them off. If I had an Aeroplane and a Jeep I believe I could do a pretty good job on patrol.

The portable building has been moved and set up, but there is a months work to get the material and tools rearranged.

A few more trees and shrubs have been planted and about 45 pounds a grass seed was scattered over the snow while it was still snowing. I had been waiting all winter for a snow so I could do this, but I am afraid it got here to late.

A few more boards were cut for the yard fence. But since I have so many other things to do. I can only work on this a short while at a time.

Respectfully,

Lewis T. McKinney
Custodian

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Arches

Moab, Utah

April 28th., 1943

The Superintendent
Southwestern National Monument
U.S. National Park Service
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir;

Visitors for the month this month 53: Travel year todate 386.

We have had some rain this spring, but so far we have had more than our share of west winds which has taken lots of the moisture from the ground

The road out to the Window section is not is very good condition, due to a few hard showers, which have cut small gullies across the road. The road into Delicate Arch and Devil's Garden is fair but pretty sandy.

Horse-back and pick-up/^{patrol} has been continued throughout the month, with a lot of success in keeping the trespassers off.

Due to fire I lost our pump-house and motor for the pump. little damage was done to the water pump.

Some work was done on the storage house. More soil hauled for the yard. a few more nails pulled from salvaged lumber, which is to be used in building the yard fence.

The pick-up was secured from Colorado National Monument on the first of the month. Quite a bit of work has been done on this, but more to do.

Things are pretty green here and around Moab, a lot of the flowers are in bloom. Water for the farms will be pretty short as the snow is leaving La Sal's pretty fast.

Respectfully,

Lewis T. McKinney

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWESTERN MONUMENTS
COOLIDGE, ARIZONA
May 28th 1943

Moab, Utah

The Superintendent
Southwestern National Monuments
U.S. National Park Service
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir;

Visitors for the month 92: Travel year todate 478.

Your official visit to the area was certainly helpful and very much appreciated this month and I certainly hope you can find the time to make these trips to this Monument more often. There are so many things that come up from time to time that your advise and help right here on the ground would be more help than advice by letter. Some of our trespassing problems are much different than you can express on paper. Or maybe I should say, there are a few words that you are thinking that would look out of place in a monthly report, but if you were in my shoes (if I had two Prs.) at the time I believe the same words would pop into your mind, even though you may be gentleman enough not to express them.

Weather continues to be dry and windy, even though we had a pretty had short shower, which washed my road in many places and completely out, near the storage shed, with my truck on the other side. Several small cuts were made across the road to the window section, by this same shower, but have been repaired with hand tools. A blade over that road, just after one of these showers, would help more than three months of work with a spade and rake.

One pretty good water hole was located on the monument, near the window section. This solves a problem that I have been thinking about for quite a while. White sands can have my water tank, any time they want it.

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Horse-back and pick-up patrol has been carried on throughout the month with some results in keeping out trespassing stock. The sheep are moving to the mountains for the summer, which will be quite a relief for a few months. 20 signs were received from the warehouse at Casa Grande and will be put up as time permits. maybe this will give me some aid this coming fall and winter. About 1/2 mile of fence in the canyon below the Custodian's residence would certainly give lots of protection from stock being driven along the stock-drive-way which follows the Monument boundary for about three and a half miles.

Mr Albright and party were Monuments/visitors this month. I was very sorry they could not spend more time, but they promised they would come back and let me really give them a trip. T.C. Miller also was a Monument visitor this month and made the trip into Delicate Arch with me. Cal stammers a bit now before he starts bragging about Aztec. That old Arch that has withstood many a wind, took another beating when Cal climbed that hill, and stopped before the Arch. I have another surprise for Cal, his next trip in. I have been trying to open Cal's eyes for 27 years, and I have twice since I have been at Arches.

Clean up work is being done at this time. There is still lots of work to be done to the storage shed, moving materials and etc., A building to move, gasoline tank and pump to install and work on the yard around the residence.

Respectfully,

Lewis T. McKinney
Custodian

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June 26th., 1943

Moab, Utah

Charles A. Richey, Superintendent,
Southwestern National Monuments,
U.S. National Park Service
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir

Visitors for the month 111: Travel year to date 589.

We've had about an inch of rain during the month, but was scattered out in small showers to the extent that it didn't do much good. Snow is about gone from the La Sal's and irrigation water is becoming pretty short for the farmers in Moab valley. Courthouse wash has been up several times, and has done quite a lot of damage to the window section. It was up when John Will Faris was up and I didn't get to take him out in the Monument. But I did show him some of the most wonderful scenery that he ever cast those come-and-get-me eyes of his on.

Eight days was spent on horse-back patrol and the balance of patrol was done by foot and pickup. The shepp are up in the mountains until fall, so my worries with them are over until the last of October.

One trip was made to Blanding Utah. Official business with the Lyman Garage concerning some purchases made for Natural Bridges National Monument.

J. Wiley Redd, spent four days working at the utility area. One day was spent with Carrol Miller, at Natural Bridges and one day was spent with Mr Robert Connell, taking shots for "Stanger Than Fiction". Mr Connell is due back in the morning, to make a trip into Delicate and Landscape Arches.

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Several days have been spent in moving and restacking lumber, pipe and etc., in the storage building. Just about every piece must be carried part way out of the building, before it can be turned, so it can be stacked. Quite a Chore.

The youngsters are all in New Mexico, visiting and I'm here alone with the mice and rattlesnakes. I have only found ~~the~~ rattlers on the front porch so far this summer and they were rather friendly fellows. I have decided that they must be after the mice that are in the house. I'm undecided, which to do, let the snakes in our the mice out.

Most of the trees that were planted early in the spring are holding their own, but we have about 60 or 70 days of pretty hot and dry days before us. So, I don't feel so happy about some of the larger ones I planted.

Saw, Carrol Miller while at Blanding, and had about an hours visit, before he and Wiley took off for the Bridges.

Respectfully,

Lewis T. McKinney
Custodian

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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August 28th, 1943

The Superintendent
Southwestern National Monuments,
U.S. National Park Service
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir;

Visitors this month 92; Travel year todate 776.

A Many a drop of sweat (perspiration) to your office GUYS, has rolled off from Harry and myself the last several days. With Monument patrol, handling of visitors, installing gas pump and tank, with solid rock to dig in. Constructing a house for the water pump and light-plant, plus several small items, like replacing a culvert which disappeared overnite. Caused by one of Utah's light showers and you have 120 % run off. 100 % water and 20 % sand.

Mr Carlson and Mr Davis from the region were in for a day. Mr Carlson was able to bring me a few Fire Swatters which will certainly come in handy if and when we have one of our grass fires. I have had a few old burlap sacks cached away for this purpose. But now I am afraid to drag them out to sight for fear of the local farmers lynching me for hoarding. I believe I have five.

A trip was made to Monticello, to meet Carrol Miller and pick up a few items which were being brought over from Chaco by him for Arches. I guess Cal will be putting the blankets over the Bridges for the winter soon.

Roads are still passable but need bladeing. Several hard showers have made scars that a shovel is to small a tool to remove them with.

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Moab, Utah

July 26th, 1943

Charles A. Richey, Superintendent,
Southwestern National Monument,
U.S. National Park Service,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Chuck:

Visitors for the month 87: Travel year to date 676.

Still a drop in the travel over this month last year, but you just don't have the heart to encourage people to run their tires over any kind of a road where there is a possibility of damaging one. We have had two or three hard showers back toward the window section this month, which did some damage to the road. Except for these showers it has been pretty dry. The Colorado is pretty low at the present time.

Horseback and pickup patrol has been carried out during the month. Except for some attempt of prospecting there has not been any other type of trespassing.

Mr. Alcott, Mr. Brown from the Regional office and their sons were through a couple of times.

Harry Reed arrived on the 20th of the month and will be here during my absence, while I am away to pick up the youngsters at Hurley New Mexico. I hope Harry can remain for quite awhile after my return. Lots of work to be done and there is lots of Harry to do it.

The month has been pretty full of clean up and odd and end jobs. Only found time to take one day off this month and this was to work on my personal car.

Respectfully,
Lewis T. McKinney

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Arches

Moab, Utah

September 26th., 1943

The Superintendent Southwestern National Monuments,
United States National Park Service,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir;

Visitors for the month 37: Travel year todate 355.

Activities at the Monument has been rather a hit and miss set-up this month. Building repairs were made on the storage building. Materials were restacked so as to have a place for a temporary office. foundations were poured of concrete for both the light-plant and water pump motors. A building was constructed, but not yet finished for the water-pump and light-plant. A stall for the saddle horse and a place for grain and saddle was constructed. These are just about complete except for the roofing paper. More work was done on the horse corral, but there are a few more days work on this to be done. Repairs were made to fire and other tools. I had to go clear over to Floratta Mesa after cats for horse feed. I tried ever one I saw or heard of, but no cats for sale and if you spend much time running around looking your miles and gasoline are gone and still maybe no cats.

Horse-back and pick-up patrol were carried on throughout the month. Starting next month, I'll be on the go for about five or six months herding sheep from the Monument. If any of you boys want to try your patience or temper, just come over for a few months. Some of the signs I put up this summer have already disappeared, posts and all. They pretty good fire wood I understand

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Harry Reed had to leave on the 21th of the month. It looks like Gyp Paris could pick a better time to get sick. Harry and I were at the point where could just about see our way out with a lot of our work within the next month or six weeks. You know one man trying to do the work of 200 CCC'S and still watch safety rules and regulations, just can't do a heck of a lot.

My younster, (Lewis Jr.) was taken to the Hospital for an operation on the 13th. Is now doing fine and will be home tomorrow if everthing go right.

Our former Chief clerk Parke Soule and son Peter, were here for about an hour yesterday morning. I was sorry they couldn't spend more time and see some real country before going up to Yellowstone. I'm sure most of us hated to see Parke go. But good luck anyway Parke.

Mr Tompkins and Norman Neville have been out on the Monument for several days looking over the Devil's Garden and Fireyfurnace sections. Taking pictures and seeing things that they failed to take in last year. They are due back in to headquarters today. Harry Reed planned a day or so with them, taking pictures but was called away before he had time to make it.

The La Sal mountains are showing signs of the approaching winter. There are several groups of color up there this morning.

Out of 34 trees and shrubs I planted around headquarters. There are still 27 growing and I was pretty short on water for several days when they needed it the worst. Maybe I can do better next spring.

Respectfully,

Lewis T. McKinney
Custodian