

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
SOUTHWESTERN NATIONAL MONUMENTS  
COOLIDGE, ARIZONA

In reply refer to:  
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Arches National Monument  
Moab, Utah

January 24, 1956

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent  
From: Superintendent, Arches  
Subject: Narrative Report for January, 1956

WEATHER: Three snowstorms occurred during the report period giving us a total depth of seven inches and temperatures have not been much above freezing even during the daytime and have dropped to 3 degrees above at night.

TRAVEL & INTERPRETATION: Of the 246 visitors who entered the area in 77 cars, 117 signed the register at the Wayside Exhibit and we estimate that the same number used the Cove Nature Trail. Ranger Morris has made a good start on the mounting of the plant specimens for the Laymans Herbarium and although we will add a few specimens next spring this interpretative device will be in operation next spring.

ROADS: Snow was removed from all monument roads and they are now passable without chains, except for the Salt Valley grade, which will be gravelled this week. Our shipment of culvert was received and all the extensions are in place. To complete this job a great deal of fill will be necessary but this will have to wait until the frost is out of the ground. The seven new signs, made last month, have been placed on the Delicate Arch View Point road. Two new "Quicksand Warning" signs were also placed on the Courthouse Crossing.

UTILITIES: Two obsolete gas kitchen ranges and two gas hotwater heaters were sold on invitation-to-bid. This sale just about cleans up our obsolete surplus equipment. The electric hotwater heater installed in Qtrs. # 8 has developed a leak and the lower heating element is not functioning. When a new heating element is acquired we will investigate the leak and hope it can be repaired.

PERSONNEL: One and one-half days of sick leave were taken by Maintenance-man Winbourn and Supt. Wilson took 3 days of sick leave and two days of annual leave.

*Bates E. Wilson*

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Superintendent

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COOLIDGE, ARIZONA  
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MOAB, UTAH

February 24, 1955

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent  
From: Acting Superintendent, Arches  
Subject: Narrative Report for February, 1955

WEATHER: Day temperatures stayed below freezing, except for two days during the month. Two heavy snows occurred and according to the Weather Bureau at Grand Junction, Colorado the cold temperatures that we are experiencing have not occurred this late in February since 1903.

TRAVEL & INTERPRETATION: 252 visitors entered the area in 72 cars. 66 signed the register at the Wayside Exhibit and we estimate the same number may have used the Cove Nature Trail.

ROADS: Snow was removed from the monument roads twice during the month. The dilapidated barbecue pit was hauled away from the Devil's Garden and used as fill on the culvert extension program.

MAINTENANCE: The water line to the Superintendent's Res. #8 froze on February 12, and was finally thawed out with an electric welder on the afternoon of the 14th. Also, other minor repairs were made on the plumbing system at residence #8. A new electric hot water heater was installed to replace the old one that developed a bad leak in the tank. The knob and tube electrical wiring in #8 was replaced with Romex and rewired according to the standard electrical code. The hydrolic pump on the AC front end loader was overhauled and all worn parts replaced.

PERSONNEL: Sup't. Wilson was on annual leave from the 14 thru 24th. Mr. Winbourn took four days sick leave and four days annual leave.

EXHIBITS: The headquarters office was changed around some to facilitate the arrangement for a Southwestern National Monuments Association publications, slide and post card display. Now that we have electricity 24 hours a day we feel that the electric slide display will be more appropriate.  
noticable than the hand viewers heretofore used.

Robert L. Morris  
Acting Superintendent

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COOLIDGE, ARIZONA

Arches National Monument  
Moab, Utah

March 25, 1955

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent  
From: Superintendent, Arches  
Subject: Narrative Report for March, 1955

Weather: Although we have had a few warm spring days temperatures have been abnormally low for this time of the year. Winter made one last try on March 20th with a snowstorm of blizzard proportions. The high winds have continued since.

TRAVEL & INTER RETATION: With almost impassable road conditions and extremely foul weather our travel of 132 cars and 462 people shows a decrease of 45 % from the same period last year. No interpretive stations were manned, but 146 people signed the register at the Wayside Exhibit and we estimate that the same number used the Cove Nature Trail.

ROADS: Snow was removed once and the initial spring maintenance was started, but this work ended abruptly with the breaking of the crankshaft in our D-12 patrol. Mr Winbourn has spent the last two weeks helping on the overhaul. His help on this job will cut down the labor bill considerably, but still we shudder when we think of the cost and also apologize for having to be such Hogs in the 282 feed bin.

UTILITY MAINTENANCE: We find at headquarters that there is not a building, pipe line, sewer line, or road actually located where the plan shows it to be. One week was spent in locating and making a plat of all facilities. The water lines were located by a "Pipe Counter" which works for Bob and Merle but not for me. Apparently I do not vibrate properly. This instrument takes no interest at all in sewer lines and consequently Bob and I resorted to the old reliable "Idiot Stick". It took four days to finally locate, dig and pump out the septic tank and cesspool serving my quarters. This was the first such treatment these facilities had ever received and Bob and I are not anxious to do the job again.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES: State Survey crews have been working for the past week on the re-alignment of Highway 160 along our boundary. From the present line they are running it looks like they will swing into the monument below the entrance bridge and also have to take most of the Mormon Dug Way.

Bates E. Wilson  
Superintendent



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE A 2823

Arches National Monument  
Moab, Utah

April 24, 1955

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent  
From: Superintendent, Arches  
Subject: Narrative Report for April, 1955

WEATHER: Temperatures continue in an abnormally low range for this time of the year and very high winds have blown away any promising storm clouds.

TRAVEL: Easter Sunday, as usual, was a big day with 690 visitors entering the area in 143 cars. During the balance of the period 1228 visitors entered the area in 349 cars, giving us a total of 492 cars and 1918 visitors. We note a decrease of 15% from the same period last year and blame it on the weather. Eighty-three campers used our picnic grounds.

INTERPRETATION: The Wayside Exhibit was manned for 9 days and the total contacts amounted to 861 people. The register was signed by 1210 people and we estimate that the same number used the Cove Nature Trail. One guided tour was made with a total attendance of 34. Sixty-five information requests were answered. Chief Ranger Morris has completed the Laymans Herbarium which is incorporated in the Display case. The display case will be set up at the Wayside Exhibit next week. One orientation talk was made by Ranger Morris to a group of 39 Boy Scouts.

PERSONNEL: Jack Oakes entered on duty April 15, as Seasonal Ranger and is doing an excellent job. He will be on duty here at Arches for about one month and then take the same position at Natural Bridges. Earl Sprung who had planned to return this year to take the Natural Bridges position informed us last week that he would be unable to accept the job, so we are now casting around for a Seasonal Ranger for Arches.

UTILITY MAINTENANCE: The excellent work done on our house trailer conversions and corrections on other installations was certainly appreciated. With the trailer converted to propane we plan to install the water and sewer systems at Natural Bridges very soon, and with the very good advice from Gene Mott, who with the help of Bob Morris, made the trailer conversions and corrections, we should be able to do this job in a week.

ROADS AND TRAILS: Our D-12 Patrol was repaired and back in operation the first week in April. Maintenance man Winbourn has almost completed the fill over the culvert extensions and given all roads a light blading. The suspension bridge on the Delicate Arch trail was broken down by a

unknown group of people swinging on it. It is now repaired, but the vandals have yet to be located. A new and safer route was out out of the steep slick-rock face at the beginning of the Windows trail and when time permits we will work a similar route on the other end.

NPS VISITORS: Acting Regional Director, Hugh Miller and Regional Chief of Interpretation, Erik Reed, visited the area on the 26th. and also made a trip to Lead Horse Point.

Local Activities: The Utah State Highway survey crew has completed the new alignment line of US-160 along the monument boundary. This new line will obliterate all of the Mormon Dug-Way and throw the Moab Wash channel very close to our proposed entrance road.

From Newspapers and local information we understand that construction on the natural gas line, Ignacio to the Northwest, will start next month. No further requests about the terrain between Headquarters and the Balanced Rock have been made, but it wouldnt surprize us to see ditch diggers start up the cliff in back of the office without as much as pausing.

R. N. Myers, acting for Mrs Collice Stafford, has not produced the suggested report on the boundary survey as it pertains to the uranium calims in the Klondike Bluffs. The location monument found on April 7, has been destroyed and the papers returned to Mrs Stafford.

*Bates E. Wilson*  
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Superintendent



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Arches National Monument  
Moab, Utah

May 24, 1955

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Narrative report for May, 1955, Arches and Natural Bridges

WEATHER: Abnormally cool windy weather continued through the month with two heavy rains falling on the southern portion of Arches. One light rain fell at Natural Bridges and temperatures went down below freezing the night of May 15.

TRAVEL: A 36 % decrease is noted in the Arches travel from the same period last year and we blame it all on the stormy looking weather. The area was entered by 1668 visitors in 508 cars and 2 busses. The picnic grounds were used by 153 campers. Travel to Natural Bridges for the period covering January 1, thru May 23, 1955 amounted to 639 people entering the area in 202 cars.

INTERPRETATION: Of the 1668 visitor who entered Arches 774 were contacted by Ranger Oakes. The register was signed by 1213 people and we estimate that the same number of people used the Cove Nature Trail. Two orientation talks were given to a total of 79 people. Natural Bridges was officially opened on May 16 and from that date to May 23 Ranger Oakes has contacted 20 people. Of the 639 visitors who signed the register we estimate that the same number used the Owachomo Nature Trail. The one Wayside Exhibit Panel received this spring was installed. One half day was spent in acquainting Ranger Oakes with the trails and the area in general.

PERSONNEL: Ranger Jack Oakes was terminated at Arches on May 15 and EOD at Natural Bridges on May 16. With the arrival of Glenn S. Wilson on May 30 the seasonal ranger position at Arches will be filled and Ranger Morris will take sick leave in order to undergo an eye operation in Denver Colorado.

ROADS: Maintenance man Winbourn has completed the filling-over of the culvert extensions and plated this fill with shale. The Delicate Arch View Point road was washed out once, but is now repaired and open. One flood occurred in Courthouse Wash marooning three cars for 2 hours.

UTILITIES & QUARTERS: The correction of the preliminary Master Plan Sheet for the Headquarters area at Arches was made and returned to your office. At Natural Bridges the Kit Trailer House was installed as a living quarters and the old quarters converted into an office. One week was spent in the installation of a septic tank, drainage field, water line, water tank-unloading structure, power lines, and converting the old storeroom shack into a generator house. Two turns on the approach road to the Headquarters area were widened to insure safe passage of the trailer house.

ENCHROACHMENTS: Gas Line Right-of-Way: A decision was finally reached for the route of the gas pipe line through the monument on May 19, by representatives of the Fish Construction Co. The route was flagged and a complete report with accompanying plat was submitted to your office on May 20.

Highway Right-of-Way: Pictures and statements relative to the historical value of the Mormon Dug-Way are being obtained. The final road survey plan has not been completed yet, but local State Highway officials have been informed of our interest in the preservation of a portion of the Dug-Way which would serve as an exhibit-in-place. A complete report will be submitted as soon as sufficient material is obtained.

Bates E. Wilson  
Superintendent



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In Reply Refer To:  
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ARCHES NATIONAL MONUMENT  
MOAB, UTAH

June 24, 1955

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent  
From: Superintendent, Arches  
Subject: Narrative Report for June, 1955

WEATHER: At both areas one light rain fell during the first week of the report period and temperatures have been abnormally low for June. On the 18 a definite change occurred with temperatures rising to 100 degrees and over at Arches.

TRAVEL: At Arches a 23% decrease in travel from the same period last year is noted with 4473 visitors entering the area in 1355 cars and 4 buses. The Picnic areas were used by 482 campers. Because of the great improvement in the approach road, travel to Natural Bridges increased 88% over the same period last year. By actual count 639 visitors entered the area in 202 cars. Of the 639 visitors 117 camped at Hdq.

INTERPRETATION: At the Wayside Exhibit in Arches, 1608 visitors were contacted and 2440 signed the register. We estimate that the same number which signed the register used the Cove Nature Trail. One guided tour was made with an attendance of 63 and 3 orientation talks were given to a total of 124 people. At Natural Bridges 452 visitors were contacted at Headquarters and 611 people signed the register. We estimate that all those who signed the register used the Overhono Nature Trail and the Wayside Exhibit. Expressions of appreciation, both verbally and by letter, of Ranger Office services, have been received in this office. Quite the opposite from last year!

The Layman's Herbarium, although not entirely complete with specimens, has made a big hit with the visitors at the Wayside Exhibit. With a good bloom season Ranger Morris has collected the needed specimens and when time permits will mount them.

PERSONNEL: On May 27, Glenn F. Wilson entered on duty at Arches as Seasonal Ranger and is occupying the trailer house at the Wayside Exhibit which was installed on May 28. Ranger Morris returned to duty after 9 days sick leave, during which time he underwent a successful eye operation, in Denver Colorado.

*J. Reginald & S. Cooper,*

NPS VISITORS: Gen. Sup't. Davis and Park Landscape Architect Marsh  
June 1, 2 and 3

Lon Garrison, Chief, Branch of Conservation & Protection  
June 2

Regional Director Hugh Miller and Regional Landscape  
Architect Jerry Miller June 16.

GAS LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY: On June 2 Gen. Sup't. Davis, Harold Marsh and Lon Garrison met at Arches Headquarters with Chief Engineer Tom Jenkins and Division Manager W. P. Trainer, Fich Construction Co., to go over the proposed route of the natural gas line through the monument on Route #1, and although no decision was made one way or the other, no encouragement was given. Enroute back to Headquarters Route #2, as it crosses the monument, was inspected.

On June 16 Regional Director Hugh Miller and Landscape Architect Jerry Miller arrived by plane, accompanied by Mr. James E. Sperling of the law firm of Simms and Madrall, to familiarize themselves with the pipe line locations under consideration. Both routes #1 & #2, through the monument, were inspected.

ROADS: With little moisture and heavy traffic, Maintenanceman Winbourn has had difficulty keeping the shale surfacing intact on our roads. Three full length culverts were put in place on the Delicate Arch view point road. At Natural Bridges both the main trail and the Nature Trail have been worked and new water turnouts installed.

US 160 - REALIGNMENT: W. W. Clyde Construction Co. was awarded the bid on the realignment of US 160 from the new bridge across Courthouse Wash, a little over  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a mile; however, construction has not begun yet.

Information pertaining to the history of the Mormon Dug-Way has been gathered and will be submitted to your office soon. A request, in the form of a letter was made to O. Donald Miles, Utah State Road Commission, for a preliminary alignment map of proposed construction in Moab Canyon showing right-of-way boundaries, but so far we have had no response from Mr. Miles. Ranger Morris took a set of pictures showing the road-bed center line as it is now staked and three sections of the Dug-Way.

GENERAL: Ranger Morris made one trip to Natural Bridges to repair a leak in the water tank. In the process of welding the leak he found that the action of rust had left only a thin outside wall and that other leaks were bound to appear. When funds are available this tank will have to be replaced. About  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the job of installing the tile in Qtrs. #8 bathroom has been completed.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES: Moab Canyon from the river bridge to its head is flowing with activity. The telephone line is being rebuilt, the new 138,000 volt power line construction is underway, the survey of the realignment of US 160 has been completed, the natural gas line will be laid soon, the Uranium sampling plant is handling 1 1/4 million dollars worth of ore per month and to top it all off the construction of the new mill, started this week, which according to news reports will cost in the neighborhood of 12 1/2 million dollars. It is all interesting but difficult for us to comprehend the vast sums of money being spent.

Bates E. Wilson  
Superintendent



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In reply refer to:  
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Arches National Monument  
Moab, Utah

July 24, 1955

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent  
From: Superintendent, Arches  
Subject: Narrative Report for July, 1955

WEATHER: Since June 18th. no measuable amount of moisture has fallen and temperatures have stayed above 100 degrees. Until last week, when three showers occurred, Natural Bridges was as dry as Arches and temperatures were above normal.

TRAVEL: & INTERPRETATION: Arches finally climbed back to normal travel showing a 12% increase over the same period last year. Accommodations are still difficult to find in Moab and the weather has been approximately the same, so we are at a loss as to just what caused the increase. A total of 5862 visitors entered the area in 1932 cars and two busses. The register was signed by 2682 people and we estimate that the same number used the Cove Nature Trail. Due to Seasonal Ranger difficulties 8 days of contacting were lost and our total contacts amounted to only 1162 visitors. One guided tour was made with 34 in attendance. In this group, a lady 80 years young, made the trip to Delicate Arch. Travel to Natural Bridges was unusually low showing a 38% decrease from the same period last year. We attribute this decrease to the very rough condition of both approach roads. The recent moisture received should enable the maintenance crews to correct this condition. A totla of 578 visitors entered the area in 193 cars. Of this number 371 were contacted and 84 used the campground. The 578 visitors who signed the register used the Wayside Exhibit and the Owachomo Nature Trail. One guided tour was made with with 2 in attendance.

PERSONNEL: Seasonal Ranger Glenn Wilson resigned rather abruptly on July 1. Gene Gledhill entered on duty a laborer July 8.

NPS VISITORS: Erik Reed, July 12 & Matt Dodge & family (Map & Judy) July 16 & 17.

Noteworthy Visitors: Mr. & Mrs Charles Eggert, Director of Motion Pictures, National Parks Association.

ROAD & TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Maintenance man Winbourn has had a difficult time, during the dry spell, keeping our roads in shape. He has also been hampered by continual minor breakdowns of the dump truck and loader, both of which are well along in miles, hours, and years. At Natural Bridges Ranger Oakes has installed a number of water turn-outs on both the Owachomo and Kachina trails and also work the surface. Work has not been started on the Delicate Arch trail as we will not be able to get a bulldozer until September. We are also awaiting advise from George Smith on the surfacing of this trail.

US-160 - Realignment: Construction started two weeks ago on the realignment of US-160 from the new Colorado Bridge this way and a preliminary alignment map has just been received from the Utah State Highway Comm. showing the proposed route up Moab Canyon. This map will be forwarded to your office immediately.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY: Approval has been received for the construction of a natural gas pipeline through the east end of the Devils Garden. Receipt of the special use permit is expected soon and construction will probably start soon thereafter.

GENERAL: On July 11 a trip was made to Natural Bridges at which time I met Mr. Gray and Mr. Park, National Geographic Magazine, and accompanied them to the three bridges. Ranger Oakes and I were unable to find any claim stakes on the lands proposed for addition and right-of-way, as shown on Drawings Nos. NM-NB-2001 & NM-NB-2100D.

*Bates E. Wilson*

Bates E. Wilson  
Superintendent



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Arches National Monument  
Moab, Utah

August 25, 1955

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent  
From: Superintendent, Arches  
Subject: Narrative Report for August 1955

WEATHER: Thunder showers have occurred during the entire month at Arches and three were heavy enough to wash out road crossings. Natural Bridges has received terrific rains almost daily. One flow down Armstrong Canyon was over 30 feet deep at Headquarters area.

TRAVEL & INTERPRETATION: A total of 6032 visitors entered Arches in 1608 cars and one bus. The register at the Wayside Exhibit was signed by 2628 people. Visitors were not able to use the Cove Nature Trail as we have been out of leaflets since July. At the Wayside Exhibit 736 visitors were contacted. The picnic areas were used by 112 campers. A new sign has been made for the collection box at the end of the Cove Nature Trail. At Natural Bridges 517 visitors arrived in 182 cars and the campground was used by 97 people for one night stays. The register was signed by 517 people and we estimate that the same number used the Owachomo Nature Trail. Ranger Oakes contacted 406 visitors. Supervisory Ranger Morris constructed and installed dispensing boxes for post cards and the printed Owachomo Trail leaflet. Travel to Arches and Natural Bridges shows an increase of 15% and 14%, respectively over the same period last year; however Arches is still 7% under last years travel to-date and Natural Bridges 19% under.

NPS VISITOR: Not receiving Kenney Saunders itinerary until the day after he arrived caused us to miss him at headquarters, on August 12.

NATURAL GAS PIPE-LINE--(Construction) Clearing operations on the right of-way through the monument have been delayed and probably will not be started for another month.

ROADS & TRAILS: With plenty of moisture to compact road material Maintenance man Winburn was able to clean all ditches and do an excellent job of blading the surface. The T-D-# Bulldozer, transferred from USGS was delivered to Natural Bridges on July 29. This piece of equipment will be used on the realignment of the Delicate Arch trail this fall; however before we bring it to this area we will do a road change at Natural Bridges.

GENERAL: Three trips were made to Natural Bridges. One to take in propane and gasoline and two for the repair of the generator.

*Bates E. Wilson*  
Bates E. Wilson, Superintendent

*Aug 25*



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Arches National Monument  
Moab, Utah

September 26, 1955

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent  
From: Superintendent, Arches  
Subject: Narrative Report for September, 1955

WEATHER: Unseasonably cool with two light rains and some heavy wind.

TRAVEL: The 4481 visitors who entered the area in 1164 cars gave us an 11% increase over the same period last year at Arches and brought our annual travel to date down to a 4% decrease. Natural Bridges shows a 55% increase over the same period last year and a 9% increase in the annual travel to date. The register was signed by 406 visitors who entered the area in 135 cars.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: The register at the Wayside Exhibit at Arches was signed by 2026 people and 448 were contacted at this station. Those visitors who signed the register at Natural Bridges (406) also used the Wayside Exhibit and we estimate that the same number used the Omachomo Nature Trail. Ranger Oakes contacted 92 people at the Wayside Exhibit during the first week of the period. Many thanks to Earl Jackson for his help on interpretive problems both at Arches and Natural Bridges.

NPS VISITORS: Earl Jackson at Natural Bridges August 26 and at Arches August 27 & 28.  
Harold Ratoliff at Arches September 17 & 18.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE: Clearing operations will start on the right-of-way through the monument on September 28 and we expect to have Jerry Miller and Harold Marsh here at that time.

ROADS & TRAILS: The road change job at Natural Bridges was completed and the T-D9 Dozer hauled to Arches. The elimination of a sharp curve on a steep grade has improved this entrance road a great deal. Work on the Delicate Arch trail will be started around October 1.

PERSONNEL: John U. Oakes, Seasonal Ranger at Natural Bridges, was terminated August 30 and Gene Gledhill, Truck Driver at Arches was terminated September 8. We were sorry these two men were unable to work longer, but it was necessary for each to get squared away for college. Supervisory Ranger Morris was on annual leave for five days during the report period. He has 20 days to use or lose. Superintendent Wilson took six days sick leave on a trip to Santa Fe for an ulcer checkup.

Crossing Permits & S&M: Harold Ratoliff spent two days at Arches discussing crossing permits with stockmen, bringing our S&M program up to date and advising us on re-seeding along the pipeline right-of-way. We not only appreciate all of Harold's assistance, but are amused and amazed at his stockpile of stories.

GENERAL: Natural Bridges was closed for the season on September 23; however visitors will still be able to enter the area and a trip every 10 days will be made to check the area and do the necessary cleanup job. The trailer house was stored for the winter at the new AEC camp which is located only 2 miles from our Headquarters area. The Trailer house at Arches was moved to Headquarters.

Edie and I appreciate the card signed by all and sent to us from the Conference. We are sorry we couldn't make the trip, but are glad to report that our daughter Julie is recovering very nicely from her operation and that I am living with my ulcers and having no difficulty.

*Bates E. Wilson*  
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Superintendent



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Arches National Monument  
Moab, Utah

October 25, 1955

**Memorandum**

**To:** General Superintendent  
**From:** Superintendent, Arches  
**Subject:** Narrative Report for October, 1955

**WEATHER:** We couldnt have ordered more perfect weather.

**TRAVEL:** Due to the perfect weather our travel showed an increase of 78% over the same period last year at Arches and 47% increase at Natural Bridges. One bus and 961 cars brought 3401 people into Arches and 284 people in 114 cars signed the register at Natural Bridges.

**INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:** The register at the Wayside Exhibit in Arches was signed by 1036 people and we estimate that the same number used the Cove Nature Trail. Only 118 visitors were contacted at Arches because of the pipeline work and other extra duties. Maintenance man Winbourn, while working the road at Natural Bridges, contacted 42 visitors. Those visitors who signed the register (284) also used the Ouachomo Nature Trail and the Wayside Exhibit.

**NPS VISITORS:** Jerry Miller & Harold Marsh on pipeline work.  
George Smith water rights, boundary survey and Delicate Arch trail.

**NATURAL GAS PIPELINE:** The right-of-way through the monument has been cleared and ditching operations were started October 21. Bob Morris has been on the job the entire time and reports fine cooperation from the crews so far. Another four weeks may finish the job so that the planting can be started. State route #93, from US-160 to where the line crosses has been badly torn up by heavy truck traffic and a bad sand hole has developed on the Devils Garden road where the line crosses. Fish Constructors have agreed to have the contractor keep these two sections passable.

**ROADS & TRAILS:** In spite of no moisture for over six weeks our roads within the monument are still in fair shape. Maintenance man Winbourn has completed the roughing-out of the Delicate Arch trail with the bulldozer and will do the finish work by hand this fall. With complete settlement during the winter a very little hand work in the spring will bring this trail to finish grade and have it ready for oil-mulch surfacing next spring when the weather is warm enough. While Jerry Miller and Harold Marsh were here they inspected the trail work and it was decided to extend the improvement work

for 1500 feet so as to eliminate one very steep grade up to the slick rock.

BOUNDARY SURVEY: One day was spent with George Smith checking the line of the west boundary in Klondike Bluffs.

WATER RIGHTS SURVEY: Four days were spent with George Smith tying in Fresh-water Spring and running levels to the Turnbow Cabin.

GENERAL: One trip was made to Natural Bridges on October 18 to clean the area and store the picnic tables in the cabin. One more trip will be made in November with Mr Parker Hamilton. All equipment has been winterized and water lines and tanks in the monument have been drained. With fairly heavy travel the area cleanup at both Arches and Natural Bridges has amounted to more than we expected. The office work during this period has definitely suffered with only routine reports being sent in.

*Bates E. Wilson*  
Bates E. Wilson  
Superintendent.

Design and Construction

Delicate Arch Trail: This job was started on 11/19/54 but only three days work was completed, ending 11/23/54. Instructions were received from General Superintendent Davis to cease all operations. By memorandum of July 11, 1955 from General Superintendent Davis, authority to proceed with the construction of this trail was received. Work was started on October 1, and the entire line was roughed out with a bulldozer to approximate grade. Four weeks have been spent in hand-finishing the grade and backslopes. This finished grade will be left for settlement during the remainder of the winter. In May, with very little hand-work this trail can be made ready for oil mulch surfacing.

Arrangements have been made with the Grand County Commissioners to supply the oil mulch and if everything works as planned our remaining funds will do the job.

Bates E. Wilson  
Superintendent

Arches National Monument



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Memorandum

To: General Superintendent  
From: Superintendent, Arches  
Subject: Narrative Report for November, 1955

WEATHER: During the first two weeks of this report period the perfect weather of October continued; however the weatherman gave us the "book" during the last two weeks, i.e., high winds, low temperatures, overcast skies, and finally a snowstorm which left 6" of welcome white moisture. For the last three days a dense fog has blanketed the area.

TRAVEL: Most of our bonafide visitors entered the area during the first two weeks and the total for the month amounted to 2717 visitors and 849 cars. An increase of 22% is noted over the same period last year; however this increase can be contributed, in part, to the 10 trucks and busses daily which carried the pipeline crews and their equipment through the monument.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: The register at the Wayside Exhibit was signed by 361 visitors and we estimate that the same number used the Cove Nature Trail. Fifty-five visitors were contacted at the Exhibit and four guided tours were made with a total attendance of 37 people.

PERSONNEL: Donald W. Page entered on duty as Seasonal Ranger November 8. We certainly appreciate being able to have him on the job, for he has cleaned up a tremendous backlog of paper work which Bob and I were unable to get to, due to the pipeline job. Now that the pipeline job is finished we plan to take some annual leave while Don is here.

NPS VISITORS: Harold Marsh & Harold Ratcliff--Pipeline inspection.

SPECIAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs Parker Hamilton arrived November 10 and spent three days taking visitor-use-pictures. We certainly enjoyed their visit and appreciate the work they did for us. Our weather was definitely not picture weather while they were here; however this did not dampen their enthusiasm nor did it stop them in making every effort to get the pictures we wanted. We hope they will return next spring to do Natural Bridges.

ROADS & TRAILS: The combination of heavy traffic, high winds, and dry weather made our roads unbelievably rough; however the Fulton Construction Company patched all the chuck holes with shale and Maintenance man Winbourn has been able to an excellent job of blading with the moisture received from the snow. The hand finish work on the Delicate Arch trail was stopped by the snowstorm, but will be continued as soon as the snow melts and until we get a hard freeze.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE: The cleanup job on the pipeline was completed November 17. Bob Morris and I inspected the line on November 18, and found that everything, as requested, had been done. We now have a fifty foot strip of bare, sterile soil, 4000' of which can be seen from the Devils Garden approach road. We hope that the ten year planting program will be successful so that this eyesore can be obliterated. A report on the entire job through the cleanup will be submitted by Bob Morris.

GENERAL: All road signs in need of refinishing have been brought into the shop and will be worked on during inclement weather this winter.

Ranger Page has brought the filing up to date and accomplished a great deal of other routine office work. Three days were spent in acquainting him with the area.

Time and weather did not permit an inspection trip to Natural Bridges this month. If and when the weather clears I will make one more trip before winter really sets in.

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Arches National Monument  
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Memorandum

To: General Superintendent  
From: Superintendent, Arches  
Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Narrative Report-1 M 1

General

Weather Conditions: The stormy weather of November continued during the first two weeks of the report period, but since that time no precipitation has been received and temperatures have been above normal.

Travel: Only 333 visitors entered the area in 104 cars. This is a decrease of 28% from the same period last year. We show an increase of 2% on the annual travel. Natural Bridges travel shows a 7% decrease on the annual travel; however a travel count has not been taken since October 23.

Administration

Personnel: Donald W. Page, Seasonal Ranger, was terminated on December 17 and went to Tuzacodrifrom here. We appreciated having Don on the job and were pleased with the good work he performed. His presence enabled Ranger Morris and I to take some of the leave which the pipeline job caused us to lose.

Interpretive Activities

Interpretive Services: The Wayside Exhibit was used by 92 visitors and we estimate that the same number used the Cove Nature Trail.

Operations

Protection: On December 12 some playful picnickers started our D-12 patrol and did some grading on their own. They also took about 100 gals. of diesel fuel. Maintenance man Winbourn enroute to the Delicate Arch Trail job on December 13 noticed the fresh car tracks entering the main road from the utility area and investigated. He immediately reported to headquarters and Ranger Morris and I accompanied the Grand County Sherriff to the scene. Tire tracks were checked and finger prints were lifted from the control knobs in the cab of the patrol; however todate the culprits have not been apprehended.

Exchange of State Land: The exchange of State land - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
section 32, T. 24 S., R. 22 E. - has been made by the BLM and this clears  
up the last inholding inside Arches National Monument.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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