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HISTORY

The Geyser Observation and Study Association (GOSA) is a non-profit scientific and educational corporation founded in 1983 and incorporated five years later in 1988. GOSA's purpose is the collection and dissemination of information about geysers and other geothermal phenomena in Yellowstone National Park and elsewhere.

GOSA publishes a bi-monthly newsletter titled The Geyser Gazer Sput. The newsletter reports on current geyser activity in Yellowstone and elsewhere in the world. The organization also publishes GOSA Transactions which consists of juried articles concerning both scientific and observational research studies involving geysers and geyser fields around the world as well as geyser histories.

The listserv is not an official service of GOSA, although many members of the listserv are also members of GOSA. The listserv was hosted by Walla Walla University with a member moderator, who screened submittals. The listserv migrated to a different technology in late 2016 or early 2017 and email announcements ceased to be circulated.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

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DESCRIPTION This collection consists of records of the Geyser Observation and Study Association's listserv tracking geyser eruptions and other thermal activities, primarily in Yellowstone National Park. The records consist of posts related to geyser activity in Yellowstone National Park and, occasionally, from geysers in other parts of the world (e.g. New Zealand and Africa). Posts also may include clarifications or corrections of previous posts; news about vandalism or other activities that have a negative effect on the thermal features of the park; news about GOSA members (also known as Geyser Gazers) or actions that will affect them; news about dangers, such as bear activity near backcountry thermal features. Topics may also include historical items and discussions of broader Yellowstone-related topics. Submissions may have also been used in GOSA's newsletter, *The Geyser Gazer Sput*, in whole or condensed unless the original posting included "permission for republication is denied."

Submissions, coming from members around the world, were posted nearly daily. The collection is largely complete, although emails from January 1998 through June 1998; and September 2002 through September 2003 are missing.

These records preserve the history of geyser activity and may provide researchers with data used to predict future eruptions since few geysers have shown stability over time. The collection may also be of use to researchers interested in the history of tourism in the American West as geysers are a major attraction to the park.

<i>ORGANIZATION</i>	This collection is arranged chronologically.
<i>PROVENANCE</i>	The collection was gathered by the park's historian, Lee Whittlesey, who was a listserv member and one of the three founding members of GOSA in 1983.
<i>RESTRICTIONS</i>	NO
<i>ASSOCIATED MATERIALS</i>	<i>The Geyser Gazer Sput</i> and <i>GOSA Transactions</i> publications, Yellowstone Research Library

CONTAINER LIST

Box	Title
01	1995 July-1997 June
02	1997 July-Dec.
03	1998 July-2000 June
04	2000 July-2002 Aug.
05	2004 Oct.-2006 Oct.
06	2008 July-2009 June
07	July 2008-June 2009
08	2009 June-2010 Feb.
09	2010 Mar.-Dec.
10	2011
11	2021-2013
12	2014-2016