

Daily Report - Yosemite National Park Friday, November 30, 2012

WEATHER

Special weather statement

Periods of wet and windy weather expected through the weekend.

Two storm systems in the eastern Pacific will bring episodes of rain and gusty winds to much of the central California interior today and again Saturday night and Sunday. The next storm will bring precipitation into Merced and Mariposa County early this morning. The heaviest precipitation will fall in the foothills and higher elevations of the Sierra from Fresno County northward where an inch or more of rain is likely. Snow levels will remain high through Saturday with snow accumulations of 6 to 10 inches above 9000 feet. Storm number three will arrive Saturday night into Sunday and bring more substantial rain, with heavy snow accumulations in the southern Sierra Nevada above 9000 feet. These storms could bring minor flooding in areas of poor drainage this weekend with the possibility of mud slides or debris flows in the foothills and higher elevations of the Sierra.

Yosemite Valley

Today: Rain. The rain could be heavy at times. High near 45. Breezy, with a south wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between 1 and 2 inches possible.

Tonight: Rain. Low around 44. Breezy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Saturday: Showers. High near 47. Wind gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

Sunday: Rain. The rain could be heavy at times. High near 47. Breezy, with a south wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between 2 and 3 inches possible.

El Portal

Today: Rain. The rain could be heavy at times. High near 60. Breezy, with a south southeast wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between three quarters and one inch possible.

Tonight: Rain. Low around 48. Wind gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Saturday: Showers. High near 59. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Sunday: Rain. The rain could be heavy at times. High near 59. Breezy, with a south southeast wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between 1 and 2 inches possible.

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Today: Rain. The rain could be heavy at times. High near 51. Breezy, with a southeast wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between three quarters and one inch possible.

Tonight: Rain. Low around 41. Breezy, with a southeast wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Saturday: Showers. High near 51. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Sunday: Rain. The rain could be heavy at times. High near 52. Breezy, with a south southeast wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between 2 and 3 inches possible.

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NEW AND HAPPENING TODAY

Crane Flat Power Outage

There will be a power outage at Crane Flat on Friday 11/30/2012 from approximately 11:00am to 4:00pm to facilitate installation of the new water line. Please call the High Voltage Shop with questions 379-1236. (D. Raspotnik)

Yosemite Valley School Dinner

The Yosemite Valley School invites you to dinner! We will have burritos for sale at the entrance to the Village Store tonight during the Holiday party. Come support the children of YVS and take a night off from making dinner. Thank you for your support and dedication in our efforts to continue providing education here in Yosemite Valley. See you there! (S. Hance)

Planned Power Outage

There will be a planned power outage effecting the Glacier Point Store/ Ski Hut, Chapel, Old Res One and Sentinel Dome Communications on 12/05/2012 from 0700 - 1700. This outage is for pulling and terminating conductors through the new Yosemite Creek crossing conduit. Please route questions to Dan Raspotnik in the High Voltage Shop 379-1236.(D. Raspotnik)

Increased Chance for Rockfall and Debris Flows

Intense rainfall commonly triggers rockfalls and debris flows in Yosemite, and with several inches of rain forecast through the weekend there is an increased likelihood of such events occurring. Park visitors, employees, and residents should be extra vigilant for the possibility of these events, especially on roadways. Drive cautiously, be aware of your surroundings, and please report any activity to Park Dispatch (phone 911) or Park Geologist Greg Stock (phone 209 768-1028).

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RECENT NEWS

3rd Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange

Please join us for a lovely lunch provided by Degnan's Deli and Holiday Cookie Exchange on Monday Dec 3rd at the Carabiner. The idea is that everyone brings 4 dozen homemade Holiday treats (with recipe cards) and then we all swap so we go home with a wide assortment. The event will last from 11:30am until 1:30pm with the exchange happening at 12:45. Please RSVP to ebrosk@dncinc.com by the end of the day on Friday. (E. Brosk)

DNC Announces Local Resident Offers for the Bracebridge Dinner at The Ahwahnee

DNC is pleased to announce special offers for local residents to attend the 86th anniversary season of Bracebridge Dinner at The Ahwahnee. Tickets for the dinner on December 14th

are available at \$195 per person (50% savings) and tickets for December 18 & 24th are available at \$292 per person (25% savings).

Based on Washington Irving's 1820 tale The Sketch Book about Christmas Day at Bracebridge Hall in Yorkshire, England, The Bracebridge Dinner was established shortly after The Ahwahnee opened in 1927 and features a seven-course meal synchronized with the music and drama of the festivities.

Please note the local discount is only for residents that live within 50 miles of Yosemite Valley. Local residents need to mention promotion code LOCALSBBD when making a reservation. Please note that overnight accommodations are not included in these offers, and space is limited. Please call the reservations desk to make a dinner-only reservation at (801) 559-4884. For more information on The Bracebridge Dinner, visit www.YosemitePark.com/Bracebridge. (L. Cesaro)

Restored Leave - 2012 Leave Year

Since some of you have made inquiries about restored (use or lose) leave, we thought the following information might be helpful. Please refer to the HROC's Aug 2 Restored Leave guidance memo, which may be found on the HR SharePoint site under Shared Documents. Once Region sends it's call for restored leave requests (usually late Jan - mid Feb), I'll send a Parkwide request. In the meantime, just gather your requests and hold them until I send the email. Request packages will need to include:

- Employee name
- Social Security Number
- Organization Code
- Number of hours to be restored
- A copy of your FPPS/Quicktime printout showing your use or lose leave balance as of the end of PP 1201 (December 31, 2011) - your timekeeper can help you with this. (Important: Region won't approve any requests that exceed that balance.)
- A written request for leave restoration, signed by the employee and supervisor stating the reason why leave was cancelled and could not be rescheduled by the end of the leave year.
- The signed and approved original leave slips dated prior to Dec 1.

Finally, for your convenience, I've included a link to the OPM leave year website. It lists leave year beginning/end dates, as well as the latest date to request and have leave approved (via OPM-71 or QuickTime leave request) in order to be eligible to have use or lose leave restored. <http://www.opm.gov/oca/leave/HTML/Leaveyeardates.asp>. (T. Hawkins)

For Rent

2 bedroom, 2 bath 1200 sq ft manufactured home, \$850.00/month on several acres, two car garage. The house has a wood stove and central heat, swamp cooler. \$1,000.00 deposit. Trash pick-up is included in the rent. Pets are OK. If you have any questions, please call Kimberly 209.742.5454. (C. Baker)

Campground Update

Upper Pines converted to first-come, first-serve status beginning on November 26. The back 3 loops closed for the season at this time too. Upper Pines will return to the reservation system on March 15, 2013. (M. Carter)

Lodge Bike Stand Closed

The Yosemite Lodge at The Falls Bike Stand has closed for the season. (W. Kearns)

Pile Burning to Continue

Pending the predicted rain and possible snow storms on Wednesday, November 28, fire managers will resume pile burning within the communities of El Portal and Foresta. The storms will provide an opportunity to burn piles built this year by Yosemite and CAL Fire crews. The planned burning are a part of ongoing projects aimed at community fire protection and defensible space. If questions arise please contact gary_wuchner@nps.gov or at 375-9574. (G. Wuchner)

Google Apps Migration Update

Most users have BisonConnect icons on their desktops now, but we do *not* recommend logging in there until you've received an email saying you've been fully migrated. We'll continue to update the [Google Apps Migration](#) page as new details come in; please check there before calling the IT Help Desk with your questions. (P. Lindstrom)

El Portal Town Planning Committee

There will be no meeting of the El Portal Planning Advisory Committee in December. The next meeting will be on be January 8th, 2013 at 7:00pm, El Portal Branch Library. (M. Ross)

Ice Cut Reopened

Following the warm rain Yosemite experienced last weekend, the ice cut, a section of the John Muir Trail below Nevada Falls has reopened. The Mist Trail and John Muir trail are currently open, however hikers are encourage to travel with care. Precipitation has increased the water flow in the rivers and creeks which coupled with cooler evenings, can create potentially slippery conditions. (L. Kretsch)

El Portal Travel Series

December 4th – Joan N. Boothe: "The History of Antarctic Exploration." Joan made her first of 17 journeys to Antarctica in 1995, among them a 67-day circumnavigation of the frozen continent on an icebreaker. She has taught continuing studies courses for Stanford University on Antarctica 's "Heroic Age." Her recent book, *The Storied Ice: Exploration, Discovery, and Adventure in Antarctica's Peninsula Region*, was published in 2011, and has received rave reviews. Kick off the EPTS season with Joan's slides & stories of adventure in one of the most challenging environments on earth! (P. Amstutz)

Looking for Habitat for Humanity Applicants

Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County will hold a meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at Mariposa Lutheran Church (4469 Highway 49 South) for all who are interested in applying for Habitat's second home in our county. The home will be built at 5223 Mueller Court in the town-area of Mariposa near the hospital. The application process will be explained at this meeting, and applications will be given out. Come to the meeting on January 12 or call Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa at 966-7444 for more information. (B. Tomsick)

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Crane Flat Waterline Replacement-Phase 2A

Abide International (prime contractor) will be felling trees in preparation for a new well approximately 1/4 mile down the Tuolumne Grove Road the week of November 25th. Access to the Grove will be intermittent during working hours. Daytime work will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For more information please contact David Engelstad (209.379.1277) or Laura Zisa (209.379.1428). (L. Zisa)

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ACTING DESIGNATIONS

Kevin Killian will be the acting Chief Ranger Nov 26 through Dec 6.

Tom Tobin will be acting Branch Chief for Contracting & Procurement from Nov. 5 through Dec. 12. He can be reached at 379-1040. Jody will be in Herndon, VA and San Francisco working on FBMS catch-up.

Garrett Chun will be the Acting Chief, Facilities Management Division on Friday, November 30th. He can be reached at (209) 379-1298.

Nancy Bissmeyer will be acting Branch Chief for Communications from November 29 through December 14.

Madelyn Ruffner will be Acting Branch Chief for Environmental Planning and Compliance until further notice. She can be reached at 379-1226, or you may leave a message with Jessica Zeek at 379-1002.

Matt Stark will be the Acting Crane Flat Sub District Ranger in Mather. He may be reached at 379-1885 or 379-1926. This acting assignment will continue until November 2012.

Laura Kirn will be the Acting Chief for History, Architecture & Landscapes (HAL) Branch until further notice. She may be reached at 379-1314.

Tolley Gorham will be acting Telecom Supervisor from November 29 through December 14.

Alison Colwell (379-3295) will be Acting Park Botanist until further notice.

Garrett Dickman (379-3282) will be Acting Invasive Plant Program Manager until further notice.

Ron Watson will be the Acting Supervisory Information Technology Specialist until further notice. He may be reached at 379-1173.

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

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For submissions, please email yose_daily_report@nps.gov (there's no need to email anyone

else). Submission guidelines and Daily Report FAQs can be found here: <http://go.nps.gov/dailyreport>. 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.