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February 5, 1930

The Director,  
National Park Service,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Director:

The following is my report on operations and conditions in Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks during the month of January 1930.

000 - GENERAL

The month was featured by one of the worst storms ever to sweep over the Southern Utah Section. Starting on January 9th either rain or snow fell almost without a break until the 16th, and this was followed by another fall on the 18th. At the Temple of Sinuava snow reached a depth of 27 inches, the greatest depth ever recorded on the floor of the canyon. The storm was very peculiar in some respects. Although lasting for a long period of time it was not general. Very little snow fell in Cedar City, and, compared to what might be expected, only a small amount at Bryce Canyon. Eleven inches was reported at Las Vegas, Nevada, and 9 inches at St. George in the heart of Utah's "Dixie".

During the night of the 10th, Maurice Graham, a pilot of the Western Air Express operating on the route between Los Angeles and Salt Lake, was lost with his plane in the country about 30 miles below the park. Residents of the communities of Hurricane, Tropicville, and Leeds report that he flew in a circle over these towns for about three hours, and he was also reported in the vicinity of Pledge, Nevada. However, he has not been located to date, in spite of an intensive search by a fleet of planes which at times numbered 30, and large searching parties on foot. There is only a small possibility that he crashed in Zion Canyon; although he could easily have fallen into the Great West Canyon. Planes have made several careful searches over this canyon, and have been over Zion Canyon twice during the hunt. It is now quite certain that he crashed against a mountain side. For several days thereafter the storm made search impossible, and probably buried the wreck so deep that there is only a remote possibility it will be found before spring. If he fell into some of the side canyons in Zion Park it is possible that he will never be found.

regular five day tour of this section including Zion, Bryce and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, for \$74.50. This rate includes four night lodging, 16 meals, and 400 miles of bus transportation.

500 - Use of Park Facilities by the Public

510 - Increase in Travel - The total number of persons entering the park amounted to 518 compared to 306 during the same month last year. This increase of 50% was due entirely to travel over the Zion \* Mt. Carmel Highway. The 99 cars registered came from 6 states. Our season's total is now 2193 compared to 2110 a year ago. With the above road open to travel we will now leave our last years total so far behind that it will perhaps not even be worth making comparisons against.

520 - General Weather Conditions - In spite of the big storm during the middle of the month the weather records show that the total precipitation of 1.72 inches was 0.10 inch below normal. At Skyline, at Zion Lodge our gage showed a total of 3.06 inches of precipitation. The mean temperature of 55.5 was 2.5 deg. below normal. At Zion Lodge the highest temperature was 60 on the 3rd, and the lowest 6 on the 2nd. There were 11 clear, 2 partly cloudy, and 10 cloudy days.

This concludes my report.

Sincerely Yours,

R.S. Cooyon,  
Superintendent.

100 - ADMINISTRATION

110 - Status of work - With the exception of office work all park operations were on schedule. Considerable progress has been made in clearing up office operations the past month.

121 - Inspections by superintendent - I spent practically the entire month in the park being engaged mostly on office work as weather conditions closed down practically all outside operations and made inspections unnecessary.

122 - Inspections by National Park Service Officers - Mr. Harry Langly, Asst. Landscape Architect, arrived in the park early in the month and has devoted his time to inspections of work in progress and drawing plans to cover our 1952 estimates.

125 - Inspections by other governmental officials - Mr. Finch, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Bright of the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads were in the park in connection with contract work on the highway.

130 - Finance and Accounts - Statement is attached.

130 - Publicity Bulletin - One bulletin was released and this related to the climb to the Natural Bridge reported last month. We have received wide publicity for the park on account of this climb.

200 - Maintenance, Improvements and New Construction

270 - New Construction - The only construction work in progress was on contract jobs, and, due to adverse weather conditions, very little progress was made on these.

At the end of the month the Nevada Contracting Company were about ready to leave the park having completed all projects under their contracts. Since coming to the park over two years ago they have handled work which called for payment of about one and a quarter million dollars. I understand that they lost about \$75,000 as a result of their operations in this park.

The Zion - Mt. Carmel Highway was opened to general travel on January 2nd. It was closed by snow on the 11th, and was not again open during the month.

300 - Activities of other agencies in the Park

315 - Schedules of Rates - Rates submitted by the Utah Parks Company for operations during 1950 were approved by the Department on the 15th. Rates for lodge and horseback services were unchanged from 1949. On all combination tours which involve the use of the Zion - Mt. Carmel Highway instead of the Pipe Springs Resort Road as was the case last year, the transportation rate was reduced \$15.00. It is now possible to make the

MONTHLY TRAVEL REPORT BY STATES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1930.

STATE	CARS	PASS.	BY STAGE	MISC.	TOTAL CARS	TOTAL PASS.
Arizona	1	4			1	4
California	3	5	2		3	7
Colorado	1	6			1	6
Idaho	2	6			2	6
Michigan	1	2			1	2
Nevada	1	3			1	3
New York	1	2			1	2
Utah	88	289			88	289
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>318</b>

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STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS

January 1933

	<u>Alloctment</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
40/0435 Zion National Park, 1929-30			
Previously reported	40,675.00	40,047.40	627.60
Totals this month	<u>RE 627.60</u>	<u>RE 1.94</u>	
Status end of month	40,047.40	40,045.46	1.94
40/0435 Zion National Park, 1929-30			
Previously reported	36,645.00	27,025.40	9,619.60
Totals this month		<u>1,469.45</u>	
Status end of month	36,645.00	28,494.85	8,150.15
40/0416 Bryce Canyon Natl Park, 1929-30			
Previously reported	23,795.00	17,402.87	6,392.13
Totals this month		<u>155.44</u>	
Status end of month	23,795.00	17,558.31	6,236.69
4x236.16 Roads & Trails (Bryce)			
Previously reported	7,500.00	6,217.65	1,282.35
Totals this month		<u>264.33</u>	
Status end of month	7,500.00	6,481.98	1,018.02
4x236.35 Roads & Trails (Zion)			
Previously reported	1,447,233.33	1,245,439.79	201,793.54
Totals this month	<u>RE 7,000.00</u>	<u>21,850.10</u>	
Status end of month	1,440,233.33	1,267,289.89	212,943.44

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STATUS OF PERSONNEL

..... National Park for the Month of .....  
~~2000~~ ~~January 1980~~

	This Month	This Month Last Year
Number of employees beginning of month,		
Number of additions, . . . . .	7	5
Total, . . . . .	9	5
Number of separations, . . . . .	2	0
Number of employees close of month, . .	7	5

Number of promotions during month \_\_\_\_\_

Aggregate amount of annual leave taken, \_\_\_\_\_

Aggregate amount of sick leave taken, \_\_\_\_\_

Aggregate amount of leave without pay, \_\_\_\_\_  
four and one half days.

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REPORT OF PARK REVENUES

..... National Park for the Month of .....  
..... January 1930

	This Year	Last Year
Park revenue on hand beginning of month, . . . . .	10000	10000
Received, . . . . .	39.50	10000
Total, . . . . .	39.50	10000
Remitted, . . . . .	10000	10000
On hand close of month, . . . . .	10000	10000

Park revenues received this year to date, . . . . .	39.50
Park revenues received last year to date, . . . . .	10000
Increase, . . . . .	39.50
Per cent of increase, . . . . .	infinite

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STATUS OF AUTHORIZED PROJECTS

..... National Park for the Month of January 1980.  
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Description of Projects	Percent Constructed To Date	Percent Constructed This Month	Percent Constructed Last Month	Probable Date Completion
<u>Elon</u>				
Superintendent's Residence	80	00	00	Indefinite
<u>Reyes</u>				
Water System	Complete			
Residences	90	00	00	Next Spring