

Zion National Park
Springdale, Utah

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Memorandum

To: Director
From: Superintendent, Zion
Subject: Report 1048, Annual Narrative Report of Superintendent,
Zion National Park and Coordinated Areas

The above mentioned report is submitted in duplicate for the following areas:

Zion National Park
Cedar Breaks National Monument
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REPORT 1968

FOR

ZION NATIONAL PARK
1961 Fiscal Year

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1. Administration

The Visitor Center building has been occupied for a year, and the change from the previous cramped quarters housing the administrative and interpretive facilities has resulted in increased and more efficient services to the visitors and a betterment in the conditions under which the Park personnel has been working. The physical operation and maintenance of the building, after making a few minor changes in the heating and cooling system, is resulting in costs considerably below the original estimates.

Participation in the Incentive Awards Program was stressed and paid off with seven employees receiving awards during the year.

The numerous changes in permanent personnel, itemized separately, exceeded our average turnover and required special in-service training. Housing conditions showed no improvement this year, so that our recruitment selections were restricted by lack of housing.

2. MISSION 66 Construction and Planning

Day labor forces constructed a new parking area at the visitor center and a new service road to the Hitchman Residential area. Surfacing will be completed early in the 1962 F.Y. by contract.

Grounds improvement around the new visitor center was accomplished including a lawn and sprinkler system, new irrigation system, grading and planting of trees and shrubs.

Early in October representatives from WOE and Region Three joined members of the Park Staff on a five day field study of developments proposed in the Kolob and South Entrance Areas of Zion. It appears that further studies will be required before final decisions may be made for the Kolob area.

Chapters 1 and 2 of the Master Plan Narrative were completed and submitted for approval.

3. Interpretation

The first year of operation of the new visitor center proved highly satisfactory and has greatly enhanced the quality of the interpretive program. Museum exhibits partially installed in January and completed in May of 1961, provided an excellent aid to park visitors in learning of the human and natural history of the park. Audio-visual equipment installed in the auditorium, permitted the presentation of orientation programs throughout this first year of use. More than 50,000 visitors participated in these programs.

4. Boundary Status

Future planning for visitor use emphasizes the need to make additional boundary changes at Zion. Possible access from the north to the scenic heart of the Kaibab is over lands outside the boundary. Unique peaks including Red Butte, Eagle Crags and Smithsonian Butte are in fringe areas adjacent to the boundary. Construction of the Dixie Project will involve a change in location of the park approach road from the south.

A large tract southwest of Rockville should be added to our present boundary in this area in anticipation of the need for a new route from the Hurricane - Fredonia Highway now under construction to the South Entrance. A new boundary status report will recommend the proposals outlined.

5. Private Lands

Appraisals were made of eight parcels of private land east of the river near the South Entrance. One tract in the area offered for immediate sale is in process of purchase through the local Natural History Association and will be held for Federal acquisition. In April the State Land Board submitted an application to BLM for Public Domain in exchange of all their park lands. NIS-1-3 forms were prepared for parcels included in the boundary change approved February, 1960 and new forms with current data submitted on all the old tracts.

Dude ranches, residential subdivisions and mountain cabin homesteads are new developments in suitable areas adjoining the boundary. Owners of park lands in some instances have offers for their recreational property and "time is running out" on the feasibility of Federal purchase of such holdings.

6. Safety and Health

An active campaign for safety was waged throughout the year. It "paid off" in that no serious injuries were sustained by employees or visitors and a minimum of minor accidents occurred.

One employee was recognized by the Department of the Interior Safety Council by receiving the Award of Merit for outstanding safety services.

7. Employee Training

Outside facilities were utilized in the training program with beneficial results. More stress was placed on in-service training and job rotation as a training aid. With the large turnover in employees resulting from transfers and recruitment, it was found necessary to devote more time to employee orientation than in past years.

8. Changes in Permanent Personnel - 1961 Fiscal Year

- 7-1-60 - James C. McKown, Historian (Park) Pipe Spring, transferred to Grand Canyon
- 7-31-60 - Evan A. Byrd, Supervisory Park Ranger, Disability Retirement
- 8-6-60 - Billy R. Alford, Accounting Technician, transferred to Grand Canyon
- 8-7-60 - Gladys A. Herbst, Fiscal Accounting Clerk, transferred from Grand Canyon
- 8-8-60 - Glen L. Rapner, General Supply Clerk, Resignation
- 8-20-60 - Lawrence W. Galst, Park Naturalist, transferred to Steens River
- 8-21-60 - James W. Harris, Accounting Technician, transferred from Yellowstone
- 8-21-60 - Max F. Peterson, Historian (Park) Pipe Spring, Recruitment
- 9-3-60 - Stewart Bennett, Truck Driver, transferred to Petrified Forest
- 11-13-60 - Harry J. Best, Mail and File Clerk, Recruitment
- 12-5-60 - Carl B. Hardy, General Supply Clerk, Recruitment
- 12-21-60 - Grace R. Jarboe, Clerk-Typist, Recruitment
- 1-21-61 - Ruth L. Byrd, Personnel Management Assistant, Resignation
- 2-19-61 - Oda L. Arnold, Personnel Management Assistant, transferred from Region Three Office
- 3-31-61 - Harry A. Brockmeier, Foreman II, Shop, Optional Retirement
- 4-16-61 - Lloyd R. Hoener, Supervisory Park Ranger, transferred from Yellowstone
- 4-17-61 - Donald E. DeWille, Janitor, Recruitment
- 5-28-61 - Harold P. Lane, Supervisory Accountant, transferred to Yosemite

Five additional changes currently being processed and will be itemized in the supplemental report.

4. Changes in Personnel Personnel - 1961 Fiscal Year (Continued)

Recruitment badly hampered by lack of suitable housing. In many cases we are unable to interest the most qualified applicant due to having house trailers only, and in some cases no government housing at all.