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Memorandum

To: Southwest Region Superintendents  
 From: Regional Director  
 Subject: Annual Report

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 Handbook  
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We are quoting below in its entirety a memorandum from Acting Director Stratton. Your attention is directed especially to the 3rd paragraph. The underlining of the pertinent sentences is ours.

"Pending a revision of the Reports Management Handbook, Part II, NPS (PI)-3, pages 1 and 2, dated January 1962, this memorandum will apply for the preparation and submission of the Annual Narrative Report.

"Each Regional Director will prepare and submit to the Director, in duplicate for the attention of the Information Office, a written narrative report on items of importance considered worthy of inclusion in the Director's Annual Report. Selected photographs (8x 10 glossy prints) with captions will accompany this report. The format that accompanies this memorandum will be used in submitting the Regional Director's Report.

"It is within the discretion of each regional director to determine his desire or need to receive from the superintendents of field installations the narrative material presently required by the Reports Management Handbook for the Annual Report. He should instruct the superintendents accordingly, informing them that this year, at least, WASO will not require annual reports from the parks. Continuance of this report is under study.

"The Regional Director's Annual Report is due in the Washington Office by July 15."

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 ZION NATIONAL PARK

We are beginning work now on the preparation of the Regional Director's Annual Report. Despite the fact that field areas are not required to submit an annual report this year, we may call upon selected areas for specific information or data to be included in the report of the Southwest Region. Requests for such information will be made of each Superintendent separately, as needed.



Daniel B. Beard

Zion National Park  
Springdale, Utah

June 10, 1963

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**Memorandum**

**To:** Director  
**From:** Acting Superintendent, Zion  
**Subject:** Report PI-3, Annual Narrative Report of Superintendent  
Zion National Park and Coordinated areas.

The subject report is submitted in duplicate for the following

areas:

Zion National Park  
Cedar Breaks National Monument  
Pipe Spring National Monument

Russell E. Dickenson

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**In duplicate**

**cc:** Mgmt. Asst., Cedar Breaks, w/copy report  
Acting Supt., Pipe Spring, w/copy report

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1. Travel
2. Private Lands
3. MISSION 66 Construction
4. Ranger Service
5. Emergency Reconstruction

ZION NATIONAL PARK

**1. Travel**

Annual travel reached a new high of 622,063 visits. Most of the increase is in day use, however family and group campers totalled 82,159, a record year for overnight camping activities.

## 2. Private Lands

Progress was made in acquisition of private lands located within the Park boundary, particularly lands which were being subdivided and sold to individuals for summer homesites. Eight tracts were purchased or optioned totalling 1,541 acres; two tracts totalling 1,194 acres are currently under condemnation proceedings. Final action on transfer of 1,880 acres of state-owned land to the Service appear to be imminent. Private land purchased, optioned, condemned, or in the final stages of negotiation for exchange amounted to 4,615 acres, which represents approximately one-third of the private land located within the Park.

### 3. MISSION 66 Construction

Three new residences for permanent personnel were completed in the Watchman Residential area, partially relieving the need for adequate housing of those employees required to reside in the Park. A shortage of adequate housing for both permanent and seasonal employees still exists.

Two comfort stations at the Grotto Campground were completely rehabilitated.

#### 4. Ranger Service

Increased visitor interest in sandstone climbing was noted, prompting additional ranger attention to search and rescue training, techniques for registering climbs and inspection of climber's equipment and past experience.

The first ascent of the Great White Throne by NPS personnel was successfully accomplished on May 21 by Chief Park Ranger Del Armstrong and District Ranger William Lukens of Zion and Park Ranger Jack Moorehead of Grand Canyon National Park. The objective is to have technically trained and knowledgeable ranger personnel personally acquainted with the route and climbing problems of this challenging, high-angle friction climb, as well as other climbs which attract the visitor. Selected Park personnel with interest and aptitude for mountain search and rescue work were trained intensively in use of equipment and latest techniques during a two day period in February.

## 5. Emergency Reconstruction

Repair of storm damage to Virgin River bank protection structures and revetments, and to the East and West Rim Trails, began in the spring of 1963. A series of cloudbursts over the drainage area north and west of Zion Canyon in September, 1961, resulted in the highest flash flood since 1938, drowning five hikers in the Zion Narrows and causing extensive damage to roads, trails, bridges, and river bank revetments.

A \$239,000 contract for construction of bank protection on the Virgin River was awarded to Nelson Brothers Construction Company of Salt Lake City in May. Work is scheduled for completion in September.

Repair of East and West Rim Trails by Park crews began in April. Allotted for this project : \$69,000 with completion anticipated during the spring of 1964.