

ZION 1150/02-02 SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT 1929 - FEBRUARY

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February 1929

March 13, 1929.

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

Dear Mr. Director:

The following is my report on operations and conditions in Zion National Park for the month of February, 1929.

000 General. Although our weather records show a month that was rather close to normal in most respects, when the entire section of the country in which the park is located is taken into consideration, it was a very disagreeable one especially from the standpoint of outside operations and tourist travel. Residents of Cedar City inform me that they have just passed through the worst winter they have had since 1914. Conditions have been very stormy and cold in Zion during the past winter but during the last few days of February the weather moderated and it now seems that spring is about to arrive.

100 Administrative.

110 Status of work. All park work is up to date and park forces have been marking time the past month waiting for passage of the Interior Department Bill which will initiate our annual building program and make it a busy time for everyone.

120 Park inspections by

121 Superintendent. I made my regular inspections of the roads in the park, the new Zion-Mt. Carmel highway, and the construction operations of the Union Pacific System.

127 Other agencies. On February 9th a number of members of the Utah State Legislature visited the park, primarily to inspect the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway construction work. The party was headed by Speaker H. D. Stine of the House of Representatives.

130 Finance and accounts. Statement is attached.

200 Maintenance, improvements and new construction.

210 Maintenance. Heavy trucking of building materials by the Union Pacific for their operations at Zion Lodge resulted in our roads being

quite badly torn up and it was necessary to do considerable road maintenance work during the month. The entire road up the canyon is now in good condition.

240 Improvement of approaches to park. The State Highway Commission continued their work of gravelling the highway between Rockville and the park and the job was practically complete at the end of the month.

250 Improvement of nearby transcontinental highways. The most important event from the standpoint of improvement of such highways was a contract let by the State of Arizona for the improvement of U. S. 91 or Arrowhead Trail where it crosses the north west corner of that state. For several years this stretch of highway has won a wide reputation as being one of the worst on any national highway. The contract was let to a contractor in Silver City, New Mexico, and I understand the contract price was in the neighborhood of \$300,000 although I have no definite information regarding the matter.

300 Activities of other agencies in the park.

350 Donations and accessions. During the month the Utah State Highway Commission turned over to the government jurisdiction of approximately .4 mile of state highway immediately adjoining the south boundary of the park. The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County had previously donated to the government the 66 foot strip of land forming the right of way for this highway but under decision of the Solicitor of the Department it was held that only the State Highway Commission could give us title to the road which was part of the state highway system. This the Commission has done and it is hoped that there will be no further reason why this land cannot be accepted by the Government. The strip in question lies across a part of the $W\frac{1}{2}$ $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Twp. 41 South, Range 10 West, which contains a patented piece of ground. Getting control of this right of way was a very important preliminary step towards securing title to this entire tract.

400 Flora, fauna, and natural phenomena.

410 Ranger service. During the month the rangers were engaged mostly in checking work, driving truck and miscellaneous duties in the park.

500 Use of park facilities by the public. Travel for the month totalled 188 persons as compared to 295 a year ago. This decrease is due in great part to the very unsatisfactory road conditions throughout the western United States the past month. Roads through Wyoming and many parts of Utah were blocked with snow, and the normal travel which goes either east or west over highways through these states and then turns south on U.S. 91 was either forced to hold up or go other routes. It is hardly probable that we will have any considerable travel during the month of March due to these same conditions. Of 61 automobiles entering the park, 6 were from California, one from Idaho, one from Washington, D. C., and the remainder from Utah.

520 General weather conditions. Weather records for the month taken at Springdale, indicate that the month was very near normal in all respects. The mean temperature during the month was 45, which is normal, and the total precipitation was 1.3 inches, which is a fraction of an inch below normal. The highest temperature was 63 on the 22nd, and the lowest 9 on the 8th. The reason why we give Springdale figures at this time is because the record at that town goes back about 26 years and is therefore very valuable for comparative purposes.

Records taken at Zion Lodge in the park show much more severe conditions as the mean temperature was 37 and there was a total of 1.64 inches precipitation. The highest temperature was 61 on the 20th and 22nd, and the minimum was 8 on the 8th. There were 15 clear, 5 partly cloudy, and 8 cloudy days.

540 Visitors. As above stated, a party of Utah legislators entered the park on February 9th. They were brought out from Cedar City by the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce, and after inspection of the Zion-Mt. Carmel highway, including the tunnel, a lunch was served in the park warehouse by representatives of the Branch Agriculture College in Cedar City. Myself and other park employees cooperated very closely with the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce and officials of the Branch Agriculture College in trying to make the visit of this party a pleasant one. However, the weather was very disagreeable as it was 6 degrees below zero when the legislators left for the park, and although much warmer in Zion it was still cold enough to be uncomfortable. Heavy rains and snows for the two weeks preceding the visit had resulted in all our roads being badly cut up and rutted and the cold weather had frozen these ruts, especially in some parts of Zion Canyon and on the Zion-Mt. Carmel highway, and the law-makers were treated to some rather rough riding. However, they all seemed very enthusiastic about the new highway and other developments in the park and thought these would be of very great benefit to the State in the future. They were especially impressed by the fact that the State of Utah was getting a two million dollar highway and only spending about two hundred thousand dollars of State money to bring this about. As the State Highway Commission has been subjected to some rather severe criticism for spending too much money for southern Utah developments, it is very probable that we helped our friends the Highway Commission to a very great extent while the legislators were in the park.

I do not know the exact number of members of the legislature in the park but the entire party consisted of 79 persons, who were headed by Mr. H. D. Stine, speaker of the house.

The park is in receipt of a very fine letter from Director Laughlin of the Branch Agriculture College in Cedar City thanking all the park employees for their cooperation in handling this party.

This concludes my report.

Sincerely yours,

E. T. Scoyen,
Superintendent.

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TRAVEL REPORT

ZION NATIONAL PARK

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FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

	This Month	:This Year :To Date:	:This month :Last Year	:Last travel :year :To Date:	: : : :	Increase for Travel Year Number	: : : :	Percent
<u>PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION:</u>								
Cars first entry.....	28	:	566	:	115	:	825	: -257 : 45%
Cars Reentry.....	35	:	197	:	000	:	000	: 197 : 100%
Motorcycles.....	00	:	2	:	00	:	3	: - 1 : 50%
Total Motor Vehicles.....	61	:	767	:	115	:	828	: - 61 : 8%
Persons entering via. motor vehicles.....	135	:	2198	:	295	:	2388	: - 190 : 8%
Persons entering via. other private transportation (Motorcycles)	00	:	2	:	00	:	3	: - 3 : 150%
Total Persons entering via. Private Transportation	135	:	2200	:	295	:	2393	: - 193 : 9%
<u>OTHER TRANSPORTATION:</u>								
Persons entering via. stages (or rail)	50	:	91	:	00	:	11	: 80 : 727%
Persons entering otherwise	3	:	15	:	00	:	3	: 12 : 400%
Total other transportation	53	:	106	:	00	:	14	: 92 : 628%
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL VISITORS</u>	188	:	2306	:	295	:	2407	: - 101 : 4%

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MONTHLY TRAVEL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1929.
(BY STATES)

State	: Cars	: Passengers	: Misc.	: Stage	: Motorcycle:	Total	
	:	:	:	:	:No. :Pass	:Cars	:Pass
California.....	: 6	: 15	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 15
Idaho.....	: 1	: 3	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 3
Utah.....	: 53	: 114	: 3	: 50	: 0	: 0	: 167
Washington D.C....	: 1	: 3	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 3
TOTAL.....	: 61	: 135	: 3	: 50	: 0	: 0	: 188

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WEATHER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1929.

TEMPERATURE:

Mean maximum..... 48 plus
Mean minimum..... 26 plus
Mean..... 37 plus
Maximum..... 61 on the 20 and 23.
Minimum..... 8 on the 8th

PRECIPITATION:

Total..... 1.64 inches
Greatest in 24 hours..... .75 on the 2nd
Number of days-
with .01 inch or more precipitation 5
Clear 15; Part cloudy 5 ; Cloudy 8.

TEMPERATURE:

AT SPRINGDALE

Mean maximum..... 52 plus
Mean minimum..... 38 plus
Mean..... 45 plus
Maximum..... 63 on the 22
Minimum..... 9 on the 8th

PRECIPITATION:

Total..... 1.30 inches
Greatest in 24 hours..... .64 on the 2nd
Number of days-
with .01 inch or more precipitation 5
Clear 13 ; Part cloudy 2 ; Cloudy 13.

STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS

130 Finance and Accounts - February 1929

48/9435 Zion National Park 1928-29

	Allotment	Expended	Balance
Previous months	39,500 00	27 136 42	12 363 58
Expended in Feb.		<u>1 442 90</u>	Rs <u>1 442 90</u>
Totals	39 500 00	28 579 32	10 920 68

48/36 Roads and Trails National Parks

Totals to date	1 405 746 13	697 316 85	708 429 28
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48/405 Emergency Reconstruction and P P F

Totals to date	1 666 75	1 192 15	474 60 ⁹
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STATUS OF PERSONNEL

..... ZION National Park for the Month of February 1929

	This Month	This Month Last Year
Number of employees beginning of month,	5	5
Number of additions,	7	14
Total,	12	19
Number of separations,	7	14
Number of employees close of month, . .	5	5

Number of promotions during month 1 0

Aggregate amount of annual leave taken, _____

Aggregate amount of sick leave taken, _____

Aggregate amount of leave without pay, _____

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REPORT OF PARK REVENUES

SECTION

National Park for the Month of December - January
February

	This Year	Last Year
Park revenue on hand beginning of month,	49.50	---
Received,	-----	
Total,	49 50	
Remitted,	49 50	
On hand close of month,	00	

Park revenues received this year to date,	2,378.50 2 228 00	
Park revenues received last year to date,		1 924 00
Increase,		294 00
Percent of increase,		15%

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STATUS OF AUTHORIZED PROJECTS

ZION

National Park for the Month of February 1929

Description of Projects	Percent Constructed To Date	Percent Constructed This Month	Percent Constructed Last Month	Probable Date of Completion
Warehouse	99	0	0	Apr. 15
Water System	97	0	0	April 1st
Sewer System	98	0	0	March 15
Chief Clerks Residence	99	0	0	April 1st
Camp Ground Improvements	10	0	0	June 30th
Oiling Rim Trails.(Experimental)	100	0	0	
Hidden Canyon Trail	99	As soon as funds are available		
Office Overhaul	100	0	5	