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MONTHLY REPORT

December, 1930

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STEPHEN T. MATHER,  
*Director.*

January 14, 1931.

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 for the month of December, 1930.

000 - General

The weather throughout the month was ideal with only 11 cloudy and part cloudy days. No rain or snow fell and by the first of the month what snow had fallen in November was practically all gone in Zion, although there was still some in sheltered spots at Bryce Canyon. The mean temperature in Zion was 36.5 as compared with a normal of 49.9. On the 7th a maximum temperature of 62 degrees was reached, while the lowest recorded was 9 on the 22nd.

The outstanding feature of the month was the unusually heavy travel. Compared with the same month last year our travel in Zion showed an increase of 50.2 per cent for December. For the travel season, beginning October 1, our increase is 151.0 per cent over last year. Although no checking is done at Bryce during the winter months, I am informed by the proprietor of Ruby's Inn, three miles outside of the park, that there were very few days in which he did not entertain guests visiting Bryce Canyon Park, and that contrary to his usual practice, he has found it quite profitable to keep his place of business open for tourist travel. The road between Zion and Bryce was open the entire month and was in very good condition generally.

100 - Administration.

110 - Status of work. With the exception of office work all other operations are up to date. This condition will probably continue until the extra permanent clerk authorized in 1932 appropriation enters on duty. During the month most of the permanent employees took their vacations, ranging from two to three weeks in length.

121 - Park inspections by superintendent. On December 5 I attended a meeting of the Forest Protection Board in Salt Lake City, and on December 12 and 13 I attended a meeting of the same board for the Oregon-Washington district at Spokane, Wash. On December 22 I appeared before a meeting of the Lion's Club at Kanab, Utah, and gave a talk on the national Parks and their relation to the livestock industry.

123 Inspections by National Park Service officers. On December 6 Mr. Nickel, from Field Headquarters, visited the park to obtain data on costs of construction.

125 Inspections by other government officers. On December 20 representatives of the Bureau of Roads visited the park to look over the proposed Zion Canyon road project.

150 - Status of alienated lands. During the month the chief ranger visited all the land owners holding property in the proposed extension of Zion Park on the south boundary with a view of obtaining all necessary data relative to titles and deeds, exact descriptions and boundaries of the lands in question and such other information as to valuations, etc., as the property holders were willing to give. At Bryce Canyon Mr. Cope was engaged on similar work in connection with private lands within the area to be added to the park from the Powell National Forest. During the latter part of December the President signed the Executive Order enlarging the area of Bryce Canyon Park. This order practically doubled the area of the park, which now stands at slightly more than 30,000 acres.

#### 200 - Maintenance, improvements and new construction.

210 Maintenance. Most of the month was spent in completely overhauling all equipment and placing it in first class shape for the coming season.

230 New construction. The only new construction under way during the month was the betterment and improvement of the canyon road from the lodge to the Narrows and the continuation of river protection along the same road. At the close of the month the former project was 60 per cent completed.

#### 400 - Flora, fauna and natural phenomena.

410 Ranger service. The regular checking of automobiles through the park was maintained except for the period from December 25 to 31, however the regular entrance fee was not collected.

470 Animals. There is a noticeable increase in the number of deer in both Zion and Bryce Canyon parks, and in Zion, especially, these animals are becoming much tamer. There was no stock of any kind grazing on park lands, either in Zion or Bryce, during the month.

#### 500 Use of park facilities by the public.

510 Increase in travel. During the month a total of 159 cars and 413 people entered Zion Park as compared with 85 cars and 275 people during the same month last year, or an increase of 50 per cent. For the first three months of the present travel year (Oct. 1 to Dec. 31) 4704 persons entered the park as compared with 1974 a year ago, or an increase of 151 per cent. This travel came from 40 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Canada, and three foreign countries. Utah was exceeded by California in the number of visitors to the park.

520 General Weather conditions. The mean temperature of 36.5 was 3.8 degrees below normal. The highest temperature was 62 degrees on the 7th, and the lowest 9 on the 22nd. There was no precipitation during the month. There were 20 clear, 2 partly cloudy, and 9 cloudy days.

600 Protection.

610 Police protection. On December 5 two men, traveling in a Buick sedan stolen at Fort Douglas, Utah, broke into a gas pump at Rockville, five miles below the park, and while engaged in stealing gasoline were apprehended by the proprietor of the station. The one stealing gasoline was caught, but the other in the car drove away in the direction of the park. The proprietor of the station gave chase but the driver of the stolen car upon reaching the junction of the roads in Zion Park eluded him by turning off up the canyon whereas the one chasing continued on in the direction of Mt. Carmel. Finding he was no longer being followed, the driver of the stolen car broke the gasoline connections on the Park Service tractor and air compressor and helped himself to about 50 gallons of gasoline, most of which he must have wasted trying to fill a milk can he was carrying. Returning to the junction he started to proceed in the direction of Mt. Carmel when he again met up with the proprietor of the filling station who gave chase once more and followed him to Panguitch, 85 miles away, where the thief wrecked his stolen car. To elude his captors he jumped from the car and ran through town, finally hiding in a hay stack where he was later captured. The following day the chief ranger went to Panguitch and identified the car by the tires as having been the same one which had left tracks in the vicinity of the Park's tractor and compressor. The driver later admitted having stolen gasoline from the Park Service. He was turned over to the local authorities who returned him to Salt Lake to answer charges of stealing an automobile. The proprietor of the filling station failed to make any charges against either of the two men.

This concludes my report.

Sincerely yours,

E. T. Scoyen,  
Superintendent.

TRAVEL REPORT BY STATES UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1930. HIGH NATIONAL PARK, UTAH.

State	Total				Total		1929	
	Cars	Pass.	Stage	Misc.	Cars	Pass.	Cars	Pass.
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Arizona	120	517	0	0	120	517	19	45
Arkansas	2	4	0	0	2	4	2	8
California	756	1763	0	0	756	1763	104	455
Colorado	48	128	0	1	48	129	12	30
Connecticut	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Dist. Columbia	3	6	0	0	3	6	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Georgia	2	4	0	0	2	4	0	0
Idaho	33	89	0	1	33	90	17	52
Illinois	16	46	2	0	16	46	4	11
Indiana	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	5
Iowa	4	13	0	0	4	13	2	5
Kansas	10	28	1	0	10	29	2	6
Kentucky	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0
Louisiana	1	3	0	0	1	3	0	0
Maine	2	5	0	0	2	5	0	0
Maryland	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	2
Massachusetts	1	2	9	1	1	12	2	6
Michigan	7	20	0	0	7	20	3	6
Minnesota	7	16	0	0	7	16	2	8
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	12	26	0	1	12	27	0	0
Montana	25	59	0	0	25	59	12	36
Nebraska	5	17	1	0	5	18	3	6
Nevada	47	144	0	0	47	144	18	48
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	5	20	1	2	5	23	5	13
New Mexico	6	15	0	0	6	15	0	0
New York	11	25	4	0	11	29	7	22
North Carolina	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0
North Dakota	2	4	0	0	2	4	2	4
Ohio	35	123	0	0	35	123	6	17
Oklahoma	7	15	0	0	7	15	0	0
Oregon	12	23	0	0	12	23	10	27
Pennsylvania	6	22	0	0	6	22	4	6
Rhode Island	1	4	0	0	1	4	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	2	6	0	0	2	6	2	6
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas	19	72	0	0	19	72	3	8
Utah	495	1521	0	2	495	1523	263	973
Vermont	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0
Virginia	2	6	0	0	2	6	0	0
Washington	14	39	0	0	14	39	15	38
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	3	6	0	0	3	6	3	6
Wyoming	23	58	0	0	23	58	9	26

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Alaska	:	1:	2:	0:	0:	1:	2:	0:	0:
Canada	:	7:	12:	0:	0:	7:	12:	5:	8:
Hawaii	:	1:	2:	0:	0:	1:	2:	1:	2:
South America	:	1:	2:	0:	0:	1:	2:	1:	2:
Denmark	:	0:	0:	1:	0:	0:	1:	0:	0:

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TOTAL	:	1759 :	4676 :	20 :	8 :	1759 :	4704 :	628 :	1876 :
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Travel Report

Zion National Park for the month of December 1930.

	1930		1929		1928		
	: This	: This	: This	: This	: This	: This	: Per-
	:Month	:Travel	:Month	:Travel	:Month	:Travel	: cent
	:To Date:	:To Date:	:To Date:	:To Date:	:To Date:	:To Date:	
<u>PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION:</u>							
Cars first entry . . . . .	: 102:	1393:	30:	567:	27:	469:	
Cars reentry . . . . .	: 56:	364:	55:	55:	27:	151:	
Motorcycles . . . . .	: 1:	2:	00:	00:	00:	02:	
Total Motor Vehicles/ . . .	: <u>159:</u>	<u>1759:</u>	<u>85:</u>	<u>622:</u>	<u>54:</u>	<u>622:</u>	<u>182.8 inc</u>
Persons entering via motor vehicles . . . . .	: 411:	4676:	275:	1865:	179:	1859:	
Persons entering via other private transportation . . .	: 0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	2:	
Total persons entering via private transportation . . .	: <u>411:</u>	<u>4676:</u>	<u>275:</u>	<u>1865:</u>	<u>179:</u>	<u>1861:</u>	<u>180.7 inc</u>
<u>OTHER TRANSPORTATION:</u>							
Persons entering via stages . . . . .	: :	20:	:	7:	:	41:	
Persons entering otherwise . . . . .	: 2:	3:	:	2:	5:	11:	
Total other transportation . . . . .	: <u>43:</u>	<u>4704:</u>	<u>275:1874 :</u>	<u>134:</u>	<u>1913:</u>	<u>139.8 inc</u>	

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Weather report at Springdale Utah, for the month of December 1930.

Mean Maximum ..... 52 plus  
Mean Minimum ..... 21 minus  
Mean ..... 39.5 ( 1929 45.2, Normal Temperature 49.9 )  
Maximum ..... 62 date 7  
Minimum ..... 9 date 22

PRECIPITATION:

Total for month..... None. (1929 none, Normal 1.45 inches.)

Number of days-

Clear 20; Partly cloudy 2; Cloudy 9.

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STATUS OF PERSONNEL

.....ZION-BRYCE CANYON National Park for the Month of ..... DECEMBER, 1930......

	This Month	This Month Last Year
Number of employees beginning of month,	23	8
Number of additions, . . . . .	6	1
Total, . . . . .	29	9
Number of separations, . . . . .	13	1
Number of employees close of month, . . . . .	16	8

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Number of promotions during month ----- None -----

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Aggregate amount of annual leave taken, ----- 49 days -----

Aggregate amount of sick leave taken, ----- None -----

Aggregate amount of leave without pay, ----- None -----

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STATUS OF AUTHORIZED PROJECTS

ZION-BRYCE CANYON ..... National Park for the Month of ..... DECEMBER, 1930 .....

Description of Projects	Percent Constructed To Date	Percent Constructed This Month	Percent Constructed Last Month	Probable Date Completion
Road Betterment Lodge to Narrows	70	10	50	May 1, 1931.

