

## REDUCE RANGERS IN GLACIER PARK

Because of Shortage of Funds,  
Winter Force Will Be Cut  
in Half.

### MONTANA IS ROILED

People Fear Game Will Starve or  
Be Decimated by Illfitted  
Hunters.

TROY, Mont., Jan. 4.—Owing to shortage of funds, it has been found necessary to place on furlough several Glacier park rangers for five months, beginning January 16. This means that the present inadequate force of rangers will be reduced a half, or approximately five men.

Glacier park embodies 981,581 acres of 1534 square miles of the finest mountain country in America. The park was established May 11, 1910.

Its name is derived from its glaciers. There are more than 90, if one classes as glaciers many interesting snow patches of only a few acres each, which exhibit most of the characteristics of true glaciers.

#### 250 Lakes in Park.

There are 250 known lakes in the park, with many small ones in the wilder parts, which white men have never seen. There are 19 principal valleys, seven on the east side and

12 on the west. There are many smaller valleys tributary to each of the larger valleys. Through these valleys run the rivers from the glaciers, far up the mountains.

For five or six rangers to patrol this big outdoors involves quite a chore, when it is considered that the territory is the abiding place of many beaver, elk, moose, deer and big horn sheep. A great amount of hay has been fed heretofore to the deer, elk and big horn sheep in the park annually. Last winter the park service fed 1400 white tail deer, using six carloads of baled alfalfa, principally along the southern and western borders of the park. One night last winter the park rangers counted 418 deer in one feeding yard at the park headquarters at Belton, and more than 300 in another feed yard on the opposite side of the park highway.

#### Game Will Suffer From Poachers.

With the force of rangers reduced on account of shortage of funds it begins to look like the game will be uncared for during this winter and eventually fall into the hands of poachers and mercenary hunters, who live or camp about the outskirts of the park. The federal government has established a modern fish hatchery at Glacier Park station in the east end to provide restocking streams and lakes of the park.

Hundreds of tourists visit Glacier park to fish exclusively. Others find pleasure in viewing the majestic mountains, while still others feast their eyes on the furred creatures at play or in repose. These tourists, or most of them, frequently then are lured to continue farther west.

Montana people are becoming aroused over the possibility of having the game life of Glacier park exterminated because of shortage of funds in the administration of the park service.

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B. J. McINTIRE  
LAWYER  
TROY, MONTANA

January 8th, 1926.

Louis W. Hill,  
Chairman Board Directors,  
Great Northern Ry.  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir :

I am inclosing a Clipping of the Spokesman-Review of 6th inst. under Troy date line containing an article on Glacier Park, its game life and the reduction of the force of Park Rangers.

People hereabouts are much concerned about the care of game in the Park during the winter season and feel that you should be made acquainted with conditions, in view of your former and present interest in the Park.

Having lived in the State some thirty five years, I feel that the radical reduction of the Ranger force at this time of year will result much to the detriment of the game life in the Park.

I firmly believe that if possible, the already inadequate force should not be reduced, and if you so think, some steps might be taken to retain the present force.

Being pardon for this intrusion,

I am very truly yours,

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B. J. McIntire.

BJM-EM



St. Paul, Minnesota, January 18, 1926.



Mr. C. O. Jenks:

When will you submit the A.F.E's for the work on the buildings at Glacier Park which was gone over with Mr. Hill by Mr. McMahon sometime ago? Mr. Hill asked about these at one of the recent Executive Committee meetings and inquired again about them Saturday night.

Ralph Budd.

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*Mr R Budd  
Mr McMahon returned  
this morning & will get at  
this at once. He is handling  
personally & think ARE's will  
be ready about Jan 28<sup>th</sup>  
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St. Paul, Minnesota, January 19, 1926.

Mr. L. W. Hill:

Attached is the large print prepared by Mr. Nichols, showing proposed plan of beautifying the grounds at Glacier Park station.

You will remember Mr. Budd asked me Saturday afternoon, when you were in the office, to get this from Mr. McMahon and send it to you.

J. A. Lengby.

*Mr Hill*

*Returned by Mr Jenks today,  
on table behind you*

*DLK 1/26/26.*

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St. Paul, Minnesota, January 19, 1926.

Mr. L. W. Hill:

Regarding the A.F.E's for work in Glacier Park:

Mr. McMahon returned yesterday and will start immediately preparing these A.F.E.'s. I am advised that he expects to have them ready about the end of the month, and as soon as they are received, I will send them up to you as Mr. Budd instructed me to do when you were in the office Saturday afternoon.

J. A. Lengby.

FAST MESSAGE



BE BRIEF

(C O P Y)

Seattle, Wn. Jan. 20th, 1926.

*M. Hill*  
Ralph Budd,  
St. Paul.

Re St. Marys Boat. Lee & Britton plan for old boat went forward several days ago. Ballard and I have been discussing subject with Geary who has make sketch of what he thinks will meet our requirements. My suggestion is that this sketch be forwarded so that Mr. Hill can be examining it in connection with plan for old boat. It is estimated will take about four and half months to construct boat so that our time is rather limited if same is

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

# FAST MESSAGE



# BE BRIEF

(C O P Y)

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R. Budd.

Seattle, Wn. 1/20/26.

to be in service by July first. Think will be able to get sketch off today. A-1.

L. C. Gilman

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✓ Copy to: Mr. L. W. Hill } Please note.  
Mr. W. P. Kenney } R.B. 1/20/26.

St. Paul, Minn., January 20, 1926.

Mr. C. O. Jenks:

Please note and return attached papers, regarding operation of launch on St. Marys Lake; particularly note that we handled from 600 to 700 people in a day on the present boat.

I have asked Mr. McMahon to make a rough drawing of a boat about 75' x 13'. Our present boat is about 65' x 12'. I have suggested additional seating capacity by using flush deck, no transoms, center aisle 30" wide, with seats on each side, front facing - three in each seat, seats to be 65" in length.

I will be glad to go over this with you when I get the rough drawing from Mr. McMahon.

Louis W. Hill.

St. Paul, Minn., January 22, 1926

Hon. J. B. Harkin,  
Commissioner, National Parks,  
#178 Queen Street,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of December 23rd last and conference in your office 15th instant:

I enclose two copies of a plan, scale 1" = 100', showing the general layout of buildings proposed for the hotel at Waterton Lakes Park. It should be considered as tentative only, subject to change as the detail plans are developed and the situation on the ground is studied.

I also enclose four copies of blue print taken from your "Plan of Villa Lots", scale 1" = 300', on which there is outlined in red a ten acre tract of land that would be required to carry out the first development.

We understand from our conference that you are willing to have the formal agreement for one year cover such a ten acre tract instead of a five acre tract mentioned in your letter. While most of the buildings proposed for the first development can be located on this ten acre tract, there will be a few structures off of it, requiring special permits later on I presume.

The agreement covering this tract should be made out to Mr. Louis W. Hill. The rental to be paid in advance will be promptly forwarded upon advice as to the amount thereof.

In regard to the excessive prevailing winds at this site. As discussed at our conference, it is considered desirable to get fairly accurate records of wind velocities at this point as compared with one or

two of the most windy hotel sites in Glacier Park.

No doubt we will hear from you soon as to what arrangement you will be able to make with the Canadian Weather Bureau for the loan of the necessary anemometers, setting them up and taking records for the next six months or so.

We are arranging to keep similar wind velocity records at the hotel at Glacier Park Station, and probably a little later will arrange for such records to be kept at Going to the Sun Chalets on upper St. Mary's Lake. This latter point has always been considered the most windy of the present hotel sites in Glacier Park.

If any further information is required to enable you to prepare and forward formal agreement for the ten acre tract desired, kindly advise,

Yours very truly,

A. H. Hogeland  
Consulting Engineer.

St. Paul, Minn., January 26, 1926.

Mr. W. P. Kenney:

Yesterday, upon inquiry, we found you were not in the office, so we proceeded with the Committee on Glacier Park matters as follows:

We went over Glacier Park matters with Mr. Noble and Mr. McMahon and Mr. Jenks, particularly regarding the State highway crossing the hotel grounds; matter of a new boat; and work to be done on buildings principally at the Sun Camp.

Mr. McMahon will get up an estimate shortly covering the work in detail.

He will also make some rough deck drawings and Mr. Jenks will probably ask for bids, although it is considered we probably could not get the boat this year. We also considered having Swanson build a boat for us which would hold about sixty people, similar to what he had at Two Medicine, but larger. This, as an auxiliary, should take care of extra crowds for some time to come.

Louis W. Hill.

Copy to Mr. Ralph Budd,

Mr. Colver

Mr L.D. McMahon

GLACIER PARK HOTEL COMPANY

St. Paul, January 30, 1926

Mr. L. W. Hill:

Referring to your letter of November 21st, 1924 enclosing the attached copies of wild flower books issued by the Field Museum.

I took this matter up with Mr. McBride a year ago when I was in Chicago but the matter was not brought to a conclusion, on account of my absence from the office. Mr. McBride was much interested, but referred me to his immediate superior, Mr. Dahlgren, and Mr. Dahlgren referred me to Mr. D. C. Davis, director of the Museum.

When in Chicago a few days ago I re-opened the subject with Mr. Dahlgren. They are much interested and would like to do something of this kind, but the Museum has no funds for that purpose. We would, therefore, have to pay the expenses of Mr. McBride from Chicago to the Park and return, furnish a photographer who would make photographs under his direction, assume the cost of the plate making and the printing of the booklet. They would compile the data, edit and supervise the printing and would probably be willing to loan Mr. McBride's services for a few weeks as their contribution. Briefly, therefore, we would assume the entire cost of getting the material together and the printing of the booklet.

Their distribution is secured by placing the booklets on sale on the tables in the entrance to the Museum. I do not think their distribution is very large, but could get no exact figure on it. I did not approach Mr. Davis last week on this but Mr. Dahlgren assured me he felt sure that he would approve it if put up to him along these lines.

There is one thing I think I should mention. Last winter Mr. Davis was very anxious to have this proposition come from yourself, or an executive official of the Railway. He mentioned this several times and the impression I received was that he hoped the opening of such correspondence might result in securing a substantial donation to the Museum funds.

Mr. Dahlgren told me they were very anxious to install an exhibit with a mountain background showing animals in native environment. They have been unable to do it, however, on account of lack of funds. My impression was that they thought possibly the Railway Company would assist them in contributing to the cost.

If you wish me to follow the matter of the flower booklet further I will take it up with Mr. Davis on my next trip to Chicago.

H. A. Noble

Enc.

cc - W.R.M.  
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