

# Daily Report - Yosemite National Park

## Friday, January 30, 2009

### Weather

**Yosemite:** TODAY...SUNNY. HIGHS 53 TO 63 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...46 TO 56 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.  
 .TONIGHT...CLEAR. LOWS 23 TO 33 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...16 TO 26 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.  
 .SATURDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS 51 TO 61 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...44 TO 54 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.  
 .SATURDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. BREEZY. LOWS 23 TO 33 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...17 TO 27 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.  
 .SUNDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS 53 TO 63 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...40 TO 50 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.  
 .SUNDAY NIGHT...CLEAR. LOWS 25 TO 35 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...18 TO 28 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.  
 .MONDAY THROUGH TUESDAY...MOSTLY CLEAR. HIGHS 53 TO 63 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...45 TO 55 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY. LOWS 25 TO 35 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...19 TO 29 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

**El Portal: Today:** Sunny, with a high near 63. Light south southeast wind.

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 31. Calm wind becoming east northeast between 6 and 9 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 66. East northeast wind at 7 mph becoming west northwest.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 33. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 64. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 63.

### New Today

**Temporary partial opening of Northside Drive:** The following is to provide visitor access for Horsetail Fall viewing during it's peak season.

Effective Friday, January 30, 2009 (sometime after lunch depending on when the contractors complete work and we inspect the road for safety), Northside Drive will open for vehicles from El Cap Crossover to the El Cap picnic area in a two way configuration between these points.

The road will remain open until February 27th when it will once again close to allow for continuation of construction related activities.

Please use caution, especially at the intersections of El Cap Cross and Northside (westbound) where the former "Stop" signs will again be in place. (D. Henderson - 1/30/09)

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**Road Closure for the Rail Road behind the Motor Inn Cabins: The East end of Rail Road will be closed to through traffic as of Monday February 2, 2009 for high voltage repairs and will be closed until job is completed.** Notification to you will be given when road opens.High voltage Shop asked me to send you a notice of Road closure for the Rail Road behind the Motor Inn Cabins. (T. Brochini/High Voltage Shop - 1/30/09)

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**'llo everybody! We're opening at 2 pm this Sunday for that ol' Superbowl thang what's got some o' you all so worked up.** That's right! 2 pm for Wings, Gutbusters, Nachos, Dogs, Beer and whatnot. Oh yeah, and pizza and calzones and salads too! So come on over and make fun of the folks cheering for the losing team - they're named after some kinda red-feathered parakeet, or tweety bird, or some such thing I'm told. (Granny/P. Hazell - 1/30/09)

**Happening Today/This Weekend** (Check the Community News section for other events)

**Weekly Safety Topic:** Vehicle Inspection is this week's topic of safety. A checklist and diagram were included in your safety book or by visiting our website <http://www.yose.nps.gov/yosenet/safety/training.htm> (C. Ronay - 1/28/09)

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**The conditions up at Badger Pass are still very good.** The sun's angle is low, the grooming is phenomenal, and the snow is great. We have a solid base, very good mountain coverage and plenty of sun in the forecast so come on up and

enjoy!(T. Schelby - 1/30/09)

**Badger Pass - Daily Snow Conditions:**

Date: January 29, 2009

Base Depth: 24" - 36"

New Snow (last 24 hours): 0"

Surface Conditions: Groomed and Ungroomed

Forecast: Sunny

Temps: Low 32, High 53

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**Come Celebrate Bill Delaney's Retirement!**

**Saturday, January 31, 2009**

**Cedar Lodge**

*Featuring the Electric Blue Band*

5:00 Socialize with no host bar by YEA

5:45 Dinner—gourmet, hand-pressed burgers

6:30 Presentations

7:30 Groove to the blues

\$15.00 per person

R.S.V.P. by January 16th to Cheri Murdock at 209-379-1138 or email at [cheri\\_murdock@nps.gov](mailto:cheri_murdock@nps.gov)

If you wish to make a presentation or send an anecdote please let Cheri know.

**Construction News** (Updated 1/23/09)

**Rehabilitate Curry Village Lounge and Registration Buildings**

Registration Building – getting ready to place concrete slab on the 29th.

Lounge Building - forming for porch foundations with concrete placement on the 29th.

Amphitheatre – roof framing.

Site utilities – waiting on materials.

**Improve Signing at Shuttle Bus Stops**

Work delayed by snow conditions and other work.

**Integrated Utilities Phase 2a** (multiple utilities from Ice Rink to Boys Town to North end of Lower Pines CG)

Complete and test MH F-181 at south east corner of Curry Village parking lot.

Remove manhole bypasses once they pass testing.

Complete water lines then flush and test them.

Installation of dry utilities through Boys Town and Curry Parking.

**West Village Utility Corridor** (sewer line from Yosemite School to Oak Lane to Ranger Y)

Continue installing manhole between the school building and Day Care.

Install new service line from Res 9 & 10 to the new main line.

Drill for new 4" lateral at Day Care center.

**Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvements (CIP 2)**

Repair of MH D35 laterals on Indian Canyon Dr causing traffic impacts.

Replace a deteriorated sewer line in Housekeeping Camp.

Slurry seal several abandoned lines.

**Valley Loop Road**

Southside Drive between Pohono Bridge and Sentinel Bridge is now open to traffic with intermittent traffic delays associated with remaining curb and culvert work, as well as revegetation work. Southside Drive Traffic will remain 2-way

between El Capitan Crossover to Sentinel Bridge thru May 2009.

Northside Drive is now closed between the west end of Yosemite Lodge and El Capitan Crossover. Crews are working on drainage repairs this winter and next spring/summer they will be paving this area. This segment Northside Drive will remain closed thru May 2009.

### **Tunnel View**

Remaining punch list items will be complete when weather improves in the spring. (G. Rothell - 1/23/09)

### **Park News**

#### **TUOLUMNE MEADOWS- WINTER CONDITIONS UPDATE**

January 28, 2009

Weather: (January 22 through January 28)

High temp: 48° (Jan 27)

Low temp: -7° (Jan 26, 27)

New Snow: 25" (Jan 22 through Jan 25)

Total settled snow depth: 29" as of January 28

**Ski Conditions and Weather:** We had a little of everything this past week; rain, snow, slush, sunshine. It started out as a rain/snow mix, then turned to all snow once the temperatures dropped. We ended up with 25 inches of new snow with a water equivalent of 2.67 inches. We are now under high pressure again with intense sunshine and east winds. We saw one natural avalanche up near Tioga Pass on an east facing slope and some wet slides on the granite domes. Not sure what the bonding of these two distinct layers are going to be, so caution is advised on the steeper slopes. Above 9500 feet there is more snow since our rain event didn't extend that far up. We are seeing in excess of 60 inches of snow at that elevation compared with just 30 inches 1000 feet lower. Trail breaking is still difficult as the snow just collapses under our weight.

**Avalanche and Snowpack Conditions:** For the latest avalanche advisory for this area go to [www.esavalanche.org](http://www.esavalanche.org) for the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center and click on advisory. The ESAC site is updated several times a week and more often during weather events.

**Wildlife:** Tracks seen recently were Pine Marten, Ermine, White-tailed Jackrabbit, along with the many tiny rodent, Coyote and Chickaree tracks.

Birds seen this week include the Mountain Chickadee, Red Breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Clark's Nutcracker, Red Crossbills and Common Raven.

**Questions:** If you have any ski related or weather questions feel free to call (209) 372-0450 between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. If we are out skiing, leave a message and a phone number so we can return your call. (Jeff and Kathi, the Tuolumne winter rangers - 1/29/09)

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### **Yosemite National Park Announces Public Scoping for the Rehabilitation of the Badger Pass Ski Lodge Environmental Assessment**

Yosemite National Park is announcing the public scoping period for the Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment (EA). Public scoping comments will be used to assist the park in developing a range of reasonable and feasible project alternatives that meet the purpose and need, including a no action alternative, and then analyzing the environmental effects of each alternative. A 30-day public scoping period for this EA will open on January 14, 2009 and will extend through February 13, 2009. Written comments should be postmarked no later than February 13, 2009

The Badger Pass Ski Lodge, constructed in 1935, is historically significant as the first alpine ski resort in California and as

an example of NPS Rustic architecture with Swiss chalet influences. The project area is located at an elevation of 7200 feet at the Badger Pass Ski Area, midway between Wawona and Yosemite Valley in Yosemite National Park. The lodge is situated in Monroe Meadow on the south side of Glacier Point Road, approximately 5.1 miles east of Chinquapin. The lodge is accessible year round via Glacier Point Road and has served as a family ski area and winter recreation center in Yosemite since 1935.

The purpose of the rehabilitation project is to provide a phased program for rehabilitation of the Badger Pass Ski Lodge that will:

- Maintain and protect the integrity of the historic Badger Pass Day Lodge and character-defining features of the Badger Pass cultural landscape;
- Treat critical deck, structural, and drainage deficiencies contributing to past and ongoing water-intrusion damage;
- Replace temporary structures with permanent buildings of compatible construction to maintain continued ski area operations; and
- Maintain ski area service and support functions while protecting the winter recreation visitor experience at Badger Pass Ski Area.

The rehabilitation would protect areas of primary historical significance, while allowing flexibility to accommodate the needs associated with current and future Ski Area use in non-character-defining areas.

Repair and rehabilitation of the ski lodge are necessary to protect its historic integrity, assure visitor safety, and maintain ski-area visitor services while preserving the natural and cultural resources at the ski area. Therefore, an environmental assessment will evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the rehabilitation project.

A public open house will take place on January 28, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm in the Valley Visitor Center Auditorium in Yosemite Valley. Park Admission fees will be waived for those attending the open house.

An additional public scoping meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, February 6, 2009 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Snow Flake Room at Badger Pass Ski Area.

Comments can be submitted at public meetings, by mail, fax, email, and through the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) commenting system. Comments may be submitted by the following means:

Mail: Superintendent  
Attn: *Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation*  
P.O. Box 577  
Yosemite, CA 95389

Phone: 209/379-1365; Fax: 209/379-1294

E-mail: [Yose\\_Planning@nps.gov](mailto:Yose_Planning@nps.gov)

Visit online: [www.nps.gov/yose/planning](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planning)

Web: A new way to submit comments is available online. It's called PEPC (Planning, Environment, and Public Comment). Access the site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yose> (-NPS-)

## **Announcements**

**Gene Smith has been selected as the new El Portal Roads and Solid Waste Supervisor.** Please congratulate him in his new and well-deserved position. (B. Benitag - 1/29/09)

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**READ Training:** Yosemite National Park will be offering a Resource Advisor course May 12th- 14th, 2009, in Yosemite Valley, California. This course is intended to provide employees with the background to serve as a Resource Advisor (READ) during fire management actions. Resource Advisors generally work with fire managers to convey concerns about natural, cultural and wilderness resources. The course will focus on issues and challenges of the Central Sierra region, but will provide participants with strategies and tools that can be applied anywhere. Information will be presented in sufficient detail to serve as a refresher for present resource advisors and general enough to be useful for those who have never served in this capacity.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Employees that frequently serve as resource advisors include fire managers, botanists, ecologists, biologists, hydrologists, geologists, foresters, GIS specialists and cultural resource specialists. The local Fire Management Officer (FMO) will determine qualifications for the resource advisor position. A fireline-qualified Resource Advisor however, will hold a valid Red Card and pass the physical test at the arduous level. The local FMO will authorize the inclusion of "READ" as a qualification on the Red Card. Completion of these tasks is not required prior to participating in this course. The course is also valuable for those managing resources on public lands, but with no interest in serving as resource advisors, to become familiar with fire management organization and the types and formats of resources data that benefit the resource advisor during the course of his or her duties.

While the course has no tuition fee, the participant's home unit(s) must cover travel expenses.

**COURSE DATES AND LOCATION:** The course will be held from May 12th - 14th, 2009, in Yosemite Valley, California, Yosemite National Park. Tuesday and Wednesday will consist of classroom presentation. Thursday the 14th will be an optional field trip to visit several prescribed burns and wildland fires in Yosemite.

**APPLICATION:** All interested persons should contact Jun Kinoshita, (jun\_r\_kinoshita@nps.gov) **Nominations should be submitted no later than Monday, May 4th.** (J. Kinoshita - 1/29/09)

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Memorandum

To: All DOI Employees  
From: Secretary  
**Subject: Ethical Responsibilities**

It is a great honor to be confirmed as the 50th Secretary of the Interior. As I indicated in my address to the employees of the Department of the Interior, I vow to lead with openness in decision making, high ethical standards, and respect for scientific integrity.

On his first full day in office, President Obama issued an Executive Order raising the bar and establishing the highest ethical standards for Executive Branch Personnel. As part of this commitment, all Political Appointees are required to sign and adhere to an ethics pledge: 1) to not accept gifts from a registered lobbyist or lobbying organization; 2) to comply with enhanced revolving door conflict of interest bans, both during and upon leaving government service; and 3) to make hiring or other employment decisions based on the candidate's qualifications, competence, and experience.

While the Executive Order immediately binds only Political Appointees, the President also ordered the Office of Government Ethics to develop rules and regulations consistent with the ethics pledge for all Executive Branch employees, where applicable. I am confident that employees at the Department of the Interior aspire to the same level of personal and professional integrity in the pursuit of our remarkable and special missions. I expect all employees—both career and political—to adhere to all ethics laws, regulations, and guidelines applicable to employees of the Department of the Interior, including the 14 general principles of ethical conduct specifically applicable to Executive Branch employees. I also want each of you to become familiar with the ethics pledge for Political Appointees of the new Administration and to honor its principles as we all strive to achieve the highest level of ethical conduct, consistent with the oath of office each of us takes

to, "well and faithfully discharge the duties" of our positions. The American people whom we all serve have a right to expect that all employees of the Department place loyalty to the Constitution, public laws, and applicable ethical policies and principles above private gain. We fulfill this trust by adhering to our own standards of personal and professional integrity as well as specific ethical regulations, and by being fully accountable for our conduct.

But mere compliance with minimum ethics requirements is not enough to fully meet our obligations to uphold the deep and abiding trust that the public places in all civil servants. It is essential that we fully honor President Obama's commitment to the highest standards of conduct and decision making. To that end, before any changes to Government-wide rules are implemented, I have met with and directed the Designated Agency Ethics Official to review our Departmental specific regulations and recommend areas where we can improve on our own ethical policies and guidance. All of us face ethical choices every day in the conduct of our business. I urge you to seek the assistance of your bureau or office ethics official who, along with the Department Ethics Office, are ready to assist you in providing ethics guidance to help you avoid even the appearance of impropriety in carrying out your work. Only authorized ethics officials may interpret ethics rules and statutes, and only they can provide authoritative and protective advice for your questions.

It is important that you seek ethics advice early, before taking action, and that you provide a complete and honest description of all of the relevant facts.

I appreciate your warm welcome and look forward to meeting more of you and working with such dedicated and highly talented employees. I reaffirm my and my senior leadership team's commitment to the high ethical standards announced by the President. Working together, we will uphold the highest level of integrity for the Department of the Interior and its employees. (T. Hawkins - 1/28/09)

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**Please join us for a fond farewell to Jen and Luis as they head east to "The Town that Lit the World"**

Thursday, February 5, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Bodie Room, Yosemite Bug Hostel, Midpines. The cost is \$10/person for a great spread of heavy appetizers. Cash Bar will be available. Presentations begin at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Chris Edison by Friday, January 30, 2009, either via email: [chris\\_edison@nps.gov](mailto:chris_edison@nps.gov) or by calling at (209) 372-0290. (Checks payable to Elexis Mayer)

Since we couldn't find enough harpoons and whale oil lamps for the event, we're shifting our theme to Baby Shower! If you are so inclined, you may bring a gift for their impending baby girl. (T. Medema - 1/23/09)

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**Training Opportunity!**  
**Supervisors of Volunteer Workshop**

Do you work with volunteers? Are you not an official "supervisor" but find that you need to recruit, hire, train, support, and generally manage volunteers? Or maybe you are and official supervisor...Do you have questions....

Can non-US citizens volunteer? Can I pay my volunteers \$100 a day? Can I hire my employee as a volunteer during her furlough? How do I get housing for my volunteer? Will the volunteer office give me money? What's a 10-67 form? Why are there so many forms? Are SCAs volunteers?

... all this and much more will be covered in the **Supervisors of Volunteers Workshop!** The first part of the class will be the down and dirty basics of the Yosemite volunteer program. The second part is a chance for you to share your questions and concerns about volunteers in Yosemite with the volunteer office staff. How do you attend? There are three options!

1. Attend the workshop on **Thursday, February 5, 10 am to noon in El Portal** in the big conference room. **Please RSVP** to Heather Boothe by COB on Monday, February 2.
2. Send Heather Boothe an email saying you would like to attend, but can't come on February 5. Additional dates will be scheduled if interest merits it.
3. Request a special workshop for your program/branch/division, and Heather will tailor a program just for you! Just call the volunteer office at 379-1850.

Help us help you support your volunteers... (H. Boothe - 1/21/09)

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**Dead birds found in El Portal.** Several dead birds, including 3 hawks, have been found in the Rancheria area of El Portal in the last couple of weeks. The causes of these deaths are unknown but are of great concern. If you have any information pertaining to these bird deaths or find other dead birds, please contact the El Portal Wildlife Management Office at 379-1435. (S. Stock - 1/15/09)

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Reminder: For ***all Maintenance repair*** requests in Yosemite, please contact the **Customer Service Center**. Maintenance repair requests include: Park Housing, Buildings, Grounds, Utilities, Roads, Trails and Forestry issues. It is especially important to remember to contact the Customer Service Center before any requests for Sign Shop fabrications. You may do so by phone, e-mail or fax.

Please note that the Customer Service Center staff phone numbers have changed:

Phone:

Sara Hawksley	379-1058
Jessica Clingenpeel	379-1065
J. Colter Chisum	379-1068

E-Mail:

**YOSE\_FMD\_Customer\_Service\_Center@nps.gov**

Fax:

(209) 379-1066 (J. Clingenpeel - 1/7/09)

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**The following Yosemite National Park employees have been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:**

Shari Baudoux  
Kevin Bowman  
Kimberly Cunningham-Summerfield  
Linda Kelly  
Jerod A. Raines  
Mike Robertson

If you are interested in contributing annual leave to any of the above individuals, please do so by completing a Request to donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Within Agency) Under the Leave Transfer Program, [Optional Form 630-A \(OF 639-A\)](#).

Please forward your OF 630-A to:

Human Resources Office  
Yosemite National Park  
P.O. Box 700  
El Portal, CA 95318  
or fax to (209) 379-1800

Click [HERE](#) for more Information on the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. (T. Hawkins - 11/13/08)

**HR Corner**

**Yosemite National Park -- Current Vacancy Announcements**

**UPDATED: January 28, 2009**

The following is a **summary** of current vacancy announcements at Yosemite National Park. Most vacancy announcements will be posted on <http://www.usajobs.gov>. This website is the Office of Personnel Management's USAJOBS internet site. If you have any questions or cannot find the announcement on USAJOBS, please call the Park's Human Resources Office at (209) 379-1805.

**PERMANENT – GOVERNMENTWIDE ALL CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES**

Administrative Support Assistant GS-05

Vacancy Ann.#: YP 233898 AB09  
Who May Apply: Status Candidates  
Pay Plan: GS-0303-05  
Appointment Term: Permanent  
Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 1/20/2009  
Closing Date: 1/30/2009

**PERMANENT -- STATUS NOT REQUIRED – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Administrative Support Assistant GS-05

Vacancy Ann.#: YP 233848 AB09  
Who May Apply: Status Candidates  
Pay Plan: GS-0303-05  
Appointment Term: Permanent  
Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 1/20/2009  
Closing Date: 1/30/2009

SUPERINTENDENT, YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Vacancy Ann.#: NPS-SES-09-02  
Who May Apply: All qualified individuals  
Pay Plan: ES-0025-00/00  
Appointment Term: Permanent  
Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 1/13/2009  
Closing Date: 2/15/2009

TREE CLIMBER

Vacancy Ann.#: FS-233605-SW09  
Who May Apply: Public  
Pay Plan: WG-5042-07  
Appointment Term: Permanent  
Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 1/27/2009  
Closing Date: 2/9/2009

**TEMPORARY – STATUS NOT REQUIRED – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Cook

Vacancy Ann.#: YP234800-RZ-09  
Who May Apply: Public  
Pay Plan: WG-7404-06  
Appointment Term: Temporary  
Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 1/18/2009  
Closing Date: 2/17/2009

Cook

Vacancy Ann.#: YP234804-RZ-09  
Who May Apply: Public  
Pay Plan: WG-7404-08  
Appointment Term: Temporary  
Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 1/18/2009  
Closing Date: 2/17/2009

LABORER LEADER

Vacancy Ann.#: YP236126-RZ-09  
Who May Apply: Public  
Pay Plan: WL-3502-02  
Appointment Term: Temporary  
Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 1/27/2009  
Closing Date: 2/17/2009

LABORER LEADER

Vacancy Ann.#: YP236125-RZ-09  
Who May Apply: Public  
Pay Plan: WL-3502-03  
Appointment Term: Temporary  
Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 1/27/2009  
Closing Date: 2/17/2009

MAINTENANCE WORKER

Vacancy Ann.#: YP236123-RZ-09  
Who May Apply: Public  
Pay Plan: WG-4749-05  
Appointment Term: Temporary  
Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 1/27/2009  
Closing Date: 2/17/2009

Wildland Firefighter (Range or Forestry Aid/Technician)

Vacancy Ann.#: DOI-FIRE-2009-006  
Who May Apply: Public  
Pay Plan: GS-0455,0462-02/05  
Appointment Term: Temporary  
Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 12/1/2008  
FIRST CUTOFF: 01/20/09\*\*\*\*\*  
Closing: 04/30/09

Forestry Technician

Vacancy Ann.#: NPS-FIRE-2009-022  
Who May Apply: Public  
Pay Plan: GS-0462-06/06  
Appointment Term: Temporary

Job Status: Full-Time  
Opening Date: 12/1/2008  
FIRST CUTOFF: 01/20/09\*\*\*\*\*  
Closing: 04/30/09 (H. Whitman - 1/28/09)

**Community News**

6TH STREET CINEMA is the presentation arm of the Rural Media Arts and Education Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. We are supported by the James Irvine Foundation, SierraTel International, Mariposa County, County Bank, and wonderful members, and are funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a national agency. We are also a recipient of a \$1.3 million grant from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) for the complete restoration of our building, the historic Old Masonic Lodge on 6th Street, in downtown Mariposa. Monthly membership is \$12, allowing film entry for \$3 each; non-members pay \$7 per film, and non-member students pay \$5. Recorded Information: (209) 966-1333. Staff: 209 742-6666. <http://www.sixthstreetcinema.org> E-mail us: [sixthstreetcinema@sti.net](mailto:sixthstreetcinema@sti.net)

This week:

January 30 -31 (Friday-Saturday) VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA. Woody Allen's latest Oscar nominated/Golden Globe winning comedy. Two young American women come to Spain for a summer holiday. Vicky (Rebecca Hall) is sensible and engaged to be married; Cristina (Scarlett Johansson) is emotional and adventurous. In Barcelona, they're drawn into a series of unconventional romantic entanglements with Juan Antonio (Javier Bardem), a charismatic painter, who is still involved with his tempestuous ex-wife Maria Elena (Penelope Cruz). Set against the luscious Mediterranean sensuality of Barcelona, An open-minded celebration of love in all its configurations. (Rated R; in Catalan, Spanish, and English.) (T. Arfsten - 1/27/09)

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**Save the Date!!! Judy and Jerry Ernest's Retirement Party – Feb 27, 2009**

Details to Follow!!!

After more than 30 years (each!) on the job, Judy and Jerry Ernest have announced the date for their Retirement Party - and it is fast approaching.

Be sure to save Friday, February 27, 2009 for a "mahvelous" evening at the Curry Village Pavilion with Judy and Jerry Ernest, family and friends. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate the Ernest Influence and commemorate the end of their respective *tours of duty* in Yosemite. The slate is relatively full, but if you would like to be placed on the speaker's list, please contact Terri Nishimura at 209.372.1016.

The festivities will also include the famous Curry Village Ski Buffet (at a special \$10 per person rate), no host beer and wine bar, any number of embarrassing anecdotes and formal and perhaps not-so-formal presentations. We will also provide a memory book if you would like to share pictures, stories or mementos with Judy, Jerry and the family.

An official e-vite will follow with the details, including information on Curry Village accommodations. The website will allow you to RSVP, see who else will be attending, and forward e-vitations to folks who want to join in the party or send their best wishes.

Mark the Date! This is one retirement party you don't want to miss! (T. Nishimura - 1/28/09)

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**Silver Ski Volunteers Needed**

Join the Yosemite Winter Club, Yosemite Ski Team, and over 100 young ski racers from around the central Sierra as they compete in the historic Silver Ski Race at Badger Pass! The event takes place Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15, 2009. Volunteers are needed in the lodge and on the hill for timing, gate keeping, course maintenance, logistics, etc. Volunteer one day or both, and you need not be a skier to participate! Volunteers get a lift ticket and lunch for each day they work, and a Badger Pass lift ticket voucher good for any day in the 2009 or 2010 ski season. Call or email Tom Medema if you

want to help - yosemiteskiteam@yahoo.com or (209) 379-9252. (T. Medema - 1/13/09)

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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Program Assistant, Yosemite Institute.** This is a part time position (20 hours per week) with Yosemite Institute (YI), a campus of NatureBridge (formerly Yosemite National Institutes). The Program Assistant is responsible for school communication and paperwork processing for YI, an environmental education organization in Yosemite National Park. The ideal candidate is a poised communicator with a strong customer service orientation. He/she should be an extremely detail oriented person. If interested please contact [jhelms@naturebridge.org](mailto:jhelms@naturebridge.org) for more information or to submit a resume and letter of interest. You can also visit [www.yosemiteinstitute.org](http://www.yosemiteinstitute.org) for more information about Yosemite Institute. (J. Helms - 1/21/09)

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**Mariposa Safe Families Seeking Volunteers** - Mariposa Safe Families will soon be offering a program designed to support families that are dealing with chemical dependency, whether it is alcohol or some other type of drug. We are looking for volunteers to help run this program. Mariposa Safe Families will provide training for any interested volunteers. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Alison at 209.966.2211. (A. Tudor - 1/20/09)

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**The El Portal Travel Series - Stories and Slides from local travelers!**

Come on down to El Portal this Tuesday for the next in a wonderful series of presentations! Always the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm at the Clark Community Hall. Here is the lineup:

Feb. 3rd - Josh Helling "Icebergs, Icebergs, Icebergs!" (Greenland's East coast... climbing, icebergs, and mosquitos) (P. & K. Amstutz - 12/01/08)

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**Mountain Crisis Services Annual Fund Raiser** - February 13th and 14th Connie and Lee Stetson will be performing the Broadway play *Love Letters* by A.R. Guerny, a love story in two acts, at the Yosemite Bug Hostel, at 800 P.M. The play will be followed by a chocolate reception in the Lodge. This is a benefit for Mountain Crisis Services, and suitable for all ages. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased with check or cash at the Mountain Crisis Services office at 5079 Highway 140, Suite A ( 209-742-5868), or if you would like to use a credit card, at the Bug (209-966-6666). Ten or more people in a group can receive a discounted ticket price of \$25 each. *Advance purchase is highly recommended as this event will most likely sell out!* For those who would like to come early for dinner, the Bug will start serving in the Lodge at 5.30pm. Please come out and support this great local cause! (L. Rhudy - 1/20/09)

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**The Yosemite Training Center has scheduled 2 classes for February.** The Healthcare Provider Class will take place on Monday, Feb. 2nd at 10 am at the Badger Pass Ski Area (A-frame). The First Aid class which includes CPR is set for Thursday, February 19th at the Yosemite Medical Center and it starts at 9:30 am. To sign up for these classes or to schedule a class contact the Clinic at 372-4637. (B. Shoor - 1/29/09)

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**Rental:** Fish Camp - share cabin located on Big Creek; 1 person; split utilities; fully furnished plus hot tub; very quiet; no smoking/no pets. \$500 a month. Call 209 683-6936. Available March 15. (C. Hauser/Y. Radanovich - 1/29/09)

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**Rental:** Nice Clean Studio Apartment with car port in Mariposa (in town). One Bathroom with Shower. Kitchenette with Stove, Refrigerator and swamp cooler.

Centrally located in nice neighborhood. Call (209)966-5847 (ask for Jerry) (C. Norden - 1/23/09)

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**Rental:** Apartment, Two Bedroom, one Bath in Mariposa (in town). Clean and lots of day-light. Washer, Dryer, Stove and Refrigerator. Nice wood deck on two sides and green back patio. Swamp cooler. Nice location. (209)966-5847 (ask for Jerry) (C. Norden - 1/23/09)

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**Condominium For Rent:** Two bedrooms, 1 bath, master vanity, full kitchen, laundry room, pool privileges, Fireplace, Dish Network, Covered parking, completely refurbished in October 2008. Located in Acuerdo Con Dios, at 5303 Highway 49 North #2 [across from Mariposa Medical Associates]. \$950 per month. Contact: Chris & Al Thorpe at 966-5029 for application. Leave message. (Y. Radanovich - 1/23/09)

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**Rental:** Very private, nicely updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home on acreage with view along Oak Road in Midpines. Propane heat, oven/range and water heater, plus a wood stove. Electric swamp cooler, garden tub, large closets and inside storage. Wired for DSL. Spacious decks west and east. Storage garage plus 3-bay carport. Available on or about March 1. \$925 + utilities. Lease term negotiable. Prefer no pets. Contact Roy Navik 303-988-0391. (C. Baker/R. Navik - 1/21/09)

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**FOR RENT:** Large 24' x 56' 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home on 5 acres near Bootjack. Propane furnace and wood stove. Storage building. \$850. month + \$850. deposit. 209-966-3231 (D. Nassar - 1/21/09)

**Acting Designation**

Randy Fong will be Acting Division Chief for Project Management February 2nd thru February 9th. You may phone Randy at 379-1022 or if unavailable you may leave a message with Tricia Radmacher at 379-1221. (D.Harrison - 1/30/09)

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On Friday, Jan. 30, Jeff Maurer will be acting Branch Chief of Wildlife Management. He can be reached at 379-1436. (S. Thompson - 1/30/09)

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Bill Kuhn will be the Acting Branch Chief for Physical Science and Landscape Ecology on Friday, January 30. Bill can be reached at 379-1157. (J. Meyer - 1/30/09)

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Project Management is proud to announce that Mark Butler will be Acting Division Chief beginning February 2nd, in a 120 day detail. You may phone Mark at 379-1146 or if he is unavailable, you may leave a message with Doyle Harrison at 379-1202. (D. Harrison - 01/27/09)

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Teri Tucker has accepted a 120 day detail as Acting Branch Chief for Environmental Planning and Compliance in the Project Management Division. You may phone Teri at 379-1371 or if she is unavailable, you may leave a message with Sarah Henderson at 379-1002. (D. Harrison - 1/27/09)

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Brian Long will be Acting Valley Utilities Supervisor from Sunday, January 25th to Friday, January 30th. Brian may be gone on Wednesday, January 28th. If so, Tim Messick will be Acting Valley Utilities Supervisor. (D. Jordan - 1/26/09)

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