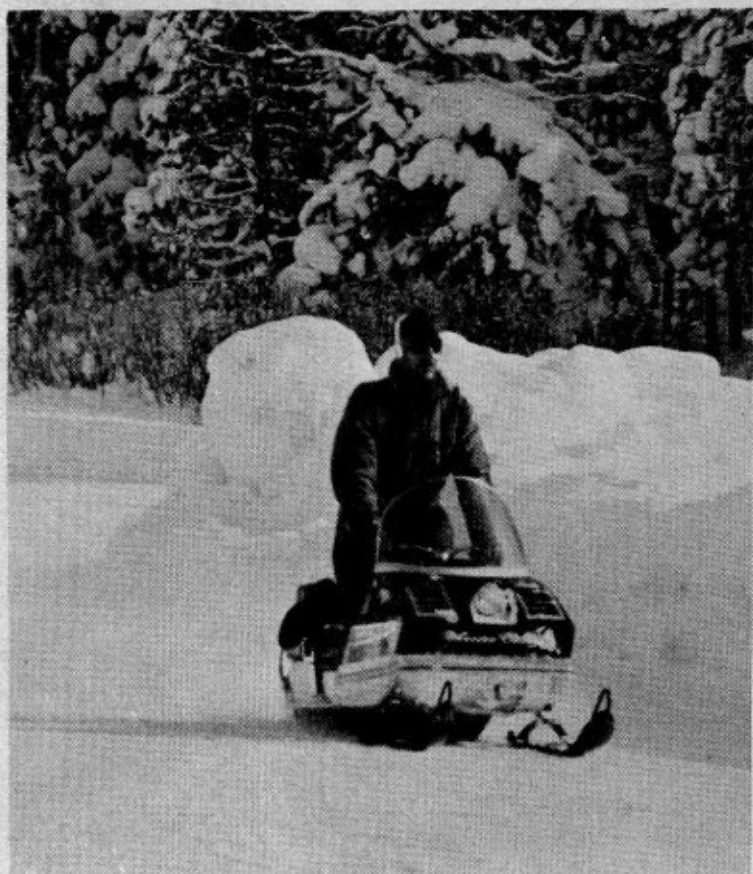




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A snowmobiler returns to the lodge during the race at Togwotee Pass last weekend. Good snow and a sporting nature made for a good day at the races.

New Road To Serve Jackson Ski Area

The groundwork is being laid in Jackson for construction of a new road to connect U. S. 89, the north-south route through the valley with Teton Village, home of the Jackson Hole Ski area.

A recently completed feasibility study said the most practical access to the valley is by air, and winter visitors who come for skiing are forced to take "a circuitous and often dangerously ice route" from the airport to Teton Village, which includes driving south to Jackson, then north to the ski area for a total of 22 miles.

The study by the firm of Sasaki, Dawson, Demay Associates of Watertown, Mass., recommends two possible routes for a new road.

Either of the suggested routes would cut the distance from 22 miles to about four or five miles.

The road is proposed by the board of directors of the

Montana to

Discuss Trail

The Continental Divide Trail through Montana will be discussed at four public meetings in February. The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation said the meetings would be held at four different locations throughout the state.

Fred J. Overly, BOR Regional Director, said the public is invited to the meetings. "The trails program resulted from public interest and we are now soliciting suggestions and ideas at these meetings," he said.

Grand Teton Lodge Co. and has received the endorsement of the Jackson town council and the personal endorsement of members of the Teton County commissioners. The Wyoming Highway Commission has also reported favorable on the road.

The proposed access route would cost an estimated \$1,695,000 without easements for road and bridge work, and would be a state secondary highway with limited access.

Fishing Good

on Reservation

Winter fishing on the Wind River Indian Reservation in central Wyoming has been reported as fair to excellent. The Wind River Fish and Game Department says fishing at Ray Lake alongside Highway 287 has been very good. Rainbow, browns and cutthroat are being caught on a variety of baits and lures. Most fishermen are filling their limits.

Bull Lake is producing 14 to 20 pound ling and mackinaw trout up to 20 pounds. Dinwoody Lake is slow to fair with only a limited number of ling and trout being caught.

Stream fishing is reported fair to good in the Big Wind River below Diversion Dam. The river is producing 4 to 8 pound ling and brown trout up to 3 pounds.

Continental Divide

Trail Meetings Spark Controversy

Paul Petzoldt, whose National Outdoor Leadership School was recently featured on a national television special, declared that the idea of a Continental Divide National Recreation Trail was "silly" and not practical. Petzoldt spoke at a public meeting held in Lander on the feasibility and desirability of establishing such a trail.

The meeting was the second of three meetings held in Wyoming by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation on the Continental Divide Trail. The first meeting was held in Laramie the night before, Jan. 20.

The famed mountain climber also questioned a Continental Divide Trail across Wyoming's Red Desert. He said, "Who wants a trail in the Red Desert? Who would walk it?" Petzoldt said the money expended on such a trail should be used for something more practical.

Frank Mockler, Wyoming's representative on the Public Land Law Review Commission, said that being against the idea of a trail was like being against mo-

therhood. Nevertheless, he joined Petzoldt in condemning the idea as impractical. He also said it appeared to him as though the trail was contradicting the concept of wilderness in that it would attract more people.

Arden Coad, mayor of Dubois, bitterly attacked the proposed plan for the Wyoming section because only four miles of the trail was near Dubois. He thought much more of the trail should run on the east side of the Divide.

Other Wyoming individualism cropped up when several persons absolutely opposed the trail. Their opposition was based on the fact that notoriety of the trail would attract more people and degrade the wilderness areas it runs through. They intimated that wilderness should be for the few who appreciated it.

Tom Bell, executive director of the Wyoming Outdoor Coordinating Council, made a statement in favor of the trail. He said the trail could provide an important adjunct to an already important and growing interest in Wyoming's

wilderness areas and wide-open spaces.

Mary Back of Dubois, artist and wilderness enthusiast, also spoke in favor of the trail. She said her father had been one of the originators of the Long Trail or Vermont Trail which now runs from Maine to Georgia. She also said that trail, in its time, was considered to be silly.

At a similar meeting in Laramie, the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association had opposed the trail. Burton Marston of Laramie, a national director of the Izaak Walton League of America, spoke in favor of the trail. A question of protection of the environment along the trail was raised by Dr. Kenneth L. Diem, a University of Wyoming professor of zoology.

Most of the statements emphasized that the trail should be simple and done with the least possible cost.

Bureau of Outdoor Recreation officials said the two Wyoming meetings had been the best attended meetings yet held. The Lander meeting had to be moved when 57 people showed up

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Camper of the Week...



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Youth has it's ways of enjoying anything. A helping hand supports a sister after getting caught in waist high snow. That's what you get for trying to take a shortcut, kid's.

Campers' Tips

For those campers who also ski, there is plenty of action in the weeks ahead. It isn't too soon to plan for the Wild West Classic featured on Feb. 21-22 at the Jackson Hole ski area; Downhill and slalom races.

Sipapu, New Mexico, will hold a giant slalom on Feb. 21. The following day, Santa Fe will host another giant slalom.

Utah is holding the Lowell Thomas Classic at Park City West on Jan. 26-27, and the Solitude Cup Race at Solitude on March 8.

Colorado has a number of events. Aspen will host

the 1-Vets and C-Downhill Championships on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. The Colorado Cup Slalom will be held at Winter Park on Jan. 31. Loveland Cup will feature a giant slalom on Feb. 1. The Mt. Werner Classic giant slalom, slalom and downhill will be Feb. 5-7 at Steamboat Springs. The Nordic Combined Championships will be at Aspen Feb. 7. Vail and Steamboat Springs will both host meets on Feb. 13-15. The 57th Annual Winter Carnival will be at Steamboat Springs and the Vail Trophy Downhill and Slalom will be at Vail.

ENVIRONMENTAL EAVESDROPPER

Montana Governor Forrest Anderson is considering the pros and cons of a separate agency for environmental quality. A spokesman for the governor said he was definitely thinking of "beefing up" control over pollution and environmental quality.

The Florida jetport is out. President Nixon called an agreement banning construction of the huge international jetport a victory for conservation. A training field which still threatens Everglades National Park will be moved as soon as a new site can be located.

The Consumer Federation of America, meeting in Washington last week, heard a number of speakers call for actions to better the environment. Ralph Nader urged the creation of public service law firms to counteract Washington lobbyists. Rod Cameron, executive director of the Environmental Defense Fund, said, "I believe the answers to conservation problems lie in opening the courthouse door to litigation and the doors to the streets to demonstrate."

A recent editorial in the Salt Lake Tribune said, "A basic threat to the multiple use concept has been raised by bills in the Senate and the House which, while professing to honor the intent of the Multiple Use-Sustained Yield Act of 1960, actually would seriously compromise that principle." The editorial was in response to the timber industry sponsored Timber Management Act.

Three specialists from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare's air pollution office began a three-day study of Utah's smog control program last week.

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Ahhhhh! Those lucky Floridians. 'Tis times like these that makes the normal male wish he had chosen a different place for a vacation.

Wyoming Receives Recreation Grant

A federal grant of \$612,348 will be available to the State of Wyoming to match state expenditures for public outdoor recreational developments and land acquisition, according to Wyoming Recreation Commission Director Paul H. Westedt. The money will be

available for fiscal year 1970.

Westedt said that the money represents Wyoming's share of the federal Land and Water Conservation Act fund which is administered in the state by his agency. He said that the funds would be used both for the development of state-owned parks and recreation areas and for county, city and school district projects.

Westedt said that the Land and Water Conservation Fund appropriation for 1970 has been set at \$62 - million. Forty percent of this total is divided equally among the states and five percent is retained by the federal government to meet unforeseen needs, he said. "The remaining 55 percent is granted to the states on the basis of population (40 percent) the number of federal resources and programs affecting the state (10 percent) and the amount of out-of-state visitor use each state experiences (five percent)," Westedt said.

According to Westedt, the Land and Water Conservation Program has been operating in Wyoming since

1965 and has already contributed toward several million dollars in state outdoor recreational development.

"This program has now assisted in the development of recreational facilities in every county in Wyoming, and in nearly every community," Westedt said. He listed county and municipal parks, swimming pools and golf courses as the chief beneficiaries of the program.

"Any legal entity in Wyoming wishing to take advantage of federal matching funds for a recreational acquisition of development should first contact the Wyoming Recreation Commission," Westedt said. "There is very little 'red tape' involved in the Land and Water Conservation Act program, but all projects must first be reviewed and approved by the Recreation Commission before they are sent to the federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for funding," he said.

Westedt said that monies for the fund are raised through the sale of the \$7 Golden Eagle Permit and

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MRS. NIM ROD'S COOK BOOK

by Jessie French

ELK SWISS STEAK

(Use less tender cuts.)

1 1/2 lbs. -- about 1 1/2 inches thick
3 tblsp. fat
2 large onions
1 can cream of celery soup
salt and pepper

Carefully remove fat and fell from the meat.

Dredge the meat with flour and season with salt and pepper. Brown well both sides of the meat in the fat.

Add the onions and celery soup; cover the pan tightly and cook in medium over (350 degrees F.) or over low flame on top of the stove until tender (about 1 1/2 hours).

Remove meat to platter and make gravy from the drippings in the pan. Serves 6.

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Governor
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...Trail Meetings

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and overcrowded the original meeting place. About 100 persons attended the Laramie meeting.

Bob Schueneman of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Denver regional office was chairman of the meeting. He was introduced by Ned Frost of the Wyoming Recreation Commission.

In introductory remarks, Schueneman said the National Scenic Trail Act was passed by Congress in 1968. The act established two trails and called for studies on 14 others. The Continental Divide Trail is the first to be proposed for study and possible establishment. He said it would be up to Congress to establish the trail after studies had been completed.

Schueneman said the trail as proposed would run from Glacier National Park in Montana to the vicinity of the Mexican border. It also passes through Wyoming and Colorado. It would have a total length of about 3,100 miles.

He said much of the trail was now in existence in the form of trails through national parks and national forests. That was borne out by statements from Park Service and Forest Service representatives who presented the various proposed segments through Wyoming. Bill Deshler, Supervisor of the Bridger National Forest in which the Bridger Wilderness Area is located and through which the trail would run, said the aim was to provide no more than a well-engineered game trail.

It was brought out that approximately 216 miles of the trail would run through the Teton and Bridger National Forests. Of this amount, 34 miles were existing and suitable, 130 miles are existing but in need of some repair or rebuilding, and 52 miles were non-existent.

States Discuss Public Lands

Montana State Land Commissioner Ted Schwinden currently is drafting the Montana portion of a Public Lands Position White Paper with which the governors of the seven Rocky Mountain states hope to concur.

Representatives of the states in the Federation of Rocky Mountain States are to meet Jan. 29 at Cheyenne, Wyo., to work out an agreement acceptable to the governors of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

Representing Gov. Forrest H. Anderson at the Cheyenne meeting called by Wyoming Gov. Stanley K. Hathaway will be Schwinden.

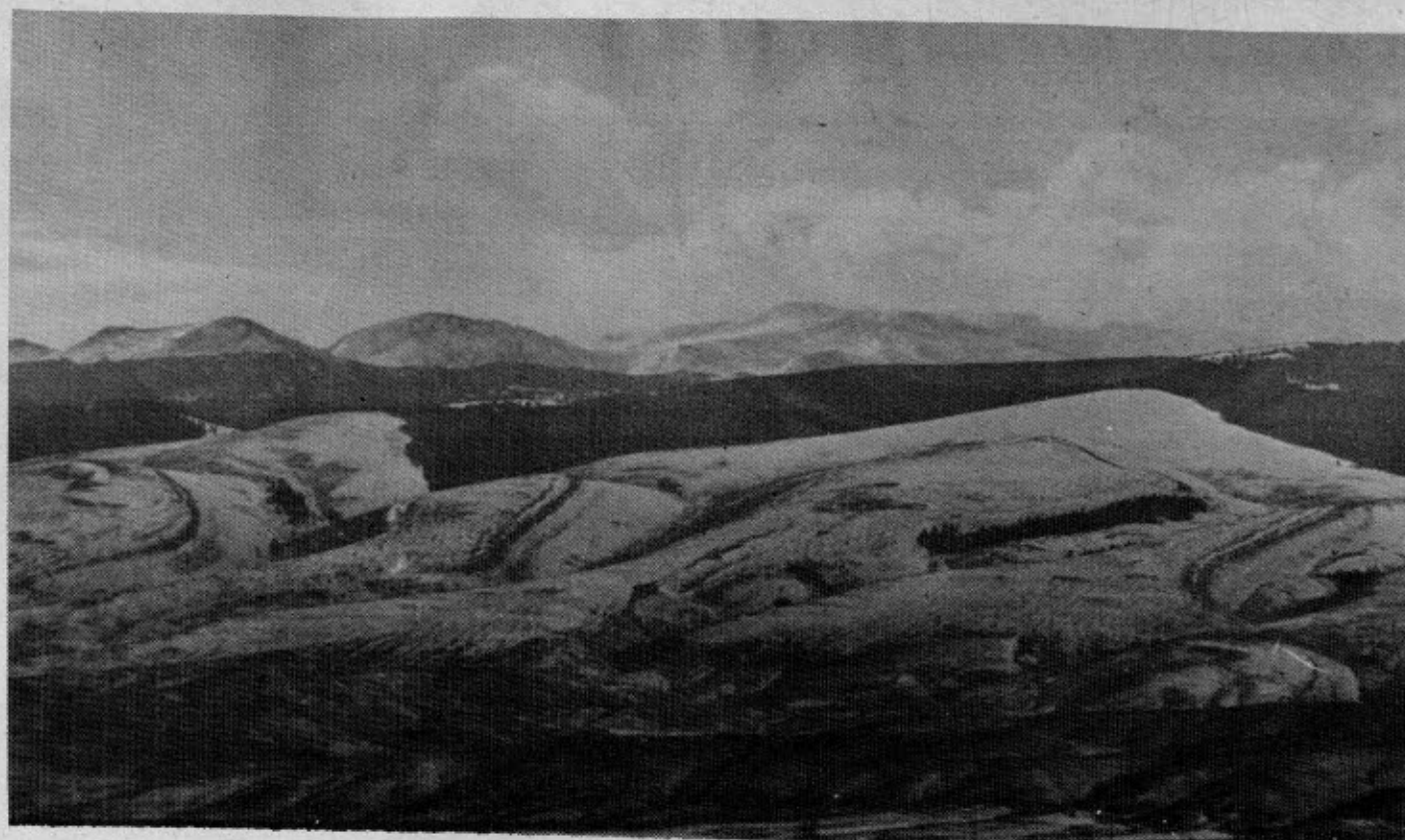
He said that at the federation's meeting in Casper, Wyo., last September, the governors there went on record as favoring a coordinated effort of the states to

present a united front to the Public Land Law Review Commission.

Six years and about \$6 million ago the federal commission was directed by Congress to review the thousands of laws and regulations dealing with about 500 million public acres.

Schwinden said the position paper he is preparing will deal with such basic questions as whether to dispose of or retain public lands and how to balance national demands on public lands against needs of the western states in which it is located.

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The High Country prepares for more snow. With temperatures in the upper 40's during the past week, snow will be a welcome change.

Fishermen Warned of Ice Conditions

Ice fishermen at Ocean Lake in Fremont County were warned today that the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission will be conducting an under-ice seining operation at the lake and that several large holes will be cut in the ice during the last two weeks in January.

Every precaution will be taken to minimize the hazard presented by the openings. The areas will be marked with signs warning fishermen and actual work on the projects will cease on Thursday of each week to allow a day for the openings to freeze before heavy weekend fishing use.

During the initial portion of the study, rough fish from the under-ice seine hauls will be tagged. Tag return data from future trapping

operations will be used to determine rough fish populations. All game fish will be returned unharmed to the lake.

The project is a part of a cooperative study with the University of Wyoming to determine the economic feasibility of commercial seining on several lakes and reservoirs in Wyoming. If a commercial operation can be proved feasible, Wyoming fishermen would benefit by the removal, at no cost to the sportsman, of large numbers of undesirable fish species.

... Recreation Funds

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other federal outdoor recreation entrance and user fees, the sale of federal surplus real property, and federal motorboat fuels tax. Added to this income for the five year period from July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1973 will be some monies from outer continental shelf mineral receipts.

The Land and Water Conservation Act is administered by the nine members of the Wyoming Recreation Commission who are also able to assist communities in their districts in initiating recreational development programs under the act.

Camp 'n Comments

By Ron Johnston



Contrary to popular belief one can camp during any season of the year. Where to go? What to do? It's too cold! There's far too much snow! Good excuses for a clear weather outdoor type. But for a staunch camper, anytime or anywhere is the byword! There is only one clearcut justification for not going anywhere. That is, there are more people where you are going, than where you are now. Each year brings more outdoor people to the high country. It is beginning to become a grave problem. What shall we do with all the people?

Several suggestions concerning overpopulation of travel areas used during summer months have been aired. Ideas like limiting everyone to short vacations, longer work weeks or just plain, staying home, obviously wouldn't set too well with the general public.

However, one brilliant idea that came up deserves merit. Would it not be a boom for nation-wide travel centers if the schools across the country started a quarter system. In other words your child could start school at the beginning of the closest quarter to his birthdate. For example, a child born on March 20, 1970 would start bugging the educators on April 1, 1976. Would he be required to trek off to those great halls of learning each and every morning for twelve years? Of course not! Your child would end his first year on December 31st. The family would then be free to travel during the first three months of the following year.

The secret to the whole story is: If you have more than one child, make sure it is born during the same month as the first. I'll put myself on record as a confirmed bachelor. But it does provide food for thought.



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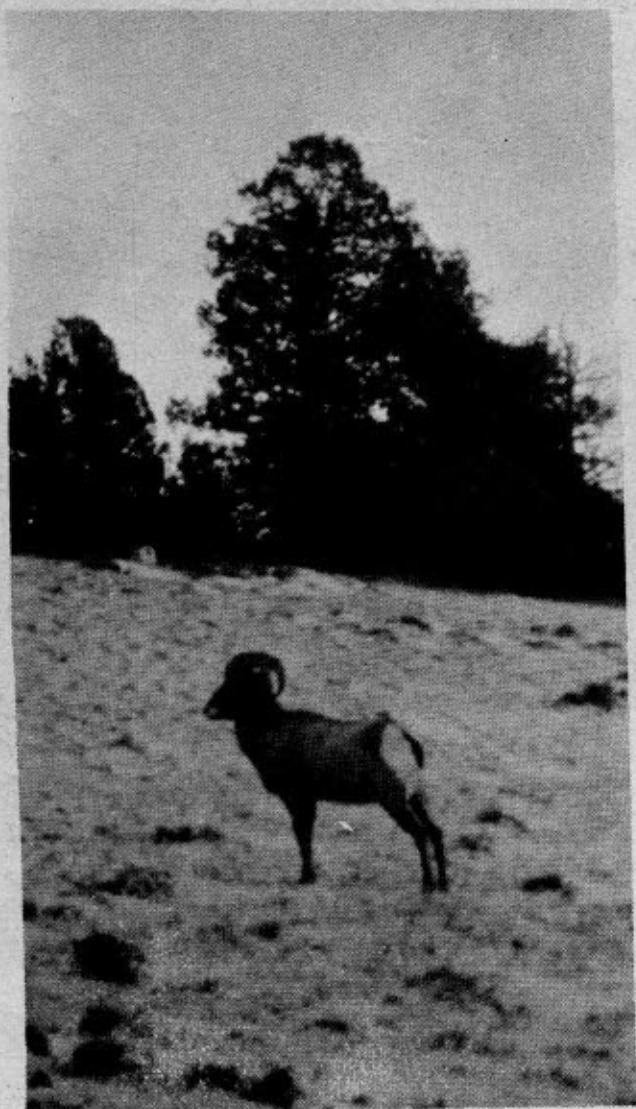
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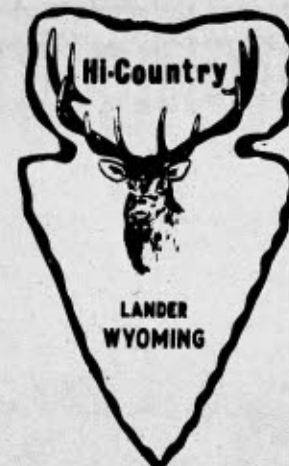
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New Snowmobile Trails Outlined

A snowmobile trail extending from the Tincup Highway near Freedom, Wyoming to Diamond Flat on the Caribou National Forest in Idaho is now signed and open for public use. The trail follows eight miles of the old Lander Cutoff of the Oregon Trail and passes near historic remnants of the once famous wagon road.

The trail is accessible from the Melvin Robinson Ranch in Tincup Creek and from the Wayan store at Wayan, Idaho. Round trip mileage from the ranch is estimated to be 45 miles. Round trip mileage from Wayan is estimated to be 35 miles.

Information and a trail map may be obtained from Soda Springs District Ranger Roy Daniels and from Freedom District Ranger Mike Hanson. Information is also available at each parking area.

Parking space is available in Tincup Creek and at Wayan. Space is limited. Snowmobilers are asked to follow instructions in unloading snowmobiles and

parking cars.

Trail routes from Diamond Flat to Stump Creek and from Diamond Flat to Diamond Creek are being explored. At present there are no safe, approved routes to these locations, according to Rangers Daniels and Hanson.

Elk Licenses Are All Sold

The last of the only licenses allowing nonresidents to hunt elk in Wyoming was issued January 14 by the Game and Fish Commission.

Applications for the 5,500 hunting and fishing licenses -- and a fee of \$125 for each -- were accepted beginning January 1, 1970. Last year the quota for nonresident licenses was not filled until January 31.

Resident hunters are reminded that an unlimited number of deer and elk licenses will go on sale throughout Wyoming about mid-March.

Two State Commissions Working in Agreement

The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and the Wyoming Recreation Commission recently signed an agreement outlining steps they will follow in order to provide the best possible use of the state's recreational resources and areas.

Known as the Memorandum of Understanding, the agreement was designed to

provide a basis for future contracts between the agencies. These subsequent contracts will be written to further enhance the recreational benefits of public lands and facilities. For example, the Game and Fish Commission agreed to indicate which particular land areas under its administration could be further deve-

loped to involve recreational uses without interfering with the present wildlife and public hunting and fishing functions.

In turn, the Wyoming Recreation Commission will determine areas under its administration which could be enriched to include wildlife and public hunting and fishing activities and still not hinder present recreational services.

Under the memorandum, future agreements and joint projects undertaken by the commissions will spell out specific obligations -- such as which agency will be responsible for construction and maintenance of facilities.

The memorandum further affords that other area agreements between the Game and Fish and the Recreation Commissions will be prepared within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Road Affects Game

The Montana Fish and Game Department has accepted as an accomplished fact that State Highway 37 will be constructed along the east shore of Libby Reservoir through the last remaining winter game range in the Kootenai Valley.

It conceded in a report to the Interagency Council on Natural Resources that road building progress on both sides of the reservoir is too far advanced to block.

BUT IT ASKED the council to request Gov. Forrest H. Anderson to ask the Corps of Engineers to assist in a study of the effects that Highway 37 will have on the winter game range. There is no winter range on the west shore where Fish and Game wanted the road built.

The report, requested by the governor, was adopted

by the council. The subcommittee chairman was Frank Dunkle, director of Fish and Game. The State Highway Commission also was represented.

Fish and Game had asked that a forest development road on the west shore be improved as the main travel route from Libby to Rexford and the junction with U.S. 93 at Libby.

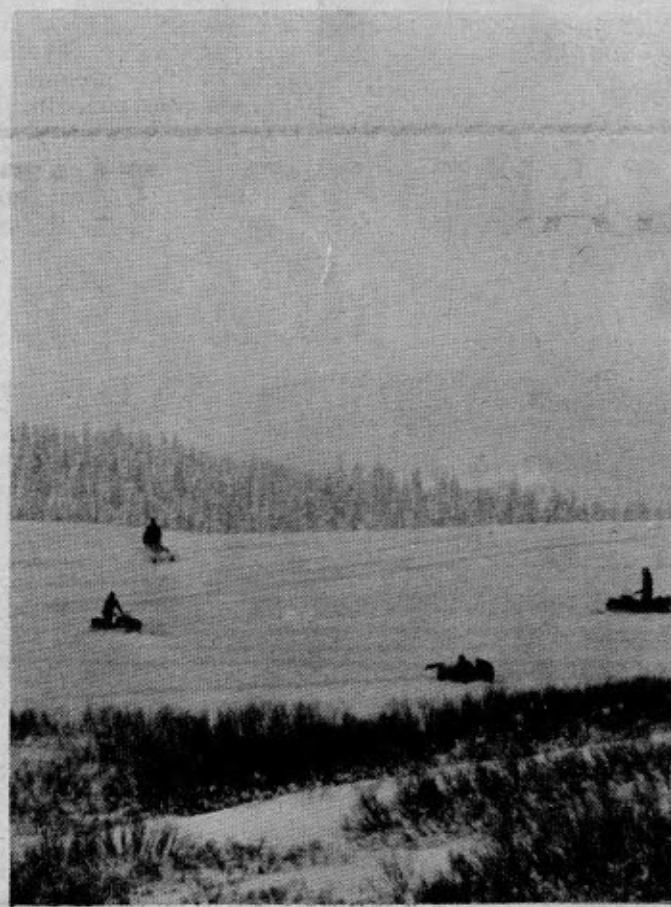
Firearms and Liquor Don't Mix in Idaho

A bill making it unlawful for anyone to hunt or be in possession of any type of firearm while intoxicated was introduced in the Idaho Senate.

The measure defined as intoxicated anyone with a blood alcohol content of 0.10

per cent. The measure also would make it unlawful for an "habitual user" of narcotics to use or possess a firearm.

A person's right to hunt would be suspended for three years upon conviction under the bill.



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Fellow snowmobiles rush to the aid of an over zealous driver, while preparing for the race at Towgotee, Wyoming last week-end.

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HIGH COUNTRY

By Tom Bell

Reactions to new ideas are sometimes rather surprising. The idea of a Continental Divide Trail is a case in point.

There is really nothing new in trails. They have been in existence since the first animals on earth left the water to make their way on land. Indians generally followed game trails and so did the early mountain men and trappers. Pioneers blazed new trails and thereby left a legacy to history.

A Continental Divide Trail is rather new and novel. There really is no trail along the Divide for obvious reasons. Nor could there be. But the idea of a trail system more or less following the thread of a defined geographic boundary is somehow alluring. And the fact that the trail runs through so many ecologic provinces, from mountain to forest to desert and back again, from northern

latitudes to southern, from high elevations to low, could make it an education in North American natural history. Few will walk it all the way or even attempt to do so. But many will touch upon it at many different points to walk it for short stretches.

The men who conceived the idea had a different thought. They saw in it a means for getting more people interested in a healthful, low-cost, outdoor recreation amongst many inspiring settings.

I can see still another positive side. It was brought out at the Lander meeting that there is much trail work to be done all through our mountains. It was also brought out that there were some 10,000 visitors to the Bridger Wilderness alone in 1968. These numbers are already causing problems of congestion, sanitation, environmental impact, and other side effects. What do you do with those people? Do you ignore them and their problems?

The human population pressures on earth are already straining many resources. But until and unless we get human populations under control, we cannot deny any living human the right to the use of earth's natural resources. We may limit the use of some resources in some way but we cannot deny them.

Wilderness is a resource, and now a vital one. For suddenly we have learned we are not so far removed from our primitive ancestors. Solitude, quiet, beauty, the soft odor of pines or wildflowers, all the pleasant experiences enjoyed by man are somehow necessary. Somehow or by some means, for health, for peace of mind and freedom of soul, for test of courage or for unknown inner stirrings, for sanity itself, we need them.

Some people need the qualities of wilderness more than others. Some will work much harder or go to greater lengths to acquire them or experience them. Some will not be denied the mountain top — nor the desert clime.

But we need to plan for these people. If a Continental Divide Trail will draw attention to the problem and the need for planning, so much the better. The people are already there in spite of forebodings of practicalities or impracticalities.

I suppose I am as selfish as the next guy. I would certainly like to have a private piece of wilderness all staked out. I am sure my sons and my son's sons would be eternally grateful. But it cannot be.

We cannot look upon clean air, clean water, wilderness, or any other natural, earthly resource as our sole and exclusive possession. They belong to us all and whether or not we use them, or to what degree, is immaterial. The right to use them is inherent with our birth. The right to misuse them or abuse them is not.

Wilderness was once said to be impractical; the silly idea of impractical dreamers. It was said that only the rich would use them; that common man would be denied. It isn't true as growing numbers of people that threaten to overwhelm the wilderness areas attest.



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Even the once almost extinct buffalo must eat at times. These hungry monsters were seen at the feeding grounds in Hot Springs State Park, Wyoming.

Grand Teton Has Record Breaking Travel

Grand Teton National Park — Acting Superintendent of Foy Young announced record breaking travel in 1969 with a visitation of 3,134,354 people to the park. This is an increase of 5.5 percent above 1968.

The Park is known for its mountaineering activities, scenic Snake River floats, sparkling mountain lakes and, in winter, for vast snowfields ripe for oversnow exploring. Substantial increases were noted in the above activities with oversnow use leading with an increase of 96.7 percent over 1968. Commercial float trips were up 33.2 percent, backcountry use up 88.8 percent and mountain climbing registration rose 14.9 percent. Boating use on Jackson Lake also increased in 1969 by 41.4 percent and, with the opening of Signal Mountain

campground, camping increased 11.4 percent.

Most visitors flood the park in summer though the beauty of Jackson Hole prevails in other season. The increase in winter activities is looked on by the Park staff as a favorable trend. It may be a sign that the steadily increasing visitation will be spread out over a greater part of the year.

If more Americans discover the fall, winter and spring seasons as great times to visit, it is but one way to ease the summer wear and tear on the Park resources. In the 1970's, other solutions will have to be found to meet the growing use of the Park.

A new use of the alluring Park environment was initiated in the autumn of 1969. To enable neighboring school children to better understand their cultural

and natural heritage, an environmental study area was established at Oxbow Bend near Moran. Eleven school classes and their teachers used the area. The teachers were provided essential information on the natural and human history of the area by Department of the Interior's National Park Service Rangers and biologists.

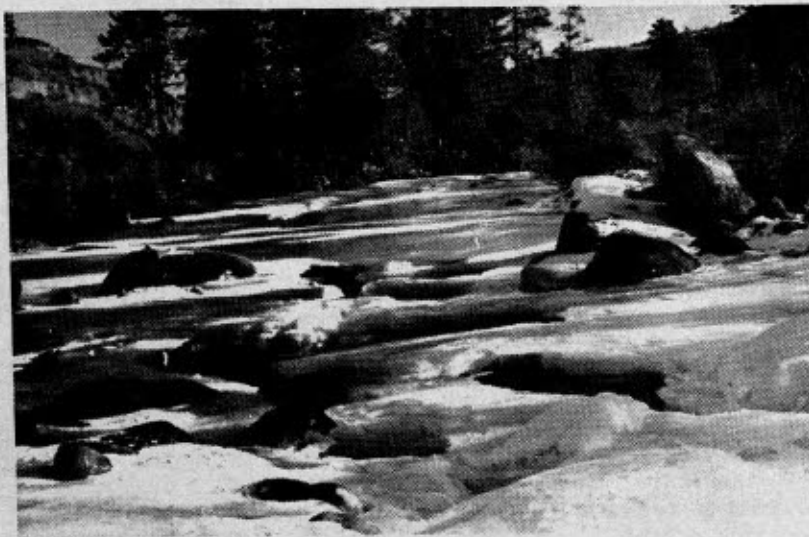
Open Hunting

Big Horn sheep areas 301 and 501 in southwestern and southcentral Montana will be open to hunting of 3/4 curl rams on an unlimited basis again in 1970.

Wynn Freeman, chief of game management for the Montana Fish and Game Department, said the decision came after the December meeting of the Fish and Game Commission.

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