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Denizen of plain and prairie, mountains and foothills, the coyote is a wily predator. Cursed by some and championed by others, the animal holds his own in spite of the odds.

Wyoming Sharpshooter Kills Two Coyotes With One Shot

Leo Buckley of Lander, Wyoming, is a good shot but even he outdid himself on a recent hunting trip. He got two coyotes with one shot at a hundred yards.

Buckley and his hunting partner, Dan Sheehan, who is also a crack shot, are avid varmint hunters. They often team up to take coyotes and bobcats.

While hunting recently, they spotted four coyotes together. Their hunting strategy was to have Buckley trail the quartet while Shee-

han went ahead in the vehicle to head them off. Buckley was following a dry stream bed with little cover except some brush.

Sheehan was successful in getting ahead of the bunch. He got one shot and dropped a coyote. The other three immediately turned and ran back down the stream. Buckley was ready.

The coyotes were running in trail. As they drew even with Buckley, he whistled. He had a bead on the lead coyote. The coyote stopped

and as he did the second coyote drew alongside. Buckley shot and the bullet from his Winchester .243 dropped both coyotes. He said he would never expect it to happen again.

More Money For Yellowstone Park

President Nixon has recommended to Congress that it appropriate more than \$8.4 million for construction in Yellowstone National Park during the next fiscal year. The president's budget also recommended an appropriation of almost \$2 million for construction in Grand Teton National Park.

The expenditure was the largest recommendation by the president for construction in the national parks.

Yellowstone Park officials said the big budget was for construction of facilities in anticipation of the Park centennial in 1972. When queried by High Country News, they said the money would be used for improvements to the sewer and water systems to meet new Federal regulations, and also for visitor centers, parking areas, trail improvements, and by-pass roads.

None of the money has been earmarked for specific construction except for the highway by-pass around Old Faithful.

Other budget recommendations by the president in-

cluded \$364,000 for Glacier National Park in Montana, \$295,000 for Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area in Montana and Wyoming, and \$386,000 for building in Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado.

Travel Is Up For December

Yellowstone National Park officials have announced that 32.7 per cent more persons visited Yellowstone National Park last December than did during the corresponding month of 1968.

There were 4,621 visitors who traveled through the winter wonderland in cars or over-the-snow vehicles. This compared to 3,481 in December 1968.

In calendar 1969, 2,193, 894 persons visited the park, officials said. The total was a decrease of 1.6 per cent from the previous year.

Asks Protection For Wild Horses, Burros

Sen. Cliff Hansen, R-Wyo., has introduced a bill to authorize federal protection for wild horses and burros which roam the public lands.

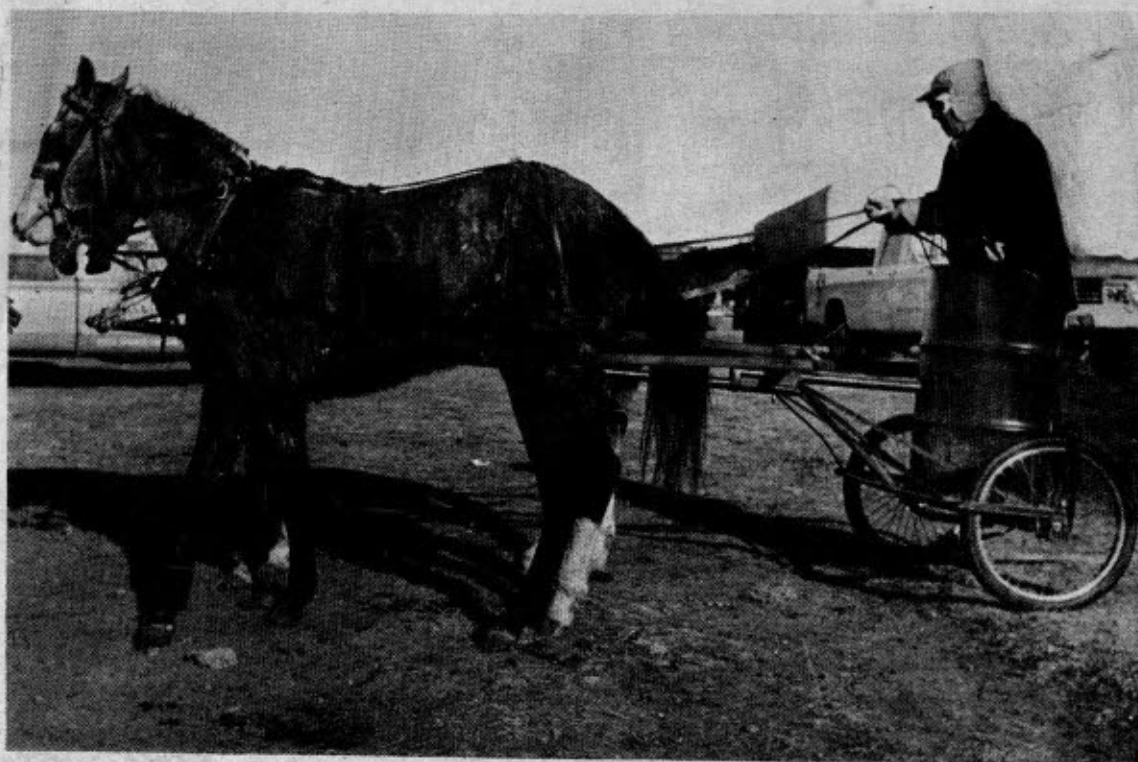
The bill will give the Secretary of the Interior authority to protect, manage and control the animals. It states "that it is the sense of the Congress that free-roaming horses and burros are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West and it is the policy of the Congress that bands of free-roaming horses and burros shall be protected as a national heritage."

Under the bill, "free-roaming horses and burros" refers to all unbranded horses and burros on public lands administered through the Bureau of Land Manage-

ment, except those to which title can be established by private owners."

The Secretary will be authorized to establish and maintain ranges, and is directed to "achieve and maintain a thriving ecological balance among all fauna and flora on the range, and an environment within which such horses and burros may freely roam."

The bill also directs the Secretary to appoint an advisory board of not more than seven members. Members cannot be employees of the federal government and are to have "special knowledge about protection of horses and burros, management of wildlife, animal husbandry, or natural resources management."



OUTDOORSMAN OF THE WEEK — The chariot racer and his victorious team have done their stint for the day. Tomorrow is another day at the races. For more on this winter sport, see pages 4 and 5.

HIGH COUNTRY

By Tom Bell

Wyoming, and the West, has much going for it. Our wide-open spaces, generally uncrowded highways, clean air, recreational opportunities, and overall healthful environment are assets of the first order.

The concern for an unsullied environment has taken on new urgency. We have seen what happened in the more populous states. We don't want it to happen in the Rocky Mountain region. This is not to say that ulcerous conditions do not exist in areas throughout the West. It does mean we have acted in time to stay the inroads of enormously costly pollution and development which degrades the environment.

But we can't rest here. Progress marches on. Progress in the way of more human beings demanding more goods and services, more recreational opportunity, and more chance to enjoy clean, healthful surroundings. Hopefully, we will have stayed the traditional, annual increment of human beings by the end of the 1970's. But until we do arrest population growth, we must plan for increasing pressures.

There are straws in the wind. The Colorado legislature is seriously discussing state-wide land use planning and zoning. Idaho's attorney general recently ruled that water can be appropriated for recreational use even though the present law does not provide for such beneficial use. Montana's lawmakers are saying that mined land reclamation laws are inadequate.

There is still great resistance to the establishment of more wilderness areas. This in spite of evident interest in this type of land use for recreational and spiritual enjoyment. Wyoming's development-minded Governor Stanley K. Hathaway hasn't indicated what he would propose to do with the bare, rocky mountaintops of most Wyoming primitive areas. But he has reiterated an earlier statement that Wyoming has more wilderness areas than any other state and doesn't need anymore.

Idaho's Governor Don Samuelson is of about the same turn of mind. He fought his own state parks chairman, Ernie Day, over mining development in the White Clouds Primitive Area. And he has consistently favored timbering interests over recreation interests on the national forests.

It is going to be increasingly popular, and politically expedient, to talk conservation and the environment. It is going to be another matter to actually see action and results. Laws may be passed - and then conveniently ignored or overlooked. It takes money to implement laws, rules and regulations. And without them, pollution and degradation continue unabated.

The average citizen usually doesn't know or realize what he can do. Most people in the Rocky Mountain states actually know one or all of their congressional delegation. Most also know their state legislators and elective officials. They can let their concerns and desires be known to these public officials.

Short letters or postcards, telegrams, and face-to-face discussions about the issues can put the point across. Your representatives don't know unless you let them know.

This is the decade of more awareness of what does on in the world around us. It should also be a decade of more personal involvement in the events who shape and affect our environment.

Federal Aid To Montana G & F

Montana received \$1,144,477 in Federal aid funds recently from the Department of the Interior for wildlife and sport fishery restoration.

The money was part of \$18 million distributed to the 50 states and U. S. territories by the Interior Department, a department newsletter says.

Montana received \$896,041 for wildlife restoration and \$248,536 for sport fishery restoration.

The wildlife restoration funds come from the 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition established by the Federal aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937.

Distribution of the wildlife funds is made to the states by a formula based on area of the state and the number of paid hunting license holders. More than \$387 million has been collected since 1937 by the Dept. of the Interior.

Under the act, many vital conservation projects are conducted by State fish and game agencies. States are reimbursed with federal funds, up to 75 per cent of total project costs.

Fishery monies come from a 10 per cent manufacturers' excise tax on fishing rods, reels and lures.

The bobcat is so successful at keeping out of sight that few people are ever aware of its presence.

MRS. NIMROD'S COOK BOOK

by Jessie French

MRS. NIMROD'S COOKBOOK

LIVERWURST

4# liver
4# fresh pork (including some fat)
1 gallon water
1/6 oz. sodium nitrate
3/32 oz. sodium nitrite
2 tbsps. salt

4 tbsps. liquid smoke
Salt and pepper to taste
Garlic or onions (optional)

Grind liver and fresh pork together, and mix well.

Mix sodium nitrate, sodium nitrite, and salt in the water. Put all the ground meat into this solution, and mix it very well, breaking it into small bits. Let it sit in the refrigerator for 24 hours.

Drain liquid from the meat. Add salt and pepper to taste, and the liquid smoke. Place it in a baking pan and bake at 325 degrees for 4 hours.

It is now ready to eat. Part of it may be stored away in the deep freezer, by grinding it and mixing in enough rendered lard to hold it together. Shape it into rolls and wrap it in waxed paper or plastic wrap.

This is a good job for a cold winter day. Be sure to save the liver out of every animal or bird and put it into your deep freezer, so you can make liverwurst several times each year.



Howdy, Stranger! Me? Well, I was just headed across town on the elevated.

THE WILD WORLD

by Verne Huser

The Timber Supply Act (S. 1332 and H. R. 12025), recently euphemistically renamed the National Timber Conservation and Management Act, is coming closer and closer to reality, and with it comes the promise of timber cutting such as this country has never seen.

Opposed by every major conservation group in the nation, the Timber Supply Act is intended to accelerate the cutting of timber on the National Forests.

It would, in effect, take the management of the National Forests out of the hands of the Forest Service and put it into the hands of the timber industry. Forests would no longer be managed for multiple-use but for timber production.

At present over 90 per cent of the public forests are open to extractive uses. Senate Bill 1832 and House of Representatives Bill 12025 give lip service to multiple use but actually give priority to timber cutting, forgetting the sustained yield concept. Soils, water, wildlife, wilderness, and recreational use will all suffer.

Residents of Jackson Hole have seen examples of forests managed for timber. A large tract on the Targhee National Forest just west of the Tetons has been terraced to prevent erosion caused by unwise timber cutting. The block cutting in the valley facing Gros Ventre Range has scarred the Jackson Hole scenery. Union Pass at the head of Fish Creek has been clear cut, replanted, and eroded; the replanting didn't take at the high elevation.

Fred Christensen, State Director of the Division of Wildlife Services, writes, in turning down a request for a rodent poisoning campaign on upper Spread Creek in Teton National Forest: "Rodent sign in the proposed reseeded site is nearly non-existent. The transition from climax forest type (through logging operations and the revitalization process of preparing the seed bed) back to primary forest

stage of plant succession has left this habitat barren of any food species capable of supporting even a minimum population of rodents." If it won't support rodents, how is it as elk habitat?

The Forest Service doesn't always do the wise thing in protecting our forests from exploitation but certainly we are better off today for having National Forests and the Forest Service to administer them. By 1900 three-fourths of all the forests in the continental United States had been cut; by 1920 the fraction had risen to four-fifths. Had National Forests not been set aside, it is not unlikely that the contiguous United States would now be devoid of timber.

The National Forests belong to every American. We are currently exporting 4 billion feet of timber a year, then crying "timber shortage -- we must cut more trees in the National Forests." Is the profit of the timber companies worth the loss in wilderness and wildlife, in watershed and range that the Timber Supply Act would bring? If this act becomes law, the multiple use concept will be as outdated as a free-flowing river.

If you are concerned about the Timber Supply Act, write your congressional representative about it. If you want more information about the Act, write me (Box 186, Wilson) or call me (733-3062), and I'll send you a brochure (sponsored jointly by Idaho Environmental Council, Idaho Alpine Club, Colorado Open Space Council, Montana Wilderness Association, The Wilderness Society, the Sierra Club, The Denver Audubon Society, North Idaho Wilderness Committee and distributed through the Jackson Hole Environmental Action Society -- ENACT).

Note: HR12025 was voted on in the House on Wednesday, Feb. 4. High Country News will report on the vote of Rocky Mt. congressman.

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Environmental Eavesdropper

Winnebago Industries, Inc., one of the nation's fastest growing producers of recreational vehicles has urged their dealers not to use outdoor billboard advertising. The company cited billboards as a form of pollution, cluttering the landscape and reducing the quality of outdoor America.

A bill was introduced into the Idaho senate to prohibit dredge mining of rivers included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The bill would apply specifically to the Middle Fork of the Clearwater River from Khoskia upstream to Lowell; the Lochsa River from its junction with the Selway upstream to the Powell Ranger Station; the Selway from Lowell upstream to its origin, and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River from its origin to its confluence with the main Salmon River.

Nine U. S. Congressmen are determined that the 1970's are going to be known as "The Environmental Decade." The nine are John D. Dingell (D-Mich.), Gilbert Gude (R-Md.), Floyd V. Hicks (D-Wash.), Paul N. McCloskey, Jr. (R-Calif.), John E. Moss (D-Calif.), Henry Reuss (D-Wisc.), John P. Saylor (R-Pa.), Guy Vander Jagt (R-Mich.), and Jim Wright (D-Tex.). They have said, "As members of Congress especially concerned with the conservation of our environment, we make a special pledge to work diligently on a broad series of fronts."

Persistent pesticides skim the cream off both the bottom and the top. The chemicals are killing off such top of the food chain as eagles and osprey - and also are disrupting photosynthesis in marine algae at the bottom. Since marine algae produces more than 70 percent of the oxygen we breathe, there would not be enough oxygen for the human race if the algae ceased to exist.

Photo by Wyo. G & F Dept.

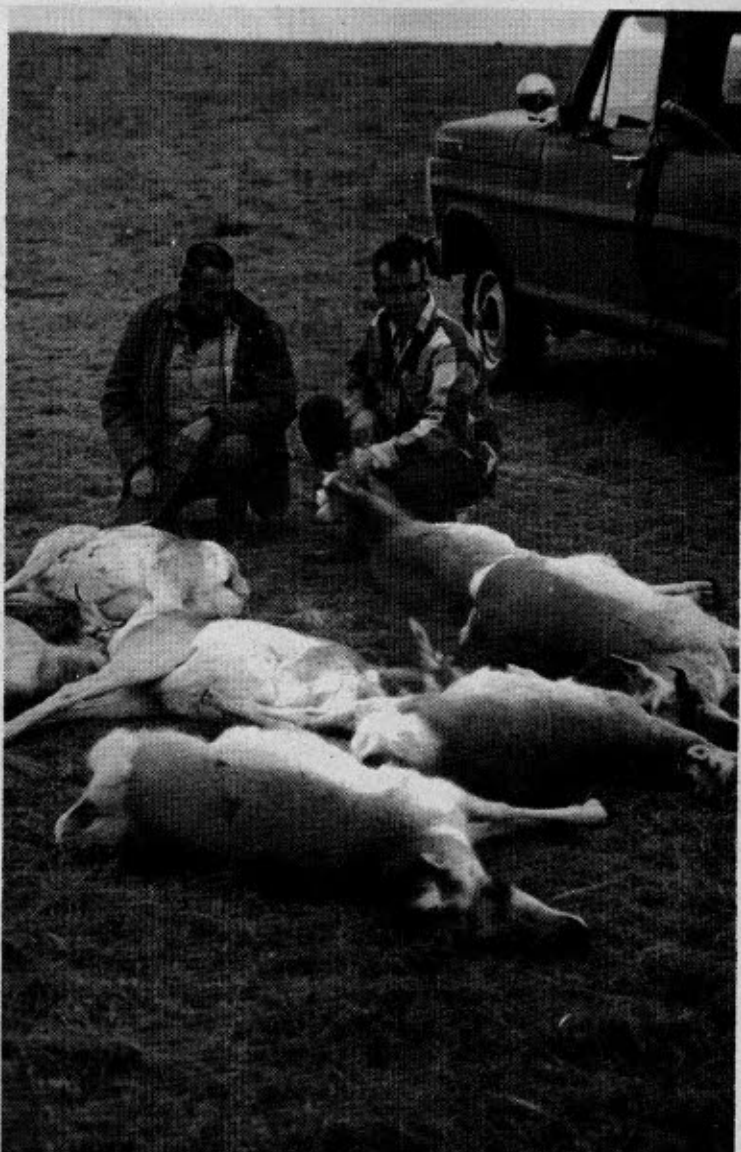
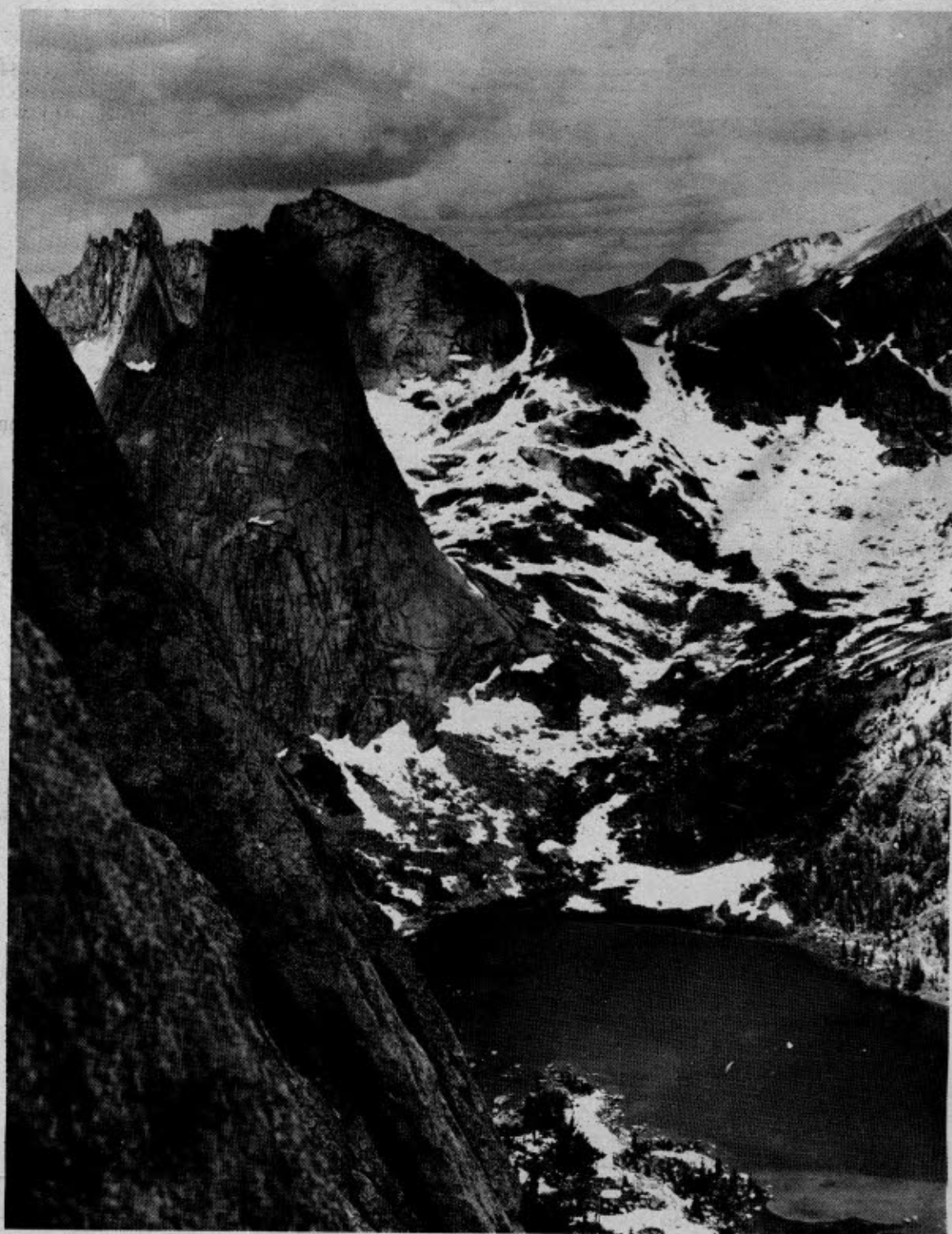


Photo by Wyo. G & F Dept.

Seven antelope were shot and left to rot within three miles of Cheyenne city limits last week. Cheyenne game warden Francis Gradert and office deputy Dave Thompson investigated the slaughter. No arrests have been made in connection with the incident.



A favorite spot of mountain climbers, Sugarloaf Mt. towers over Lone Lake in the Popo Agie Primitive Area in the Wind River Mts. of Wyoming. It is here that the famous Cirque of the Towers is also located. The lake lies just beneath the Continental Divide.

Photo by Martin Epp

Antelope Killed Near Cheyenne

Seven antelope were shot and left to rot in a field just west of Cheyenne last week. The animals were part of the well-known herd of completely wild antelope who choose to live in the area between Interstate Highway 80 and the Happy Jack Road.

Although tough enough to withstand a Wyoming winter on the plains, the antelope can also be an easy target for a rifle in the hands of a game-poaching shooter at night. The antelope were apparently shot from the Round Top Road just south of its junction with the Happy Jack Road. The fact that seven of the fleet-footed animals were killed in a limited area indicates that several shooters were involved.

"I don't know why people get a kick out of shooting

seven antelope and letting them rot," State Game Warden Howard W. Robinson said, "but I want everyone to know that this killing must stop if Wyoming's game herd populations are to survive."

Cheyenne game warden

Francis Gradert investigated the slaughter and gathered the dead animals. "The best friend our wildlife can have," Gradert said, "is a concerned sportsman in the state who abides by the law and demands stiff penalties for those who don't."

Snowmobile Conference Proceedings Available

Proceedings of the International Snowmobile Conference held in Albany, New York, May 20-21, 1969, are now available. A limited number of copies are still available upon request from Snowmobile Conference Proceedings, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, 1421 Cherry St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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The conference developed policy and legislative guidelines for the future use and control of snowmobiles. Some of the major discussion topics included in the publication are Legislation, Safety, Trails and Sign Design, and Environmental Quality Impact.

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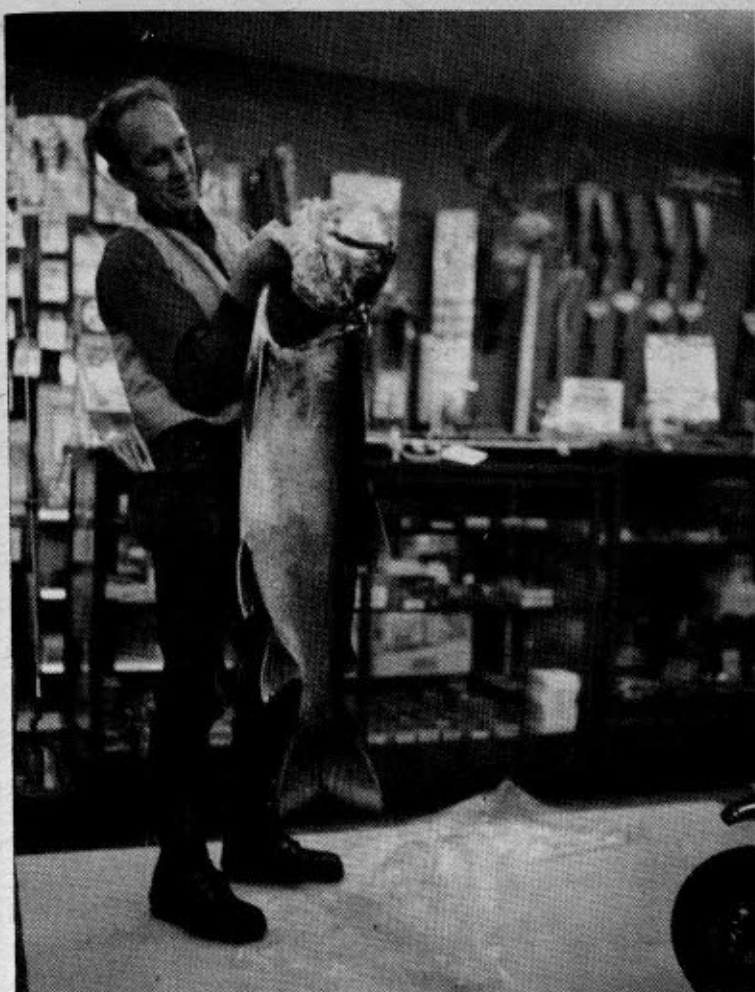
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Glen Dunning of Pinedale, Wyo., shown holding his 38 3/4 lb. mackinaw caught Jan. 14 at Fremont Lake near Pinedale. The big fish measured 47 inches in length and 30 inches around.

Photo by Pinedale Roundup

Giant Mackinaw Is Short of New Record

Mackinaw -- big Mackinaw -- is the word of the day for fishermen in the Pinedale area. Testimony to this theme came in the form of a 38 1/2 pound Mackinaw caught through the ice on Fremont Lake during January.

This recent catch is just short of the official state record for fish caught in Wyoming. The current record holder, a Mackinaw weighing 44 pounds, was taken from Jackson Lake in July of 1967.

Other lakes in the Pinedale area are reporting good to excellent fishing. Boulder Lake has been producing limits of 12 to 18 inch Mackinaw and several of this species up to 20 pounds have been taken with spoons.

Fishermen wanting to try

their luck in these areas are reminded that snow machines or snow shoes must be used to get to all the lakes near Pinedale, except Fremont Lake, because of snow accumulations between two and three feet deep.

No live minnows are allowed in any of these lakes, but the jigging dare-devil-type spoons seem to know how to attract the big ones.

BEAR LAKE DIP FISHING

Bear Lake which straddles the Utah-Idaho line and isn't far from the Wyoming boundary has been the scene of some rather strange fishing in the past several weeks. Fishermen use dip nets to catch cisco. The limit on the small fish, up to about eight inches in length, is 50 a day.

The cisco came into shallow water during the night and move out into deeper water during the day. Fishermen had to be up at the crack of dawn to get their netting done. Even so, observers reported that daily cisco catches could have hit around 50,000. In past years, the take has been from about 100,000 to 160,000 annually.

Record numbers of fishermen lined the eastern shores of the lake this year. They had to wade out into the water to use their dip nets since ice did not form as usual. The netting is actually done on the Utah shore but an agreement between Idaho and Utah allows use of a license from either of the two states.

The cisco is a popular fish in spite of the small size and unimpressive looks. They are considered excellent eating.

Coyotes Chased Illegally in Park

Acting Superintendent Foy Young said several complaints were lodged January 26, with rangers of Grand Teton National Park by several residents who witnessed a coyote chased by a couple on snowmobiles.

The witnesses, who live near the east boundary of the park, stated they watched what appeared to be a man and a woman, each on snow vehicles, chase the coyote on Antelope Flats for a considerable length of time. Due to the considerable sight distance involved, they were unable to identify the people or determine whether the coyote was actually run down and killed. Rangers were called but were unable to find any trace of the violators. From the day of the week and lack of a vehicle and trailer, it appeared these people were local Jackson Hole residents and not visitors to the area.

Young stated this is not the first violation of this nature reported to park authorities. Such molesting of animals within the park is a violation of park regulations and is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00 or six months in jail or both. Continuation of such "sport" could also result in closure or restriction of the park to oversnow vehicles.

The Acting Superintendent also said coyotes are one of the most visible and interesting of the predators in

the park. They are as much a part of the park's wildlife show as the deer, elk or moose and as such receive complete protection. Coyotes utilize small rodents as a mainstay in their diets and they also act as scavengers and predators upon larger animals that are pre-

disposed to winter mortality. This is considered to be necessary, desirable and a natural activity within the park. A study of the ecology and behavior of the coyote is underway in Jackson Hole and we hope to learn more about this animal.

Campers' Tips

Snowmobilers should consider several accessories as important as the machine itself. Foremost among these is a waterproof cover for the snowmobile.

The cover should be strong and impervious to water. A vinyl-coated nylon or similar material is excellent. It should have a strong elastic or shockcord hem so that snow won't blow under it or allow the cover to blow off. The cover also stops sand, gravel, grit and salt, used on winter highways, from getting into parts of the operating gear and the engine, and from causing abrasion of the paint and finish on your machine.

If you go ice fishing, or whenever you stop, the cover will make for easier starting when you are ready to go again.

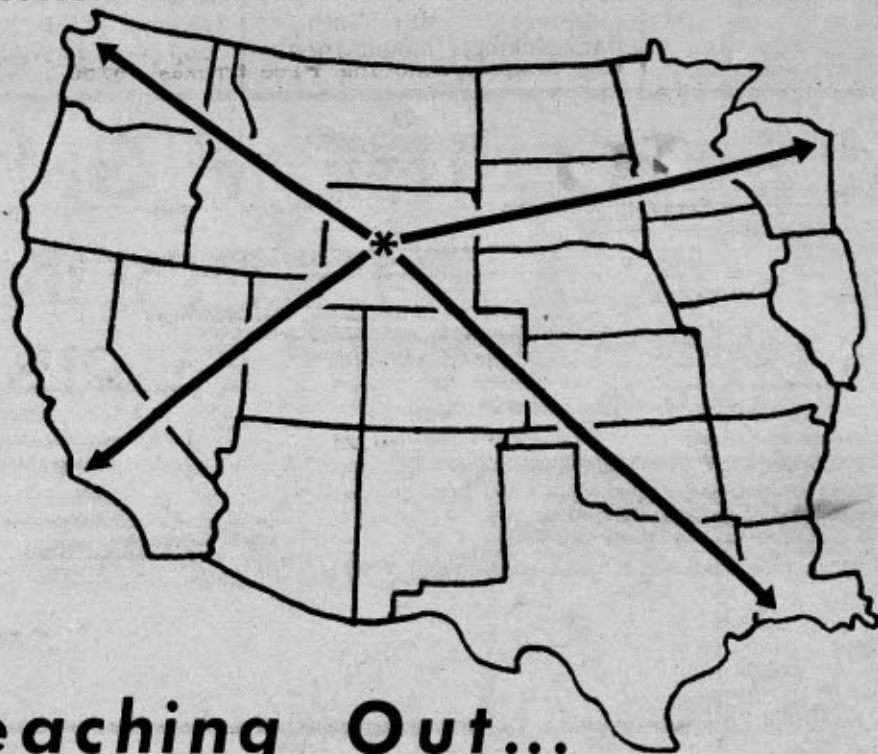
A good cover can be bought for about \$25. With

care, it should last about 5 years. Get one that is tailor-made for your make of machine. Carry your own cover at all times.

When you have a machine so bogged down that you wonder how you will ever get it out, a small, light block-and-tackle will do the trick. Specially designed ones just for snowmobilers are built to fit in your emergency kit. The price will run about \$10.

Emergency flares could just be lifesavers. Rocket flares which throw red stars would draw attention if you were lost, stranded, or injured in the back country. One kit of two, red-star rockets costs about \$3.95.

If you are caught in the predicament of needing help, don't fire your flares until help is near. Light a fire first and save the flares until you are fairly sure someone will see them.



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SNOWMOBILE CLASSIC SET

Afton, Wyoming, is getting set for the Star Valley Sno-Skippers Big Wyoming \$7,000 Snowmobile Classic on Feb. 14-15. Site of the two-day event will be the Sno-Skippers Bowl, a new 1/2 mile banked oval built in an abandoned gravel pit just one mile northwest of Afton.

This is being billed as the only Western Snowmobile Association sanctioned Class A Race to be held in Wyoming in 1970. There will be five classes of competition. A minimum \$500 purse is guaranteed for the Merchant's Race and it could be more.

The Wyoming Travel Commission is planning to film the meet, according to Doug Haws, president of the Sno-Skippers.



Photo by Nat'l Park Service

Howard Chapman, Superintendent of Grand Teton National Park, presents Acting Chief Ranger Doug McLaren with Meritorious Service Award.

Grand Teton Ranger Wins Merit Award

Grand Teton National Park Superintendent Howard H. Chapman presented Acting Chief Ranger F. Douglas McLaren with the Department of Interior's Meritorious Service Award. Chapman presented the award, which is the Interior Department's second highest, at a gathering of Park employees and friends at Park headquarters.

In giving the award, Superintendent Chapman commented that Doug McLaren has had an enviable and distinguished career beginning in Grand Teton National Park in 1952. For the past 18 years, Mr. McLaren has been directly or indirectly in charge of mountain rescue operations and has supervised over 40 rescues which involved technical climbing and evacuation methods. Rescue teams which he has led have been the recipients of five Department of Interior Unit Meritorious or Unit Citations. The last, in 1967, involved an extremely hazardous rescue on the north face of the Grand Teton for which five of his Seasonal Rangers received Department of Interior Valor Awards.

Superintendent Chapman stated that Mr. McLaren developed an efficient mountaineering registration system which has been in effect since 1954. As a result of this, many emergencies and resulting rescues have been avoided.

Grazing Fees Are Held Up

The Nixon administration handed Western ranchers a \$2 million reprieve Wednesday by suspending grazing fee increases this year on taxpayer-owned land.

The announcement was made jointly by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin and Secretary of Interior Walter J. Hickel.

Grazing fees for land administered by the two departments will remain the same as in 1969.

Last November, Secretary Hickel announced independently a suspension of 1970 fee increases on about 160 million acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Hardin, however, had not indicated what he intended to do about 106 million acres under the Forest Service.

Thus, Hardin's decision to suspend the Forest Service fee increases followed Hickel's earlier recommendation and was a clear-cut victory for the American National Cattlemen's Association.

The plan was to increase the rates annually over 10 years so that ranchers using public land for livestock eventually would pay for a "fair market value" for the grass.

Supporters of the plan charge the ranchers are not paying fair prices to the government now.

Critics, including Hickel and the cattlemen, have contended that the fee raises should be postponed until after the Public Land Law Review Commission submits a report June 30 on all public land activities.

The Wilderness Society Outlines Many Different Camping Trips

Sixty-seven camping trips in outstanding wilderness areas will be sponsored by The Wilderness Society this year in the 17th annual "a way to the Wilderness" program.

Designed to give outdoor enthusiasts a richer understanding of our wilderness heritage, the trips will take participants into unspoiled wild country in 14 states and Canada.

New this year in the non-profit program are snowshoe trips scheduled for February, April, and December in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. And in addition to many western trips, the society is sponsoring five outings in the East.

These will be two canoe trips in Everglades National Park, Florida, in March and April; a May backpacking trip in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, North Carolina -- Tennessee; and two backpack outings in June and August in New York's Adirondacks.

Walking (with pack horses), ski, horseback and float trips also are on the schedule. The list comprises 19 backpacking trips, 19 walking trips, 15 horseback trips, four float trips, four canoe trips, four snowshoe trips, and two ski touring outings.

Applicants will have a choice of scenic, wildlife-rich wilderness expanses in 10 national parks, numerous national forests, a national monument, Alaska's Kenai National Moose Range, The Boundary Waters Canoe

Area in Minnesota and New York's Adirondack Park - Forest Preserve.

The 1970 trip list is nearly double the length of last year's - a response to impressively growing public interest in wilderness recreation.

Trips run from five to 12 days, in most cases with a maximum of 10 to 18 trip members. An experienced trip director and a physician accompany each party, and a professional outfitter takes responsibility for setting up camp, preparing food, and providing riding and pack horses and major equipment. Cost ranges from \$85 to \$420.

The Wilderness Society, a non-profit organization, with headquarters in Wash-

ington D. C., was established in 1935 to foster protection of America's roadless wilderness areas. Through its work with interested citizens across the country, it is supporting expansion of the National Wilderness Preservation System created in 1964 by act of Congress.

Descriptive literature on the 1970 "A Way to the Wilderness" trips and application forms are available from Boyd Norton, Western Regional Office, The Wilderness Society, 5850 East Jewell Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80222. The initial trips - both on snowshoes in Rocky Mountain National Park - are scheduled for February 1 - 5 and February 10 - 14.

Mountain Guide Given Okay for Teton Area

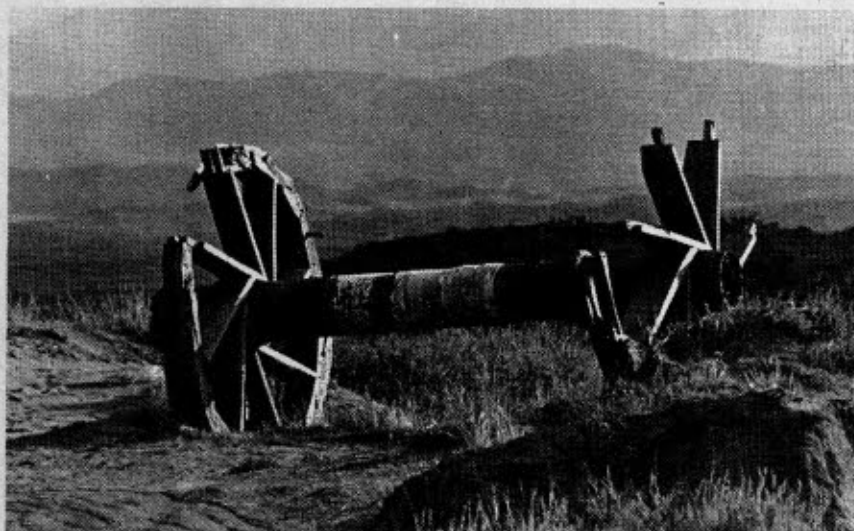
Acting Superintendent Foy Young announced that Jackson Hole Mountain Guides, Inc. has been authorized to provide services for the public within Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, under a concession permit which expired December 31, 1969.

The concessioner has conducted mountain guide service in a manner satisfactory to the National Park Service under supervision of the Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park.

Young stated a public notice of intention to issue a new permit was published in the Federal Register on January 13, 1970. The notice also stated that the National Park Service is required to consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of the announcement. Any proposal must be submitted by February 13, 1970. Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park, Box 67, Moose, Wyoming 83012.

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CHURCH HAS THE DRAWING POWER

South Dakota's Stavekirke Church, located in the Black Hills just west of Rapid City, drew 200,000 visitors during the first six months it was open. The church opened to visitors June 1, 1969.

The newly-constructed replica of an 1100 A.D. Stave Church at Borgund, Norway, drew visitors from 60 foreign countries and all of the 50 states. The most foreign visitors came from Canada, followed by Norway and Finland. Following South Dakota, Minnesota visitors ranked second with Iowa, North Dakota, Illinois, Colorado and Wisconsin close behind.

The largest months for visitors were June, July and August. During July and August nearly 1,800 people visited the Chapel daily.