

Daily Report - Yosemite National Park Thursday, November 19, 2009

Weather

Winter Storm Watch: WINTER STORM TO REACH CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FRIDAY AFTERNOON. THE FIRST WINTER STORM OF THE SEASON WILL MOVE INTO THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA INTERIOR FRIDAY AFTERNOON...AND PERSIST OVERNIGHT. SNOW LEVELS NEAR YOSEMITE WILL DROP TO AROUND 4000 FEET FRIDAY NIGHT. TOTAL SNOW ACCUMULATIONS IN EXCESS OF 4 INCHES ARE LIKELY ABOVE 5000 FEET...WITH UP TO A FOOT POSSIBLE OVER THE HIGHER ELEVATIONS.

Yosemite Valley

Today: Sunny, with a high near 59. East wind at 7 mph becoming west.

Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low around 29. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Rain likely after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53. South wind between 16 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Friday Night: Snow. Low around 26. South wind 7 to 15 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Northeast wind around 7 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

El Portal Area

Today: Sunny, with a high near 67. West wind between 5 and 7 mph.

Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low around 26. South southeast wind between 9 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.

Friday: Rain likely after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. South wind around 18 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Friday Night: Rain. Low around 30. South wind between 14 and 17 mph becoming light. Winds could gust as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 53. Northeast wind between 6 and 8 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Tuolumne Area

Today: Sunny, with a high near 49. Southwest wind between 6 and 9 mph.

Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low around 19. South southwest wind between 9 and 18 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.

Friday: Snow likely after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 28 and 33 mph, with gusts as high as 44 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Friday Night: Snow. Low around 13. Wind chill values as low as -4. Windy, with a west southwest wind 27 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 18 mph. Winds could gust as high as 39 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 34. Light east northeast wind.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Happening Today

- **Tioga Pass Road and Glacier Point Road are closed today** due to snow and icy conditions. For updated road information, please call 209-372-0200 press 1 then 1.
- **Get in the Soup Line:** Soups, stews & Chili.: Donate and have a delicious lunch. Try several varieties. Take some home for dinner. Juice, milk & Coffee/tea, Crackers or roll included.
Thursday, Nov. 19th 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. El Portal – Small Breakroom

Cash donations go to CFC General Fund. Fill out a donation card for your favorite CFC charity. All charities must be listed in the 2009 CFC campaign book.

Park News

It is that time of year for the Toy Drive and Coat Drive which Yosemite has participated in the past several years. If you would like to donate any toy new or used coat for a boy or girl (infant to 18 years of age), please bring your toys or used coats to the Facilities Management Division at the El Portal Maintenance Warehouse and see Diane Stewart (379-1059/1331), or in Yosemite Valley in the Admin Building and see Rhonda Soden (372-0496). We will be accepting gifts and coats up until the Employee Holiday luncheon on December 15, 2009. (R Soden 11/19/09)

YEA is looking for new board members for the 2010 term. If you are a member in good standing and interested, please contact a board member by Dec. 1st. Board members: Eric Abbot, Nancy Bissmeyer, Romina Pasten, Lothy Stewart, Missy Carter, Mara Dale and Devon Rothell. (R Pasten 11/18/09)

Acting Designations

Deron Mills will be the acting Fire Chief through Dec 4th while I am on annual leave. You can contact Deron at 209-379-1902.

Daniel Schaible (379-1295) will be acting Branch Chief for History, Architecture & Landscapes on Friday, Nov. 20, 2009

Kristina Rylands, Acting Division Chief for Planning, will be out of the park November 23rd through the 27th. Jim Bacon will be the Acting Division Chief in her absence. You may phone Jim at 379-1375, or if unavailable, you may leave a message with Doyle Harrison at 379-1110.

Bret Meldrum (379-1216) will be Acting Chief of Resources Management and Science from November 16 to November 20.

Charles Cuvelier will be Acting Superintendent the week of November 16, 2009. He can be reached at 372-0286 or 372-0496.

Sean McCabe will be Acting Division Chief for BRM from 11/16/2009 through 11/19/2009 while Marty Nielson is out of the office.

Billy Bryan will be Acting Concessions Branch Chief from 11/16/2009 through 11/19/2009 while Marty Nielson is out of the office.

Clarisa Flores will be Acting Fee and Revenue Management Branch Chief from 11/16/2009 through 11/19/2009 while Sheri Ogden is out of the office.

Jonathan Bayless will be acting Chief, I&E Nov. 17-20. I will be travelling but available by cell phone. (T Medema)

Kristina Rylands, Acting Division Chief for the Planning Division, will be out of the park November 16th-20th. Jim Bacon will be the Acting Division Chief during her absence. You may phone Jim at his El Portal office at 379-1375 or if unavailable you may leave a message with Doyle Harrison at 379-1110.

Sueann Brown (379-1222) will be acting Branch Chief for History, Architecture & Landscapes from Thursday, Nov. 12 thru Nov. 20, 2009

Scott Jackson is Acting Branch Chief for Anthropology & Archeology Monday through Wednesday, 11/23 - 25.

Carol Knipper is Acting Branch Chief for Anthropology & Archeology on Friday, 11/27.

Sonny Montague is Acting Branch Chief for Anthropology and Archeology, from 11/16 through 11/20.

While Tom Darcy is away, Acting B&G Branch Chief will be Mark Jones 11/17-19 phone 379-1171. Admin contact for all is Tammy Lawhon. phone 379-1271.

Jeffrey Trust will be Acting Valley Field Interpretation Supervisor through November 28.

Tami Barton will be the acting Human Resources Officer until further notice, she can be reached at (209) 379-1810.

Community News

Mine Waste: How, What & Now What? The discovery of gold in 1849 changed California forever. In their quest for wealth, gold miners left a legacy of lasting impacts on the environment. The Upper Merced River Watershed Council, a project of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District, invites you to come and learn about the history of gold mining in California. Randy Bolt, Park Interpretive Specialist with the California Mining and Mineral Museum, will present a look at mining methods from the early days as well as some used in modern times. You'll see the various

kinds of waste each method creates, where chemicals have been introduced, and why they are still here. You'll come away with a factual foundation of knowledge about the effects of mining in the watersheds of our Golden State.

When: **Wednesday, December 2, 5:30 pm**

Where: The Bodie Room, Yosemite Bug Rustic Mountain Resort, 6979A Highway 140, Midpines

Cost: Free

For directions, call or email the watershed office at 966-2221 or watershed@sti.net. (11/19/09)

6TH STREET CINEMA is located upstairs in the historic Old Masonic Lodge on 6th Street in downtown Mariposa. Entrance is \$7 per film for non-members, and non-member students pay \$5. Monthly membership is \$12 allowing film entry for \$3 each. Recorded Information: (209) 966-1333. Staff: 209 742-6666. Visit our website: <http://www.sixthstreetcinema.org> or e-mail us: sixthstreetcinema@sti.net

This week:

November 19 (Thursday) 7:30 p.m.: THE SWELL SEASON ("Live From the Artists Den" in partnership with KVPT Valley Public Television) FREE ADMISSION.

Best known for their outstanding lead roles in the movie "ONCE," which won them the 2008 Oscar for Best Original Song, Irish singer-songwriter Glen Hansard (of The Frames), and Czech singer and pianist Marketa Irglova reunite for this wonderful musical project.

November 20-21 (Friday-Saturday) 7:30 p.m.: HUMPDAY. Sometimes male bonding can be taken a little too far. Very funny, well written, and thought provoking.

No films next week. Happy Thanksgiving! (T Arfsten 11/17/09)

Yosemite Valley School Rummage & Bake Sale: Join us this Saturday, November 21st from 8:30am-4:30pm at the YVS multipurpose room. You may join us for shopping or contact the

school @ 372-4791 to reserve a spot to sell (\$20 donation to the school). Get Organized! Shop for treasures! Enjoy a steaming mug & baked goods! Clean out that closet & cash in on your used stuff! (C Archer 11/19/09)

H1N1 Flu Shot Clinic: The Yosemite Medical Clinic and Mariposa County PHD will be hosting a Swine Flu shot clinic from 1000AM to 11:00 AM. On Friday, November 20th at the Yosemite Medical Clinic, Sunroom. The flu vaccine is open to all with no restrictions. Especially; caretakers of children under six months of age, Persons six months to twenty-four years of age, chronic medical conditions including; lung disease, asthma, heart disease, liver, neurological or hematological diseases, diabetes, and immune system disorders and women who will be pregnant during the flu season are encouraged to get vaccinated. (S Pence 11/19/09)

Entries must be in by 7:00am the day of publication. There are no weekend or holiday editions.

Submissions: email yose_daily_report@nps.gov

Yosemite's *Daily Report* is an internal memorandum of long standing intended to provide timely administrative information needed for daily park operations. The primary purpose of the report is to serve as a communication tool for park management to pass specific operational information to field employees of Yosemite National Park, park partners, concessioners, and related government agencies in a fast and efficient manner and offer a format for interdivisional, interagency, and general intra-park notifications. Although the *Daily Report* is intended exclusively as an internal memorandum, it is posted here in an effort to extend timely operational information to the communities surrounding the park