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Photo by Ron Johnston

Sinks Canyon above Lander, Wyoming, leads into the mountain fastnesses beyond. Many highways enter the mountains through beautiful canyons carved by rushing streams.

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Senator Says Public Lands To Be Debated

WASHINGTON -- Senator Cliff Hansen said Friday the upcoming Congressional debate on the findings of the Public Land Law Review Commission would provide an opportunity to zero in on long-standing public lands issues affecting Wyoming and other western states.

"I am looking forward to the time when the Com-mission will submit its report to Congress and the debate will begin," Hansen said, "because there will be a chance to thrash out such issues as mineral royalty returns, reclamation development, public lands uses and future federal policies in states like Wyoming where vast areas are owned and administered

by the government."
The Public Land Law Review Commission is scheduled to submit its finds to Congress in June, and Hansen said he preparing for the debate expected to follow in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Resource Protected . . .

Wyoming Game Herds Are Economically Important

Wyoming's big game herds are of more than passing importance to the people of the state. A high proportion of Wyoming's population hunts one or more species of big game. But whether they hunt or not, the jingling of cash registers is a musical sound not unwanted in many state

communities. Hunting and fishing is big business in Wyoming. A survey by the University of Wyoming in 1965 showed a direct boost to the economy of some \$60 million. A more recent survey, not yet released, should show an even greater economic im-

Wyoming's Game and Fish Department is one of the best the country. professionally competent staff manages some of the biggest game herds remaining on the North American continent. The Department policy of acquiring critical big game winter range is soundly based on the absolute need of big game for minimum habitat. Wyoming's laws

adequately protect lan-

downers. They provide for actual damages incurred through game depredations and reimbursement for antelope running on private

Wyoming's greatest need is to protect and maintain suitable habitat for game in the face of various developments. Continuing reduction of good habitat has resulted from transfer of public lands to private ownership, fencing of public lands by private interests, clearcut timbering, vast mining projects, highways, reservoirs, and other works of man.

But Wyoming's people are not unaware of the im-portance of the game and fish resource. Economic surveys have shown that in a state with vast public lands, many mountains, and high deserts unsuitable for any but grazing purposes, the game is a valuable resource.

The 1965 survey showed a resident spent an average of about \$122 to take a deer, \$270 to get an elk, \$114 for an antelope, \$551 for a moose, and \$736 for a bighorn sheep.

The non-resident hunter spent somewhat more. His deer cost him an average of \$163, an elk \$547, an antelope \$180, a moose \$760, and a

sheep \$490.

These are only averages but they indicate how much is spent in pursuit of a sport which is as old as man. They reflect more than the need for meat. They indicate a growing desire for wholesome outdoor recreation at a time when urbanized man shows the stress of a technological society.

Good Skiing

Wyoming's late winter and early spring snows have made for excellent skiing conditions throughout the

The Jackson Hole is expecting a record turn-out in the coming week-ends. Reservations have been pouring into Teton Village in recent days. It is expected the skiing season will reach a peak between now and the spring thaw.

Too Early For Hunt Permits

Resident hunters planning to apply for moose and sheep permits this year are reminded it's still too early to send applications to the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

Seasons and areas have not been set yet and will not be established until the commission meets in late April. Once the seasons are set, summary maps will be printed and distributed to license selling agents throughout Wyoming and the maps should be in the hands of the agents by mid May. of the agents by mid-May. Hunters planning to apply should wait until the license sellers have these maps before mailing their applications. In the past several weeks, the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission has received a number of applications but they may have to be returned to the hunters if seasons are changed from last year.

To avoid possible loss or delay during these early mailings and returns, hunters are asked to hold their applications until they know definitely the areas and dates they have chosen will be included in the official 1970 moose and sheep hunting

orders.

Bear Hunters Are Getting Ready

Hunters are gathering and making ready their equipment for the spring grizzly and black bear season which opens April 1 and runs through June 30.

Black bear coupons are included in the purchase of resident deer or elk licenses. Nonresident permits, good for two black bear, are available in unlimited number and cost \$25 each. unlimited Grizzly permits were issued after a drawing held in March and are valid only in the areas for which they were issued. Bear coupons not used in the spring hunt are valid during the fall bear season.

Grizzly bear cubs or female grizzly bear with cubs at side may not be killed during the spring or fall hunts. During the spring bear hunting season it is illegal to hafvdst black bear cubs or female black bear with cubs at side.

Bear may only be hunted, pursued or killed from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

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Spring is a glorious time. Even with blizzards blowing down the Wind River Range regularly, the weather warms quickly. Song sparrows are in full throat, catkins peep from the aspen twigs, and each little creek develops a throaty turbulence as its volume increases.

Where once ice bridged the chasms, now the clear water leaps from boulder to boulder. Once quiet pools eddy and swirl. And the substance of the land, washed in by melting snow, gives evidence by the little frothy sails passing by.

There is a quickening of life in the water. The legions of the insect world, once locked in their icy void seek freedom once again. Their chitinous cases will soon dot the rocks while they dance the franzied love rituals above the water's surface. The midges and the gnats will come first, filamentous and fragile. And then the stoneflies, the caddisflies and the lovely, ephemeral Mayflies.

Hormones change placid rainbow trout to restless reproducers of their species. An urge, rooted in the instinctual past, takes them into the swiftening current. There will be no inner quiet until their search brings them together, male and female, in some tiny rivulet. There the endless procession of their protoplasmic union takes spark. The kind will continue.

Streams are fascinating in and of themselves. Just as it is difficult to take some tiny hand and see therein the strength of an athlete, the creativity of a sculptor, or the gentle touch of a mother, so is it difficult to envision a great river in its infancy. Stand high on the Continental Divide at some great snowbank and it is difficult to look out into the distance and see a Mississippi. Or conjure up a mighty Columbia from a bubbling spring, arched by giant spruce and bordered by yellow monkeyflowers.

Streams mirror many of the changes in each passing season. From ice to flood to trickling brook, they guage the hydrologic cycle. Spring torrents that roll the boulders and rumble ominously change to quiet currents beneath shady boughs. And then the shade is gone, changed to golden flotsam, drifting away on the stream of life. And once again, the molecules are locked in solid embrace and there is only nexted murmuring in a world gold and white muted murmuring in a world cold and white.

Each tiny stream and each mighty river is a world unto its own. It is an ecosystem wherein plant gives food to animal and animal falls victim to predator. It is delicately balanced between temperatures, not too high and not too low. It is filled with chemicals, just enough, not

The study of their simplicities and their complexities have filled volumes. Yet, we do not know enough about our streams and rivers.

We have overloaded them with silt and salt, garbage and gunk, chemicals and oils. And yet we depend upon them for life.

We have straightened them, channeled them, dammed them, diverted them, and dewatered them. But the rivers always go to the sea. And they probably will when Man is no longer here, either to see and enjoy, or to use and exploit.



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The high mountains still lie cloaked in ermine wraps. Spring storms bring heavy falls of snow, layer upon layer.

Trailer Club Plans Rally

Dates for the Bols Aero National Trailer Club's seventh annual rally at

seventh annual rally at Puyallup, Washington have been set for June 18 to 28.

The Washington Boles branch club will host the gethering at the Puyallup fairgrounds. Nation wide pre-rally registrations indicate that 400 to 500 trailerites will accept invitations to enjoy the scenic attractions of the Pacific Northwest, according to national club president Joe Bispo. Bispo.

Boles owners who may not have received an invitation may contact Boles Aero rally headquarters at P. O. Box 1335, Broadway Station, Seattle, Wa. 98102.

MRS. NIM ROD'S COOK BOOK

by Jessie French **VENISON PASTIES**

1 lb. venison round Meat tenderizer 2 potatoes, diced 2 carrots, sliced I small onion, minced 2 tblsp. water 1 tsp. salt Dash of pepper 1/4 tsp. rosemary leaves

Pastry for 9" 2-crust pie.

Sprinkle round steak with with tenderizer and cut into small cubes, and let it thaw.
Roll out half of pie dough

and place in a 9" pan. Mix venison and remaining ingredients. Place half of mixture on pie dough in pie pan. Fold dough over filling to make half-moon shape that tills one half of the pie plate. Seal and crimp edges of dough.

Roll out second half of dough and place in other half of pie plate. Fill with remaining meat mixture. Fold dough over into halfmoon shape; seal and crimp edges. Do not slip dough. This is two half-pies or pastries in one pie pan.

Bake at 375 degrees for 75 minutes. Pierce with sharp fork to be sure of tenderness. Yield 4 servings.

Serve with chili sauce, a salad, and fruit compote. (Several varieties of canned fruits heated until boiling.)

Yummy on a cold day.

These may be made and stored in the deep freezer for two or three weeks.

Environmental Eavesdropper

Elements

By Henry Gibson

I used to like fresh air When it was there.
And water - I enjoyed it
Till we destroyed it.
Each day the lar
diminished. land's I think I'm finished.

Residents of Denver are sponsoring a public forum to discuss the city's future. Areas of concern which will be discussed include housing, transportation, and pollution problems.

Pacific Power and Light Co. and Idaho Power Co. have said their new coal-burning, steam generating plant near Rock Springs, Wyoming, will comply with Wyoming's air pollution and environmental standards. The plant will be the second largest west of the Mississippi River.

Wyoming's Department of Public Health says it does not have enough funds to provide for inspection and en-forcement of the state's newly adopted air quality stan-dards. The last legislature did not appropriate enough funds and the legislature will not meet again until January, 1971.

A junior high school student at Boise Idaho said he was not going to learn how to drive an automobile. Thomas Cripe, 14, said, "That would make me too much of a hypocrite." Cripe is coordinator of the Student Environment Movement at his school.

Over 800,000 trout were killed at the federal fish hatchery near Gardnerville, Nevada, recently. The fish were victims of a strange "whirling disease" which officials feared would further affect wild trout populations.

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Congressman John Wold of Wyoming said a poll he had taken amongst his constituents showed 69 per cent of the families responding would be willing to spend \$50 or more per family to cleanup the environment. The average of all respondents was \$156 per family.

The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has reported an irrigation project along the Big Horn River near Hardin, Montana, could seriously affect fish life. The report cites pollutants in irrigation waste waters as possible serious factors in environmental degradation.

History Group Is Successful

The Flaming Gorge Natural History Association completed its first year in 1969 as the first Forest Service cooperative interpretive association in the United States.

Formed by local citizens in Utah and Wyoming, this organization cooperates with the Forest Service in interpreting the natural wonders at Flaming Gorge. Books on conservation and natural and western history concerning this area are made available for sale to recreation visitors. Slides, films and postcards are also available as a public service. The sale of such material makes possible further interpretive work. Activities of the Association are profit free.

Sale facilities for the Association are located at the Flaming Gorge Dam Visitor Center, the Red Canyon Visitor Center, the Manila Ranger's Office, the Green River Contact Station, and the Dutch John Headquarters

Profits received by the Association are used to further the interpretive program. The Association is cooperating with the Forest Service in printing a brochure guide for the Red Canyon Conservation Trail. This guide will be available this summer.

During the summer of 1969, the Association participated in the Powell Centennial Celebration by renting the movie "The Ten Who Dared" for use

Future projects being considered by the Association include nature trail construction and printing of interpretive brochures and publications. Manila District Ranger Dick Benjamin reports the Association is a key link in the interpretive program at Flaming Gorge and through its efforts the public is better served.



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT

A prince for a pet has Russell Cooper of Kooskia, Idaho. It's his six-week-old coyote pup. "The smartest of all animals" and the "real king of beasts" are tributes many game experts and hunters pay to the coyote who also has a good place in Western folksongs.

Keep It Beautiful

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Forest Service Will Help...

Environmental Concerns Bring Numerous Requests

Requests are being received by Forest Service offices throughout the Intermountain Region for assistance in the Environmental Teach-In planned for college campuses in April

Regional Forester Floyd Iverson assures the interested students at all schools that Forest Service personnel stand ready and willing to help in any way possible. He urged them to contact their nearest Forest Supervisor's office in southern Idaho, Utah,

Nevada, and western Wyoming.

"The students are running the show," said Mr. Iverson, "but we want them to know that we will help as requested with speakers, exhibits, and literature. Conservation activities such as tree-planting and clean-up projects are available for individuals interested in bettering our environment."

"We in the Forest Service are entrusted with a significant portion of the people's inherited wealth of

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Coyote Is Mean Pet

Boy-meets-dog indicates a story of devotion and loyalty which colors a big part of the drama of youth before the romance of boy-meets-girl. Russell Cooper of Kooskia, Idaho, enjoys the companionship of his six-week old coyote pup, one of four taken by his father in the Idaho hills near his home. The coyote makes a good pet when a pup but as he grows older he's almost certain to become unreliable and mean. He has imagination and cunning enough to outsmart animals and men and he's fond of his God-given talents.

Where the spread of civilization stamps out other wild animals, the coyote keeps on increasing his numbers. There are many more coyotes now than in the days when the first lonesome cowboys heard their howls and learned that even just two coyotes teaming up in a howling duet can sound like 20 or a good-sized pack. He is cited as the animal most likely to survive, since savage arrows, stronger fangs, bullets, gas and poisons have failed to halt his coyote population growth. His talent for outsmarting cyanide could enable him to outsmart radiation and fallout.

He can operate close to big population centers as one expert hunter and trapper proved by taking 67 of them not far from Hollywood and Vine in California. His amazing knowledge of coyote nabits lends sound authority to his statement that the coyote is not only the smartest animal in existence but the hardest to trap. It's his opinion that the coyote should replace the lion as the king of beasts. William M. Rush, an Idaho authority, has said no other wild animal works schemes as clever as the coyote in his strategies of using two or more in a team for killing deer. Coyotes plan several sequences ahead in setting up a sure-win victory, a feat of intelligence most human beings do not equal without a great deal of training

training.
Coyotes also do a great deal of good for the farmer. They feed chiefly on rabbits and ground squirrels and are the world's keenest killers of rats and mice. They help keep down the number of planteating pests. In areas where poisoning thinned the coyote ranks, ranchers are facing a more than serious rodent control problem.

There are three kinds of sunfish in Wyoming -- the green sunfish, the pumpkinseed and the bluegill. They all like warm water ponds, reservoirs and prairie lakes.

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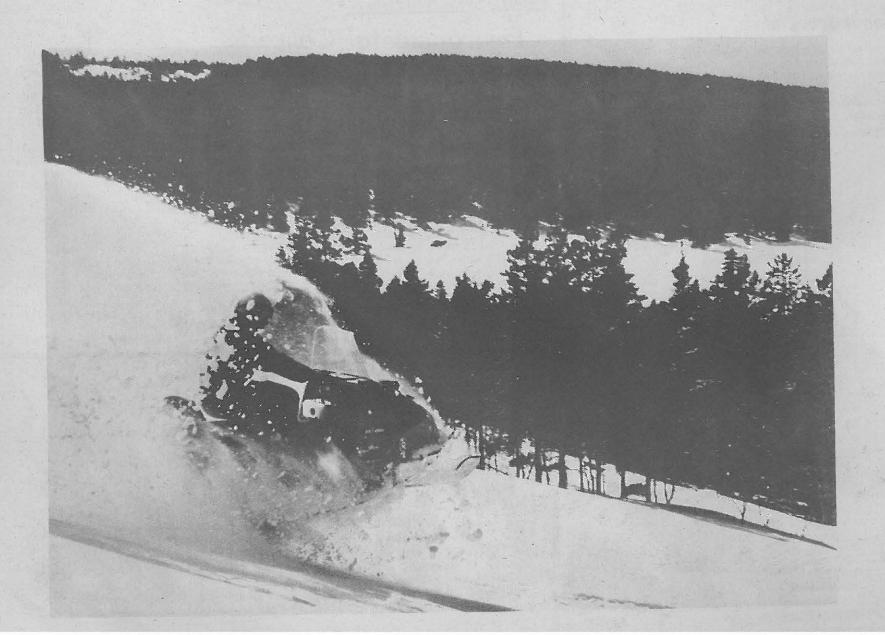
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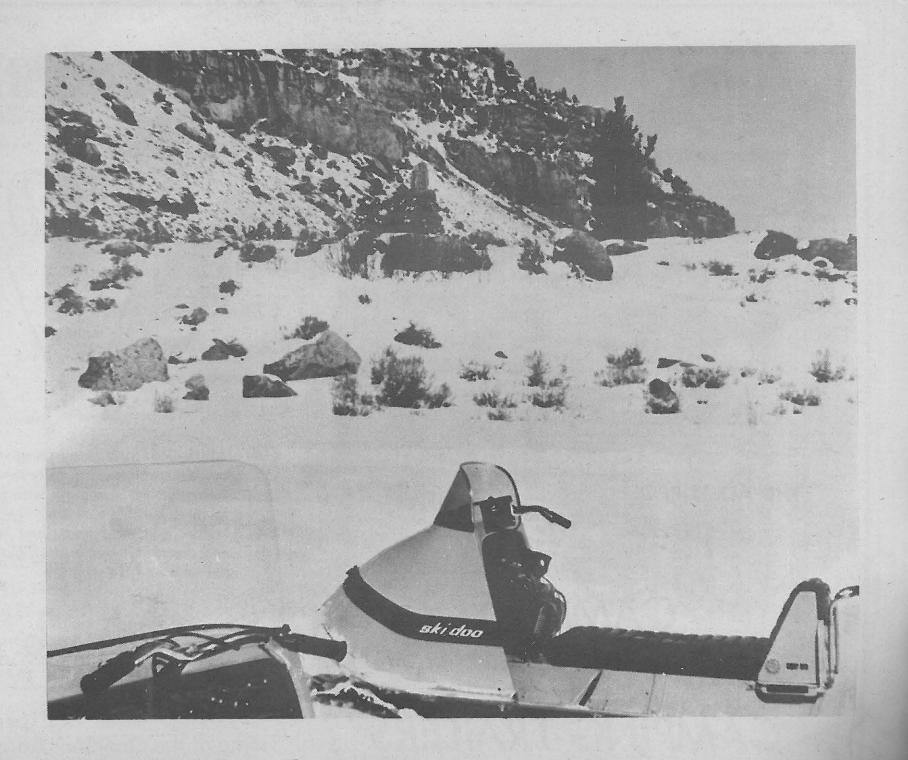
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Happiness Is A Hill!

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Campers' Tips

By Ron Johnston

I have seen more than one family in a quandry because they hadn't packed their camper or trailer properly. The most efficient and helpful method is to travel light. Sleeping bags, for example, are easier to manage, warmer, and for the most part far more compact than sheets, pillowcases and blankets. Clothing should be kept at a minimum. Most campers and trailers have wardrobes in which you can hang and stow sufficient clothing. Wardrobes are better than suitcases because they keep clothes wrinkle free and take up less space.

With the advent of com-

With the advent of commercial campgrounds, coin operated laundries are becoming more prevelant each summer. Use laundry facilities every few days to reduce the amount of clothing you have to take along. A plastic yard bag is very handy for soiled clothing.

Canned goods, hardware, tools, etc., should be stored on or near the floor to add stability to the rig. Lighter items such as packaged goods, personal gear, pots and pans and dishes should be kept in the lower cabinets. The real lightweight stuff, such as bedrolls, dry

goods, towels and spices store easily in the upper cabinets.

Always carry spare mantles for butane or white gasoline lanterns. In addition to a tarpaulin (6' x 8' minimum size) and a 25 for rope you should also car along both an axle jack and a bumper jack. Chocks should be a must, to prevent the vehicle or trailer from rolling when you have camped. Four chocks are preferred but two would be adequate. There are 1001 items that should or could be included depending on individual needs or wants. Just think 'Camping' and things will be a lot easier to remember.

The secret is to keep the total cargo weight low and close to the rear axle, so that the front or rear doesn't carry most of the load.

In Wyoming the use of electronic calls or electronically amplified calls is prohibited while waterfowl hunting. Hunters, with the exception of licensed bow hunters during special bowhunting seasons, must wear a visible exterior garment of a solid, bright or fluorescent red, orange or yellow.

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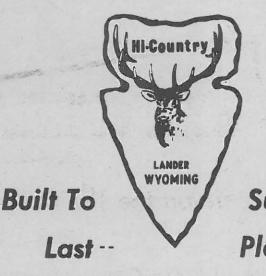
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Golden Eagle Passport Gets Extended for Two More Years

Washington, D. C. (March 26) -- The House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, of which Congressman John P. Saylor (R-Pa) is the ranking minority Member, cleared the way this morning for extension of the Golden Eagle Passport program to January 1, 1972. Stalled for many months, the issue was resolved upon acceptance of a compromise resolution put forward by Rep. Saylor.

The Committee provided for the continuation of the

present law allowing campers and tourists to purchase season passes to national parks and recreation areas for \$7.00 each.

Congressman Saylor said, "as one of those pushing for extension and improvement of the program, I am very happy with the results. It was a close thing! I only wish we could have achieved all we

sought.
"For more than a year we

have been arguing about the merits of the program. Today we recognized the heart of the matter -- people. The Golden Eagle Passport program is a people program; our vote lifts the shadow of doubt that had been cast on the passport by the expiration date of March 31, 1970.

"In extending the law, we have made provision for an in-depth review of the whole situation and will have all the facts in our hands about revenue, management, and comprehensiveness of compliance by all Federal agencies by February 1971. At that time, we expect to take another look with a view to making major improvements

Concluding, the Penn-sylvania legislator said, "the important thing is that the Committee acted from the heart' — we confidently expect the whole House to follow our lead."

Environment... (Continued from page 3)

air, water, land, and life forms," said Mr. Iverson. "Most of these resources are not confined by geographical boundaries. The water in a river sometimes flows past homes, farms, and industries after leaving or before en-tering a National Forest. The evening air of the mountains could have been the morning air of a smoggy city.

"National Forests belong to everyone and they must be managed with the help of everyone," said Mr. Iverson.
"There is no better place for informed citizens to become involved. involved with the management of natural resources than in the schools

of our country.' Maintaining harmony between natural resources and people has always been the Forest Service goal. Our success today requires more than ever that all people understand the importance of wise resource use and become involved in management processes," said Regional Forester

wilderness trip business. This wilderness trip business. This year the Society is sponsoring 19 trips which will take you into the back country. The trips begin with a one week jaunt into Zion National Park. The last goes into the Big Bend Wilderness along the Rio Grande in Texas during the middle of September.

Other trips that the Society has scheduled are into Great

By TOM BELL

The Wilderness Society has entered the backpacking

has scheduled are into Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina, Adironack Park in New York, Cnyon lands National Park and Capitol Reef National Monument in Utah, and wilderness areas in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho.

On these trips, the guests carry their own gear in light packs. The guides plan short moves and regular stopovers. The trips are planned to include not more than 10 guests so that a feeling of comradeship develops early. The guests are transported to the trailhead where they then depart for the week's stay. Costs average around \$200 for

the week trip with food, down sleeping bag, and all back-packing equipment provided.
The Society has very stringently selected only competent, trustworthy guides and outfitters. These

men know the country and know what they are doing.

A somewhat different type of walking wilderness trip is sponsored whereby an outfitter provides packstock to carry all supplies and gear. On these trips, the guests walk from camp to camp while their gear is taken by an outfitter. Such a trip was described in last week's article by Mr. Van Shipp.

This year, The Wilderness

Society is sponsoring 19 such walking trips. They are scheduled for such areas as the Escalante Canyon country in Utah, the Lincoln-

Scapegoat Wilderness in Montana, the Weminuche Wilderness in Colorado, the Washakie Wilderness in Wyoming, the Kenai National Moose Range Wilderness in Alaska, the Mt. McKinley Tundra Trek in Alaska, two Teton Wilderness trips in Wyoming and saveral trips Wyoming, and several trips into wilderness areas in Colorado, Montana and

Idaho. These trips average about \$215 per person per week. The Mt. McKinley trip costs \$375.

All of these are probably just forerunners of guided and directed be apacking and hiking trips which will be available in the future. In the meantime, if you wish to take advantage of those scheduled this year, you can contact the Wilderness Society at 5850 E. Jewell Ave., Denver, Colorado 80222.



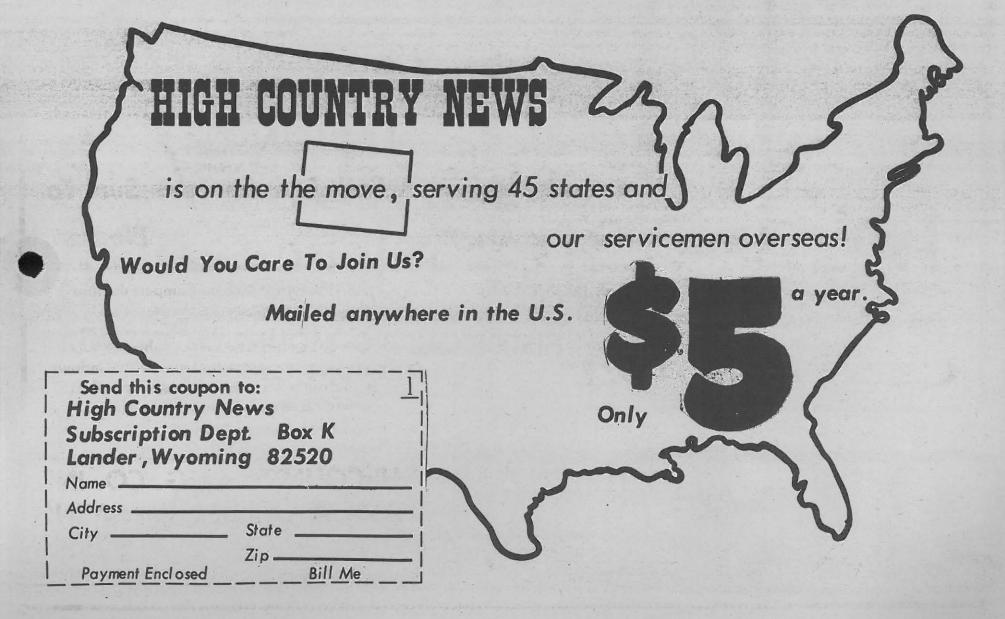
Small Game Season Ends

The end of March brings the end of the small game hunting season in Wyoming.

The cottontail rabbit season officially closes at dark on March 31, 1970 and remains closed until August 29.

Bag limits permit 10 cottontail rabbits to be taken each day and no more than 20.

each day and no more than 20 are allowed in the hunter's possession at any time. There are no firearm restrictions when hunting rabbits in Wyoming.



By the Wildlife Committee of the Jackson Hole Environ-mental Action Society

Three basic goals: 1) protection for all endangered species in the state. 2) revision of

predator list on ecological evidence. 3) ultimate end of all poison campaigns in the

Specific recommendations:
1) full protection under state

1) full protection under state law for both the black-footed ferret (currently unprotected under Wyo, Game and Fish laws) and for the peregrine falcon (currently listed under "duck hawk" as a predacious bird) since both species are listed on the endangered space.

listed on the endangered species list-

2) removal of all hawks, owls, and eagles from the predacious bird list since a)

both the bald eagle and the golden eagle are protected under Federal law (and the "brown eagle" is a misnomer)

and b) hawks and owls are major means of controlling rodent populations, safer and more effecient than poison

3) removal of the great blue heron and the kingfisher from

campaigns.

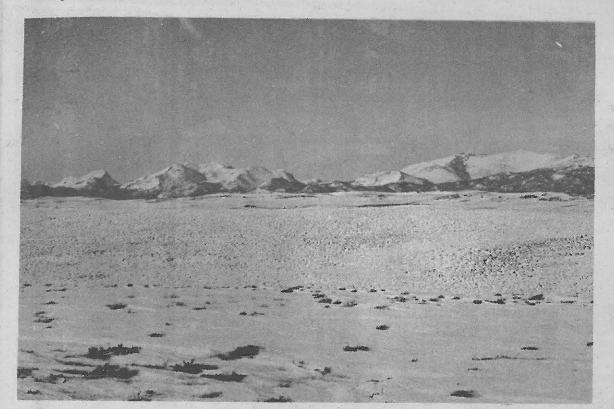


4) game status with a closed season for the wolf, mountain lion, the lynx, and the buffalo (the first three currently listed as pedators, the latter unlisted)

5) protection as a fur bear with a closed season for wolverine, currently un ected under Wyo. law (extended to the fact that it may not be ally transport) legally trapped)

6) control of stray dogs by Wyo. Game and Fish person-nel when the dogs endanger or kill wildlife (since dogs are one of the three leading killers of livestock and wildlife in the state)

7) up-dating Wyo. Game and Fish regulations to clear up discrepancies and to use Latin names for all species instead of such vague terms as "brown eagle" and "civet-cat" and "duck hawk"



Sweetwater Gap is a big notch between mountains on the southern end of the towering Wind River Range in Wyoming.

Fishing ___ Hotspots

Wyoming's famed Snake River opened to fishing Wednesday under cold, clear skies. The river has been open for white fish all winter. Now, the fisherman get a crack at the sporty, Snake River cutthroat.

Fishing on opening day was slow. A few were catching fish averaging about 12 inches. Float fishing was best on the upper reaches while snowmobiling fishermen were using the dikes south of Wilson to get to the river. Access on foot was best from South Park through Snake River Canyon to Palisades Reservoir

Snowmobilers were also ice fishing Jenny and Leigh Lakes. Best bait was worms

fished just out from shore. Jackson Lake was still good for ice fishing. The mackinaw average 14-15 inches and will go a pound and a half

Palisades Reservoir is opening up on the Wyoming side. Fishing is fair with a 7 pound cutthroat reported caught.

In central Wyoming, rough weather cast a spell over good fishing. However, Glendo Reservoir is still very good. The rainbow average 10-16 inches. It takes about a

14 inch fish to go a pound. The Platte River below Gray Reef has been hot. The river is running low and clear and big rainbow are on the move. One fisherman last week had his weight limit in three fish (limit 8# and one tish). Best luck seems to be with the Platte River Special Streamer.

Some waters on the Wind River Indian Reservation also opened April 1. I saw avid fishermen pulling their boats out of town early, headed for Bull Lake and a erack at the mackinaw and rainbow. The Wind River through the canyon below Boysen was another opener but without reports.

Flaming Gorge

"Beginning April 1, the self-guiding tour through Flaming Gorge Dam will open to visitors," announced C. L. Edmondson, Bureau of Reclamation Flaming Gorge Chief, and Forest Service District Ranger Richard O. Benjamin, today. The officials revealed that the tour will be open 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 will be open 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., each day in April and

Concerning the visitor center on Flaming Gorge Dam and the visitor center at Red Canyon, Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Edmondson disclosed that these facilities are scheduled to open of-ficially on May 2. They will not be open during April. As the weather warms and tamilities are opened during the next two months, news releases will be made to keep the public informed on the changing status of facilities in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.

Tour to Begin

FT. THOMPSON--A prime laundry will also be available near the trailer park.
Though much of the con-

New Resort In So. Dakota

site near one of the best fishing spots in South Dakota is the setting of a new million dollar complex at Big Bend Dam near here.

A 40-unit motel, restaurant and cocktail lounge are now under construction and should be completed in late November of this year ac-cording to Carl Smith, Resouce Development Of-ficer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Pierre.

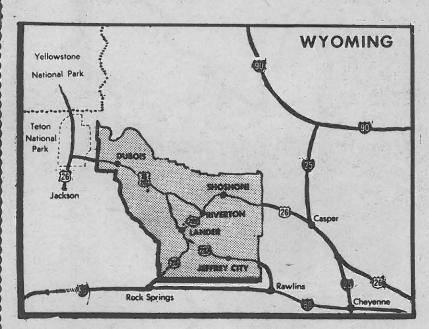
The new complex will also include a service station, a trailer parking area with 25 pads, electricity and water, and the reconstruction of old Ft. Thompson to half its original size. A maintenance building, showers

struction will not be com-pleted in time for this year's tourist season, Smith said, the new all-steel rodeo ground and powwow arena is completed and ready for y First big rodeo there this is scheduled for July 3-4

Pheasants are mainly seed eaters. They especially like grains such as wheat and corn and are usually found around areas where there are farms. They are the most popular upland game bird in the United States.

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