

staff safety. The NPS found that project funding fell short of the actual cost of this structure and tabled the effort. Since that time, a cell service provider has contacted Yellowstone with the desire to explore the possibility of building a structure to park specifications that could benefit both Yellowstone and the provider. Should Yellowstone receive an application from the service provider for a structure on Mount Washburn, Yellowstone would consult with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office and any final design for a new structure would be available to the public prior to any substantial changes being implemented. Mount Washburn will continue to serve as the primary communications hub for Yellowstone, and will continue to have multiple antenna, dishes, and electronics equipment at the site.

Cell-phone free zones: The *Wireless Communications Plan FONSI* explains that cell coverage is restricted from Madison and Norris and other developed areas without overnight hotel accommodations. Under the current Wireless Communications Plan, the NPS will not issue permits to cell service providers or provide cellular service for visitor use in these areas as described in the FONSI.

Courtesy signing and protocols: Courtesy signs installed at Mammoth and Old Faithful help guide visitors in the use of mobile devices. All signs state, "As a courtesy to others, please silence your mobile device while enjoying Yellowstone's natural features." These signs provide universal guidance in the form of an icon depicting a mobile device with a silenced speaker. Cellular courtesy signs are located at four Old Faithful Upper Geyser Basin boardwalk entrances; near the Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, Hayne's Photoshop, and the Old Faithful Lodge. In the Mammoth area, three signs are located at the entrances to the Lower Terrace boardwalks and two signs are located at parking areas and the boardwalk access at the Upper Terrace Drive.

Yellowstone's Visitor Guide/Newspaper entitled *Yellowstone Today* instructs visitors, as a courtesy to others, to please silence your cell phone while enjoying Yellowstone's natural features. Current and archived copies of the newspaper can be downloaded at <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/yellowstone-today.htm>.

As a training requirement, resource education staff are expected to know the information in the official park newspaper and to be prepared to answer questions by visitors about any and all content contained in that publication including those having to do with cell phone service and courtesy protocols.

Courtesy outreach projects: Yellowstone has not received funding from cell service providers for outreach projects to educate visitors on adherence to cellular courtesy protocols.

"Wi-Fi" excluded from National Historic Landmarks: Yellowstone's *Wireless Communications Plan* attempts to establish Wi-Fi free zones to the greatest extent possible in historic lodges by limiting the locations that could be considered for public wireless internet access or Wi-Fi. The FONSI acknowledges that visitors who have purchased subscriptions from cell phone providers for wireless service for use with devices such as Blackberries, smart phones, and laptop computers would likely have access to the internet in these locations if cell phone service is available. Visitors will still be observed using computers in historic lodges even in the absence of installed Wi-Fi services. Experience has shown that network latency in