Craig Pass Closed for the Season; Mammoth to Norris Closed Sept. 14-30

The road linking West Thumb and Old Faithful is closed for the season traffic should detour through West Thumb, Lake, and Canyon. The road from Mammoth to Norris is closed for two weeks-traffic should detour over Dunraven Pass. More »

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Yellowstone Completes Wi-Fi and Cell Phone Plan

Yellowstone National Park has completed a plan which addresses the future of wireless communications in the park. Wireless communications in Yellowstone will be allowed in very limited areas to provide for visitor safety and to enhance park operations. The plan restricts towers, antennas, and wireless services to a few limited locations in the park, in order to protect park resources and limit the

impact on park visitors.

An environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project was released for public review last fall. Changes made in response to comments were incorporated into a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) which was recently signed and is now available online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov

(http://parkplanning.nps.gov). Plans addressing wireless communications have been completed or are underway at other National Park Service sites, including Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Nevada and Arizona, and Rock Creek Park in Washington, DC.

Under this plan, cell towers would not be allowed in recommended wilderness, in campgrounds, or along park road corridors. No cell phone service will be allowed in the vast majority of Yellowstone. Cell service is currently limited to the immediate vicinity of Canyon, Grant Village, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Old Faithful. The park would accept proposals to establish cell service for the Fishing Bridge/Lake Village area.