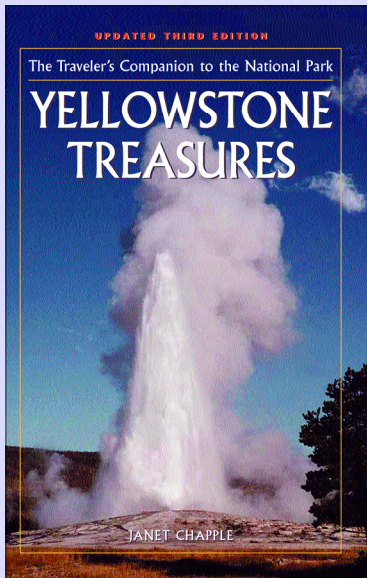




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MENLO PARK, CA - One of Yellowstone Park's prized treasures is its wolves. For increasing numbers of people, seeing the wolves in the Lamar Valley is one of the top thrills of a Yellowstone visit. But early in March, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar affirmed last year's Bush

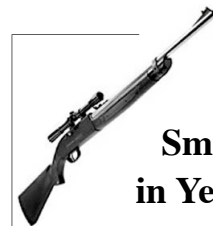
administration decision to remove wolves from the Endangered Species list in Montana and Idaho. They will, however, remain on the Endangered Species list in Wyoming, since that state's plan is deemed insufficient to properly conserve its portion of the wolf population. On April 1, the National Resources Defense Council and twelve other groups sued against Salazar's delisting ruling, so the debate goes on.



Janet Chapple, author of **Yellowstone Treasures: The Traveler's Companion to the National Park**—which has become the quintessential guide to Yellowstone—strongly disagrees with the decision to remove the wolves from the Endangered Species list. In addition to the tourist bonus of wolves in the park, she sees their presence as a long-term good. “The whole ecosystem of the park is changing,” Chapple writes. “From the grizzlies and cougars to the coyotes and ravens, they all profit directly from a strong wolf population.”

The issue of wolves in Yellowstone dates back more than a hundred years and is still not solved. For many decades, it was government policy to eliminate them completely. Then, after years of weighing the pros presented by ecologists and the cons argued by ranchers, animal managers released over thirty wolves into

Yellowstone, beginning in 1995. The wolves immediately prospered, over—



Another **Smoking Gun** **in Yellowstone**

Another controversy facing Yellowstone is the issue of transporting loaded firearms in the park.

The long-standing regulation concerning firearms in Yellowstone has been that they must be unloaded and placed somewhere that is not easily accessible, such as in a car trunk. Regulating guns in the park goes back a long way. Yellowstone was designated a national park in 1872. As early as 1875, people were concerned about hunters possibly decimating all the large game in a very

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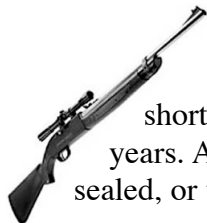
primarily thriving on their major prey, the huge elk population. But, in 1999, 2004, and 2008, their numbers fell. In 2008, for example, 124 wolves were counted, down from 171 the year before. Distemper was the primary killer, but mange and killing by rival wolves were other culprits. For this and other reasons, delisting wolves in the northern Rockies is premature. Chapple believes that there must continue to be compensation to ranchers who lose livestock to wolf predation, and that hunting of wolves must be carefully controlled.

The public can help keep this remarkable animal a key part of our country's prime national park by expressing their concerns to their representatives in Congress and to the Secretary of the Interior.

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short time, since there were no regulations against hunting or carrying firearms in those years. As a result of this concern for the animals, from about 1889 on all firearms were sealed, or the guns were held for their owners until they left the park.

Just before the Bush administration left office, they overturned this policy for all national parks. Quoting from a statement about the ruling: “Visitors will be able to carry a loaded gun into a park or wildlife refuge—but only if the person has a permit for a concealed weapon and if the state where the park or refuge is located also allows concealed firearms.”

This is a worrisome ruling, as Janet Chapple sees it. Although poaching is not a major concern in Yellowstone these days—perhaps at least partially due to the sensible ruling against loaded guns—with the shameful history of gun-related crime throughout our country, this ruling will add to the already heavy burden on law-enforcement rangers. It will also lessen the sense of tranquility and safety for visitors to our national parks.

Note: As this was being written, a federal judge blocked the federal rule that had allowed guns in national parks since early January. The Interior Department is to review the rule by April 20. The National Rifle Association has appealed the new ruling.

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