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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Hovenweep National Monument
COLORADO

August 29, 1952

Memorandum

To: Coordinating Superintendent, Mesa Verde
From: Seasonal Ranger, Hovenweep
Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for August, 1952

General

The month of August was very hot with little or no wind; however, there has been several showers which did tend to cool things off a bit. The nights are beginning to cool off the last part of the month.

Ranger Service

New highway signs have been constructed and installed at Pleasantview and Ismay's Trading Post. A new entrance sign has been constructed and installed at Hovenweep. The turn-off to Holly Canyon Group was marked-that sign lasted a week and disappeared. The highway signs at Pleasantview were put up on August 12 and at Ismay's the following Friday. It is my opinion that the signs have nothing to do with the increase in traffic for the month.

All groups of ruins have been checked for vandalism and fence repair and are in a good state of repair.

Approaches to Park Area

The Pleasantview road is in fair condition, the Bluff road is quite rough, and the McElmo Canyon road is rough. Montezuma Creek was impassable due to heavy rains in that area the latter part of the month.

Interpretive Service

Eight groups of visitors consisting of thirty people were taken on conducted tours. Three groups consisting of nine people were taken to the Hackberry, Holly, and Horseshoe Ruins.

Travel

The travel is double that of July due to some publicity Hovenweep had in a Salt Lake City newspaper rather than the fact that highway signs have been installed.

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