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July 31, 1952

Memorandum

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

General

Several showers this month - heaviest latter part of month. Extremely hot and dry with exception of one day following last shower.

Ranger Service

All ruin groups including Cajone have been checked several times this month and there were no signs of vandalism to be found. The fence at Cajone was found to be in bad repair having been cut in order to let sheep graze there. That called for repairing seven places where the wire was pulled loose from the posts or deliberately cut. An old ax used to cut the wire and left there for future use was disposed of. The three fence posts that were down in Holly Canyon have been replaced - all fences are now in good repair. A new register book has been made for Hovenweep as the old one was in very bad condition due to excess moisture over a period of years.

Approach to Park Area

The crossing at Montezuma Creek is dry and in good condition. Road from Creek to Hovenweep very rough, slow speed and careful driving is advisable. Hovenweep to Cortez via McElmo Canyon: This road is in fair condition but is badly corrugated in spots. It is advisable to direct traffic by Pleasant View.

Maintenance

A meeting of several Park Officials was held at Hovenweep this month and plans were formulated for picnic tables, fireplaces, paths to be cleared to certain specified ruins, certain new signs to be constructed and installed on the highway at Pleasant View and Ismay's Trading Post in McElmo Canyon, an electric generator is to be procured for Hovenweep, and certain necessary house repairs are to be undertaken. Changing the entrance into Hovenweep was discussed with the idea in mind that it might be taken care of in the future.

Interpretive Service

One group taken on conducted tour.