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Hovenweep and Yucca House National Monuments

August 1, 1949

MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent, Mesa Verde.

The Park Ranger's Monthly Narrative Report for July 1949, Hovenweep and Yucca House National Monuments, follows:

Special Activities

In July Park Ranger Carroll L. Riley extended the Archeological Survey began in 1948. The site areas were rechecked for accuracy and some new measurements were taken. A more thorough examination of the tower structures, especially with regard to their "defensive" features, was initiated in July and the work will be carried over into August.

Approaches to the Park Area

One of the two routes leading to Hovenweep from the east, the McElmo Valley road, has been considerably improved by grading and by filling in of low wash areas. Square Tower Canyon is now much easier to reach than in previous years.

Increase or Decrease in Travel

July travel showed a more than 60% increase over June. Total visitors for the two months represents a new high for any two month period in Hovenweep.

Weather Conditions

A number of July rains in the areas surrounding Hovenweep caused occasional rises in Montezuma and Yellow-jacket creeks, thus blocking the Cortez-Bluff approaches to the Monument. The east end of the Hovenweep-Pleasant View road was often in bad condition due to mud. These factors probably had an adverse affect on travel during the month.



Carroll L. Riley
Park Ranger

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Superintendent