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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK, COLORADO

September 1, 1948.

MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent, Mesa Verde.

The Park Ranger's Monthly Narrative Report for August 1948, Hovenweep and Yucca House National Monuments, follows:

Special Activities.

During August the archeological survey by the Park Ranger was brought to a close. Clean up work included painting of numbers to designate ruins, final sketching of ground plans and rechecking of the area for possible new ruins.

Weather Conditions.

August weather in the Hovenweep area was rainy. Roads throughout the area were in bad condition and sharp rains in the latter half of the month made automobile traffic very difficult. Hovenweep proper had a severe rain and hail storm on the evening of August 20 and again on the early morning of August 21.

Increase or Decrease in Travel.

Travel was down due, at least in part, to bad roads. This month had the least visitors of any of the three summer months and for the first time this year Hovenweep had fewer visitors than Yucca House.

General.

The ranger made an inspection at Yucca House National Monument during the month and found the fences in good repair. There had been a considerable influx of visitors in August.

Carroll L. Riley,
Park Ranger.

Approved for Distribution.

(SGD) ROBERT W. ROSE

Superintendent.