

Employee Transportation in Yellowstone National Park

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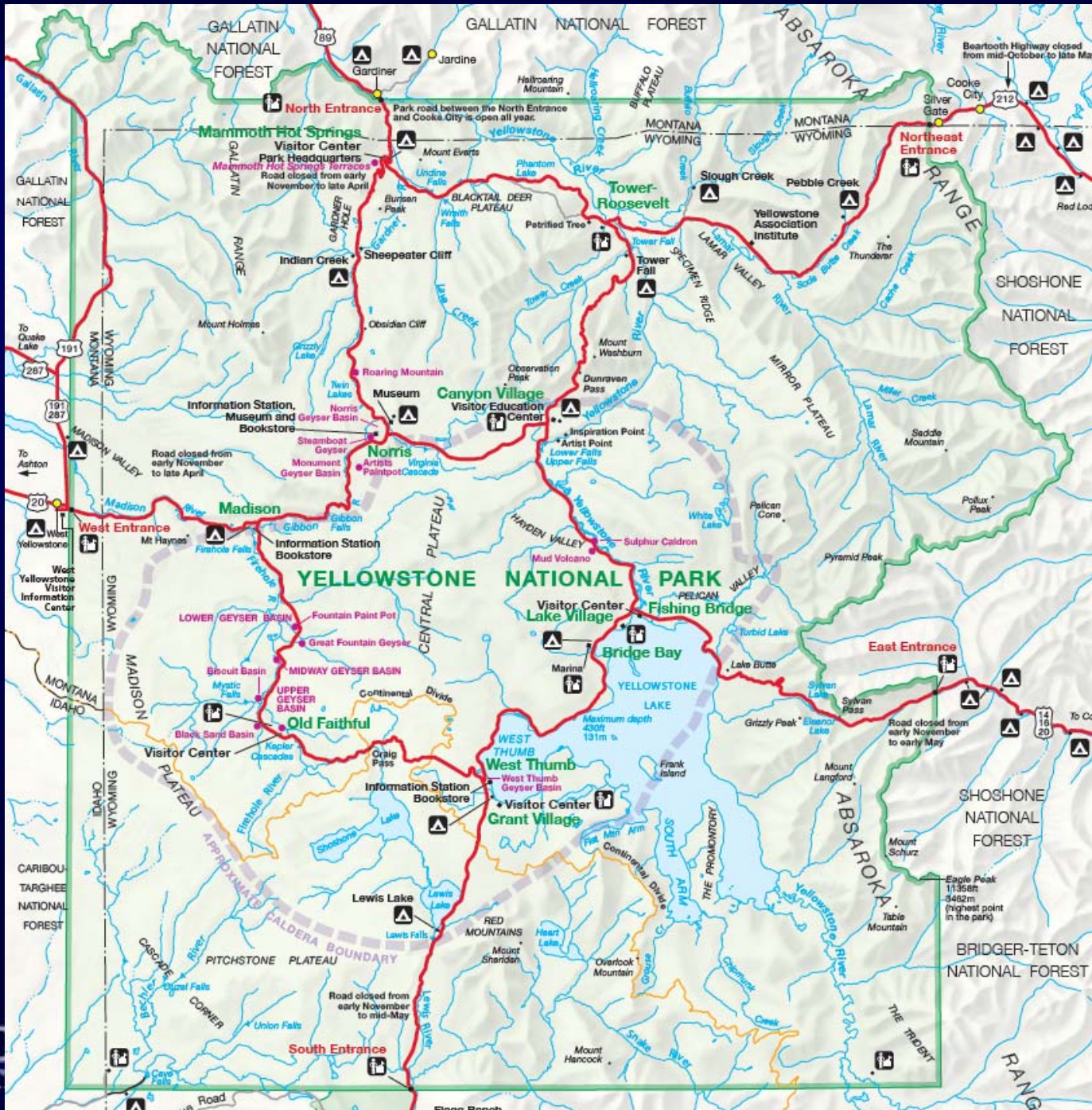
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Agenda

1. Overview of Yellowstone National Park
2. Existing Services
3. Options
4. Conclusions and Recommendations
5. Q&A

Yellowstone National Park

- Established March 1, 1872
- World's First and Oldest National Park
- Largest concentration of hydrothermal features in the world
- Approximately 3,472 Square Miles
- Larger than the states of Rhode Island and Delaware combined





Speed Limit 45 mph

North Loop

70 miles = 1.6 hrs

South Loop

96 miles = 2.1 hrs



Yellowstone Transportation Issues

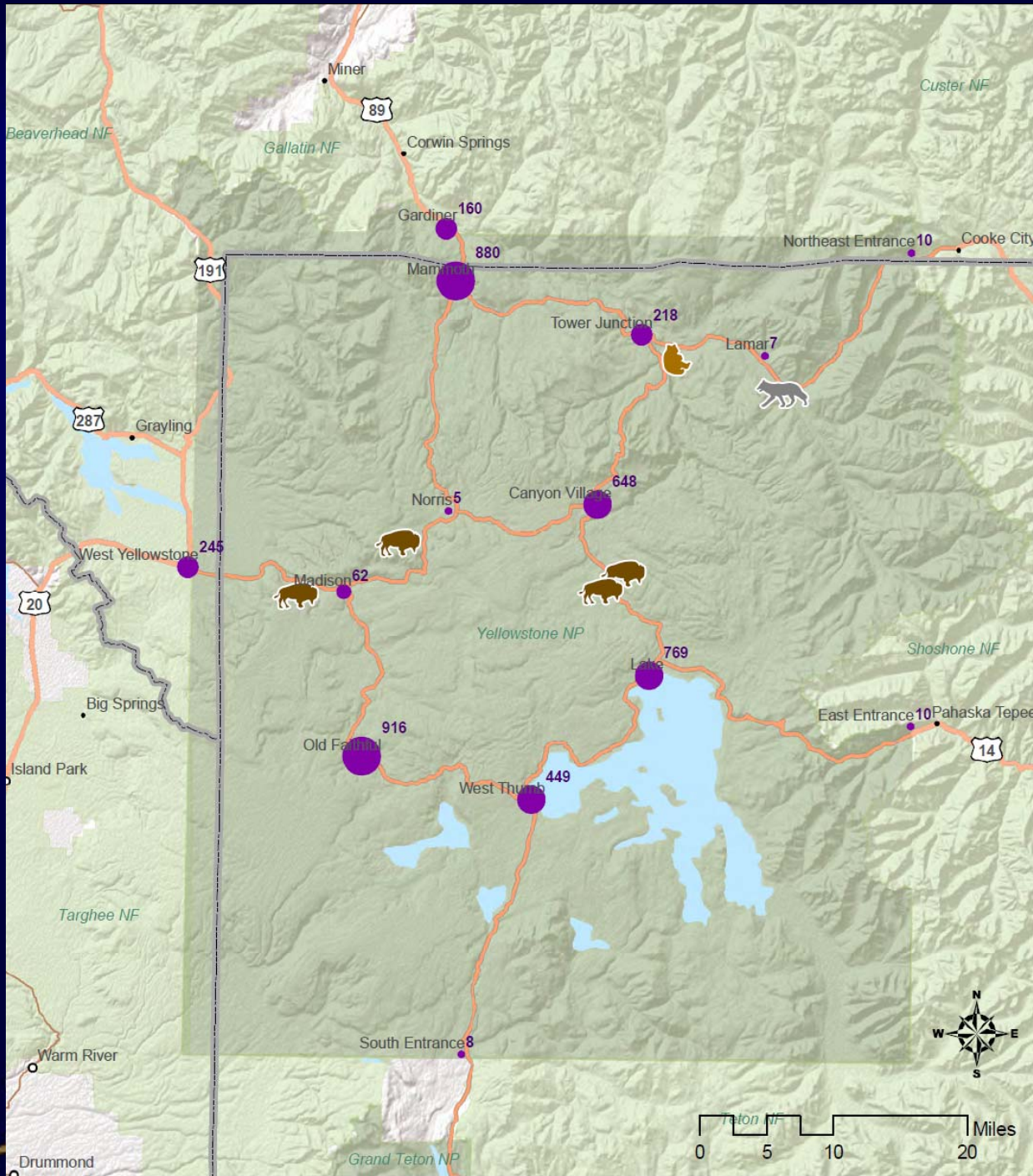
- Limited, looping roads
- High visitation/traffic in summer
- Wildlife Jams

Employee Transportation Issues

- Most international employees don't have vehicles
- Limited services at major locations
- Employees would like to see other parts of the Park, and get to larger communities

Employees

- Xanterra (primary concessioner)
 - 2,490
- Delaware North (gift shops)
 - 875
- National Park Service
 - 863
- Yellowstone Association (education non-profit)
 - 101
- Yellowstone Service Stations (gas stations)
 - 58



Source: Lisa Ballard,
Current Transportation
Solutions

Existing Services

- Yellowstone Co-Op Employee Recreation Program
 - Van trips by concessioners (first come, first served basis) 1,934 rides 2008; 1,078 rides 2009 (May-Aug)
- Xanterra (group tours)
 - Available to employees on space-available basis
- Gardiner – Mammoth Shuttle
 - Pilot project (August – December 2010)

Gardiner – Mammoth Shuttle

- 609 rides (Aug); 995 rides (Sep)

1. Gardiner to Mammoth	Tourist Info Turnaround (Westernaire Motel)	7:35 AM	8:35 AM	10:28 AM	11:28 AM	12:28 PM	1:28 PM	4:28 PM
	Cenex (US 89 & 4th St.)	7:37 AM	8:37 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	4:30 PM
	Town Cafe (2nd St. & Park)	7:39 AM	8:39 AM	10:32 AM	11:32 AM	12:32 PM	1:32 PM	4:32 PM
	Justice Center - Post Office	7:53 AM	8:53 AM	10:46 AM	11:46 AM	12:46 PM	1:46 PM	4:46 PM
	Hot Springs Hotel	7:55 AM	8:55 AM	10:48 AM	11:48 AM	12:48 PM	1:48 PM	4:48 PM
	YCC Camp (near gas pumps)	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:53 AM	11:53 AM	12:53 PM	1:53 PM	4:53 PM
2. Mammoth to Gardiner	YCC Camp (near gas pumps)	8:05 AM	9:05 AM	10:58 AM	11:58 AM	12:58 PM	1:58 PM	4:58 PM
	Hot Springs Hotel	8:10 AM	9:10 AM	11:03 AM	12:03 PM	1:03 PM	2:03 PM	5:03 PM
	Justice Center - Post Office	8:12 AM	9:12 AM	11:05 AM	12:05 PM	1:05 PM	2:05 PM	5:05 PM
	Town Cafe (2nd St. & Park)	8:26 AM	9:26 AM	11:19 AM	12:19 PM	1:19 PM	2:19 PM	5:19 PM
	Cenex (US 89 & 4th St.)	8:28 AM	9:28 AM	11:21 AM	12:21 PM	1:21 PM	2:21 PM	5:21 PM
	Tourist Info Turnaround (Westernaire Motel)	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:23 AM	12:23 PM	1:23 PM	2:23 PM	5:23 PM

Options

- Grand Loops – Two loops per day
- Connect to West Yellowstone or Gardiner for service to Bozeman or other communities
- Regional Service...



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Moving Forward

- Recognize need for moving employees around the Park
- Determine method to transport employees to gateway communities (and beyond)
- Discuss whether employee transportation becomes part of a larger public transportation system

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Questions and Discussion

