

Lone Pine National Park
Annual Report
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PREFACE

This report is a summary of the year's activities, as well as goals for the four divisions of Lone Pine National Park for 1987.

Division I - Big Game Reserve

This section covers permits issued, big game conservation, and the Hunter Education Program.

Division II - Campgrounds

This section covers attendance figures, campsite improvements, and monthly revenues.

Division III - Wilderness Mountain Area

This section covers tree harvest, established trails, and environmental concerns.

Division IV - Lone Pine Reservoir

This section covers water conservation programs, periodic inspections, and water safety programs.

Program Improvements 1987-88

Division I

Big Game Reserve

Permits

During the 1986 Hunting season the Lone Pine Game Game Reserve offered permits for the taking of Deer, Elk, Antelope, Moose, Buffalo, Rocky Mountain Goat, and Bighorn Sheep. The permits were issued by lottery, bid, and onceinalifetime priorities. The hunting hours were continued as per recommendation of the 1985 program improvement proposal:

HUNTING HOURS

All permits were monitored by the Ranger and Checking Stations during the 1986 hunts.

1. Tags were removed by the Checking Stations and returned to the Ranger Station Headquarters.
 2. Any permits not accounted for by receipt of tags were contacted by mail through Ranger Station Headquarters.
- Annual totals are reflected on following graph:

Big Game Hunts and Conservation

According to the 1985 proposal, the Game Reservewould conserve the Big Game resources by reducing the number of permits available in 1986. The permits were cut by 20% for the 1986 hunting season by raising the legal age for the hunter of big game. No hunting license (except Deer and Elk) shall be issued to any resident under the age of twenty-one (21).

Hunter Education Program

The steps for obtaining a Big Game Permit under this program are as follows:

1. Attend ten hours of instructions over a five week period.
2. No license will be given until the course is completed.
3. A Blue Card will be issued upon completion of the course.
4. The Blue Card does not need to be on the person of the hunter while in the field; it need only be presented when receiving the game permit.
5. Any violation of the regulation will mean automatic forefieture of the Blue Card (except in "Doner Heights").

The goals and improvements for the 1987-88 hunts will be given in detail in the Program improvements section at the end of this report.

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Summary

Because of increased revenues during 1986, the park was able to meet most of its outstanding obligations. The program improvement proposal for the 1987-88 year can, in part, be funded thru park revenues. However, the donated funds mentioned in the proposal are needed to complete the 1987-88 projects.