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COMING EVENTS

- 8 July - Herzog Island, Md.
- 15 July - Great Falls, Va. Leader: Erich Heinemann (OT-4-7678)
- 22 July - Cupid's Bower Island, Md.

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RETURN TO THE MOUNTAINS

With Washington entering another stifling hot and humid summer the exodus to the mountains has begun. Andy Kaufmann and Arnold Wexler are already in Peru. Sterling Hendricks, Don Hubbard and Pete Peterson are planning a traverse of the northern Selkirks. Johnnie Reed, Jane Showacre, Peg Keister, Bill Welsh and Earl Mossburg are going to Alaska. Chuck Wettling is going to the Wind Rivers with Joel and Jeanne Gross and another New Yorker. The Worrells may do Mt. Whitney during a visit to the West Coast. Bob Schnauss is taking a Sierra Club boat trip and climbing in Estes Park. Alan Talbert and Mike Brady are meeting in Colorado to climb.

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SUMMARY OF CLIMBING IN 1955 IN
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AREAS

As would be expected from visitation and use trends in areas of the National Park System, record highs were again established during the year both as to numbers of visitors and numbers of persons undertaking mountain climbing. The areas reporting are Devils Tower National Monument, Glacier, Grand Teton, Lassen Volcanic, Mount Rainier, Olympic, Rocky Mountain, Sequoia-Kings Canyon and Yosemite National Parks, and Zion National Park and National Monument.

For the amount of cross-country hiking and bona fide mountain climbing, the number of accidents reported is small. There were four deaths, 13 reportable injuries, and three non-injury rescues. This good record is due to several reasons. Excellent cooperation was received from all climbing clubs and organizations, each of which is safety-conscious and exerts considerable voluntary control over its members. This assumption of responsibility and cooperation is mutually advantageous and is deeply appreciated by the National Park Service. Superintendents of mountain