DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
BELTON, MONTANA

January 2, 1913.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D.C.

SIR:

I beg respectfully to suggest that in view of the
fact that the Yellowstone National Park is overstocked with elk to
the extent that they are being shipped out of the State, namely to
the state of Washington, and to the further fact that Glacier National
Park has ample range for quite a considerable number additional elk,
I ask that orders be made that two or three loads of game elk be acquired at
Cardiner, Montana for shipment to this park some time in the early
spring. I understand that it is the custom of the Railway to transport
such game without charge to the Government, upon application. If this
is true, the only cost in securing these elk would be the maintenance
of a Ranger at Cardiner during the time they were being captured and
the expense of his transportation there and return to Belton.
which these predatory animals may be diminished and eventually exterminated. While there are quite a few Mountain Lion, the Coyotes are very numerous in this park and consequently a greater menace to other animal life.

In conformity with the above, I beg respectfully to recommend the appointment of Ora Reeves of Belton to the above position of Park Hunter for a period of four months, the said Ora Reeves to furnish dogs in sufficient numbers and to keep them without cost to the Government. In addition, he should have authority as Park Ranger to enforce the rules and regulations of the reservation.

Very respectfully,

J.L.
Superintendent.

[Signature]


Jan 7/13. Letter to Super. Fuller and. app. x
January 6, 1913.

Mr. J. L. Salton,
Superintendent, Glacier National Park,
Montana.

Sir:

In response to your letter of January 2, 1913 in which you suggest the advisability of shipment of two carloads of grown elk from the Yellowstone to the Glacier National Park, and point out the suitability of the Glacier National Park as a range therefor, I have to state that it is understood in the Department that the previous importation of elk from the Yellowstone National Park, into the Glacier Park, has not been entirely successful, it appearing that elk have been reported killed by hunters west and south of the park in places where they had not been seen for years previous, which leads to the belief that the elk killed were those imported from the Yellowstone last spring.

It is accordingly suggested that you advise the Department whether any plan can be devised, in case of further importations of elk, to safeguard them from traveling outside the park boundaries, thereby preventing their being killed by hunters.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Assistant Secretary.
Mr. J. L. Galen,
Superintendent of
Glacier National Park,
Belton, Mont.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th ult., has been received, in which, referring to Department letter of Feb. 12, 1912, in reference to the destruction of predatory animals in the park with a view to the more adequate protection of the park game, you recommend that a suitable person be employed as a hunter for the period of four months, at a monthly compensation of $75., for the purpose of killing off the mountain lions, coyotes and other carnivorous animals which are a menace to animal life in the park. You submit the name of Mr. Orr Reeves, of Belton, Mont., for appointment to this position, at the compensation and for the period stated, he to furnish dogs in sufficient numbers to be kept at his own expense, and to receive the pelts of all animals killed.

In response thereto, I have to advise that favorable consideration has been accorded your recommendation, and an appointment, which is herewith enclosed, has been issued in favor of Mr. Reeves, as Park Ranger in the Glacier
National Park, at a compensation of $75.00 per mo., limited, however, to a period of three months, effective upon his entrance on duty in the park.

There is also enclosed blank form of "Oath of Office" and personal status card, which are to be filled out by Mr. Reeves, the former being sworn to by him before a notary public, and both thereafter returned to the Department with advice as to the date of his entrance on duty.

Mr. Reeves will be required under his appointment to provide and care for such dogs as may be necessary to aid and assist him in his work, and will also be required in his capacity as a park ranger to aid and assist in the enforcement of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department for the government of the park.

In accord with the practice obtaining in the other national parks, and as an incentive for extraordinary efforts in killing predatory animals, Mr. Reeves will be permitted to retain all pelts of animals killed by him, as well as any State bounty that may be offered therefor.

A special report should be submitted at the end of each two weeks after he enters upon duty, giving the number of animals killed by him, the locality where killed, and such further information as to the condition of the
game in the park as he may be able to secure.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Assistant Secretary.

Enclosures:
Part 1 to February 6, 1912.