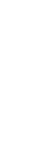


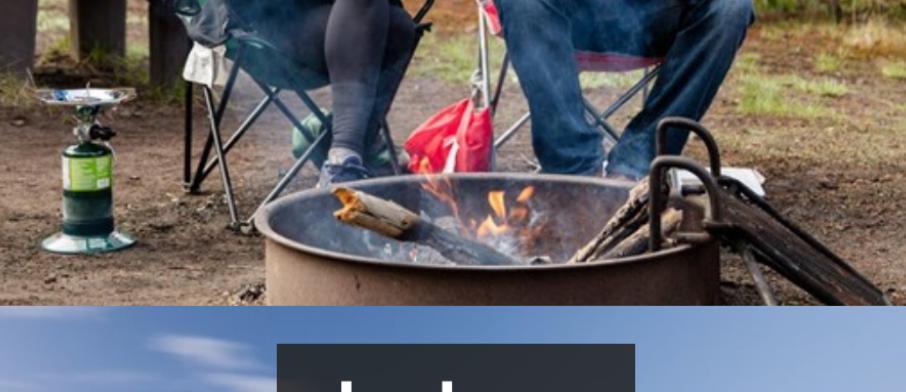
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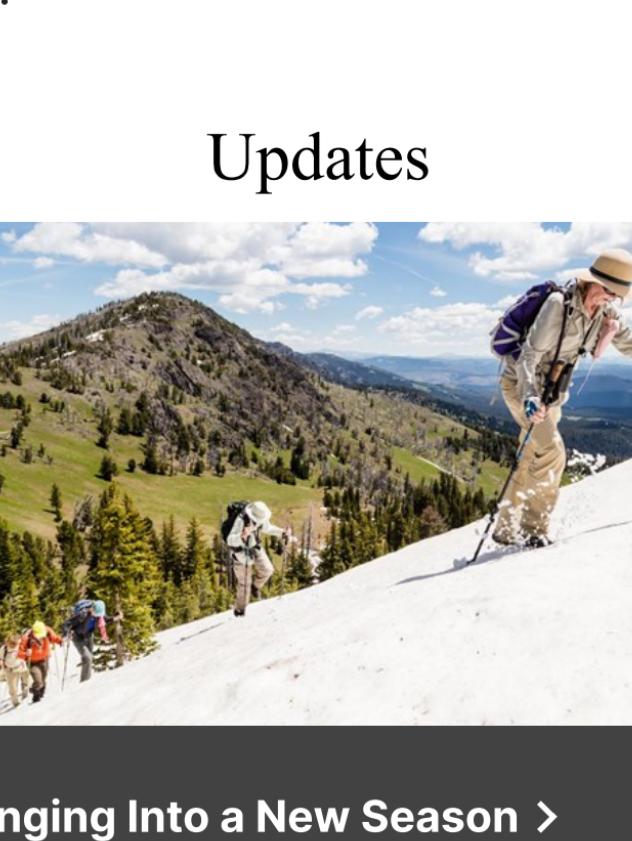
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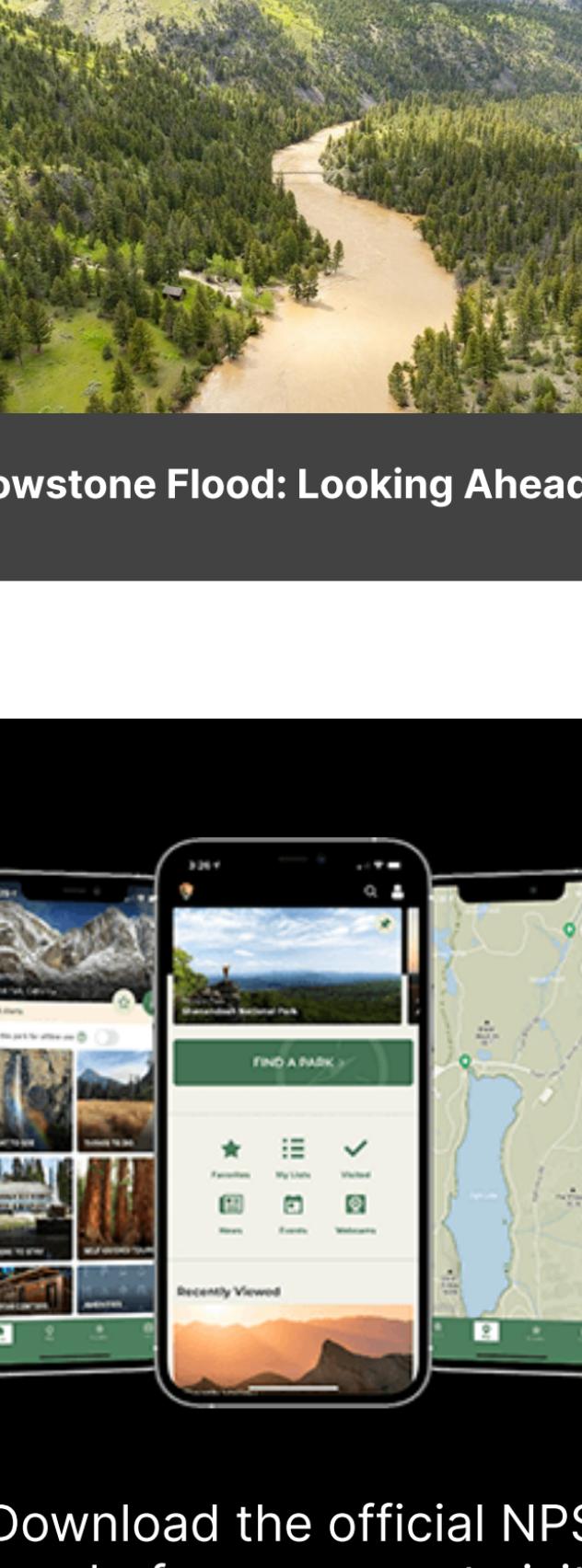


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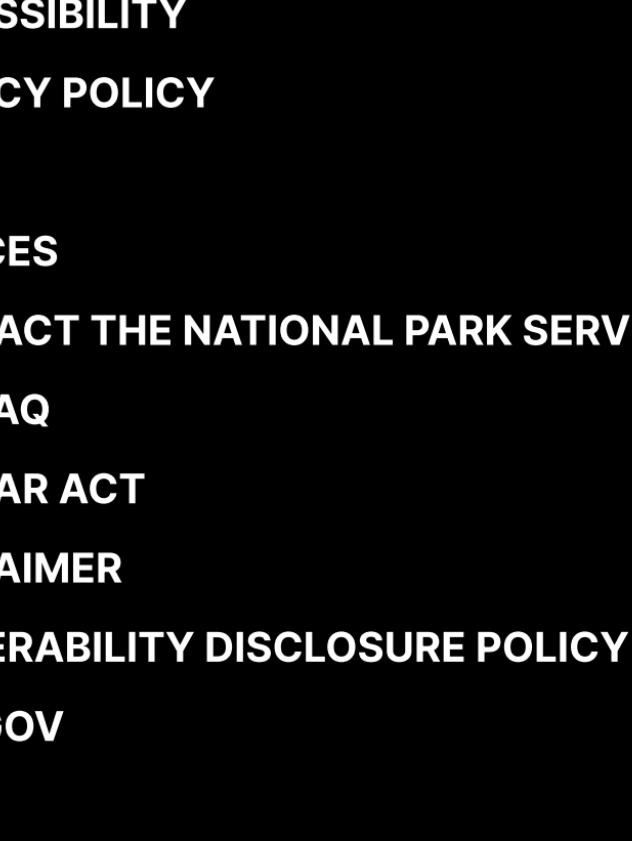
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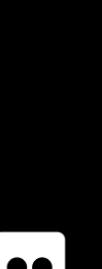
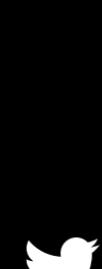
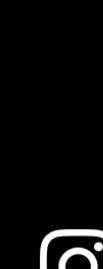
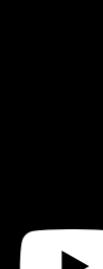
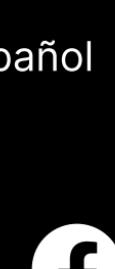
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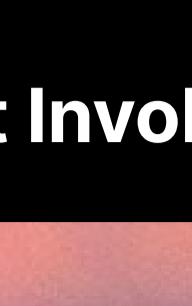
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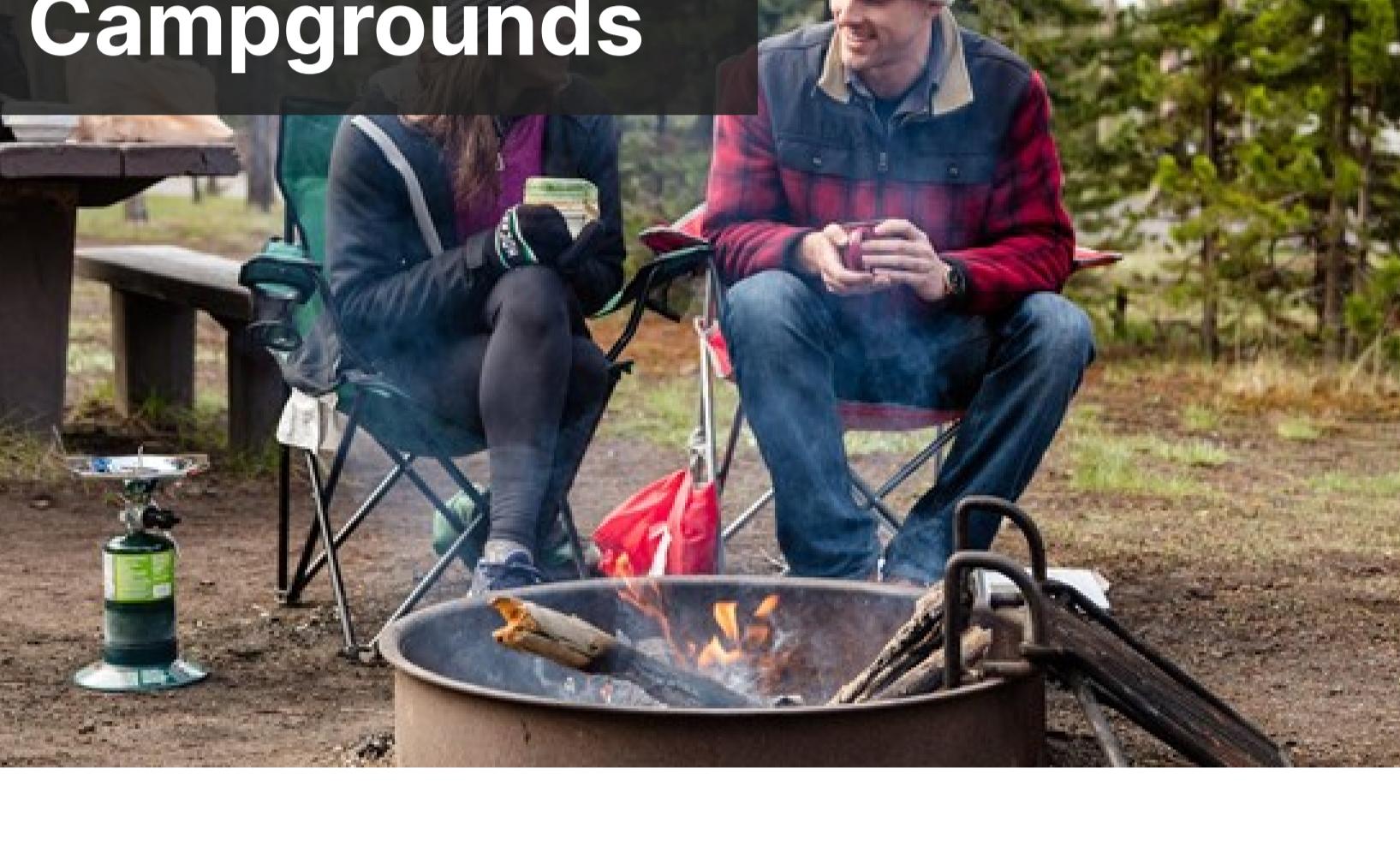
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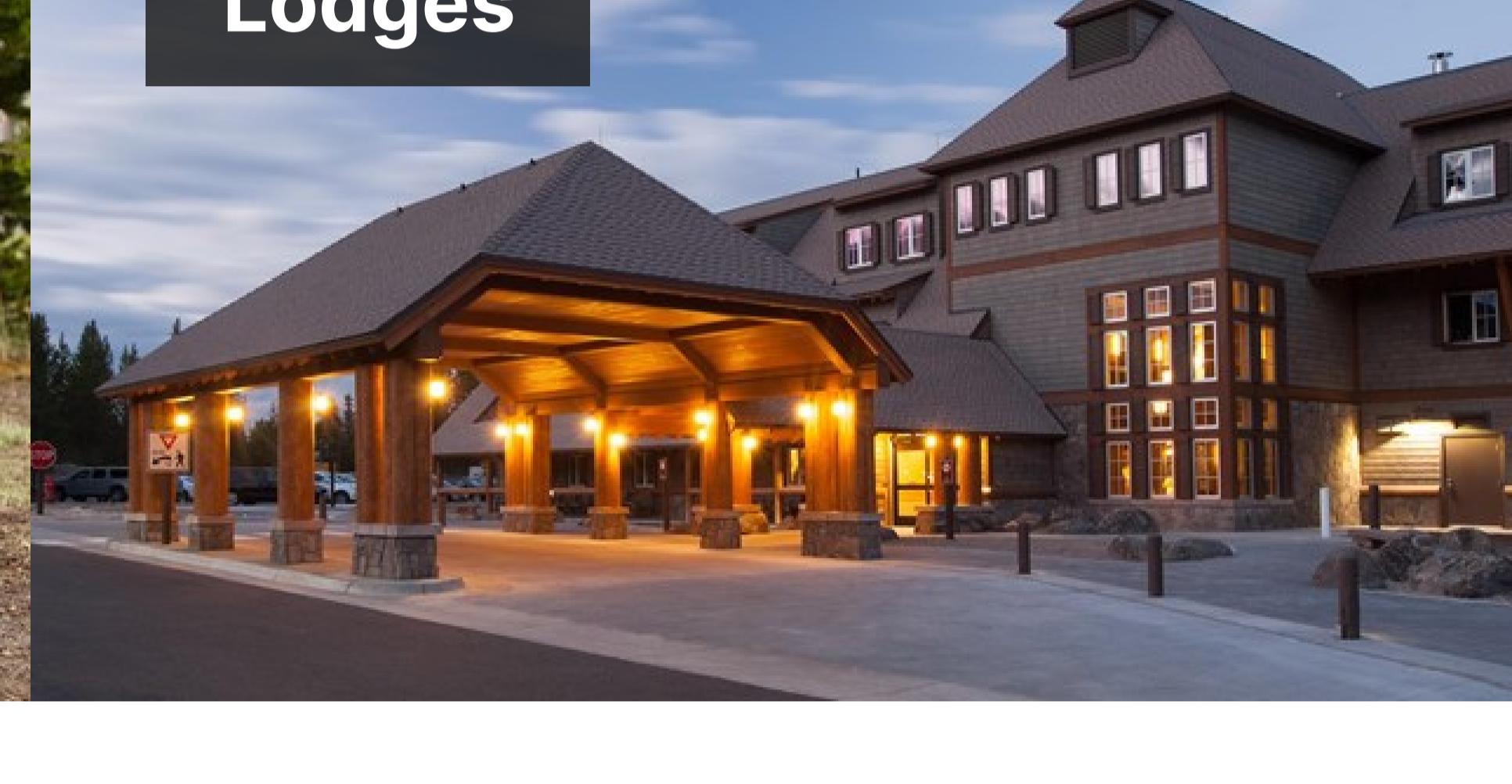
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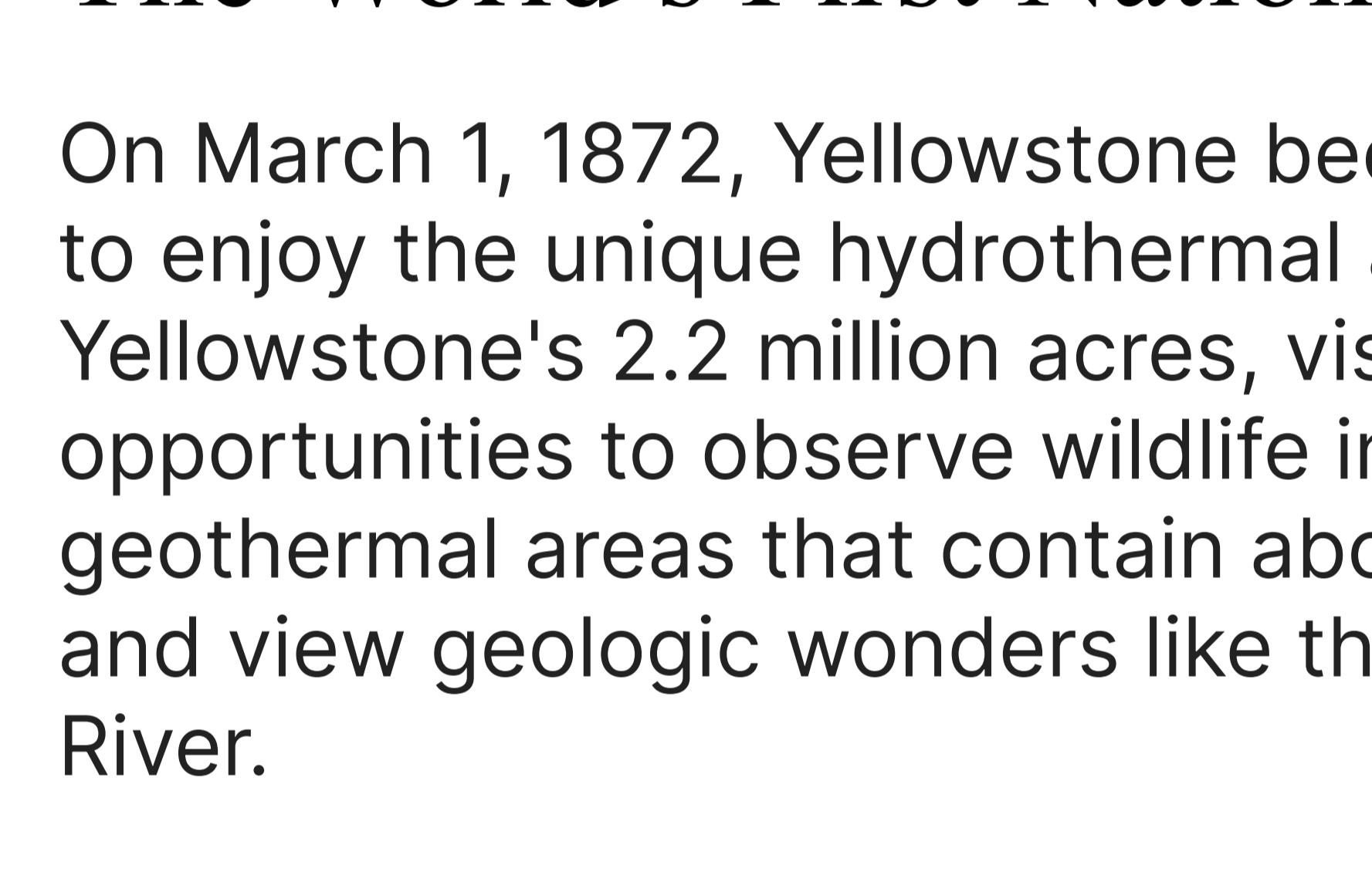
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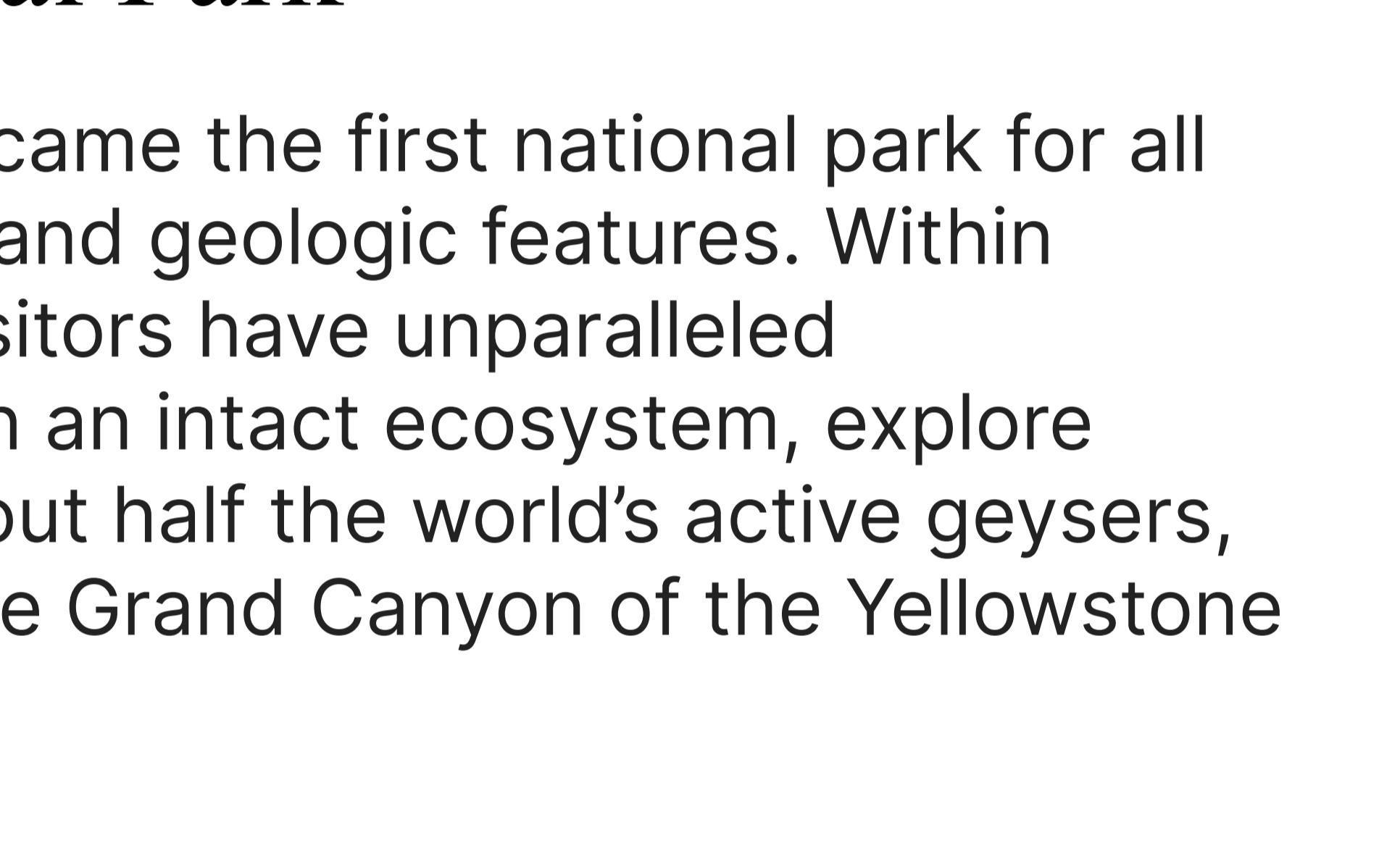
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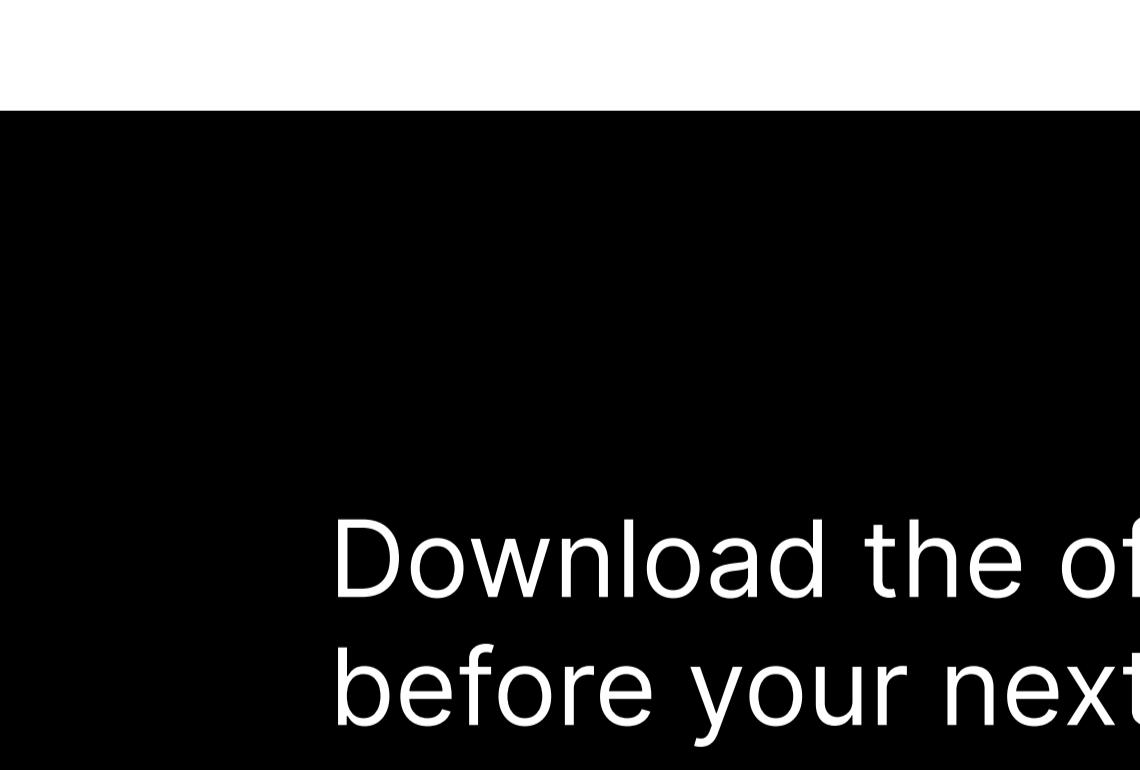
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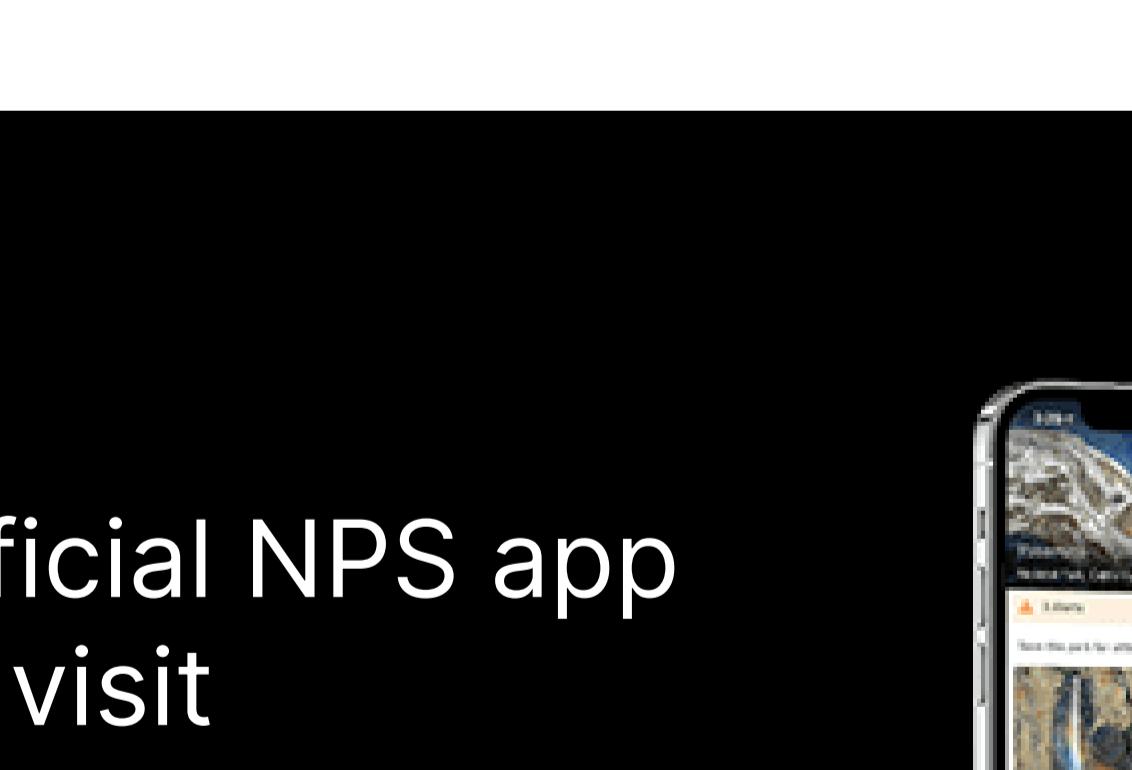
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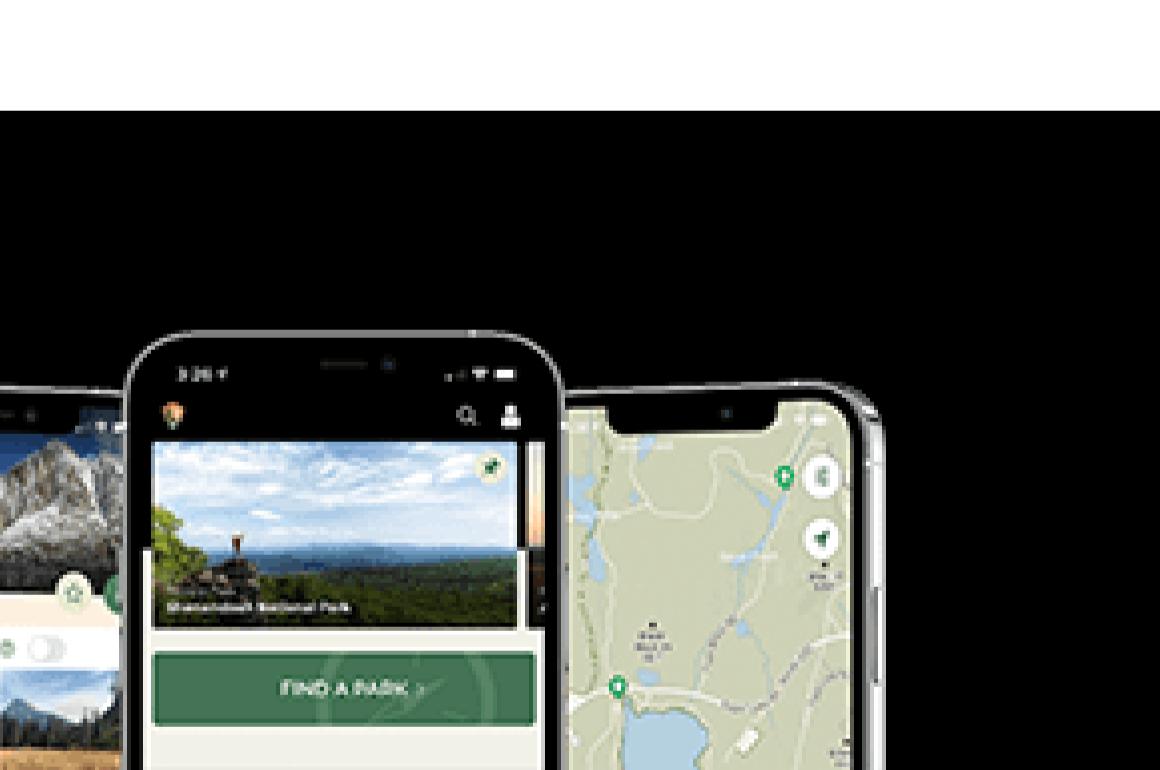
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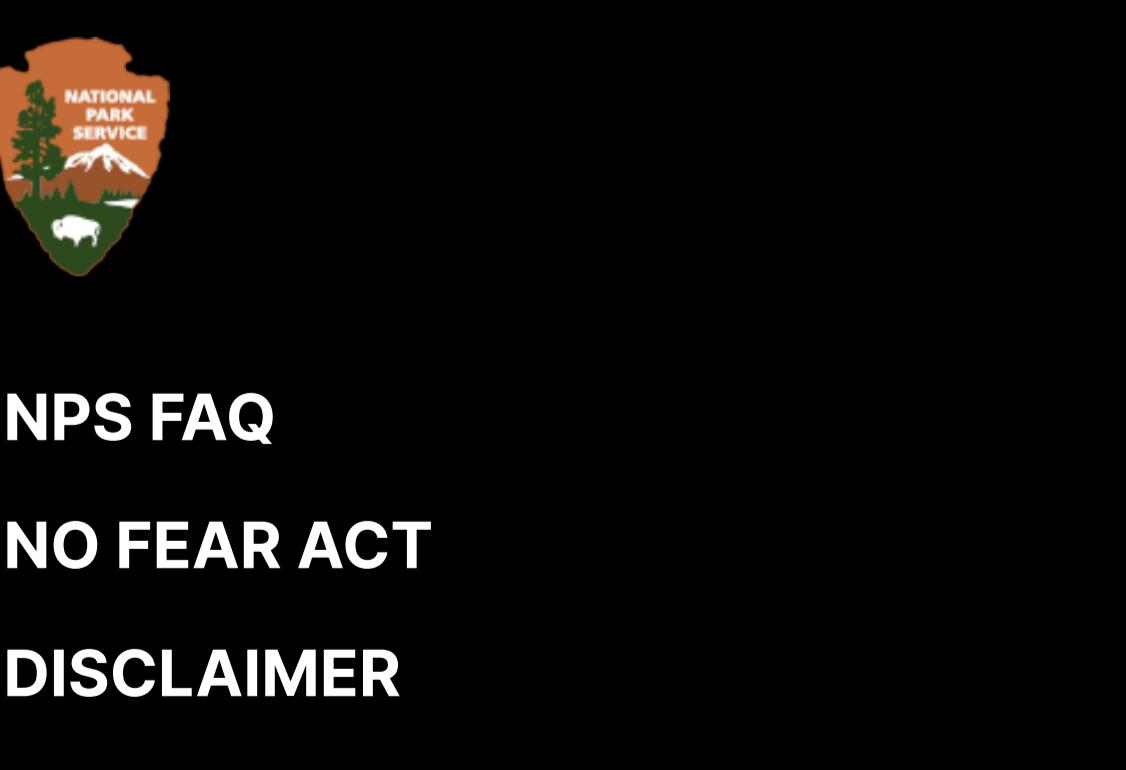
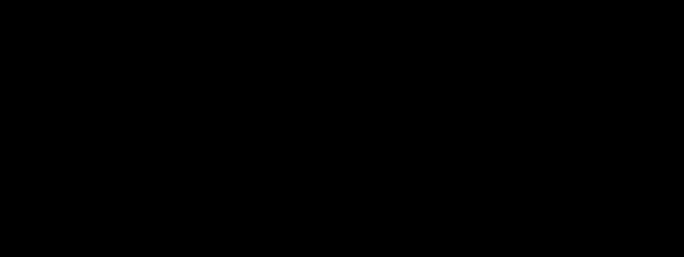
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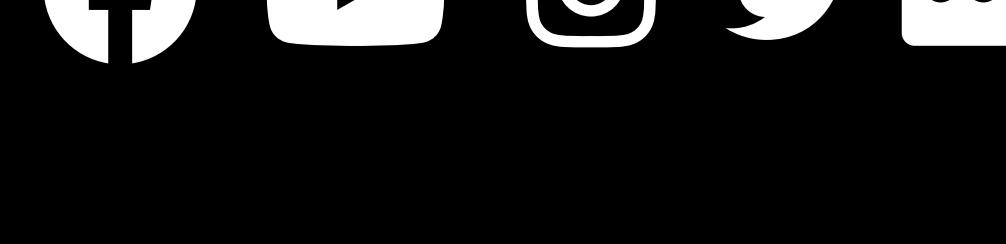
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A map of the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, which follows the western side of the Allegheny Mountains. The parkway connects the New River Gorge National Park to the Allegheny National Forest. A red pin marks the location of the parkway's northern terminus at the Allegheny National Forest. Major roads like Route 20 and Route 89 are also shown.

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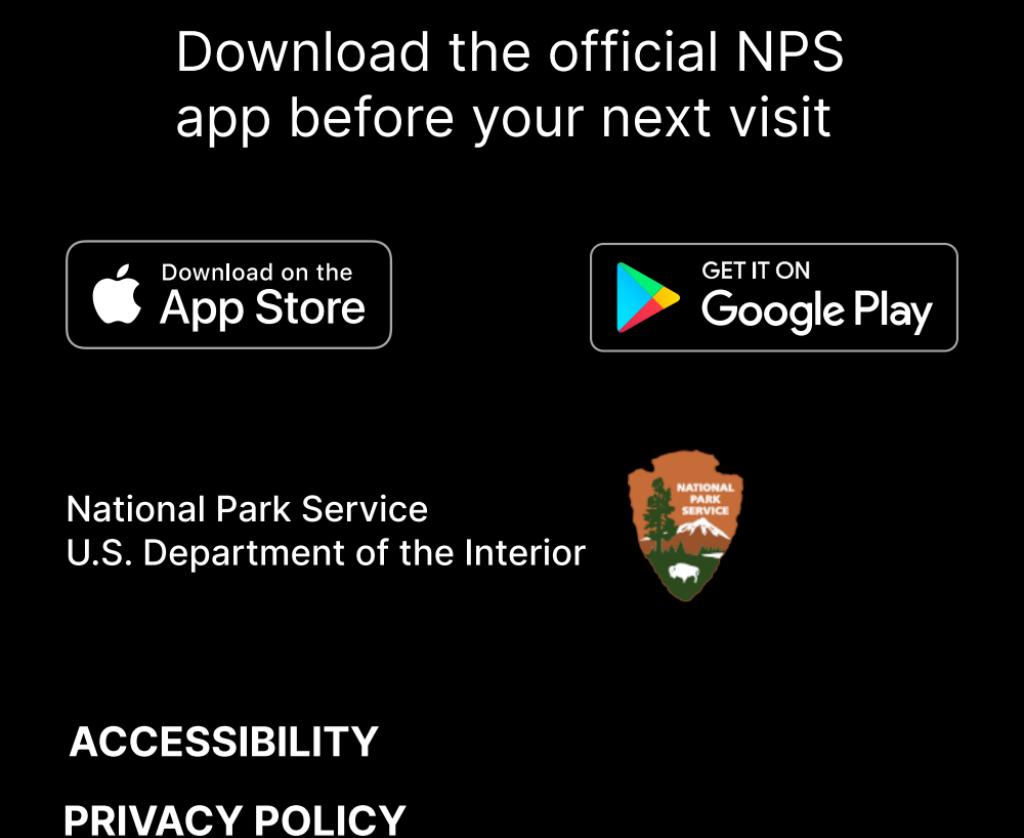
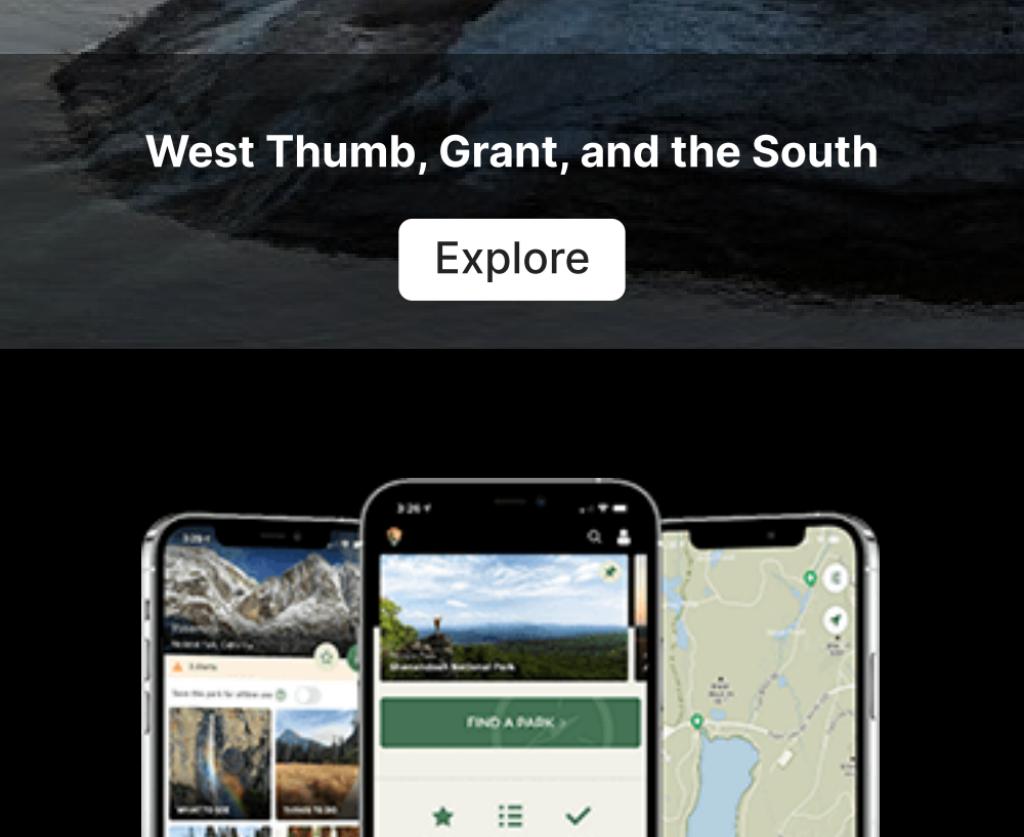
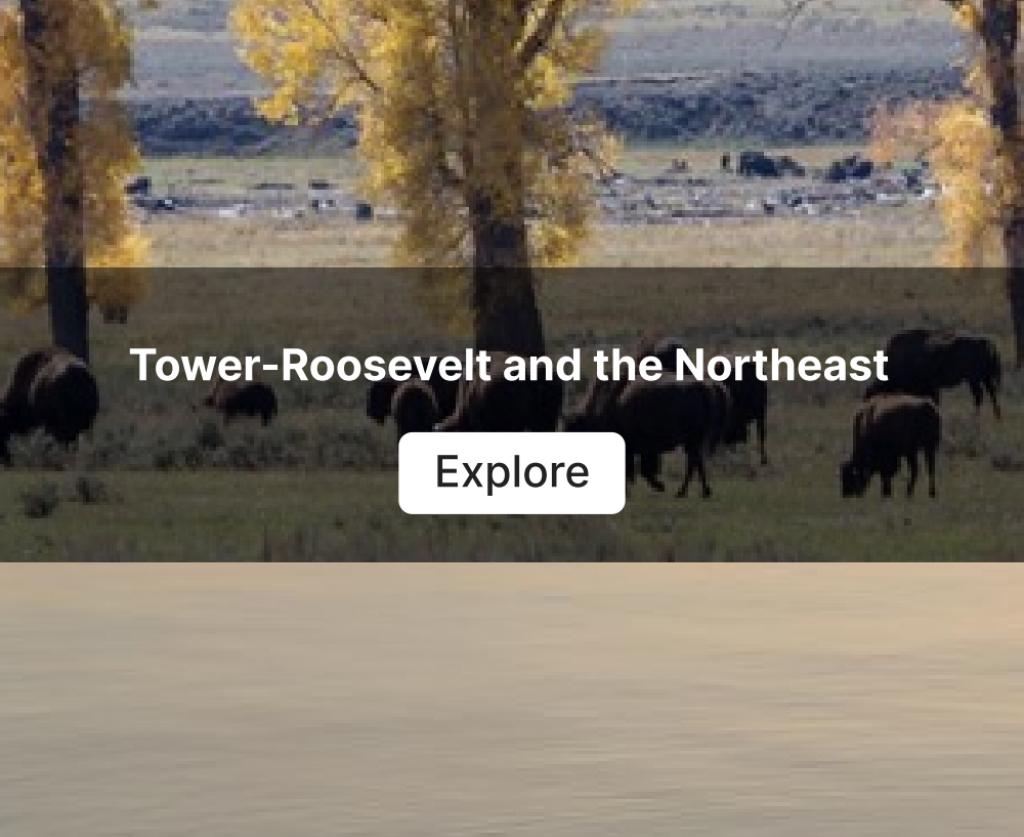
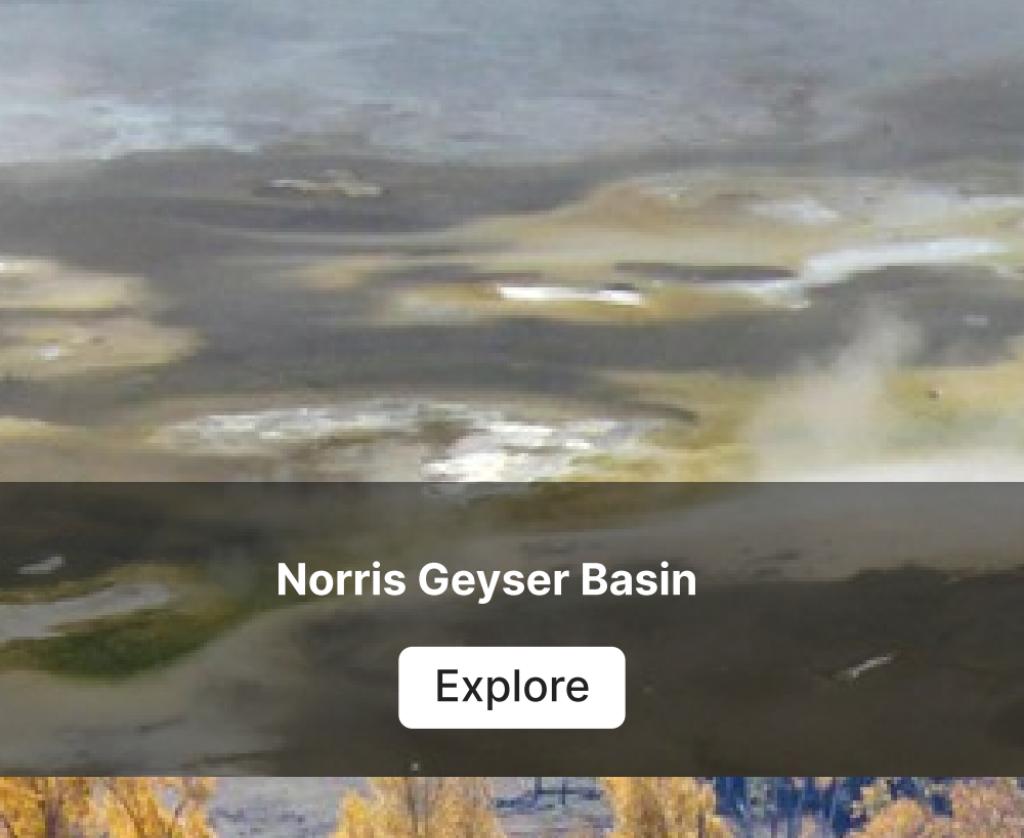
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A scenic view of the Grand Canyon, showing the deep blue Colorado River flowing through the massive rock walls. The sky above is a clear, pale blue with wispy white clouds.

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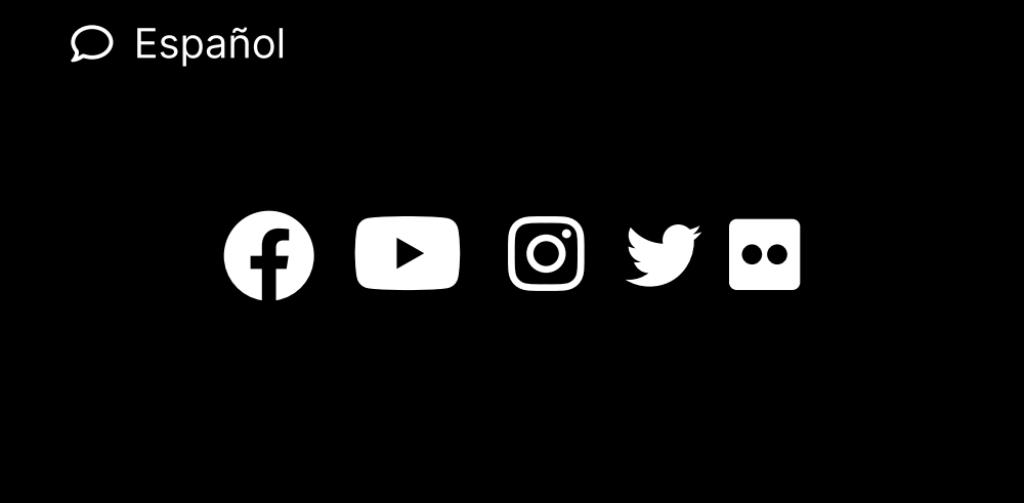


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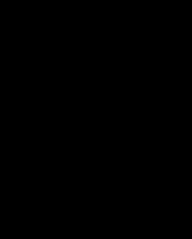
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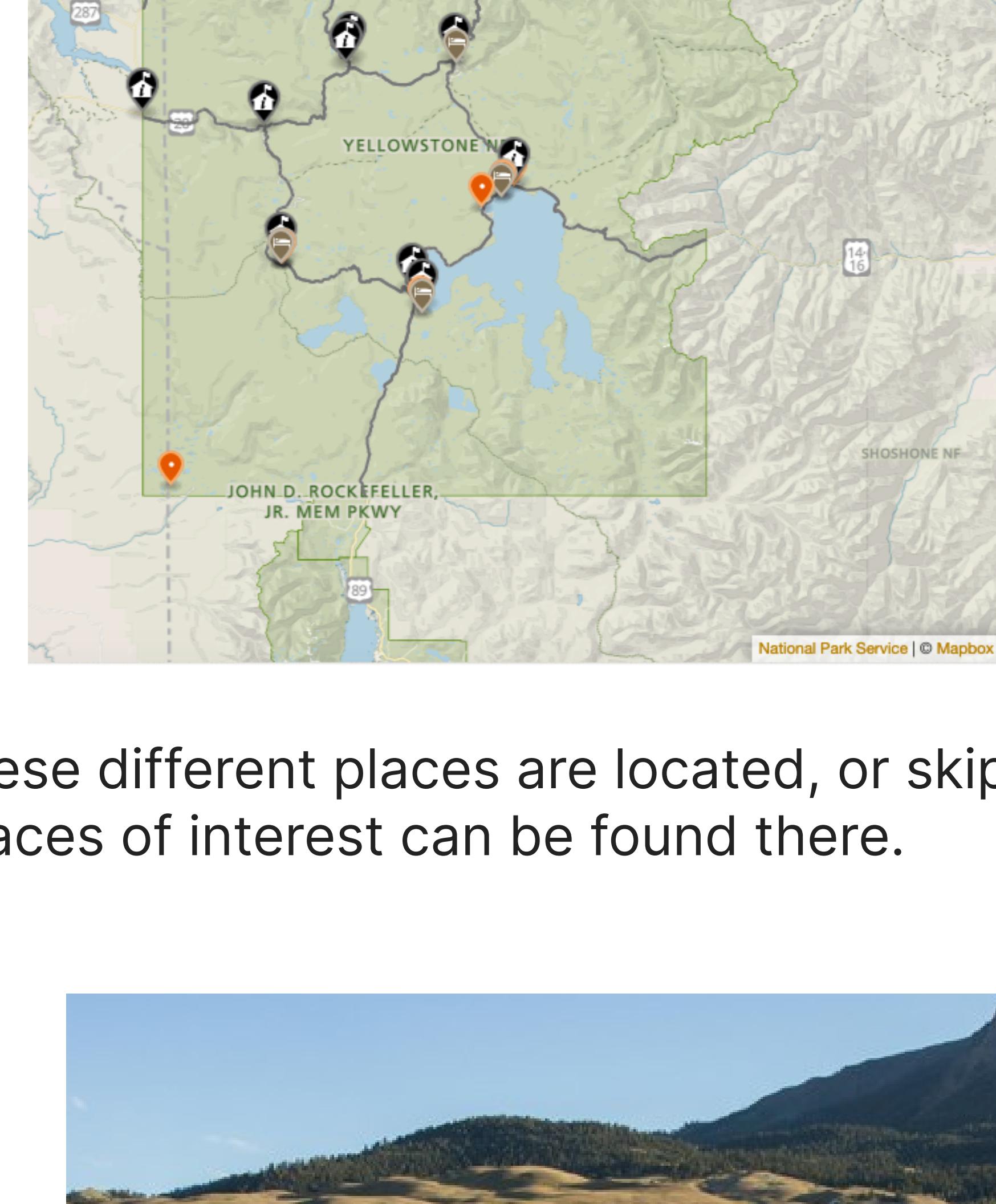
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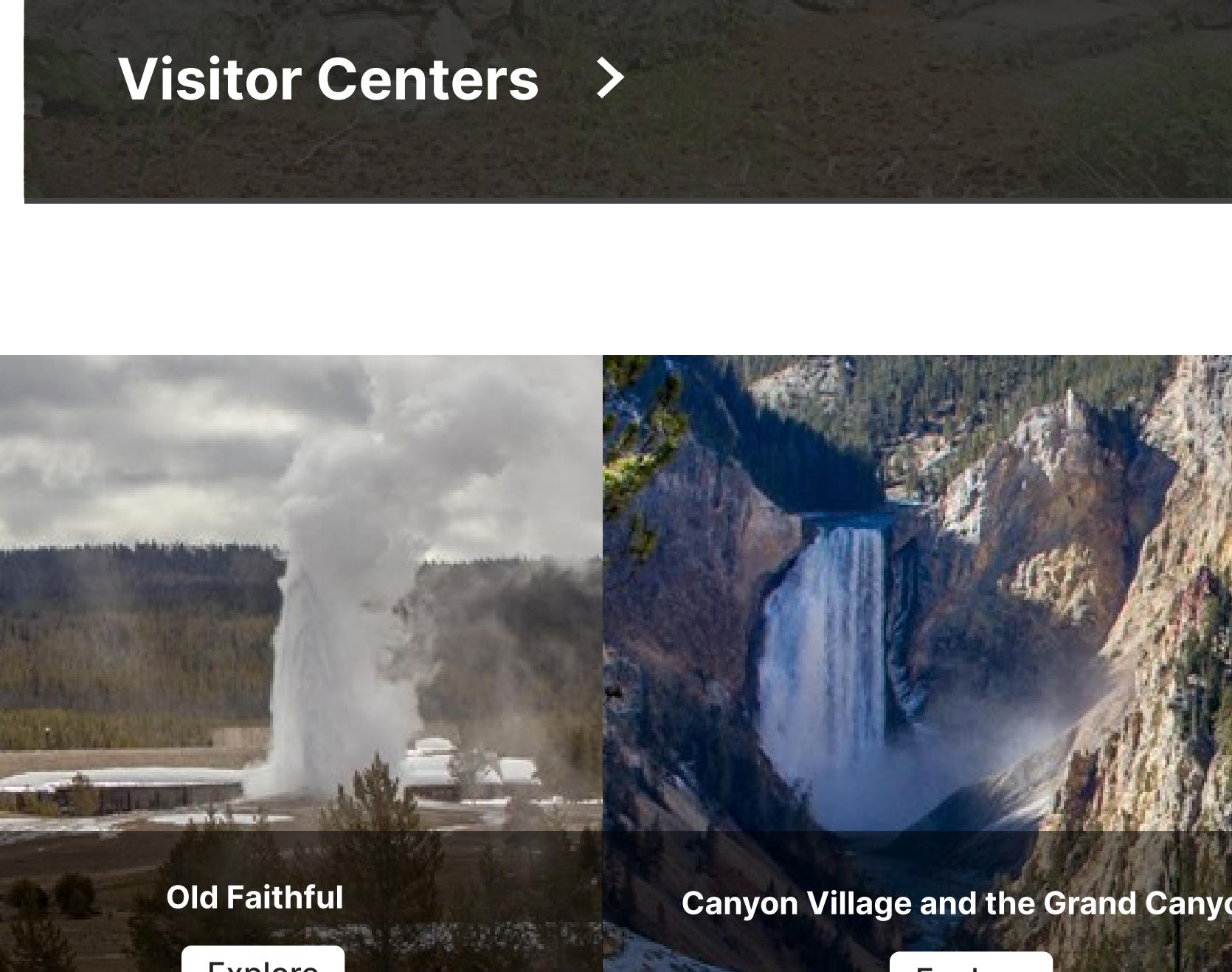
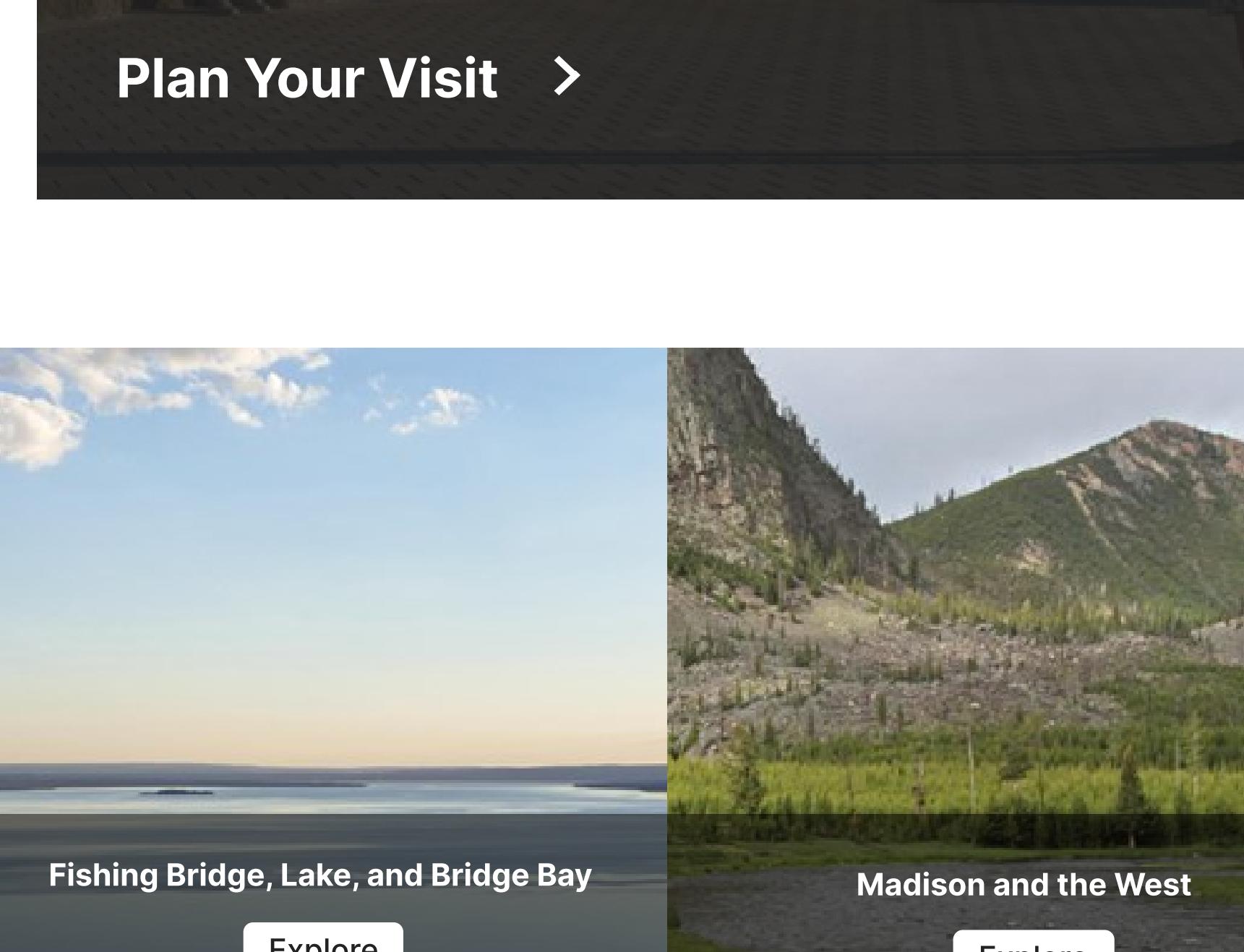
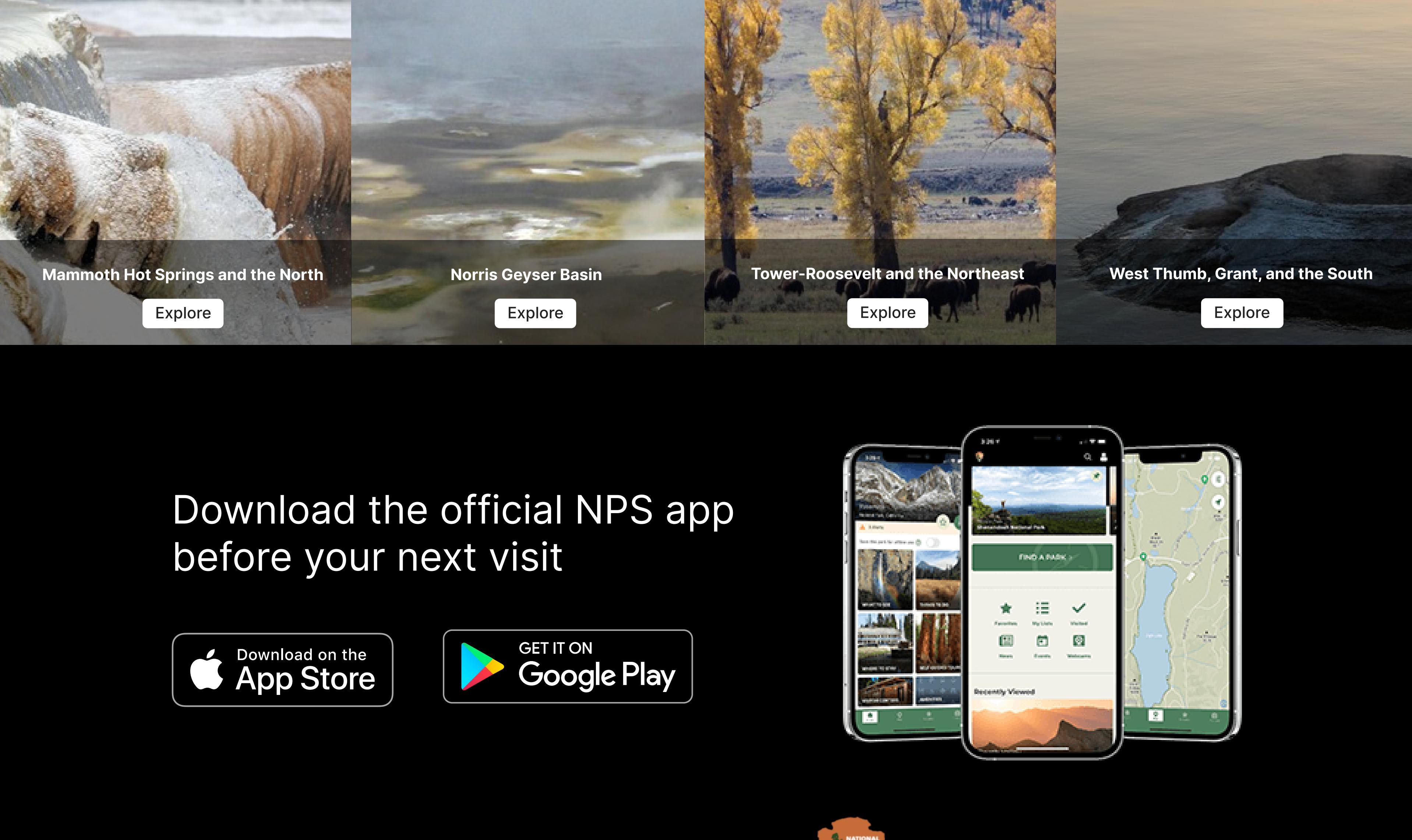
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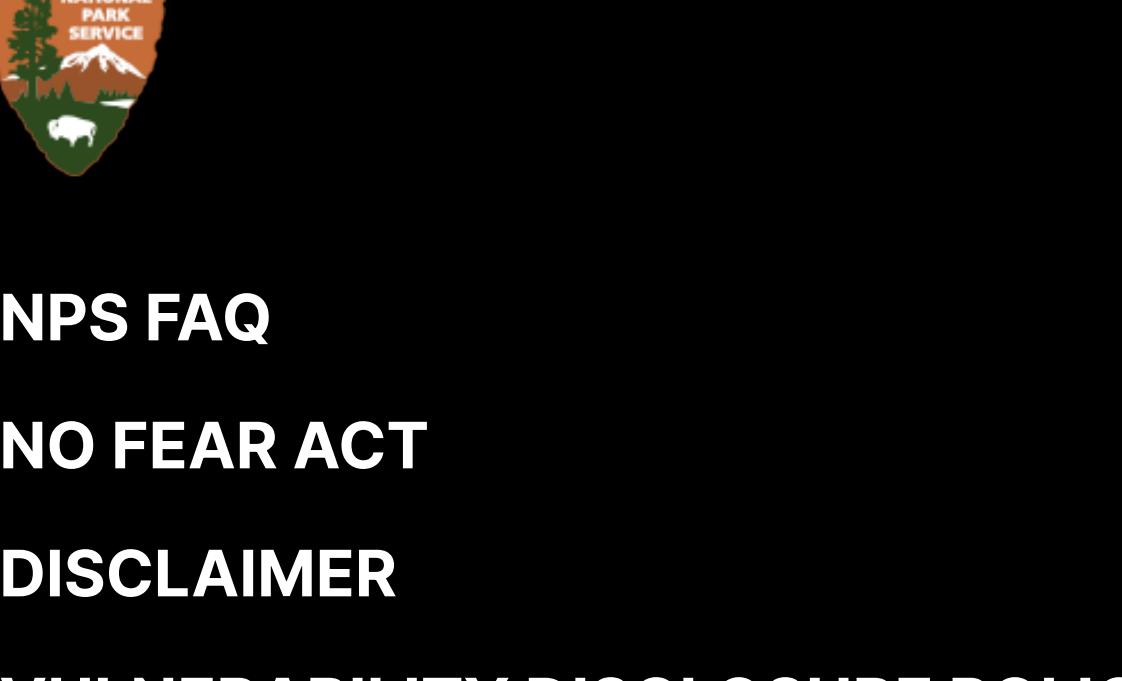
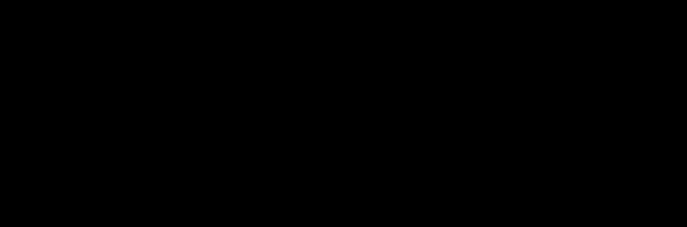
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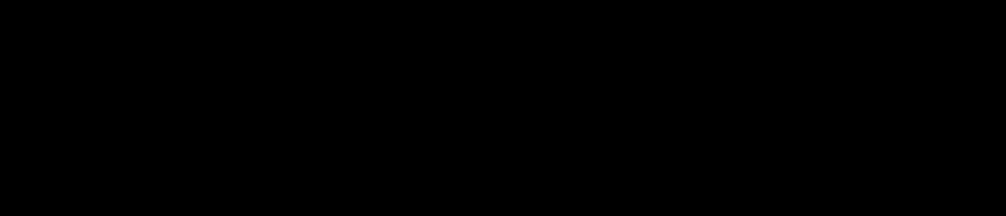
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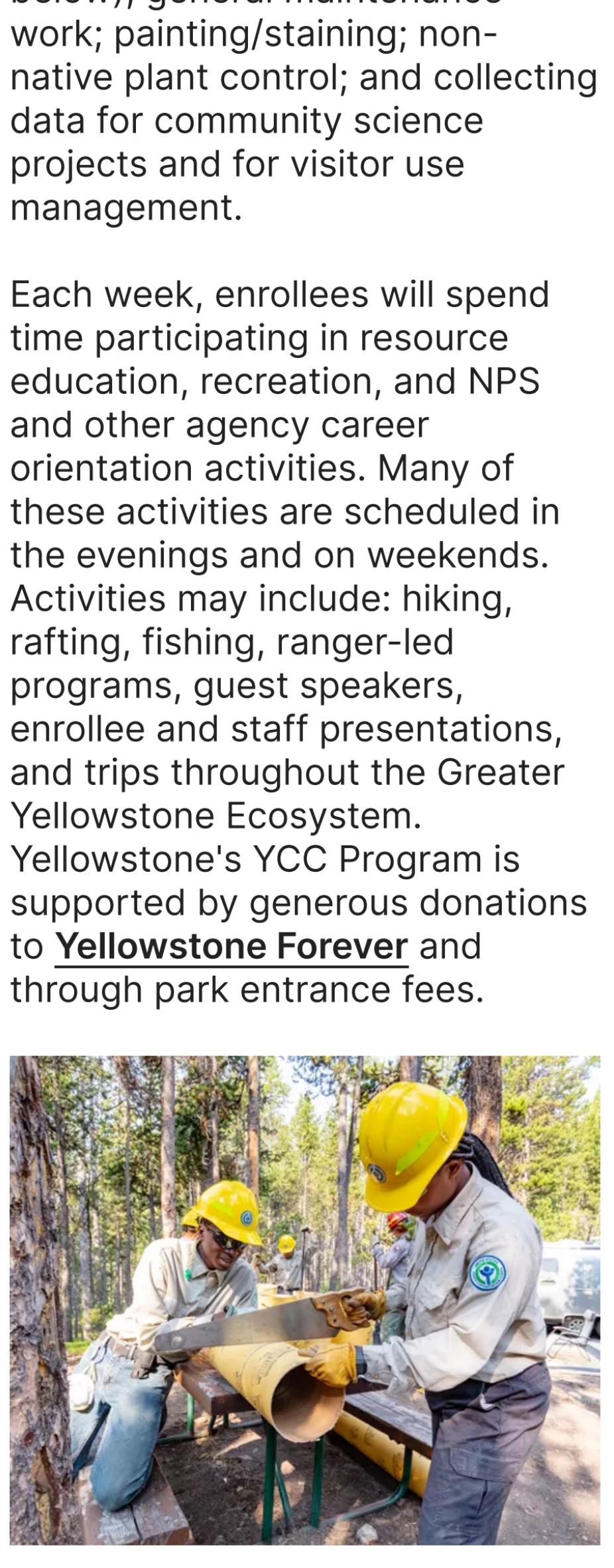
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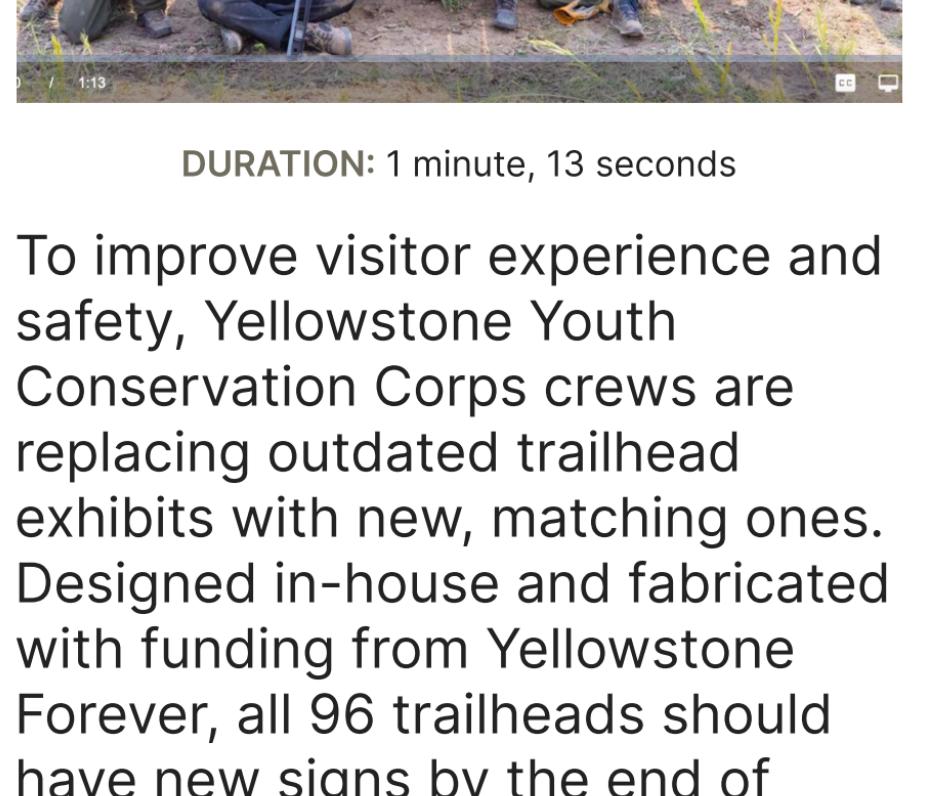
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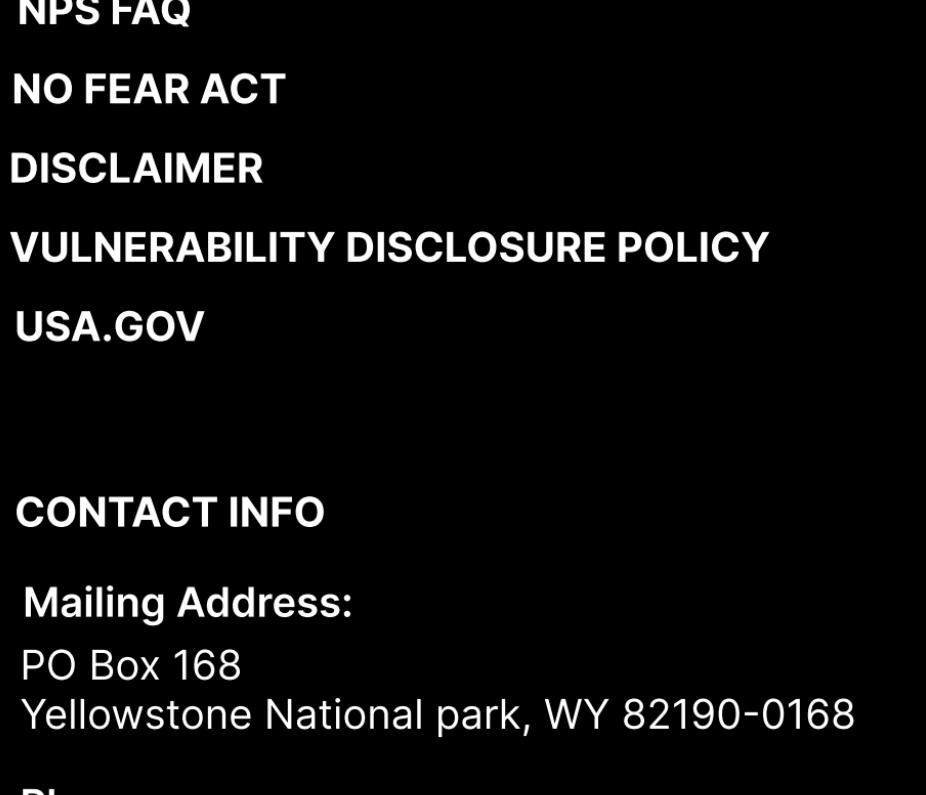
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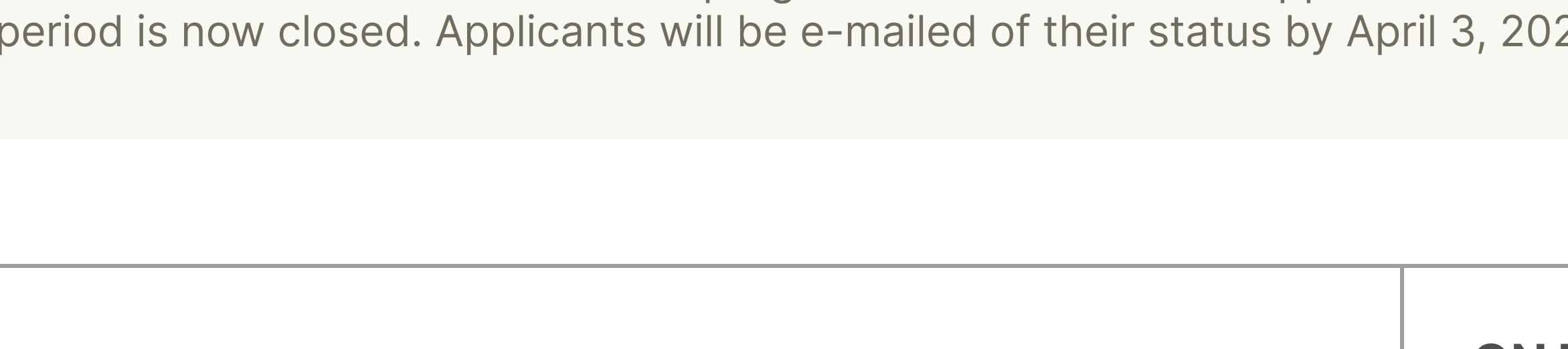
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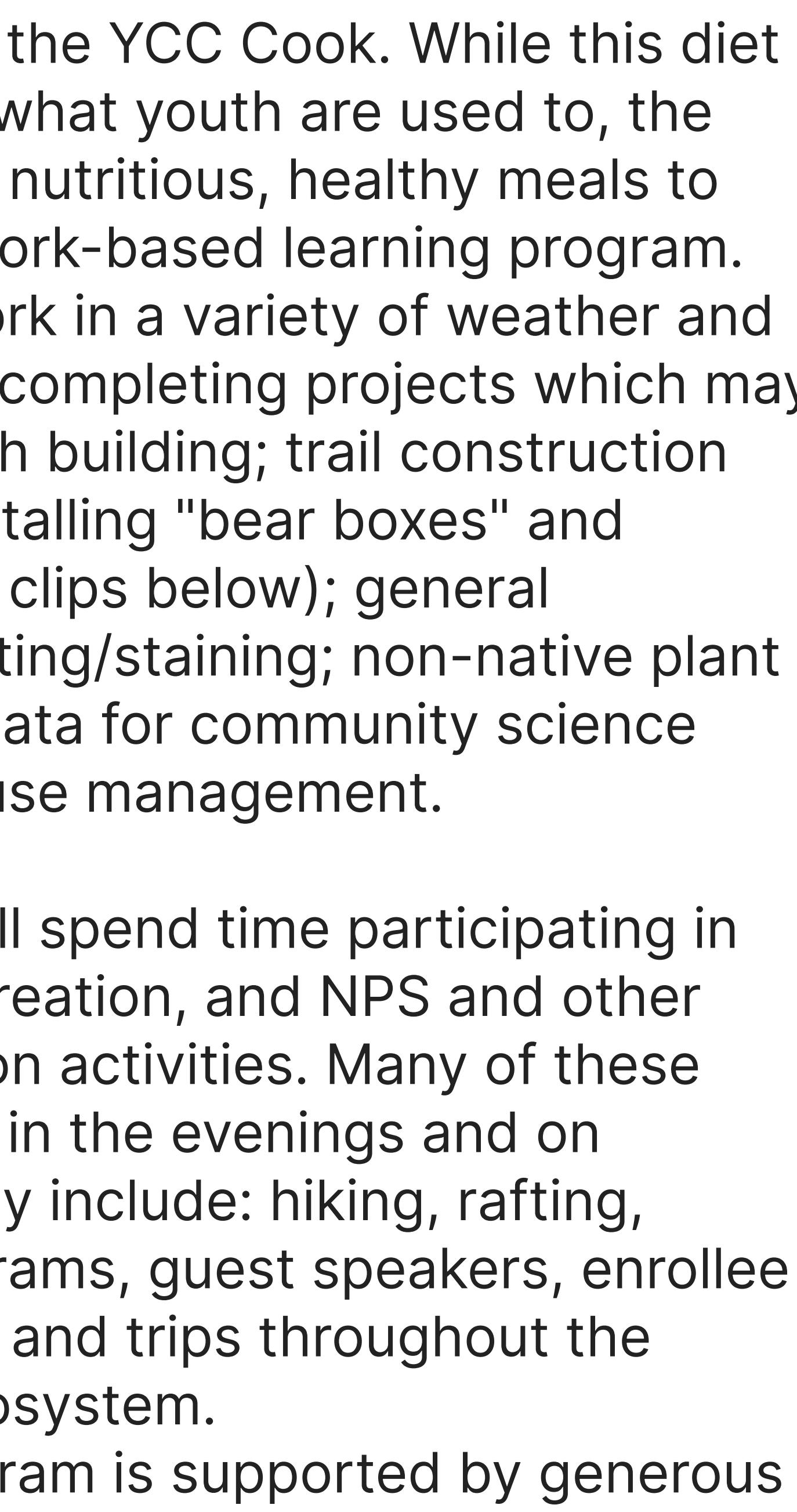
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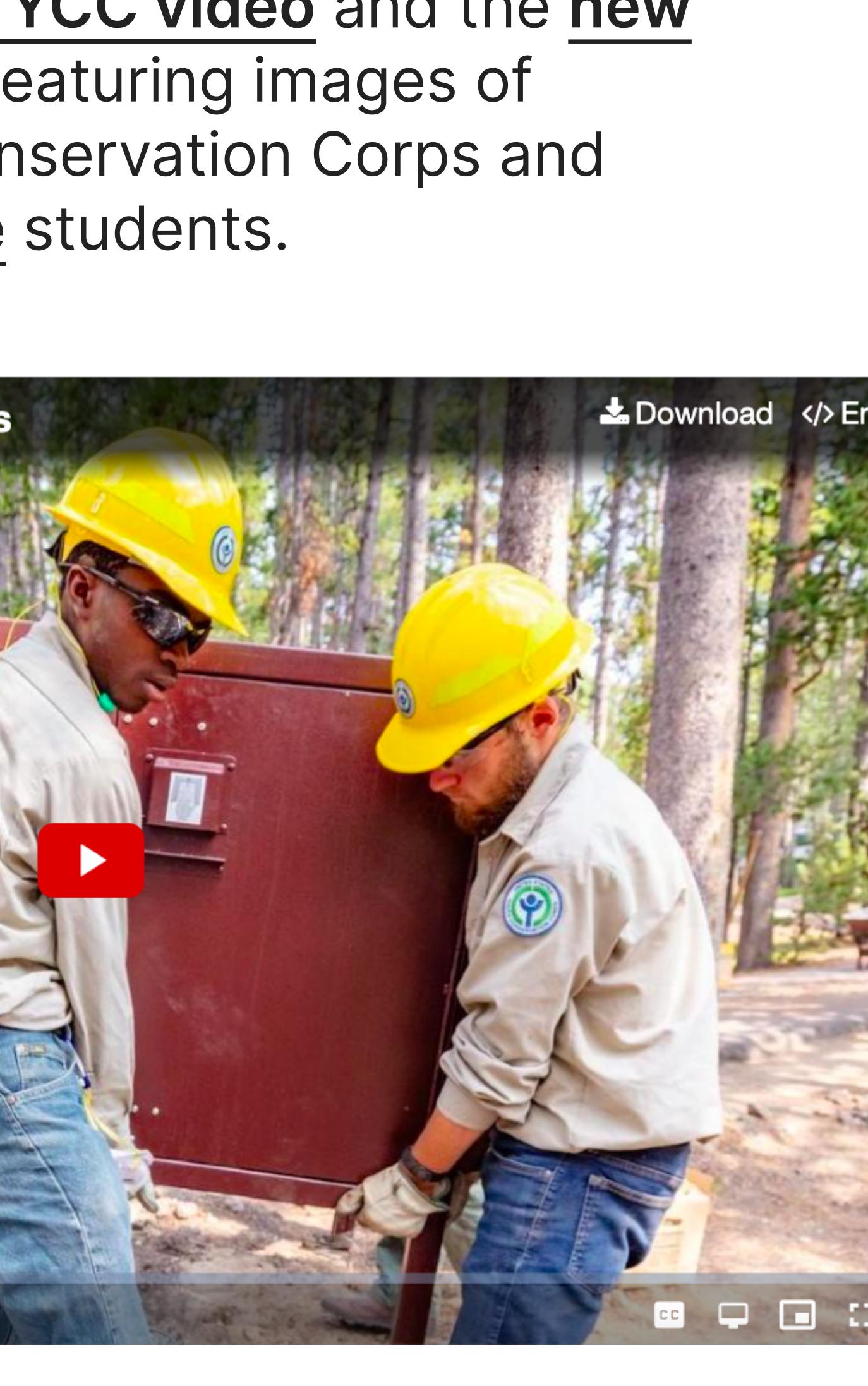
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YCC participants will work in a variety of weather and terrain conditions while completing projects which may include: fence and bench building; trail construction and/or maintenance; installing "bear boxes" and

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maintenance work; painting/staining; non-native plant control; and collecting data for community science

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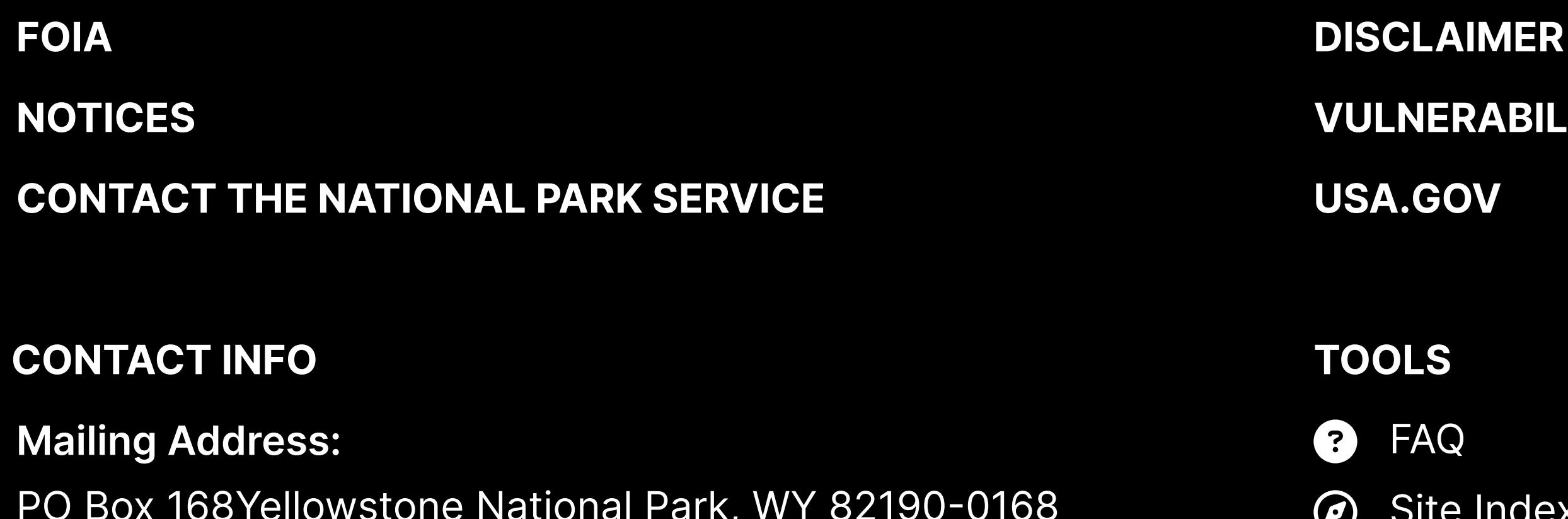
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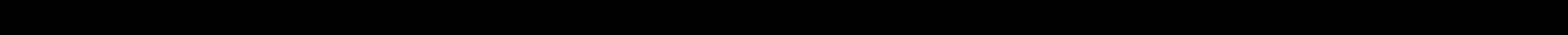
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