

it is set up for biologists to do research. There is a Gordon Haven who is studying wolverines and he doesn't want anyone to go into those areas and disturb the dens while he is conducting his research. So he is a pretty controversial figure. The Park Service doesn't like him because he plays with politics and he is on good terms with the Secretary of Interior's wife Mrs. Morton so anytime the Park Service disagrees with this fellow Gordon he will call up Washington and get Mrs. Morton to call up the McKinley Park and say "Oh please ~~do not~~ ^{don't} do that." "Don't give Gordon a hard time." Gordon has been working on this study for eight years. He's quite a character and is outspoken. McKinley Park is an ideal place to study the wolverine because there is so much open country and a piper cub can be used to observe them every day and to follow their patterns of movement of the pack as compared to Isle Royal where they have done some wolverine studies but the timber hinders their observations.

Satellites have brought TV to Alaska but as far as photos for censusing animals are concerned they are not detailed enough. Fish and Game do most of their census work with aeroplanes. There is one place on the Kenai Peninsula that was recently burned so that there are willows and all the other vegetation growing back which is good moose browse. So they fenced off an area and put a certain number of moose in the enclosure and then they offered free rides for people to fly over this enclosed area to count the moose. They got a wide range of different people flying over this range with a known number of moose and they then compared that with the the numbers of moose counted by the people so they could get an idea of how accurate are their game counts. They ask hunters to send in the lower jaw of their moose kills and where they were taken so they have a good age distribution of the moose that are shot. They make many graphs of the information.

I am not sure what they mean about the road finished to the Arctic oil fields. One interesting engineering construction is ice bridges over a few rivers for heavy truck traffic. They keep piling ice on top of the river and reinforcing it with trees and logs so that a big block of ice over the frozen river will support the traffic.