Heart Mountain Relocation Project
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

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May 21, 1943

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

Attention: William E. Hoffman

Dear Mr. Myer:

May I submit The Heart Mountain Fire Department Report for the week ending May 21st.

The department answered 7 alarms to extinguish trash outside of buildings. Firemen spent 1 hour and 44 minutes in extinguishing and overhauling these fires. One emergency call was responded to. Firemen administrated emergency first aid treatment and transported the patient to the hospital. A total of 58 firemen responded on these calls. No fire loss was reported for the week.

The Fire Prevention Inspection Bureau carried out the general routine inspection of the area, making a total of 1719 inspections. Reports of existing fire hazards were made and referred to proper authority for correction. The removal of existing fire hazards has been carried out with satisfactory results.

A total of 1423 First Aid Fire Appliances were inspected. Of this number, 191 were found to be out of order. Members of the Inspection Bureau are repairing them as rapidly as possible. The trouble seems to be due to corrosion from the calcium chloride used to depress the freezing temperature of water used in this type of extinguisher. At this time, 21 extinguishers have been repaired, 7 foam type extinguishers recharges, and 4 extinguishers were installed in building recently constructed.

All buildings where dances, socials, and movies were held were inspected before, during, and after such activities by evacuee Fire Marshall. The inspection proved that our education

program for such activities is meeting with satisfactory results.

Eleven fire school classes were held and 11 drills given to evacuee firemen by the Associate Fire Protection Officer. The classes and drill periods were devoted to life rescue, use of gas mask, hose layins, and ladder practices. All members of the department took part in it. A total of 290 firemen attended these classes and drills. A greal deal of interest and enthusiasm was shown by the evacuee firemen.

One employee of the department was terminated to go to outside employment during the week.

All 2½ inch hose were taken off the pumpers and put in reserve. New hose was loaded back on pumpers.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas M. Todd
Acting Project Director

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL REGION

Heart Mountain Relocation Project
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

FIRE DEPARTMENT

WEEKLY REPORT
JUNE 4 - JUNE 11, 1943

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

Attention: William E. Hoffman,
Fire Protection Adviser

Dear Mr. Myer:

May I submit the Heart Mountain Fire Department Report for the week ending June 11, 1943.

Number of Fire Alarms received	3
" " Emergency calls responded to	none
" " Firemen answering alarms	18
Time spent at fires	hrs. 35 min.
Ft. of hose laid at fires	2½") none 1½") none 1") 130'
Time spent at drills	7 hrs. 17 min.
Ft. of hose laid at drilling	2½") 1900' 1½") 400' 1") none

Value of buildings involved	$ none
" " contents "	$ none
Loss on buildings "	$ none
" " automobiles "	$ none
Total loss of all property for week	$ none

Number of Fire Schools conducted	none
" " Firemen attending Fire Schools	none
" " Drills conducted	6
" " Firemen attending drills	34
" " Firemen at public assemblies	13

Miles traveled by trucks:
#51) 10.7 #52) 35.0 #53) 133.5
#102) Speedometer broken. #6) Speedometer broken.

Number of inspections made of equipment	72
Gallons of gas used in equipment	48
Quarts of oil used in equipment	4

Number of inspections in barracks	1650
" " " " hospitals	1
" " " " laundry rooms	17
" " " " latrines	17
" " " " boiler rooms	1
" " " " dance halls	2
" " " " theaters	13
" " " " canteens	none
" " " " warehouses	27
" " " " personnel barracks	1
" " " " school buildings	15
" " " " recreation halls	8
" " " " mess halls	17
" " " " public buildings	1
Total of all inspections made	1762

Number of First Aid Appliances inspected	1095
" " " " " repaired	3
" " " " " recharged	9
" " " " " installed	2

Number of people employed in the fire service	52
" " termination	none

Number of people employed in the fire service	4
" " Volunteer firemen attending	214

School conducted for volunteer Firemen was under the supervision of the Acting Fire Protection Officer, and the Associate Fire Protection Officer. Subjects covered were fire hazards in barracks and the use of First Aid Appliances.

17 Mess halls and Mess hall attics were inspected by the Acting Fire Protection Officer, Associate Fire Protection Officer and Assistant Steward.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Robertson,
Project Director

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL REGION

Heart Mountain Relocation Project
Heart Mountain, Wyoming
Memorandum

July 9, 1943

TO: Mr. Douglas M. Todd, Asst. Project Director

FROM: Glenn B. Rumley, Fire Protection Officer

SUBJECT: Fire hazards and recommendations

In making fire prevention inspections of the new high school building, I would like to make the following recommendations.

Standpipes--Standpipe valves should be lowered to approximately 6 feet. Fire hose connections should be turned to right angles to the walk. The present conditions give these standpipes approximately 50 per cent efficiency. Hose rack should be lowered to approximately 12 inches below the standpipe valve and should hang so the hose could be used to cover both side of the standpipe.

Fire hose--The 1½-inch hose now being used is standard cotton-covered rubber line hose. This type of hose should never be used in steam heated buildings. This hose should be replaced by linen standpipe hose.

Janitor service--Janitor service should be started immediately. There is an excess of combustible material and trash scattered throughout the entire building.

Night watchman--On numbrous occasions, I found this building open to the public at all hours of the night. I feel that some competent employee should be assigned to see that the building is properly locked up after school hours.

Exits--All exits should be kept clear of school supplies. Locked exits are present at this time. This would interfere greatly with fire-fighting procedure, should a fire occur.

Chemistry laboratory storeroom--Storage of volatile liquids and chemicals in this room should be stored in approved metal containers. Also window glass should be painted or a permanent curtain hung over this window to keep out the afternoon sun rays.

Floor sandings--Caution should be taken to see that all dust bags on sanders are empties each night as this would be subject to spontaneous heat. Rags used for the process of finishing floors should be hung up each night in the manuel training shop. This being the only room having the cement floor.

Auditorium attic--The scuttling holes leading to the attic in this auditorium should be kept locked at all times, to keep persons from personal injury as well as damaging the electric services in this attic. On two occasions, someone has fallen partially through this ceiling.

Auditorium roof--Two stationary ladders, one on each end of the auditorium, should be installed immediately. These ladders to terminate 15 feet from ground level. At the present time, we do not have sufficient ladders to reach this roof.

Fire plug--Fire plug No. 57 located in the north side of the auditorium should be uncovered so as to be accessible for the Fire Department chiefs. The use of this plug at this time is impossible.

Glenn B. Rumley
Fire Protection Officer

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CENTRAL REGION

Heart Mountain Relocation Project
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

FIRE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY REPORT
June 18 - 24, 1943

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

Attention: William E. Hoffman,
Fire Protection Adviser

Dear Mr. Myer:

May I submit the Heart Mountain Fire Department Report for the week ending June 24, 1943.

Number of Fire Alarms received	4 (1 false alarm)
" " Emergency call responded to	0
" " Firemen answering alarms	26 - 13 volunteer

Time spent at fires and overhauling 3 hrs. min.

Feet of hose laid at fire 2½") 1650' 1½") 650' 1") 90'

Feet of hose laid at drilling 2½") 3950' 1½") 2700' 4") 30'

Miles traveled by trucks:

#51) 26.5 #52) 50.7 #53) 175.9

#102) Speedometer broken. #6 Speedometer broken.

Number of First Aid Appliances inspected	937
" " " " " repaired	2
" " " " " recharged	3
" " " " " installed	3

Value of buildings involved	
" " contents involved	$3500.00
Loss of buildings involved (estimation)	$1500.00
Loss on autos involved	$ 175.00
Total loss of all property for week	$ 250.00

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Number of inspections in barracks	288
" " " " hospitals	1
" " " " laundry rooms	20
" " " " latrines	0
" " " " boiler rooms	1
" " " " dance halls	10
" " " " theaters	8
" " " " canteens	0
" " " " warehouses	12
" " " " personnel headquarters	0
" " " " school buildings	0
" " " " recreation halls	8
" " " " mess halls	4
Total of all inspections	352

Number of Fire Schools conducted	0
" " Firemen attending	0
" " Drills conducted	17
" " Firemen attending	
Time at drilling	16 hrs. 91 min.

Number of Firemen at Public Assemblies	29
" " Fire drills in school	0

Gallons of gas used on equipment	62
Quarts of oil used on equipment	7
Number of inspections on equipment	84

Number of people employed in the fire service	56
" " Termination	0

Out of order extinguishers	35

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Robertson
Project Director

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HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION CENTER
1944
CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

The 1944 Fire Prevention Clean-Up Campaign was turned into a personal double pronged attact on Hitler and his gangsters. Public awareness in the importance of cleaning rubbish out of our homes and community attained a new high in Heart Mountain with the conclusion of the Center wide observance of Clean-Up Week April 2-8.

While the Heart Mountain Fire Department has conducted numerous Fire Prevention Activities throughout the year, the Clean-Up Week Committee conducted a comprehensive all out campaign to emphasize the importance of removing fire hazards and disease breeders and converting them into weapons of war for the battle front.

The Clean-Up Week program climaxed on the final day by the turn out of hundreds of the residents was considered successful and beneficial in all aspects.

The following report endeavors to give a day by day summary, supplemented by statistics, of the activities conducted by the Clean-Up Committee during Clean-Up Week.

Due to the great need for the conservation of our resources and the prevention of waste, the Clean-Up Campaign was given first priority. A Clean-Up Week Committee was organized consisting of Volunteer Fire Chiefs, Block Councilmen, Block Managers and Fire Prevention Leaders. Through this Clean-Up Committee the cooperation of Center residents was enlisted. Representatives of all Divisions and Sections collaborated with this Committee in drawing up an extensive program.

April 1, 1944

On this day, the Clean-Up Committee met to make final arrangements for a successful program. Everyone directly concerned with the daily programs was notified in order to insure a well coordinated functioning of the activities.

April 2, 1944

The Protestant, Catholic and Buddhist Churches

gave full support to the Clean-Up Week program. Ministers of all churches urged observance of the Week from their pulpits to an aggregate audience of 1700. All churches carried Clean-Up Week bulletins in their weekly publications.

This being the first day of Clean-Up Week, Committee members were kept busy distributing rakes, shovels, step ladders, wheelbarrows, and etc. to all residents of the Center. School fire drills were held in both Elementary and High School. Clean-Up Home Inspection Blanks were explained and given to some 3,000 students by Fire department Inspectors.

Boy Scouts collected salvage paper after school. Residents started the Clean-Up Week with wholehearted cooperation. Hundreds of persons cleaning inside and outside barrack apartments.

April 4, 1944

The entire community was covered with clean up for Fire Prevention posters and bulletins. Eighty Boy Scouts covered the Center distributing thousands of posters and bulletins. Fire Department Inspectors inspected 170 apartments. A special clean up was held in the warehouse area as well as the hospital area.

Residents continued the clean up in their respective blocks. Boy Scouts continued collecting waste paper for the salvage drive.

April 5, 1944

Fire Department Inspectors inspected 390 apartments for the removal of fire hazards.

On this day 16 trucks from the Motor Maintenance Unit were assigned to Block 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, and 30 to haul all debris to the dump. Hundreds of volunteers as well as the regular assigned work crews completed this portion of the Clean-Up.

April 6, 1944

Fire Department Inspectors inspected 414 apartments for the removal of fire hazards.

On this day 16 trucks from the Motor Maintenance Unit were assigned to Blocks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, and 17 to haul all debris to the dump. Hundreds of volunteers as well as the regular assigned work crews completed

this portion of the Clean-Up.

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April 7, 1944

Fire Department Inspectors inspected 105 apartments as well as school and other public buildings.

The livestock area was given a thorough clean up on this day as well as the railroad yards.

All schools were dismissed at noon and students devoting the afternoon to the clean up of school grounds and interior of the buildings, washing windows, and etc.

The Clean-Up Committee met in the evening to discuss the accomplishments of the week.

April 8, 1944

Boy Scouts completed their collection of waste paper for the salvage drive, having trucks assigned to them.

The Administration area was cleaned up by both the personnel and evacuee employees.

Volunteers cleaned up the playgrounds in blocks 5 and 26.

Members of Golf Association cleaned up the golf course.

RESUME OF WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

INSPECTORS: A total of 2,823 apartments were inspected during the week. Every messhall, laundry, recreation hall was inspected. Special inspections were made of church buildings, schools, warehouses, buildings in Motor Pool and Administrative Areas. Many fire hazards were removed. A total of 1,592 water type, 56 foam type and 101 vaporizing liquid (Carbon Tetrachloride) extinguishers were inspected.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: School fire drills were held in both Elementary and High School. Clean-Up Home Inspection Blanks were explained and given to 3,000 students.

CLEAN-UP FOR FIRE PREVENTION: A total of 15,000 pieces of literature on Clean-Up and Fire Prevention were distributed during the week. Materials used in the campaign included those procured from the National Fire Protection Association, National Clean-Up and Paint-Up Campaign Bureau and those printed in the Center.

TALKS: Fire Prevention talk on the importance of Clean-Up were delivered in seven blocks by Fire Protection Officer. The importance of Clean-Up was stressed in all Blocks of the Center by Block Managers and Block Councilmen at regular Block Meetings.

PUBLICITY: Many column inches of publicity were given previous to and during Clean-Up Week by the Heart Mountain Sentinel. All Center Churches cooperated by carrying notices in their weekly bulletins.

CONTESTS: Special awards were given blocks who accomplished most during Clean-Up Week.

PAPER SALVAGE: Boy Scouts collected several tons of waste paper during the Clean-Up Week.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to all those persons whose generous support and interest made our Clean-Up Week such an outstanding success.

Glenn B. Rumley
Fire Protection Officer
Fire Department

FIRE PREVENTION AND CLEAN-UP WEEK PROGRAM

October 8 to 14th

October 8, Sunday

All churches to make appeal for cooperation by members in general clean-up of both their homes and their neighborhood.

October 9 to 14, Monday - Saturday

Block managers will make announcements in mess halls requesting cooperation of all residents in the colony in cleaning around barracks of dry grass, rubbish and report any fire hazards that might exist.

Boyscouts will deliver Fire Prevention booklets to every apt. in the center, both in English and Japanese.

Fire Prevention inspectors to make inspections and offer suggestions. This to be continued throughout the week.

Home inspection blanks explained and given out to all school children to be taken home and returned on Friday. Arrangements are made for quiz contest, essay contest and Fire Prevention talks by teachers. Poster contest to be completed so posters can be used.

Janitors organized, instructed and efforts made to clean up all dry grass from around schools, coal and rubbish removed from under chimneys in school blocks 25 and 7.

Hospital janitors to make clean up of outside area of grass and weeds. This to be supervised by responsible person.

Warehouse employees to check and clean entire warehouse area and remove or report any fire hazards that might exist. This to be done when it will not interfere with regular routine of business and supervised by responsible person.

Motor Pool employees to check and clean entire area and remove or report any fire hazards that might exist. This to be done when it will not interefere with regular routine of business and supervised by a responsible. person.

Electric shop will make complete check up and clean up of their section and remove or report any fire hazards that might exist. This to be supervised by a responsible person.

Carpenter shop will make complete checkup and clean their section and remove or report any fire hazard that might exist. This to be supervised by responsible person.

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Mess inspection block, explained and given out to all school children to be also something returned on Friday. Arrange-ments are made for quiz contests, essay contests and fire prevention talks by teachers. Posters contest to be organized to replace one to be used.

Janitors organized, instructed and efforts made to clean up all dry grass from around schools, coal and rubbish removed from under outhouses in school blocks 23 and 9.

Hospital janitors to make clean up of outside of hospital grounds. This to be supervised by responsible person.

Firefighters engineers to check and clean engine waterpipes and remove or report any fire hazards that might exist. This to be done when it will not interfere with regular routine of man-ager and supervised by responsible persons.

Motor pool employees to check and clean engine [illegible] remove or report any fire hazards that might exist. This to be done when it will not interfere with regular routine of mechanics and supervised by responsible person.

Electric shop will make and fix chart [illegible] of black boxes and remove or report any fire hazards [illegible] and. This to be supervised by a responsible person.

Carpenter shop will make complete checking [illegible] shall section and remove or report any fire hazard such as [illegible] and. This to be supervised by responsible person.

The agriculture workers made a complete check-up of the live stock area and chicken farm. Straw and feed was neatly piled, scrap lumber was removed and piled away from the buildings, dry grass cut and hauled away from the area, brooder stoves were checked thoroughly and some were removed pending the decision of purchasing more chicken.

The equipment of the Fire Department was displayed on several occasions. Approximately 300 posters was obtained and posted throughout the project. Personal memos were forwarded to all the Caucasian residents of the colony with suggestions on what to check around their homes. No demonstration was given by the Fire Dept. because of the acute man-power shortage. This also, curtailed the distribution of literature on Fire Prevention as it could not be printed.

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK REPORT

Sunday, October 8th, an announcement and an appeal was made in all the churches and mess halls of the center requesting cooperation by residents in a general clean up of their homes and their neighborhood. Wonderful cooperation was received from all the residents on the project. Yards were cleaned of dry grass and rubbish and unnecessary fences were removed from between the buildings. Considerable improvement was noted in the homes where heating and electrical equipment was used and personal effects were packed and stored. Mess halls and laundry rooms were inspected and found to be in very good condition. Recommendations have been made to improve the construction of some of the coal bunkers attached to the mess halls. In most cases this had been cared for.

Approximately 1,200 boy scouts volunteered and delivered a 7-page booklet on Fire Prevention printed in English and Japanese to each apt in the center. A benefit show was held in the high school auditorium on Monday evening, October 9th. The Fire Prevention motion picture titled "One Match" was shown with a feature which was run for the boy scouts organization. This picture was also shown in all the theatres on the project for one week to the residents.

The school program had to be postponed for 2 weeks due to a vacation granted to the high school students who volunteered to harvest the potato crop. This was necessary because of the manpower shortage on the farm. Arrangements was made for the essay and poster contests. Winners were decided. Maltese Cross Plaques with the name placed on them was awarded as 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for thw winners of the essay and poster contests. Certificate of Merit were awarded to six of the different rooms of the elementary school for contests conducted in each grade. Fire Prevention talks were given by all teachers from informations furnished by the Fire Department. The poster contest could not be completed in time to use these posters during the Fire Prevention Week.

The janitors of the schools cooperated very well in cleaning up the dry grass and weeds from and around the school buildings. They also removed all the coal and rubbish from under and around the stoves and chimneys in each room of the elementary schools.

The janitors of the hospital removed all the dry grass and weeds for reasonable distance from the hospital. A complete inspection was made and the sprinkler system checked and tested. Conditions were found to be in good order.

The warehouse, motor pool, electric shop and cabinet shop employees made a complete check up and cleaned up of their departments. Inspection was made and these Dept. was found to be in satisfactory condition. Labor conditions do not permit some changes that are necessary but it will be corrected as soon as possible.

Agriculture workers will make complete clean up of the live stock area, straw and feed to be neatly piled around hog and chiken farm and dry grass removed. Brooder heaters checked and any fire hazards removed or reported. This to be done when it will not interfere with the regular routine of business and supervised by a responsible person.