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## **Postal Service Previews Last of 16 Stamps Celebrating National Park Service's Centennial**

Stamp Highlights Yellowstone National Park

WASHINGTON — A stunning photograph of two bison silhouetted in Yellowstone National Park's winter morning sun was previewed today as the last of 16 Forever Stamp images to be revealed over a threeweek period to celebrate the National Park Service's 100th anniversary. The uniquely designed stamp pane containing all 16 stamp images will be previewed later this week.

The image was captured by Art Wolfe of Seattle, WA, who described it as, "perfectly backlit bison standing on a small rise in Yellowstone's Lamar Valley."

"Rising at dawn and braving the -30°F temperature I was able to catch the first rays of the morning sun," he explained. "The bitter cold of a long winter's night had left the animals encased in a mantle of thick frost. I had scouted the area the day before and had seen the herd of bison. They had bedded down there all night and now were standing and trying to shake off the cold as the sun came over the horizon. These are the serendipitous moments I wait for as a photographer. I shot this in the days of film, so I didn't know until I got back to Seattle and had the film processed if I had been successful or not."

Wolfe got the February 2000 shot using a Canon EOS-3, EF70-200mm lens set at f/16 for 1/250 sec. using Fujichrome Velvia film.

## Yellowstone National Park, ID, MT and WY

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Other National Parks Forever Stamps previewed to date include <u>Acadia National Park</u>, <u>Arches National Park</u>, <u>Assateague Island National Seashore</u>, <u>Bandelier National Monument</u>, <u>Carlsbad Caverns National Park</u>, <u>Everglades National Park</u>, <u>Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve</u>, <u>Grand Canyon National Park</u>, <u>Gulf Islands National Seashore</u>, <u>Haleakalā National Park</u>, <u>Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens</u>, <u>Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park</u>, <u>Mount Rainier National Park</u>, <u>San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park</u> <u>and Theodore Roosevelt National Park</u>.

The June 2 first-day-of-issue ceremony for the National Parks Forever Stamps pane will take place at New York City's <u>Javits Center</u> at 11 a.m. as part of the world's largest stamp show that only takes place in the United States once a decade, <u>World Stamp Show-NY 2016</u>. Dedication ceremonies will also take place at or near each of the National Parks depicted on the stamps. Individuals are asked to spread the news on social media by using the hashtags **#NPSStamps**, **#FindYourPark** or **#NPS100**.

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 will take place May 28–June 4. This mega event is not to be missed by beginners or advanced stamp collectors. There will be something for everyone there, no matter what you collect. Stamp collecting is a hobby for a lifetime. No matter what your specialty, you'll find it at the show.

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