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James M. Eden, Ajo, AZ, to Regional Director, Region Three, January 17, 1959, Folder: General, 1958-59, Box 172, Correspondence and Subject Files, 1928-59, RG 79, NARA-MD.

This letter to the Regional Director detailed the low risk of fires in the park in 1959 due to the fact that it was an above average year in terms of rainfall. Many safety precautions were taken as well including testing the fire hydrants and acquiring a new 100,000 gallon tank. This was also obtained to supplement the few new residences that were built. Dikes were also built to retain and spreading water seeing a growth in vegetation. Tests were also done on some trees in the park but still need to be evaluated.

S. T. Carlson, Santa Fe, NM, to Director, February 9, 1959, Folder: General, 1958-59, Box 172, Correspondence and Subject Files, 1928-59, RG 79, NARA-MD.

This series of letters discusses how the mistletoe has been parasitic to certain trees and vegetation in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The Rangers in the park had been administering herbicides to the trees to control the mistletoe growth. These herbicides were not harmful to the other wildlife in the park and were used for the express purpose of keeping a balance in the vegetation in the area. These chemicals were also said to be less damaging to the tree than pruning the tree of the mistletoe.