

National Park Service

Submission of Study Package for Office of Management and Budget Review Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Interior

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The National Park Service and University of Texas at El Paso propose to conduct a survey of visitors to Guadalupe Mountains National Park. The goal is to learn visitor demographics and visitors' opinions about services and facilities in the park. Results will be used by managers to improve services, protect resources and better serve the visitors. The study package including the proposed survey questionnaire has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the NPS invites public comment on a proposed information collection request (ICR).

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the information including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the reporting burden estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The primary purpose of the proposed ICR is to compare and contrast any significant differences between park users from three apparently different visitor use seasons of spring, summer, and fall. This proposed collection of information will be accomplished using a mail-back questionnaire focusing on information that is not readily available from registers at visitor centers, trailheads, or camping permits. The range of issues in the questionnaire will assess (1) visitor information sources inside and outside the park, (2) visitor travel flow within the park, (3) visitor evaluation of existing and desired facilities, programs or activities, and (4) visitor perceptions of crowding or solitude in wilderness and developed areas. This data is needed to plan for future management actions that would protect park resources and provide visitor services.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Superintendent, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, HC 60 Box 400, Salt Flat, TX 79847-9801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT: Fred Armstrong, Resource Management Specialist, at (915) 828-3251 ext. 132, or Jacqueline Bergdahl, Department of Sociology, UTEP AT (915) 747-6812.

There were no public comments received or submitted to OMB for review as a result of publishing a 60 day notice of intention to request clearance of information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Visitor Survey—Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

Form: Not applicable.

OMB Number: To be assigned.

Expiration Date: To be assigned.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of Need: To evaluate significant differences in visitor activities and visitor perceptions during three apparently different visitor use seasons of spring, summer and fall. The proposed information to be collected is not available from existing records, sources, or observations.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or groups of park visitors.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 800 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 12 minutes.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Frequency of Response: For a 7 day period each during the visitor use seasons of spring, summer, and fall, for a total of 21 days of survey.

Terry N. Tesar,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, Management Services Division, National Park Service.

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Commercial Services Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Commercial Services Management Plan, Yellowstone National Park.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for a Commercial Services Management Plan for Yellowstone National Park.

The effort will result in a plan that will determine the levels and types of commercial visitor services appropriate for Yellowstone National Park (Yellowstone). The plan is intended to provide the park with long-term strategic guidance for management of commercial services.

The plan will provide a framework or broad, general direction and guidance. Individual commercial service proposals may also require further site specific plans and compliance, when implemented in the future.

This plan will assimilate decisions made in previous planning documents and amend some elements of plans that are no longer consistent with management objectives of the park. The plan will provide the basis for development of prospectuses for new concession contracts when existing contracts expire.

For the purposes of this planning process, commercial services include anything offered to the public or private individuals, in which park resources are used, and which results in compensation of any kind to an individual, organization, or corporation. Compensation may be "for profit" or "non-profit" under local, state, or federal law.

Major issues which will be addressed by the plan, include:

(1) What types of services and facilities are appropriate for Yellowstone as we enter the next century?

(2) What levels of services and facilities are essential to serve Yellowstone visitors?

(3) What types of support facilities (e.g., employee housing, warehouses, storage, transportation) are necessary?

(4) What are the appropriate areas for facilities which serve visitors and provide support services?

A general information brochure has been prepared that lists the issues identified to date. Copies of that information can be obtained by contacting: Commercial Services Plan, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190.

Dated: May 20, 1996.

John E. Cook,

Director, Intermountain Field Area.

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National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before

MAY 18, 1996. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127. Written comments should be submitted by June 13, 1996.

Carol D. Shull,
Keeper of the National Register.

MONTANA

Flathead County

Wurtz Homestead, N. Fork Rd., 2 mi. N of Ford, Flathead National Forest, Polebridge vicinity, 96000661

Ravalli County

McCart Fire Lookout, Approximately 4 mi. S of E. Fork Forest Service Station, Bitterroot National Forest, Sula vicinity, 96000660

NEVADA

Humboldt County

Paradise Valley Ranger Station, 355 S. Main St., Humboldt National Forest, Paradise Valley, 96000662

NEW YORK

Jefferson County

Buttermilk Flat Schoolhouse No. 22 (Orleans MPS) S side of Buttermilk Flat Rd., E of jct. with Carter St. Rd., Orleans, 96000671

Carter Street Schoolhouse No. 21 (Orleans MPS) Jct. of Vaadi and Dog Hill Rds., SW corner, Orleans, 96000665

Horr, Elijah, House (Orleans MPS) E side of NY 180, N of jct. with Woodard Rd., Hamlet of Stone Mills, Orleans, 96000666

La Farge Land Office (Orleans MPS) Jct. of Main and Mill Sts., SW corner, Hamlet of La Fargeville, Orleans, 96000668

La Fargeville United Methodist Church (Orleans MPS) W side of Main St., S. of jct. with Co. Rt. 181, Hamlet of La Fargeville, Orleans, 96000670

Methodist Episcopal Church (Orleans MPS) S side of NY 180, W of jct. with Gore Rd., Hamlet of Omar, Orleans, 96000663

Methodist—Protestant Church at Fisher's Landing (Orleans MPS) Reed Point Rd., near jct. with Co. Rd. 195, Hamlet of Fisher's Landing, Orleans, 96000667

St. Paul's Episcopal (Orleans MPS) E side of Main St., S of jct. with Co. Rt. 181, Hamlet of La Fargeville, Orleans, 96000669

Thousand Island Grange Hall (Orleans MPS) E side of Gore Rd., N of jct. with NY 180, Hamlet of Omar, Orleans, 96000664

Seneca County

Burton, William H., House, 35 E. Main St., Waterloo, 96000675

Waterloo Library, 31 Williams St., Waterloo, 96000676

OHIO

Athens County

Nelsonville Historic District, Roughly bounded by Canal, Jefferson, Scott, and Madison Sts., Nelsonville, 96000672

Cuyahoga County

Park Building, 140 Public Sq., Cleveland, 96000674

Greene County

McDonald Farm, 1446 Stone Rd., Xenia vicinity, 96000673

TENNESSEE

Davidson County

Tennessee State University Historic District, 3500 John A. Merritt Blvd., Nashville, 96000677

UTAH

Sanpete County

Great Basin Research Station Historic District, UT 29, approximately 8 mi. E of Ephraim, Manti—Lasal National Forest, Ephraim vicinity, 96000678

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Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of draft decision of evaluation of water conservation plans.

SUMMARY: To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans (Criteria) dated April 30, 1993. These Criteria were developed based on information provided during public scoping and public review sessions held throughout Reclamation's Mid-Pacific (MP) Region. Reclamation uses these Criteria to evaluate the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors in the MP Region, including those required by the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. The Criteria were developed and the plans evaluated for the purpose of promoting the most efficient water use reasonably achievable by all MP Region's contractors. Reclamation made a commitment (stated within the Criteria) to publish a notice of its draft determination on the adequacy of each contractor's water conservation plan in the Federal Register and to allow the public a minimum of 30 days to comment on its preliminary determinations. This program is on-going; an updated list will be published to recognize districts as plans are revised to meet the Criteria.

DATES: All public comments must be received by Reclamation by June 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Please mail comments to the address provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betsy Reifsnider, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-402, Sacramento, CA 95825. To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please write Ms. Reifsnider or telephone at (916) 979-2388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under provisions of section 3405(e) of the CVPIA (Title 34 of Pub. L. 102-575), "The Secretary (of the Interior) shall establish and administer an office on Central Valley Project water conservation best management practices that shall * * * develop criteria for evaluating the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors, including those plans required by section 210 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982." Also, according to section 3405(e)(1), these criteria will be developed " * * * with the purpose of promoting the highest level of water use efficiency reasonably achievable by project contractors using best available cost-effective technology and best management practices."

The MP Criteria states that all parties (districts) that contract with Reclamation for water supplies (municipal and industrial contracts greater than 2,000 acre feet and agricultural contracts over 2,000 irrigable acres) will prepare water conservation plans which will be evaluated by Reclamation based on the following required information detailed in the steps listed below to develop, implement, monitor and update their water conservation plans. The steps are:

1. Coordinate with other agencies and the public.
2. Describe the district.
3. Inventory water resources.
4. Review the past water conservation plan and activities
5. Identify best management practices to be implemented
6. Develop schedules, budgets and projected results
7. Review, evaluate, and adopt the water conservation plan
8. Implement, monitor and update the water conservation plan

The MP contractors listed below have developed water conservation plans which Reclamation has evaluated and preliminarily determined meet the requirements of the Criteria.

- Goleta Water District
- Kern-Tulare Water District
- Rag Gulch Water District