

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–13, 44 U.S.C. 3507) the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comment on a request for the information collection requirements of NPS Commercial Use Authorization Form. The Authorization is a result of Section 418 of the National Park Omnibus Act of 1998 that gave the NPS legislative authority to issue Commercial Use Authorizations to persons to provide commercial services to visitors. This is a new information collection.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted until June 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Cynthia Orlando, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW., Room 7311, Washington, DC 20240. Fax: (202) 565–1224. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Orlando at (202) 208–1214 or fax to (202) 565–1224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 418 of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, Public Law 105–591, authorizes the NPS to issue commercial use authorizations to persons to provide commercial services to visitors of areas of the National Park System. There are two types of commercial use authorizations, incidental activity commercial use authorizations and in-park commercial use authorizations. When proposed regulations are finalized it will assure that all NPS commercial use authorizations are issued or solicited and awarded consistently and that the private sector will be aware of NPS authorizing procedures. The information gathered in conjunction with a commercial use authorization is to be used by NPS officials to determine whether to approve and issue a commercial use authorization for specified commercial services in accordance with this part and whether the applicant is qualified to provide the services. Without such information, the NPS would be unable to objectively evaluate requests for issuance of a commercial use authorization.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 3,500.

Estimated annual number of responses: 3,500.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 2 hours.

Estimated frequency of response: The collection information must be provided each time a member of the public wants to apply for a commercial use

authorization to provide commercial services in the NPS. Frequency of response will depend on number of applications to a park annually.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 7,000 hours per year.

The NPS specifically invites public comments as to:

- Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Service, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of the Service's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Richard Cripe,

Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60-Day Notice of Intent To Request Clearance of Information Collection, Commercial Use Authorizations Annual Reporting Requirement, Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–13, 44 U.S.C. 3507) the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comment on a request for the information collection requirements of NPS Commercial Use Authorization Annual Reporting Requirement. The Authorization is a result of Section 418 of the National Park Omnibus Act of 1998 that gave the NPS legislative authority to issue Commercial Use Authorizations to persons to provide commercial services to visitors and to report their activities to the NPS annually. This is a new information collection.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted until June 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Cynthia Orlando, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW., Room 7311, Washington, DC 20240. Fax: (202) 565–1224. All

responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Cynthia Orlando at (202) 208–1214 or fax to (202) 565–1224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 418 of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, Public Law 105–591, authorizes the NPS to issue commercial use authorizations to persons to provide commercial services to visitors of areas of the National Park System. When proposed regulations are finalized it will assure that all NPS commercial use authorizations are issued or solicited and awarded consistently and that the private sector will be aware of NPS authorizing procedures and reporting requirements. That information includes a statement of gross receipts for the prior year's activities and other information that the Director may require including without limit, visitor use statistics and resource impact assessments. There is no specified format for providing that information to the NPS. Without such information, the NPS would be unable to assess the impact of commercial use authorizations on the resources and, in the case of in-park commercial use authorizations, would be unaware when a permittee exceeded the \$25,000 limitation in annual gross receipts.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 3,500.

Estimated annual number of responses: 3,500.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 1 hour.

Estimated frequency of response: The collection information must be provided once by each commercial use authorization holder at the end of each year.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 3,500 hours per year.

The NPS specifically invites public comments as to:

- Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Service, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of the Service's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic,

mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Richard Cripe,

Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Issue a Temporary of Concession Lodging, Campground, Food and Beverage Services, Merchandise, Gas Services, Boat Tours and Employee Housing at Crater Lake National Park

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998, notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to issue a temporary concession contract authorizing continued operation of lodging, campground, food and beverage services, merchandise, gas services, boat Tours and Employee Housing within Crater Lake National Park. The temporary concession contract will be for a term of one year. This short-term concession contract is necessary to avoid interruption of visitor services while negotiations for the purchase of possessory interest and personal property is conducted between the previous concessioner and the newly selected concessioner. This short-term contract will be for a one-year operating period beginning April 1, 2002 and ending March 30, 2003. This notice is in pursuant to 36 CFR part 51, section 51.24(a).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The previous long-term concession contract at Crater Lake National Park expired on October 31, 2001. Under the solicitation and selection process pursuant to 36 CFR part 51 a new concessioner has been selected to provide commercial services under a new long-term concession contract. Negotiations for the purchasing of possessory interest and personal property have not resolved between the previous concessioner and the newly selected concessioner. Before the new long-term concession contract can be awarded, negotiations for the purchasing of possessory interest and personal property must be resolved. In order to avoid the interruption of commercial services to the public a short-term concession contract will allow for this action to take place to avoid a long-term delay in service to the public.

Information about this notice can be sought from: National Park Service, Chief, Concession Program Management Office, Pacific West Region, Attn: Mr. Tony Sisto, 1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700, Oakland, California 94607, or call (510) 817-1369.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

John J. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contracts and Permits; Extension of Expiring Contracts for Up to One Year

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.23, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to extend the following concession contracts for a period of up to one year, or until such time as a new contract is awarded, whichever occurs sooner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service has determined that the proposed short-term extensions are necessary in order to avoid interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid such interruption. These extensions will allow the National Park Service to complete the competitive selection of concessioners for new long-term concession contracts covering these operations.

Concessioner ID No.	Concessioner name	Park
CANY031	Holiday River Expeditions, Inc.	Canyonlands National Park.
CANY032	Kaibab Trails, Inc.	Canyonlands National Park.
CANY033	Nichols Expeditions, Inc.	Canyonlands National Park.
CANY034	Rim Tours, Inc.	Canyonlands National Park.
CANY035	Western Spirit Cycling, Inc.	Canyonlands National Park.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 10, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Orlando, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service,

Washington, DC 20240, Telephone 202/565-1210.

Dated: March 10, 2002.

Richard G. Ring,

Associate Director, Park Operations and Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contracts and Permits; Extension of Expiring Contracts for Up to One Year

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the terms of existing concession permits, with the exception of construction on National Park Service lands, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to provide visitor services under the authority of a temporary concession contract with a term of up to one year from the date of permit expirations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The permit listed below has been extended to the maximum allowable under 36 CFR 51.23. Under the provisions of the current concession permit, with one exception, and pending the development and public solicitation of a prospectus for a new concession permit, the National Park Service authorizes continuation of visitor services under a temporary concession contract for a period of up to one year from the expiration of the current concession permit. The exception precludes construction on National Park Service lands, regardless of whether the current permit authorizes such activity, the temporary contract does not affect any rights with respect to selection for award of a new concession contract.

Concessioner ID No.	Concessioner name	Park
DEWA002	BACKAT, Inc.	Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Orlando, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Washington, DC, 20240, Telephone, 202/565-1210.