

Request for Clearance of a Three Year Program of Collections of Information: Programmatic Approval of NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Programmatic Approval of NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: 1024-0224.

Expiration Date: To be requested.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Description of Need: The National Park Service needs information concerning park visitors and visitor services, potential park visitors, and residents of communities near parks to provide park managers with usable knowledge for improving the quality and utility of park programs and planning efforts.

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since the information gathering process involves asking the public to evaluate services and facilities that they used during their park visits, services and facilities they are likely to use on future park visits, perceptions of park services and facilities, and opinions regarding park management. The burden on individuals is minimized by rigorously designing public surveys to maximize the ability of the surveys to use small samples of individuals to represent large populations of the public, and by coordinating the program of surveys to maximize the ability of new surveys to build on the findings of prior surveys.

Description of Respondents: A sample of visitors to parks, potential visitors to

parks, and residents of communities near parks.

Estimate Average Number of Respondents: The program does not identify the number of respondents because that number will differ in each individual survey, depending on the purpose and design of each information collection.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: The program does not identify the average number of responses because that number will differ in each individual survey, depending on the purpose and design of each individual survey. For most surveys, each respondent will be asked to respond only one time, so in those cases the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: The program does not identify the average burden hours per response because that number will differ from individual survey to individual survey, depending on the purpose and design of each individual survey.

Frequency of Response: Most individual surveys will request only 1 response per respondent.

Estimate Annual Reporting Burden: The program identifies the requested total number of burden hours annually for all of the surveys to be conducted under its auspices to be 15,000 burden hours per year. The total annual burden per survey for most surveys conducted under the auspices of this program would be within the range of 100 to 300 hours.

Dated: February 27, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60 Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) in conjunction with a natural resource protection council including members from the Air Force and a number of state and federal land management agencies is proposing in 2001 to conduct surveys of persons using selected Alaskan Military Operations Areas where Air Force training occurs. In one of these surveys, visitors to Harding Lake and Chena River State Recreation Areas will be asked about their expectations concerning Air Force training and the impacts of reported overflights on their activities and experiences.

Estimated numbers of:

	Responses	Burden hours
Alaskan Military Operations Areas: On-Site Visitor Survey	2360	631

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed surveys. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The NPS goal in conducting these surveys is to assess the effectiveness of current mitigation efforts in limiting

impacts of Air Force training activity on human users of Alaskan Military Operations Areas.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before June 8, 2001.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Darryll R. Johnson, USGS/BRD/FRESC/Cascadia Field Station, College of Forest Resources, Box 352100, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-2100; or Mark E. Vande Kamp, USGS/BRD/FRESC/Cascadia Field Station, College of Forest Resources, Box 352100, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-2100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darryll R. Johnson. Voice: 206-685-7404, Email: darryllj@u.washington.edu; Mark E. Vande Kamp. Voice: 206-543-0378; Email: mevk@u.washington.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Alaskan Military Operations Areas On-Site Visitor Survey.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration Date: To be requested.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of Need: The National Park Service (in conjunction with a natural resource protection council including members from the Air Force and a number of state and federal land management agencies) needs information to assess the effectiveness of current mitigation efforts in limiting impacts of Air Force training activity on human users of Alaskan Military Operations Areas.

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information because it includes expectations and evaluations visitors associate with their experiences in Harding Lake and Chena River State Recreation Areas.

Description of Respondents: A sample of individuals who use Harding Lake and Chena River State Recreation Areas for recreation purposes.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 1410.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: Each respondent will respond to an on-site interview. An estimated 75% of these respondents will complete a mail survey giving a total of 2360 responses (1410 + 950).

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response: 16 minutes.

Frequency of Response: 1 on-site interview and 1 mail survey per respondent.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 631 hours.

Dated: March 12, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Submission of Study Package to Office of Management and Budget: Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of Interior, National Park Service, Mount Rainier National Park, Olympic National Park.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

Abstract: The National Park Service is conducting a telephone survey of households in western Washington State where the following national parks are located: Olympic National Park and Mount Rainier National Park. In this survey persons will be asked why they visit or do not visit either national park. This information will identify the reasons former visitors have stopped using the parks and why non-visitors do not go to the parks. The NPS goal in conducting the survey is to determine if former visitors have been displaced and if other persons do not go to Olympic and Mount Rainier national parks because of crowding and related factors, including traffic congestion, development, and difficulty in obtaining lodging or campsites in the parks.

SUMMARY: Under the provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the NPS invites public comment on the proposed information 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 NPS goal in conducting these surveys is to determine why former visitors to Mount Rainier and Olympic national parks have stopped visiting the parks and why non-visitors do not visit.

There were no public comments received as a result of publishing in the **Federal Register** a 60-day notice of intention to request clearance of information collection for this survey.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted until May 9, 2001.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20530.

The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments within 30 days from the date listed at the top of this page of the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE STUDY PACKAGE SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT: James Gramann, phone 979-845-4920, fax 979-845-0446, e-mail jgramann@rpts.tamu.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Development and Advancement of Carrying Capacity Management Techniques, Western Washington Household Survey.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be assigned.

Expiration Date: To be assigned.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of Need: The National Park Service needs information on displaced visitors and those who do not visit parks in order to advance recreational carrying capacity management techniques in the National Park System. The proposed information to be collected on displaced visitors and non-visitors is not available from

existing records, sources, or observations.

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking residents about their perceptions and preferences regarding national park visits.

Description of Respondents: A sample of residents in counties in western Washington State.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 1000.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: Each respondent will respond only one time, so the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

Estimated Average Burden Hour per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time per respondent.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 250 hours.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Scoping Open House for Belle Haven Marina

AGENCY: National Park Service (NPS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public scoping open house.

SUMMARY: In compliance with 42 USC 4371 *et seq.* and National Park Service Policy, George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) announces a public scoping Open House for the general public to consider and comment on alternatives for the future of visitor services provided on the Belle Haven peninsula. There will be a 30-day public comment period.

DATES: May 1, 2001, and May 2, 2001, between 7 and 9 p.m. at Potowmack Landing Restaurant. Potowmack Landing is located on GWMP at Daingerfield Island between Reagan National Airport and Old Town Alexandria.

ADDRESSES: Printed copies of the alternatives being presented at the Open House will be available for public inspection at GWMP Headquarters, Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. One copy will also be available at the Mary