

will be accepted on or before July 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB number 1024-0245), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, by fax at 202/395-6566, or by electronic mail at oir_docket@omb.eop.gov. Please also send a copy of your comments to Lieutenant Dennis Maroney, Assistant Commander, Human Resource Office, United States Park Police, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20024, via fax at 202/619-7479, or via e-mail at Dennis_Maroney@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Dennis Maroney, Assistant Commander Human Resources Office, United States Park Police (USPP), 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20024, via fax at 202/619-7479, or via e-mail at Dennis_Maroney@nps.gov, or via telephone at 202/619-7413. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free-of-charge.

Comments Received on the 60-Day Federal Register Notice: The NPS published the 60-Day Federal Register Notice to solicit comments on this ICR on April 16, 2007 (Vol. 72, pages 19019-19020). There were no public comments received as a result of publishing this 60-Day Federal Register Notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: United States Park Police Personal History Statements Questionnaire.

Form Number: USPP Form 1.

OMB Number: 1024-0245.

Expiration Date: June 20, 2007.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Description of need: Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, section 5.2; Title 5, United States Code, sections 1302, 1304, and 3301; sections 8(b), 8(c), and 9(c) of Executive Order 10450; Title 42, United States Code, section 2455; and Title 22, United States Code, sections 1434 and 2585, established investigative standards for all United States Government civilian and military personnel. The position of a Police Officer in the USPP is critical sensitive. The purpose of the USPP Personal History Statement Questionnaire is to collect detailed information that will be used principally as a basis for an investigation to determine suitable applicants for the position of a USPP Officer. This information has an impact on individuals that apply to the position of a USPP Officer. The NPS uses the information that is collected to hire adequately screened applicants for the

position of a USPP Officer. The obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits.

Comments are invited on: (1) the practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals seeking employment to the position of a United States Park Police Officer.

Estimated average number of respondents: 600 per year.

Estimated average number of responses: 600 per year.

Frequency of response: Once per respondent.

Estimated average time burden per respondent: 8 hours per respondent.

Estimated total annual reporting burden: 4,800 hours per year.

Dated: June 18, 2007.

Leonard E. Stowe,

NPS, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

30 Day Notice of Submission to the Office of Management and Budget; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3507) and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on an extension of a

currently approved collection of information (OMB number 1024-0022).

DATES: Public comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted on or before July 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB number 1024-0022), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, by fax at 202/395-6566, or by electronic mail at oir_docket@omb.eop.gov. Please also send a copy of your comments to Lee Dickinson, Special Park Uses Program Manager, NPS, 1849 C St., NW., (2460), Washington, DC 20240, or electronically at Lee_Dickinson@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Dickinson, Special Park Uses Program Manager, NPS, 1849 C St., NW. (2460), Washington, DC 20240, or via phone at 202/513-7092, or via e-mail at Lee_Dickinson@nps.gov. Copies of this form may be obtained from the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/policy/DOrders/BUP.pdf> or by contacting Lee at the address above. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free of charge.

Comments received on the 60-day Federal Register Notice: The NPS published a 60-Day Notice to solicit public comments on this ICR in the Federal Register on March 8, 2007 (Vol. 72, page 10555). The comment period closed on May 7, 2007. No comments were received.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Backcountry Use Permit (36 CFR 1.5, 1.6, and 2.10).

Form Number: 10-404A.

OMB Number: 1024-0022.

Expiration Date: 6/30/07.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of Need: In 1976, the NPS initiated a backcountry registration system in accordance with the regulations found at 36 CFR 1.5, 1.6 and 2.10. The objective of the backcountry use permit system is to provide users access to backcountry areas of national parks with continuing opportunities for solitude, while enhancing resource protection and providing a means of disseminating public safety messages regarding backcountry travel.

NPS backcountry program managers, by designating access routes and overnight camping locations, can redistribute campers in response to user impact, high fire danger, flood or wind hazard, bear activity, or other situations that may temporarily close a portion of the backcountry. The NPS may also use the permit system as a means of

ensuring that each backcountry user receives up-to-date information on backcountry sanitation procedures, food storage, wildlife activity, trail conditions, and weather projections so that concerns for visitor safety are met.

The Backcountry Use Permit is an extension of the NPS statutory authority responsibility to protect the park areas it administers and to manage the public use thereof (16 U.S.C. Sections 1 and 3). NPS regulations codified in 36 CFR Parts 1 through 7, 12 and 13, are designed to implement statutory mandates that provide for resource protection and public enjoyment. The Backcountry Use Permit is the primary form used to provide access into NPS backcountry areas including those areas that require a reservation to enter where use limits are imposed in accordance with other NPS regulations. Such permitting enhances the ability of the NPS to educate users on potential hazards, search and rescue efforts, and resource protection.

Comments are invited on: (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Individuals wishing to use backcountry areas within national parks.

Estimated average number of respondents: 285,000 per year.

Estimated average number of responses: 285,000 per year.

Estimated average time burden per respondent: 5 minutes per respondent.

Frequency of response: 1 time per respondent.

Estimated total annual reporting burden: 23,750 hours per year.

Dated: June 18, 2007.

Leonard E. Stowe,

NPS, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

30-Day Notice of Submission of Study Package to the Office of Management and Budget; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D)] and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on a revision of a currently approved collection of information (OMB number 1024-0236).

DATES: Public comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted on or before July 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB number 1024-0236), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, by fax at 202/395-6566 or by electronic mail at oir_docket@omb.eop.gov. Please also send a copy of your comments to Dr. John G. Dennis, Natural Resources (MIB 3130), NPS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, or electronically at WASO_NRSS_researchcoll@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John G. Dennis, Natural Resources (MIB 3130), NPS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; or via phone at 202/513-7174; or via fax at 202/371-2131, or via e-mail at WASO_NRSS_researchcoll@nps.gov. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free of charge.

Comments Received on the 60-Day Federal Register Notice: The NPS published the 60-Day **Federal Register** Notice to solicit public comments on this ICR on March 8, 2007 (Vol. 72, pages 10553-10554). NPS also contacted by e-mail 3,588 non-Federal and Federal permittees and permit applicants who were active in calendar years 2006 and 2007, posted on the RPRS Web site notice of the availability of this review opportunity, and sent an internal

memorandum to the NPS Natural Resource Advisory Group to solicit comments from the members of that group.

The NPS received 13 responses from the public in response to the 60-day **Federal Register** Notice and subsequent e-mail messages requesting comments. These responses provided a diversity of thoughts, including (1) The requested information and time needed to fill out the forms are reasonable; (2) the on-line application process is efficient and straightforward; (3) the forms and the ability to access on-line and report on-line make the application and compliance process very easy; (4) the park review and decision process is difficult and onerous; (5) too much documentation is required; (6) having each park make its own permit decision is unnecessarily piecemeal, arbitrary, and burdensome; and (7) it is difficult to figure out how to submit "things". Five respondents specifically addressed the education application and permit, saying that it would have benefits or offering ideas about what types of education activities should receive specific types of consideration, such as simplifying the application process, how to treat specimen collections, allowing for different treatment for different types of activities, offering the ability to change the program leader without reissuing a permit, and offering a fee waiver for permitted education activities. Several respondents discussed matters outside this request for review, including urging NPS to change its collections ownership procedure and requesting the NPS to issue permits on a Servicewide, rather than park basis.

The NPS found that these comments did not indicate any clear reasons for changing any of the three forms, so the NPS will request to OMB that the three forms be renewed without change. The NPS plans to use the information contained in many of the comments when it develops new guidance material for the Science Education Permit Application, and revises existing guidance material for the Scientific Research and Collecting Permit Application.

Actual NPS and researcher use of the Internet-based system over the past three years has yielded few complaints and has earned a number of kudos. This use also has yielded suggestions from both respondents and government employees for making the information collection forms or software more efficient or more usable. These suggestions have been accumulated and some have been incorporated through ongoing software and technical support