

individual making the request, including a description of the requester's relationship to the information in question. The System Manager will accept inquiries from individuals seeking notification of whether the system contains records pertaining to them.

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The procedures for requesting amendment or correction of records appear in 24 CFR part 16. If additional information or assistance is required, contact the Privacy Act Appeals Officer, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

#### RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information may be collected from a variety of sources, including HUD, other Federal, state, and local agencies, public records, credit reports, and HUD-insured lenders and other program participants.

#### EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### 60-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Information; 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., Chapter 3507) and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on a new collection (OMB # 1024-XXXX).

**DATES:** Public comments on this notice will be accepted on or before August 25, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Cherri Espersen, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW., (Org Code 2235), Washington, DC 20240. E-mail: [Cherri\\_Espersen@nps.gov](mailto:Cherri_Espersen@nps.gov). Phone: (202) 354-6900, Fax: (202) 371-5179.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charlie Stockman, Acting Chief, Rivers,

Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW. (Org Code 2235), Washington, DC 20240. E-mail: [Charlie\\_Stockman@nps.gov](mailto:Charlie_Stockman@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Application Guidelines for the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program.

*OMB Number:* To be requested.

*Expiration Date:* To be requested.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Description of Need:* The National Park Service (NPS) provides assistance to communities to conserve their local natural resources and develop new close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities through the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program. RTCA staff work in urban, rural, and suburban communities to help applicants to conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways. This notice is provided to make potential applicants aware of the RTCA Program and how they can apply for technical assistance through the program. RTCA provides a variety of assistance, but does not provide direct grants.

The proposed information collections impose no data collection or recordkeeping burden on the potential respondents. Responding to the proposed collections is voluntary and is based on data that the respondents already collect and/or personal opinion. Public comments are invited on this new collection.

#### Application Guidelines

It is recommended that potential applicants contact our regional program staff to discuss their interests and seek guidance before applying. Applications for RTCA assistance are competitively evaluated by our regional offices. Projects are locally-requested and led and should include significant public involvement and outreach. Projects should also include the commitment, cooperation and cost-sharing of all partners. RTCA assistance is for one year and may be renewed for a second year if warranted.

*Application Letters (One to Three Pages) Should Include the Following Information*

##### 1. Contact Information

Please provide information about the initial project partner(s), including name of a primary contact, organization, address, phone, fax, and e-mail. Designate a lead project partner.

##### 2. Project Description and Anticipated Results

- Provide the name of the project and project location.
- Identify what populations in your community will be served by the project.
- Describe briefly the anticipated results of the project and why the project is important.
- Identify anticipated on-the-ground results: For example, resources created, conserved, enhanced or made available to the public—the number of river miles improved by restoration projects; the number of river miles conserved with enhanced protection status; the number of multi-use trail miles created; the number of acres of parkland created; the number of acres of wildlife habitat restored.
- Describe the related important natural, cultural, historic, scenic, and recreational resources within the project area.
- Describe other expected accomplishments: For example, an increased community commitment to stewardship, a new conservation organization, or the development of a concept plan for a trail.
- Outline background or prior activity on the project (if any), the current status, and a proposed schedule for completion.

##### 3. Commitment for Public Involvement

Describe the type and level of public involvement you anticipate during the development of this project.

##### 4. Roles, Resources, and Contributions

- Describe the kind of technical assistance or role you are seeking from the RTCA program.
- Describe the roles and contributions of all project partners listed in part 1 above.
- Identify other types of resources available for the implementation of your project.

##### 5. Support for the Project

- Describe the support you anticipate from interested stakeholders, such as public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and landowners.
- Support letters from elected officials, community leaders, and cooperating organizations are strongly recommended.

##### Related Strategic Initiative (optional)

Describe how the project:

- Provides physical connections among resources;
- Includes an NPS area as an actively involved project partner;

- Includes both natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation;
- Partners with a health organization.

The national deadline for projects set to start the following fiscal year (which runs from October 1 to September 30) is August 1. Final project selection is generally completed in early November after passage of the Federal budget.

For more information on the RTCA Program and how to apply for assistance, please visit our national Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/rtca> or call us at 202-354-6900. Contact information for all of our regional offices is available on the RTCA Web site under "Contact Us." NPS specifically requests comments on: (1) The need for information including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the reporting burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Description of Respondents:** This is a notice to any federal, state or local agency, tribe, non-profit organization, or citizens' group that might be interested in receiving assistance from the RTCA program.

**Estimated Average Number of Respondents:** 250.

**Estimated Average Number of Responses:** 250.

**Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response:** 4 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** One time per request for assistance.

**Estimated Annual Reporting Burden:** 1,000 hrs.

Dated: May 23, 2006.

**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 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 and 5

CFR part 1320, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, the National Park Service invites comments on a proposed new collection of information (1024-xxxx).

The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the requested information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments within 30 days of the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

The National Park Service published the 60-day **Federal Register** notice to solicit comments on this proposed information collection on Friday, September 2, 2005 on pages 52443-52444.

The National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) program (Pub. L. 91-357) is collecting information from volunteers in the form of a survey for the purposes of evaluating the program and its effectiveness.

**DATES:** Public comments on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted for July 26, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, (OMB #1024-xxxx) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, by fax at 202-395-6566, or by electronic mail at [oir\\_docket@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_docket@omb.eop.gov). Please also send a copy of your comments to Joy M. Pietschmann, National Park Service, Servicewide Volunteer Program Coordinator, 1849 C Street, NW., 2450, Washington, DC 20240, or e-mail: [joy\\_pietschmann@nps.gov](mailto:joy_pietschmann@nps.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joy M. Pietschmann, phone: 202-513-7141, fax: 202-371-6662, or at the address above. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free-of-charge.

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. However, comments were solicited from the following professionals associated with volunteerism and volunteer administration:

*Tom Benjamin*, President, EASI (Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement).

*Betty Stallings*, Volunteerism Consultant, BBS (Building Better Skills), Author of the 60-minute Module Series on volunteer management customized by the NPS for the VIP program.

*Katie Campbell*, Certified Volunteer Administrator, Volunteerism Consultant, and former Executive

Director of AVA (Association of Volunteer Administration).

*John Throop*, Executive Director of AVA.

*Robb Hampton*, Director, NPLD (National Public Lands Day).

*Gail Cunningham*, Vice President, Managing Director, Great American Cleanup (Keep America Beautiful).

*Nancy Macduff*, Volunteerism Consultant, Macduff/Buf Associates.

*Christopher Toppe*, Senior Social Scientist, Points of Light Foundation.

Solicited comments from experts in the field of volunteerism indicate that the 60-day notice is clear and to the point. This assessment is long overdue and it can yield invaluable information that can help ensure the sustainability of volunteer involvement within the National Park Service. A wide range of variables is urged as part of the data collection. Long-term and short-term volunteers have different perspective and it's important to survey a wide variety of people. To address these points, the National Park Service will be surveying a completely random selection made from over 22,900 volunteer names collected servicerwide and will be cutting the data by region work category, and volunteer program size. This will also address another's comment on the need to match the survey sample to the demographic sample of the current VIP program. A concern was also expressed about the volunteer survey being the only source of information contributing to this program assessment and that it is important to hear from those who are the recipients of the volunteers' efforts. The National Park Service has also surveyed its paid staff prior to this notice to gather this opinions of the volunteer program and its operation. Through its Social Science program, the National Park Service surveys its visitors and other customers regularly who also benefit from volunteer services. Additional comments include: The burden hour estimate seems reasonable and accurate. Utilizing both the survey and then subsequent focus groups will yield both qualitative and quantitative results. Utilizing electronic survey tools will ensure the highest possible response rate and will minimize staff time for tabulating the results. The addition of focus groups will provide additional information that may not be captured with a survey tool. This dual approach makes sense and is realistic in terms of staff resources. In response to the latter, the National Park Service will not be conducting the focus groups and interviews immediately after this information collection is complete but, rather, will seek approval and