

latest filing of Plats of Survey in California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Unless otherwise noted, filing was effective at 10:00 a.m. on the next federal work day following the plat acceptance date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clifford A. Robinson, Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451, (916) 979-2890.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plats of Survey of lands described below have been officially filed at the California State Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Sacramento, CA.

Humboldt Meridian, California

T. 10 N., R. 7 E.,—Dependent resurvey and metes-and-bounds survey, (Group 1214) accepted March 3, 1997 to meet certain administrative needs of the US Forest Service, Klamath National Forest.

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 25 S., R. 21 E.,—Supplemental plat of section 6, accepted March 6, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Caliente Resource Area.

T. 39 N., R. 11 E.,—Dependent resurvey and subdivision of sections, (Group 1176) accepted March 12, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the US Forest Service, Modoc National Forest.

T. 7 N., R. 12 E.,—Metes-and-bounds survey, (Group 1271) accepted March 28, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

San Bernardino Meridian

T. 13 S., R. 19 E.,—Supplemental plat of section 17, accepted January 31, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, California Desert District, El Centro Resource Area.

T. 13 S., R. 19 E.,—Supplemental plat of the S ½ of section 8, accepted January 31, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, California Desert District, El Centro Resource Area.

T. 13 S., R. 19 E.,—Supplemental plat of Tract 38, accepted January 31, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, California Desert District, El Centro Resource Area.

All of the above listed survey plats are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. The survey plats have been placed in the open files in the BLM, California State Office, and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the survey plats and related field notes will be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fee.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

Clifford A. Robinson,

Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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

AGENCY: National Park Service; Bryce Canyon National Park; Grand Teton National Park; Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial; Lowell National Historical Park; Voyageurs National Park, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Services Project and five parks (Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah; Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming; Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Indiana; Lowell National Historical Park in Massachusetts; Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota) propose to conduct visitor surveys to learn about visitor demographics and visitor opinions about services and facilities in each of these five parks. The results of the surveys will be used by park managers to improve the services they provide to visitors while better protecting park natural and cultural resources. Study packages that include the proposed survey questionnaires for these five proposed park studies have 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 these five proposed information collection requests (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 or information technology.

The purpose of the five proposed ICRs is to document the demographics of visitors to the five parks, to learn about the motivations and expectations these visitors have for their park visits, and to obtain their opinions regarding services provided by the five parks and the suitability of the visitor facilities maintained in the five parks. This information will be used by park planners and managers to plan, develop, and operate visitor services and facilities in ways that maximize use of

limited park financial and personnel resources to meet the expectations and desires of park visitors.

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 these five surveys.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or until May 19, 1997.

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 20503; and also to: Margaret Littlejohn; Cooperative Park Studies Unit; Department of Forest Resources; College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences; University of Idaho; Moscow, ID 83844-1133.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT: Margaret Littlejohn, 208-885-7863.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Services Project Visitor Surveys at Five Parks.

Form: Not applicable

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 concerning visitor demographics and visitor opinions about the services and facilities that the National Park Service provides in each of these five parks. The proposed information to be collected regarding visitors in these five parks is not available from existing records, sources, or observations.

Description of Respondents: A sample of visitors to each of these five parks.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 500 at Bryce Canyon National Park; 800 at Grand Teton National Park; 500 at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial; 500 at Lowell National Historical Park; 800 at Voyageurs National Park.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: 500 at Bryce Canyon National Park; 800 at Grand Teton National Park; 500 at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial; 500 at Lowell National Historical Park; 800 at Voyageurs National Park.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 12 minutes.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 100 hours at Bryce Canyon National Park; 160 hours at Grand Teton National Park; 100 hours at Lincoln Boyhood

National Memorial; 100 hours at Lowell National Historical Park; 160 hours at Voyageurs National Park.

Estimated Frequency of Response:
One time.

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National Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Bristol County, MA; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meetings

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-109 section 102(c)), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park (NHP), located in New Bedford, Bristol County, Massachusetts. The purpose of the EIS is to assess the impacts of alternative management strategies which will be described in the general management plan for New Bedford Whaling NHP. A range of alternatives will be formulated for natural and cultural resource protection, visitor use and interpretation, facilities development, and operations.

The NPS will hold a series of four (4) public meetings between May 3 and May 21, 1997 which will provide an opportunity for public input into the scoping for the GMP/EIS. The date, time, and location of these meetings will be announced through local media as they will be held at various places in the New Bedford area. The purpose of these meetings is to obtain both written and verbal comments concerning the future development of New Bedford Whaling NHP. Those persons who wish to comment verbally or in writing should contact Ellen Levin Carlson, Planning Project Manager, New England Support Office, National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109-3572, (617) 223-5048.

The draft GMP/EIS is expected to be completed and available for public review in late 1998. After public and interagency review of the draft document comments will be considered, and a final EIS followed by a Record of Decision will be prepared.

The responsible official is Richard Rambur, Acting Superintendent, New Bedford Whaling National Historical

Park, 33 William Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Terry W. Savage,

Superintendent, New England System Support Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Capital Region; Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission will be held on May 2nd 1997 at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on May 3rd, 1997 at 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Madison Hotel, located at 15th and M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Commission was authorized on December 11, 1991, by Pub. L. 102-211, for the purpose of advising the Secretary of the Interior in the development of a General Management Plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic site.

The members of the Commission are as follow: Dr. Dorothy I. Height; Ms. Barbara Van Blake; Ms. Brenda Girton-Mitchell; Dr. Savanna C. Jones; Dr. Bettye J. Gardner, Bettye Collier-Thomas; Mr. Eugene Morris; Dr. Rosalyn Terborg-Penn; Mrs. Bertha S. Waters; Dr. Frederick Stielow; Dr. Sheila Flemming; Dr. Ramona Edelin; Mrs. Romaine B. Thomas; Ms. Brandi L. Creighton; and Dr. Janette Hoston Harris.

The purpose of these meeting will be to continue planning and developing a general management plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons who wish further information concerning this meeting or wish to file a written statement or testify at the meeting may contact Ms. Marta C. Kelly, the Federal Liaison Officer for the Commission, at (202) 673-2402. Minutes of these meetings will be available for public inspection 4 weeks after the meeting at the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic site, located at 1318 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Dated: April 9, 1997.

Richard S. Powers,

Acting Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Settlement Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. AAF McQuay, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 3-95-2032-23 was lodged on March 28, 1997, with the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. The proposed consent decree settles certain claims asserted by the United States on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") pursuant to Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, for costs incurred in response to the release on threatened release of hazardous substances at the Hinson Superfund Site ("Site"), located near Clover, South Carolina.

The proposed Consent Decree requires Settling Defendants W.R. Grace & Co. and Collins & Aikman Corporation to pay the United States \$350,000 in reimbursement of certain response costs that the United States has incurred for response actions at the Site. A consent decree previously entered in this action required another group of settling defendants to pay the United States \$1,590,000 in reimbursement of response costs with respect to the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. AAF McQuay, Inc., et al.* et al., 90-11-2-1114.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of South Carolina, 1441 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be