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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Information Collection Requirements; Backcountry Use Permit

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

Notice of Submission to OMB, Opportunity for Public Comment. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Backcountry Use Permit. **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 Recordkeeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on a request for renewal of approval for the information collection requirements associated with permits implementing provisions of agency regulations, pertaining to the use of public lands (OMB Control 1024-0022). Standard Form 10-404, Backcountry Use Permit, is the primary form used to implement a backcountry reservation system and provide access into backcountry areas where limits are imposed in accordance with regulations. Such permitting enhances resource protection, hazard warnings and search and rescue efforts.

There were no public comments received as a result of publishing in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 14162) a 60-day notice of intention to request clearance for this information collection request.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before July 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Dennis Burnett, Ranger Activities

Division, National Park Service, 18th and C Streets, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone 202-208-7675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objectives of the backcountry use permit system is to provide campers desiring 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. In 1976, the NPS initiated a backcountry registration system in accordance with regulations found at 36 CFR 1.5, 1.6 and 2.10. This system assures campers of finding routes and campsites which are not crowded beyond their capacity. The quality of both the recreational experience and the physical setting thereby remain uncompromised.

NPS backcountry program managers, by designating access routes and overnight camping locations, can redistribute campers in response to user impact, high fire danger, flood, wind or other weather related hazards, 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 responsibilities to protect the park areas it administers and to manage the public use thereof (16 U.S.C. 1 & 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. Several regulations contain information collection requirements previously approved by the OMB (1024-0022).

Title: Public Information Collection—Backcountry Permit.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 16,500.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 4 minutes.

Estimated average number of respondents: 206,300.

NPS is soliciting comments regarding: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NPS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the burden estimate including the validity of the method and assumptions used; (3) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (4)

ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection or other forms of information technology; or (5) any other aspect of this collection of information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Draft General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Stones River National Battlefield, Tennessee.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Draft General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/DCP/EIS) describes three alternatives for cultural and natural resource management, visitor use, and interpretation, and related facility development in Stones River National Battlefield. Alternative 1 (the National Park Service's (NPS) proposed action) would improve interpretation and the ability of the visitor to experience a "sense of place" within the battlefield; and it would also preserve a larger area of the battlefield that has retained historic landscape integrity. This would be accomplished by protection of more resources through boundary expansion, new exhibits in the visitor center, establishment of a new automobile tour route within the expanded park boundary, and new interpretive wayside exhibits. Alternative 2 would improve interpretation and the visitor experience within the authorized boundary of the park.

This would be accomplished by providing new exhibits in the visitor center, establishing a new automobile tour route within the park, and providing new wayside exhibits. Alternative 3 (continuation of existing conditions) would represent no significant change in interpretation and the way the park is being managed and no change in the authorized park boundary. Under all alternatives, there would be an emphasis on working with local agencies, groups, and landowners to preserve and protect lands that retain historic landscape integrity within the original battlefield, but outside the park boundary. Environmental impacts that

would result from implementation of the alternatives are addressed in the document. Impact topics include cultural and natural resources, interpretation and visitor use, socioeconomic environment, and NPS operations.

DATES: The Draft GMP/DCP/EA will be available for review from June 11, 1997, until August 12, 1997. Written comments must be received by the Superintendent at the following address or postmarked no later than August 12, 1997. Public meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

June 25, 1997 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—
Stones River National Battlefield
Visitor Center

June 26, 1997 at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Chamber of
Commerce, 501 Memorial
Boulevard, Murfreesboro,
Tennessee

ADDRESSES: A limited number of copies are available from the Superintendent at the following address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Superintendent, Stones River National
Battlefield, 3501 Old Nashville
Highway, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
37129, Telephone (615) 893-5901.

Dated: June 16, 1997.

Jerry Belson,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before June 21, 1997. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127. Written comments should be submitted by July 16, 1997.

Carol D. Shull,

Keeper of the National Register.

ARKANSAS

Benton County

Carl's Addition Historic District, Benton County MPS), Along S. College, W. Alpine, and S. Wright Sts. Bounded by Sager Cr. and W. Twin Springs Ave., Siloam Springs, 97000791

COLORADO

Boulder County

Columbia Cemetery, Along 9th St., bounded by Pleasant and College Aves., Boulder, 97000792

Moffat County

First National Bank Building, 502-506 Yampa Ave., Craig, 97000793

FLORIDA

Dade County

Boca Chita Key Historic District, NW section of Boca Chita Key, roughly bounded by Biscane Bay and a stone wall, Miami vicinity, 97000795

Polk County

Auburndale Citrus Growers Association Packing House, 214 Orange St., Auburndale, 97000794

MICHIGAN

Mackinac County

Young, Lawrence Andrew, Cottage, Jct. of Fort Hill and Huron Rd., Mackinac Island, 97000800

MISSISSIPPI

Rankin County

Cocke—Martin—Jackson House, Brandon MPS), 107 Pleasant St., Brandon, 97000799
Pearl Street Historic District, (Brandon MPS), 200-204 Pearl St., Brandon, 97000798
Rankin County Confederate Monument, (Brandon MPS), Jct. of Government and North Sts., Brandon, 97000797
Rankin County Courthouse, (Brandon MPS), 301 Town Sq., Brandon, 97000796

NEW JERSEY

Cape May County

Leaming, Thomas, House, 1845 US 9 N, Middle Township, 97000801

Hunterdon County

Cokesbury Historic District, Along Cokesbury-Califon Rd., Rt. 639, Water St. and McCatharn Rd., Clinton Township, 97000802

OKLAHOMA

Caddo County

Provine Service Station, (Route 66 in Oklahoma MPS), 0.5 mi. E of jct. of I-40 and OK 58, Hydro vicinity, 97000803

TENNESSEE

Lawrence County

Crockett Theater, 205 N. Military St., Lawrenceburg, 97000804

UTAH

Summit County

Echo School, 3441 S. Echo Rd., Echo, 97000805

WISCONSIN

Dane County

Waubesa School, 3579 Siggelkow Rd., Blooming Grove Township, 97000806

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency's Water Supply Project, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a
draft environmental impact statement
and notice of scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency's (PVWMA) Water Supply Project. The PVWMA's Water Supply Project involves the use of diverse imported water supplies, including Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies, within the PVWMA's service area (along the Central California Coast) for agricultural irrigation purposes and for the management of seawater intrusion into the Pajaro Valley groundwater basin. The action also includes the use of San Felipe Project facilities for the conveyance of imported water supplies to proposed PVWMA facilities and physical connection of an imported water supply to the San Felipe Project. Analysis of the use of imported water suppliers will be programmatic and will include water from diverse sources such as: State water project transfer, water rights purchase, and CVP transfer, contract, or contract assignment and purchase. This action will be evaluated in accordance with the legislative requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, the Warren Act, NEPA, and other relevant regulations. PVWMA is also preparing two environmental impact reports (EIR's) on the project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

DATES: Scoping meetings are proposed for the project. However, the schedule and location for these meetings have not as yet been determined. There will be ample notice given in the local papers of the times and locations of all scoping meetings.