

Comments: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506 (c)(2)(A), each agency must provide notice and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning this collection of information. Comments are specifically solicited in order to: (a) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the burden estimates for the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Submit your comments to the offices listed in the addresses section of this

notice. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, in order to assure maximum consideration, OMB should receive your comments by January 28, 1998.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach (202) 208-7744.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

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Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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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, National Park Service, and 13 Units of the National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is proposing to sponsor during the summer of 1998 a project to determine how park visitors at a sample of thirteen parks feel about the recreation fee demonstration program that currently is being tested in approximately 100 projects that involve more than 100 units of the National Park System. The parks proposed to be surveyed in 1998 include:

NPS unit	Estimated number responses	Estimated burden hours
(1) Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historical Site	300	100
(2) Colonial National Historical Park	300	100
(3) Everglades National Park	300	100
(4) Frederick Douglass National Historic Site	300	100
(5) Glen Canyon National Recreation Area	300	100
(6) Golden Gate National Recreation Area	300	100
(7) Grand Canyon National Park	300	100
(8) Independence National Historical Park	400	200
(9) Mesa Verde National Park	300	100
(10) Sitka National Park	300	100
(11) Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	300	100
(12) Yellowstone National Park	400	200
(13) Yosemite National Park	400	200
Totals	4,200	1,600

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 this proposed visitor study. The NPS is also 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 this survey is to identify what influences, if any, changes in park fee structures have had on the characteristics and relative mix of different types of park visitors who use the parks, on how

implementing the demonstration fee program is affecting the operations of the parks from the perspective of the visitors, and on how the changes associated with the changed fee structures and any resulting changes in park operations affect the experiences of the visitors using these parks. In addition, at the three more intensively surveyed parks, the project goal is to determine how changes caused by the fee demonstration program may be impacting local and regional communities and economies. Results of the surveys proposed to be conducted at these 13 parks will be used by NPS managers in their ongoing planning and management activities to improve visitor services, protect park resources, and better serve the parks' current and future visitors. Results of the recreation fee demonstration program of which this proposed survey activity will be a

part will be used by the National Park Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Congress to evaluate the outcome of the trial recreation fee demonstration program and to consider whether or not to enact legislation to establish permanent recreation fee authority for the National Park Service.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before February 27, 1998.

Send Comments To: Dr. John Duffield, 3699 Larch Camp Road, Missoula, Montana 59803, phone and fax: 406-728-9510.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Duffield at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Visitor and Related Survey at 13 Recreation Fee Demonstration Parks.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration Date: To be requested.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of Need: NPS needs information concerning park visitor demographics and visitor opinions about the fee demonstration program that the National Park Service is testing. The information proposed to be collected from visitors and park managers in these 13 parks to meet these needs is not available from existing records, sources, or observations.

Automated Date Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking visitors to react to fees, park management, and visitor services at the parks they are visiting. The intrusion on visitors is minimized by contacting them only once during their visit to the park.

Description of Respondents: A sample of visitors to each park.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 300 visitors per park at ten of the parks and 400 visitors per park at the other three parks.

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 Hours Per Response: 20 minutes at each of the 10 parks and 30 minutes at each of the remaining 3 parks.

Frequency of Response: 1 time per respondent.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: The total for all parks is estimated to be 1,600 hours.

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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, National Park Service, and 11 Units of the National Park System.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Cooperative Park Studies Unit of the University of Minnesota is proposing to conduct five projects at up to eleven parks during FY 98:

NPS unit	Estimated number re-sponses	Estimated burden hours
(1) Hopewell Culture National Historical Park	800	270
(2) Canyonlands National Park, Green and Colorado Rivers	1,200	600
(3) Voyageurs National Park	600	300
(4) Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial	400	135
(5) Great Plains Prairie Cluster parks, including:		
Agate Fossil Beds National Monument	250	85
Effigy Mounds National Monument	250	85
Homestead National Monument of America	250	85
Mount Rushmore National Memorial	250	85
Pipestone National Monument	250	85
Scotts Bluff National Monument	250	85
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield	250	85
Totals	4,750	1,900

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 visitor studies listed above. The NPS is also 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 generally is to identify characteristics, use patterns, perceptions, preferences and opinions of visitors about management and services in these parks. Each project will have a slightly different focus. Project 1, Hopewell Culture National Historical

Park, also will involve a survey mailed to community members to identify characteristics, perceptions and attitudes of people who do not visit the park. This information will help the park be more responsive to, and better serve, the local community. Projects 2 and 3, the Green and Colorado Rivers in Canyonlands National Park and park-wide in Voyageurs National Park, will obtain visitor reactions to managing conflicting uses, management strategies used in the parks, and definitions of standards for quality visitor experiences on both the Green and Colorado Rivers that flow through Canyonlands NP. Project 4, Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, will obtain visitor reactions to recent changes made in park management based on past research in the park. Project 5, Great Plains Prairie Cluster parks, will ask visitors to provide information that will contribute to the development of protocols for future monitoring to

identify trends. Results of all the surveys at all of the parks will be used by NPS managers in their ongoing planning and management activities to improve visitor services, protect park resources, and better serve the park's current and future visitors.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before February 27, 1998.

Send Comments To: Dr. David W. Lime, Senior Research Associate, Cooperative Park Studies Unit, College of Natural Resources, 115 Green Hall, University of Minnesota, 55108, phone: 612-624-2250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David W. Lime. Voice: 612-624-2250, Fax: 612-625-5212, Email: <dlime@forestry.umn.edu>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Visitor and Related Surveys at up to 11 Parks.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.