

Estimated annual reporting burden: 1050.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service; and 4 units of the National Park System.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Services Project and four parks (The Netherlands Carillon/The U.S. Marine Corps War memorial—Iwo Jima (part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway), the National Monuments and Memorials (National Mall), Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (Skagway, Alaska), and Whiskeytown National Recreation Area) propose to conduct visitor surveys to learn about visitor demographics and visitor opinions about services and facilities in these four 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 four 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 four 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 of information technology. The purpose of the four proposed ICRs is to document the demographics of visitors to the four 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 four parks and the suitability of the visitor facilities maintained in the four 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 four surveys.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before April 23, 1998.

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 20530; 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 STUDY PACKAGES SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT: Margaret Littlejohn, phone: 208-885-7863, fax: 208-885-4261, or email: littlej@uidaho.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Services Project Visitor Surveys at Four 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 four parks. The proposed information to be collected regarding visitors in these four parks is not available from existing records, sources, or observation.

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking visitors to evaluate services and facilities that they used during their park visit. The intrusion on visitors to the parks is minimized by only contacting visitors during one 7-9 day period at each park.

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

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 800 at The Netherlands Carillon/The U.S. Marine Corps War

memorial—Iwo Jima, 800 at the National Monuments and Memorials (National Mall), 480 at Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (Skagway, Alaska), and 864 at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: Each respondents 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: 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time per respondent.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 160 hours at The Netherlands Carillon/The U.S. Marine Corps War memorial—Iwo Jima, 1600 hours at the National Monuments and Memorials (National Mall), 96 hours at Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (Skagway, Alaska), and 173 hours at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.

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Notice of Intent To Issue a Prospectus for Operation of a Photographic and Art Studio Within Yosemite National Park

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will be releasing a concession Prospectus authorizing continued operation of a photographic and art business for the visiting public within Yosemite National Park. The operation is located in Yosemite Valley in close proximity to the park's Visitor Center. The operation consists of the sale of photographic and art supplies and equipment, works of art, publications and handicraft items. The operation is year-round with the peak season during the summer months. The average visitation to the park is approximately 4 million annually. The annual gross receipts over the last 5 years has averaged about \$2 million. Staffing for the operation is 12-20 people. Limited employee housing is available on site. The new contract will be for five (5) years beginning October 1, 1998. There is an existing concessioner which has operated satisfactorily under the existing contract and has a right of preference in renewal.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The cost for purchasing a Prospectus is \$30.00.

Parties interested in obtaining a copy should send a check (NO CASH) made payable to "National Park Service" to the following address: National Park Service, Pacific Great Basin Support Office, Office of Concession Program Management, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107-1372. A Tax Identification Number (TIN) OR Social Security Number (SSN) MUST be provided on all checks. The front of the envelope should be marked "Attention: Office of Concession Program Management—Mail Room Do Not Open". Please include in your request a mailing address indicating where to send the Prospectus. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Teresa Jackson, Office of Concession Program Management at (415) 427-1369.

Dates: March 12, 1998.

Holly Bundock,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve announce a forthcoming meeting of the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Subsistence Resource Commission. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call.
- (3) Approval of summary of minutes from January 14-15, 1998 meeting.
- (4) Review agenda.
- (5) Superintendent's introduction of guests and staff and review of Commission function and purpose.
- (6) Superintendent's management/research reports.
 - a. Administration and management.
 - b. Park operations.
 - c. Resource management.
 - d. Subsistence program.
- (7) Public and agency comments.
- (8) Old business.
 - a. Correspondence.
 - b. Subsistence Management Plan work session.
 - c. Review traditional use area analysis.

(9) New business.

a. Hunting plan work session.

(10) Set time and place of next Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

(11) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting dates are:

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 1998, and conclude at approximately 9 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 1998, and conclude at 5 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 1998 and adjourn at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is: National Park Service/United States Fish and Wildlife Service Building in Bettles, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Mills, Superintendent, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, 201 First Avenue, Doyon Building, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707. Phone (907) 456-0281.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

Robert D. Barbee,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission will meet on Friday, April 10, 1998. The meeting will convene at 7:00PM in the St. John Valley Regional Vocational Technical Center, in Frenchville, Aroostook County, Maine.

The Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Act (Pub. L. 101-543). The purpose of the Commission is to advise the National Park Service with respect to:

* The development and implementation of an interpretive program of Acadian culture in the state of Maine;

* The selection of sites for interpretation and preservation by means of cooperative agreements.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Review of February 6, 1998 summary report.
2. Speaker: Sylvain Godin of the Village Historique Acadien on "The Changing Interpretation of Acadian Culture."
3. Report of the National Park Service project staff.
4. Opportunity for public comment.
5. Proposed agenda, place, and date of the next Commission meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning Commission meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting to: Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0177; telephone (207) 288-5472.

Dated: March 12, 1998.

Paul F. Haertel,

Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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National Park Service

Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, that a meeting of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council will be held April 28, 1998 at 8:00 a.m., in Wagoner, Oklahoma at the Western Hills Guest Ranch State Park (between Tulsa and Tahlequah).

The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council was established pursuant to Pub. L. 100-192 establishing the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail to advise the National Park Service on such issues as preservation of trail routes and features, public use, standards for posting and maintaining trail markers, as well as administrative matters.

The matters to be discussed include:

- Plan Implementation Status
- Trail Association Status
- Cooperative Agreements Negotiation
- Trail Route

The meeting will be open to the public. However, facilities and space for accommodating members of the public