

will be gathered on potential visitor linkages (multiple destinations) between NPS sites and other popular tourist destinations to understanding how they might affect the use of water taxi service to reach the NPS Fort Sumter Tour Boat facility at Liberty Square. Information collected in this survey will not be used for any other purpose than this study:

	Estimated numbers of	
	Responses	Burden hours
Charleston Harbor Water Taxi Study: Intercept Surveys—Residents .....	800	133.33
Intercept Surveys—Non-Residents ...	200	33.33
Total .....	1,000	166.66

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) is soliciting comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for such a reliable and valid market analyses and to support the proper performance of the functions of the GGNRA in evaluating the best alternative operations in the interest of the government and the general public, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NPS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, while maintaining an unbiased sample, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before March 26, 2001.

**Send Comments to:** Mr. John N. Tucker, Superintendent, Fort Sumter Group Parks, National Park Service, 1214 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John N. Tucker at Tel: (843) 727-4740 ext. 14, Fax: (843) 883-3910 or e-mail john\_tucker@nps.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Charleston Harbor Water Taxi Study.

**Bureau Form Number:** None.

**OMB Number:** To be requested.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** To be requested.

**Type of Request:** Request for new clearance.

**Description of Need:** The combination of different visitor sites around Charleston Harbor, their role as significant attractions, and the higher level of traffic congestion is unique and makes it difficult to apply data collected for other transportation systems at other parks to this particular study area. However, other public agencies and private enterprises that operate waterborne shuttle services are being contracted. Preliminary results from this search indicate that little research or data collection has been conducted to understand travel behavior related to alternate transportation services for visitor and tourist travel. Also, because of the uniqueness of each alternative access system, in terms of site-specific attractions, and opportunities/constraints associated with alternative access services, existing data generally would not be applicable to the particular conditions present in the Charleston Harbor area.

Only individuals would be interviewed as part of the intercept surveys. Collection of this data will ensure that the NPS has data necessary to plan, evaluate and implement alternative transportation options that meet the needs of current and potential visitors to NPS sites and other attractions surrounding the Charleston Harbor area.

**Automated Data Collection:** At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since the on-site interviewing process involves asking visitors to identify characteristics, use patterns, expectations, preferences and perceptions that are relevant to a study of alternative access strategies and services. Computerized responses could not be controlled for basis in the same manner as can intercept surveys.

**Description of respondents:** Intercept interviews will be conducted with a random sample of individuals who visit sites within the Charleston Harbor area that represent potential visitors for Fort Sumter via the new NPS Visitor Center and Fort Sumter Tour Boat Facility at Liberty Square. These sites include the South Carolina Aquarium, adjacent to the NPS Visitor Center at Liberty Square, which is currently under construction, as well as four non-NPS sites including the Charleston Visitor Center, Charleston City Market, Charleston Waterfront Park, and Patriots Point Naval Museum, across the Harbor in Mt. Pleasant.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 1,000.

**Estimated average number of responses:** Each respondent will respond only one time, so the number of respondents will be the same as the number of respondents.

**Estimated average burden hours per responses:** Approx. 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** 1 time per respondent.

**Estimated annual reporting burden:** 166.66 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:** National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is a national park which comprises over 76,000 acres of coastal lands spanning three California counties: Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo. GGNRA, in partnership with Marin County, is proposing to conduct survey interviews by telephone and intercept surveys in person to identify the market viability of alternative methods of getting visitors to five park sites in Marin County. Postcard mail-back surveys will also be used to determine the origin and destination (O-D) and other trip characteristics of people driving through the most congested local roads leading up to the park sites. The surveys will be conducted as part of a Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan for an area that includes Muir Woods, Muir Beach, Tennessee Valley, Stinson Beach and Mt. Tamalpais State Park. All but Mt. Tamalpais State Park are part of the GGNRA. The results of these surveys will be used to develop and test alternative plans for transit or shuttle services to one or more of the park sites or between park sites.

	Estimated numbers of	
	Responses	Burden hours
Marin Parklands CTMP: Telephone Interviews .....	800	200
Marin Parklands CTMP: Tourist Intercept Survey .....	800	200
Marin Parklands CTMP: Postcard O-D Survey .....	400	100
Total .....	1,600	133

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) is soliciting comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for such a reliable and valid market analyses and to support the proper performance of the functions of the GGNRA and Marin County in evaluating the best alternative operations in the interest of the government and the general public, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NPS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, while maintaining an unbiased sample, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before March 26, 2001.

*Send Comments to:* GGNRA, Attn. Mike Savidge, Bay and Franklin St., Bldg. 201, Ft. Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Savidge at (415) 561-4725 or Jennifer Coile at (415) 561-4933.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Scope of Work for Marin Parklands Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*OMB Number:* To be requested.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* To be requested.

*Type of Request:* Request for new clearance.

*Description of Need:* The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) of the San Francisco Bay Area has identified updated data

collection and surveys of this nature as critical to the foundation of improving alternative transportation access to GGNRA and state park sits in the Bay Area, and particularly to the feasibility of developing a potential shuttle service to park sites. GGNRA has also been identified as one of five national park demonstration sites to improve alternative transportation access through a coordinated program with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) because of its over 15 million visitors per year. To support these efforts, GGNRA needs information to better develop ridership potential to alternate park sites, and to determine the specific market feasibility and operational plans for alternative modes of access to the Marin Parklands sites. Such a need was identified in a GGNRA Travel Study completed in 1977 and remains today. GGNRA and Marin County seek to acquire this information in order to plan for increasing alternative access modes to the five park sites and to reduce the congestion on the local roadway corridors to park sites that presently results in traffic delays for visitors and other residents.

*Automated Data Collection:* At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since the information gathering process involves asking tourists and/or the general public to identify characteristics, use patterns, expectations, preferences and perceptions that are relevant to a study of alternative park access modes and services. Computerized responses could not be controlled for bias as intercept and random digit dialing surveys can be.

*Description of Respondents:* Intercept interviews will be conducted with a random sample of individuals who visit non-park sites in Marin or San Francisco Counties. Telephone surveys will be conducted with a random sample of residents of the Counties of Marin, San Francisco, Alameda and one or two other counties surrounding the Bay as yet unselected. The postcard O-D survey will be distributed to a random sample of drivers passing through the Tam Junction intersection.

*Estimated Average Number of Respondents:* 800 (completed telephone interviews); 400 (completed intercept interviews); 400 (completed postcard O-D surveys).

*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:* 15 minutes (telephone interviews); 15 minutes (intercept

surveys); 5 minutes (postcard O-D survey).

*Frequency of Response:* 1 time per respondent.

*Estimated Annual Reporting Burden:* 333 hours.

Dated: January 17, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Final Director's Order 12—Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis and Decision-Making and Final Handbook

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final director's order 12—conservation planning, environmental impact analysis and decision-making and final handbook.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) is converting and updating its current system of internal instructions in conformance with a new system of NPS internal guidance documents. As part of this process the NPS invited public and agency comments (59 FR 43355) concerning improvements to our implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act. Based on the public and internal scoping comments the NPS developed a draft revision of the Director's Order and Handbook. The NPS then made a draft of the Director's Order and Handbook available for public review and comment (62 FR 45270 and 62 FR 51144). Comments received during the public comment period were general and primarily editorial in nature and have been incorporated in the approved version. The approved Director's Order revises NPS policies, standards, and requirements for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) within units of the National Park System. Based on this revision, a modification will be made to the Department of the Interior's Departmental Manual (section 516 appendix 7) regarding implementation of NEPA by the NPS.

**DATES:** Director's Order 12: Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis and Decision-making and the Handbook accompanying the