

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Proposed Information Collection; Archeology Permit Applications and Reports

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service, NPS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2014. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by March 24, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Madonna L. Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW., (2601), Washington, DC 20240 (mail); or madonna_baucum@nps.gov (email). Please include “1024–0037” in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Karen Mudar at Karen_Mudar@nps.gov (email) or 202–354–2103 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Section 4 of the Archeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979 (16 U.S.C 470cc), and Section 3 of the Antiquities Act (AA) of 1906 (16 U.S.C. 432), authorize any individual or institution to apply to Federal land managing agencies to scientifically excavate or remove archeological resources from public or Indian lands. A permit is required for any archeological investigation by non-NPS personnel occurring on parklands, regardless of whether or not these investigations are linked to regulatory compliance. Archeological investigations that require permits include excavation, shovel-testing, coring, pedestrian survey (with and without removal of artifacts), underwater archeology, photogrammetry, and rock art documentation. Individuals, academic and scientific institutions, museums, and businesses that propose to conduct archeological field investigations on parklands must first obtain a permit before the project may begin.

To apply for a permit, applicants submit DI Form 1926 (Application for Permit for Archeological Investigations). In general, an application includes, but is not limited to, the following information:

- Statement of Work.
- Statement of Applicant’s Capabilities.
- Statement of Applicant’s Past Performance.
- Curriculum vitae for Principal Investigator(s) and Project Director(s).
- Written consent by State or tribal authorities to undertake the activity on State or tribal lands that are managed by the NPS, if required by the State or tribe.
- Curation Authorization.

- Detailed Schedule of All Project Activities.

Persons receiving a permit must submit the following reports:

- Preliminary Reports. Within 6 weeks of completion of the field component of the research project, the permittee must submit a preliminary report that describes the fieldwork, including accomplishments, methods used to accomplish the work, names of individuals that carried out the fieldwork, maps, any GPS data, information about any newly recorded archeological sites, and any professional recommendations. If fieldwork involves only minor work and/or minor findings, a final report may be submitted in place of the preliminary report.
- Annual Reports. If the permit extends for more than 1 year, we require an annual progress report. The report must detail the extent of work accomplished to date, and how much work remains to be carried out.
- Final Reports. Within 6 months of completion of the field component of the research project, the permittee must submit a final report for review by the regional director.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1024–0037.

Title: Archeology Permit Applications and Reports—43 CFR 3 and 7.

Form Number(s): DI–1926.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of Responses: Individuals or organizations wishing to excavate or remove archeological resources from public or Indian lands.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours
Applications for Archeology Permits	452	452	2.5	1,130
Reporting—Archeology Permits	452	452	.5	226
Totals	904	904	3.0	1,356

Estimated Annual Nonhour Cost Burden: None.

III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;

- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or

summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying

information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: January 14, 2014.

Madonna L. Baucum,

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National Park Service.*

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Draft Wilderness Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nevada/Bureau of Land Management, Southern Nevada District

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announce the availability of Draft Wilderness Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NPS Lake Mead National Recreation Area and BLM Southern Nevada District Office. The jointly prepared Draft Wilderness Management Plan addresses management issues, identifies stewardship goals and objectives, proposes decision-making guidelines for administrative actions and visitor use, and provides guidelines for managing the Jimbilnan, Pinto Valley, Black Canyon, Eldorado, Ireteba Peaks, Nellis Wash, Spirit Mountain, and Bridge Canyon wilderness areas. The NPS and the BLM jointly manage three of these wilderness areas, and five of these areas are managed by the NPS. The proposed plan analyzes three alternatives for future management and use of the eight wilderness areas. *Alternative A* (no action alternative) reflects current wilderness management and serves as a baseline for comparison with the other alternatives. No major change would occur in the management of the wilderness areas. *Alternative B* (preferred alternative) generally focuses on identifying specific opportunities for access into the areas while still protecting the character of the wilderness areas. *Alternative C* provides a higher level of access and visitor use management while still protecting the overall character of the wilderness areas.

DATES: All written comments must be postmarked or transmitted not later than 60 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of filing of the Draft EIS. Several public meetings will be hosted mid-way during the public review period—the dates, locations and other information about the meetings will be announced on <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/lake>, via local and regional press media, and will also be available by contacting Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the BLM's Las Vegas Field Office.

ADDRESSES: The Draft EIS will be available for public review and comment online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/lake>, in the office of the Superintendent, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, NV 89005; telephone (702) 293-8920; and the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130; telephone (702) 515-5297. You may submit your written comments by one of two methods. You may mail comments to Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Attn: Draft Wilderness Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, NV 89005. You may also comment via the internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/lake>. Comments will also be accepted during the public meetings. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are made available in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Holland, Wilderness Planner, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, NV 89005; jim_holland@nps.gov; telephone (702) 293-8986.

Ms. Sendi Kalcic, Wilderness Specialist, BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130; skalcic@blm.gov; telephone (702) 515-5297.

Mr. Greg Jarvis, Project Manager, NPS Denver Service Center, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228; greg_jarvis@nps.gov; telephone (303) 969-2263.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During April 2010 a Draft Wilderness Management Plan/Environmental Assessment was distributed for public review. However, due to issues subsequently raised by rock climbers and American Indian tribes, the NPS and BLM agreed to prepare a revised Wilderness Management Plan/EIS. Regarding rock climbing management for alternatives B and C in the Draft Wilderness Management Plan/EIS, no fixed anchors or equipment for climbing activities would be permitted in Spirit Mountain Wilderness; all existing fixed anchors and equipment would be removed if it can be done without damaging rock faces. In Bridge Canyon Wilderness no new fixed anchors or fixed equipment would be permitted, with the exception of permitted replacement anchors. After an inventory of climbing routes is completed, the NPS would work with tribes and partners to reduce the concentration of some of the existing bolt-intensive face climbs at certain climbing areas in Bridge Canyon Wilderness.

Other key topics addressed in the Draft Wilderness Management Plan/EIS include:

- Providing access within the wilderness areas versus protecting wilderness characteristics,
- Providing information about the wilderness areas versus protecting wilderness characteristics,
- Providing for use of Spirit Mountain while meeting tribal needs and concerns,
- Consideration of the kinds of activities and levels of visitor use that should be permitted while ensuring cultural resource protection,
- The use of climbing equipment (including climbing chalk) near sensitive cultural resources (e.g., petroglyphs and pictographs),
- Restoring disturbed areas within the wilderness areas,
- Coordinating interagency management efforts.

Decision Process: Following due consideration of all comments received, a Final EIS will be prepared. Because this is a delegated EIS, the officials responsible for a final decision are the NPS Regional Director, Pacific West Region, and the BLM State Manager, Nevada.