DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Agency Information Collection Activities; National Heritage Areas Program

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Request; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Park Service is proposing a new information collection for the National Heritage Areas Program. The National Park Service will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection request (ICR) described below.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the Information Collection Request (ICR) by mail to Tim Goddard, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS–242, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or by email to *tim_goddard@nps.gov.* Please reference OMB Control Number 1024–NEW in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Martha Raymond, National Coordinator, National Heritage Areas Program, National Park Service, by email at *martha_raymond@nps.gov* or by telephone at 202–354–2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the National Park Service, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the National Park Service; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the National Park Service enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the National Park Service minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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 ICR. 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.

An agency 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.

Title of Collection: National Heritage Areas Program Annual Reporting Forms.

OMB Control Number: 1024–NEW.

Form Number: NPS 10–320; NPS 10–321.

Type of Review: New.

Respondents/Affected Public: National Heritage Area Coordinating Entities*:* Not-for-profit entities; Federal Commissions; Institutions of Higher Education; State and local governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 98.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: ~2,500 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 49 (49 total National Heritage Area Coordinating Entities).

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 12 hours to 40 hours, depending on type of respondent and which form is being completed.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

Abstract: National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape. Each National Heritage Area is governed by separate authorizing legislation and operates under provisions unique to its resources and desired goals. Through their resources, NHAs tell nationally important stories that celebrate our nation's diverse heritage. The NHA program, which currently includes 49 heritage areas, is administered by National Park Service (NPS) coordinators in Washington, DC and six regional offices—Anchorage, San Francisco, Denver, Omaha, Philadelphia and Atlanta—as well as local park unit staff.

The NPS intends to track the progress of each heritage area on implementing its management plan and meeting performance goals. In order to reduce paperwork burden on the public, we are proposing the below listed new forms to collect the information needed to assist us in monitoring the progress of each heritage area:

- *Annual Program Report—Part I Funding Report.* The information collected on this form is used by the NPS NHA Program Office for allocating funds to heritage area management or coordinating entities (coordinating entities) and preparing the annual NPS Budget Justification and responses to directives from Congress. The information gathered on this form relates to funding from the Heritage Partnership Program (HPP) fund; required non-federal match sources; organizational sustainability planning; and Heritage Area accomplishments and challenges in using the HPP funds.
- *Annual Program Report—Part II Progress Report.* The information collected through this form will be used by the NPS NHA Program Office and regional program offices to track each heritage area management or coordinating entity's (coordinating entity) progress on management plan implementation. The progress measures outlined on this form capture information about the diverse heritage area activities and approaches to these activities (process measures), direct products or services offered (output measures), and the results of the products or services (outcome measures). The NPS will use the responses to the questions reported here in annual program reports and publications and to inform individual heritage area evaluations.

The authorities for this action come from the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), the Historic Sites Act of 1935, as amended (54 U.S.C. Ch. 3201), and the individual pieces of legislation and associated amendments that enable the National Park Service, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to provide federal financial, technical, and other assistance for the preservation of natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources. Each

National Heritage Area is designated by its own authorizing legislation.

Tim Goddard,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–564]

U.S. Trade and Investment With Sub-Saharan Africa: Recent Developments

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request dated October 23, 2017 from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) under the section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) has instituted investigation No. 332–564, *U.S. Trade and Investment with Sub-Saharan Africa: Recent Developments,* for the purpose of preparing the report requested by the USTR. The Commission has scheduled a public hearing in connection with this investigation for January 23, 2018.

DATES:

January 9, 2018: Deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing.

January 11, 2018: Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements.

January 23, 2018: Public hearing.

January 30, 2018: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements.

February 6, 2018: Deadline for filing all other written submissions.

April 30, 2018: Transmittal of Commission report to USTR.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission's hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *https://edis.usitc.gov/edis3-internal/app.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Leaders Joann Peterson (*joann.peterson@usitc.gov or* 202–205–3032) or Wen Jin (Jean) Yuan *(wenjin.yuan@usitc.gov* or 202–205–2383) for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (*william.gearhart@usitc.gov* or 202–205–3091). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (*margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov* or 202–205–1819). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server *(https://www.usitc.gov*). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

Background: The Commission instituted this investigation following receipt of a request from the USTR dated October 23, 2017. The request asked the Commission to provide a report on U.S. trade and investment with sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). It asked that the Commission's report focus primarily on the years 2010–2016, to the extent information is available, but examine longer-term trends since 2000 where appropriate. The request also asked that, to the extent practical, the report provide the most recent 2017 data on U.S. trade flows of goods with SSA and include the following:

1. An overview of the U.S. exports of goods and services to SSA, which should, to the extent information is available:

a. Identify the sectors in which U.S. exports of goods and services to SSA have increased the most, in both value and percentage terms, and indicate the key factors behind this growth.

b. Identify the countries to which U.S. exports of goods and services to SSA have increased the most, in both value and percentage terms, and indicate the key factors behind this growth.

c. Based on a review of available quantitative and qualitative information, identify non-crude petroleum sectors and SSA markets that present the greatest potential for U.S. exports of goods and services and for U.S. foreign direct investment (FDI). Also, identify significant factors impacting U.S. exports and FDI in these sectors, as well as principal third-country suppliers and investors in these sectors and SSA markets.

d. Provide a brief description of the exports of goods and services from U.S. small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to SSA and describe the challenges that U.S. SMEs face when exporting to SSA.

2. An overview of U.S. imports of goods and services from SSA, which should, to the extent information is available:

a. Identify sectors in which SSA exports of goods and services to the United States have increased the most, in both value and percentage terms, and indicate the key factors behind this growth. Data on goods should include both AGOA and non-AGOA imports.

b. Identify the SSA countries from which imports of goods and services to the United States have increased the most, in both value and percentage terms, and indicate the key factors behind this growth. Data on goods should include both AGOA and non-AGOA imports.

c. Based on a review of available quantitative and qualitative information, identify non-crude petroleum sectors and SSA markets that present the greatest potential to increase exports of goods under AGOA to the United States. Identify sectors and SSA markets that present the greatest potential to increase services exports and FDI, and indicate significant factors impacting SSA companies achieving such exports and FDI.

3. Provide profiles of the markets in Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria, and South Africa that include information on macroeconomic indicators, goods and services trade, and FDI flows in those countries.

4. Provide a summary of recent developments of regional integration efforts in SSA, including progress on the negotiation of Continental Free Trade Agreement.

5. Briefly summarize the AGOA strategies that have been developed by SSA countries.

Public Hearing: A public hearing in connection with this investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on January 23, 2018. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed with the Secretary no later than 5:15 p.m., January 9, 2018, in accordance with the requirements in the ''written submissions'' section below. All pre-hearing briefs and statements should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., January 11, 2018; and all post-hearing briefs and statements addressing matters raised at the hearing should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., January 30, 2018. In the event that, as of the close of business on January 9, 2018, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or nonparticipant may call the