

## National Park Service

### Submission of Study Package for Office of Management and Budget Review Opportunity for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Interior

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

**ABSTRACT:** The National Park Service and University of Texas at El Paso propose to conduct a survey of visitors to Guadalupe Mountains National Park. The goal is to learn visitor demographics and visitors' opinions about services and facilities in the park. Results will be used by managers to improve services, protect resources and better serve the visitors. The study package including the proposed survey questionnaire has 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 a proposed information collection request (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 primary purpose of the proposed ICR is to compare and contrast any significant differences between park users from three apparently different visitor use seasons of spring, summer, and fall. This proposed collection of information will be accomplished using a mail-back questionnaire focusing on information that is not readily available from registers at visitor centers, trailheads, or camping permits. The range of issues in the questionnaire will assess (1) visitor information sources inside and outside the park, (2) visitor travel flow within the park, (3) visitor evaluation of existing and desired facilities, programs or activities, and (4) visitor perceptions of crowding or solitude in wilderness and developed areas. This data is needed to plan for future management actions that would protect park resources and provide visitor services.

**SEND COMMENTS TO:** Superintendent, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, HC 60 Box 400, Salt Flat, TX 79847-9801.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT:** Fred Armstrong, Resource Management Specialist, at (915) 828-3251 ext. 132, or Jacqueline Bergdahl, Department of Sociology, UTEP AT (915) 747-6812.

There were no public comments received or submitted to OMB for review as a result of publishing a 60 day notice of intention to request clearance of information collection.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Visitor Survey—Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

*Form:* Not applicable.

*OMB Number:* To be assigned.

*Expiration Date:* To be assigned.

*Type of Request:* Request for new clearance.

*Description of Need:* To evaluate significant differences in visitor activities and visitor perceptions during three apparently different visitor use seasons of spring, summer and fall. The proposed information to be collected is not available from existing records, sources, or observations.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals or groups of park visitors.

*Estimated Annual Reporting Burden:* 800 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 12 minutes.

*Estimated Average Number of Respondents:* 4,000.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* For a 7 day period each during the visitor use seasons of spring, summer, and fall, for a total of 21 days of survey.

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### Commercial Services Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Commercial Services Management Plan, Yellowstone National Park.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for a Commercial Services Management Plan for Yellowstone National Park.

The effort will result in a plan that will determine the levels and types of commercial visitor services appropriate for Yellowstone National Park (Yellowstone). The plan is intended to provide the park with long-term strategic guidance for management of commercial services.

The plan will provide a framework or broad, general direction and guidance. Individual commercial service proposals may also require further site specific plans and compliance, when implemented in the future.

This plan will assimilate decisions made in previous planning documents and amend some elements of plans that are no longer consistent with management objectives of the park. The plan will provide the basis for development of prospectuses for new concession contracts when existing contracts expire.

For the purposes of this planning process, commercial services include anything offered to the public or private individuals, in which park resources are used, and which results in compensation of any kind to an individual, organization, or corporation. Compensation may be "for profit" or "non-profit" under local, state, or federal law.

Major issues which will be addressed by the plan, include:

(1) What types of services and facilities are appropriate for Yellowstone as we enter the next century?

(2) What levels of services and facilities are essential to serve Yellowstone visitors?

(3) What types of support facilities (e.g., employee housing, warehouses, storage, transportation) are necessary?

(4) What are the appropriate areas for facilities which serve visitors and provide support services?

A general information brochure has been prepared that lists the issues identified to date. Copies of that information can be obtained by contacting: Commercial Services Plan, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190.

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John E. Cook,

*Director, Intermountain Field Area.*

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### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before