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National Park Service

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

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Big Cypress National Preserve.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The National Park Service (NPS) and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University propose to conduct a survey of the characteristics, perceptions, behavior, and park management preferences of Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) users within the Big Cypress National Preserve. The goal is to categorize these visitor characteristics by vehicle type, primary recreational activity, and management zone visited. Results will be used by park planners, park managers, and members of the public in identifying and considering alternative management options that may become incorporated into the ORV Management Plan for Big Cypress National Preserve. 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 purpose of the proposed ICR is to document ORV users' activities; perceptions of crowding, conflict, and other problems; management preferences; attitudes about the environment and its protection; satisfaction level and benefits; and socio-demographic characteristics. This information will be used by park

planners, park managers, and members of the public to recommend and consider alternative management options to be incorporated into the ORV Management Plan for Big Cypress.

There were no public comments, other than a request by another park unit to be kept informed of the BICY planning effort, received or submitted to OMB for review as a result of publishing in the Federal Register a 60 day notice of intention to request clearance of information collection for this survey at Big Cypress National Preserve.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted until January 27, 1997.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs for OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; and also to: Joseph W. Roggenbuck, Ph.D., Department of Forestry, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0324.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT: Joseph W. Roggenbuck, 540-231-7418.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Big Cypress National Preserve Off-Road Vehicle Visitor Use Study.

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 about the characteristics, perceptions, behavior, and management preferences of ORV users within the Preserve to support development of an ORV Vehicle Management Plan. The proposed information to be collected is not available from existing records, sources, or observations.

Description of Respondents: Individuals who currently hold NPS-issued ORV permits or who are non-owning riders of ORVs in Big Cypress National Preserve.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 666.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: 400.

Estimated Average Burden House Per Response: 40 minutes.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 266 hours.

Estimated Frequency of Response: One time.

Dated: December 23, 1996.
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*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
 Audits and Accountability Team, National
 Park Service.*
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Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice—Final decision, reconsideration of a portion of the Devils Tower Climbing Management Plan.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) has reconsidered certain portions of the Final Climbing Management Plan for Devils Tower National Monument which address climbing limitations based on concerns about Indian religious and cultural values.

DATES: The final decision was signed by the National Park Service on November 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be addressed to: Superintendent, Devils Tower National Monument, P.O. Box 10, Devils Tower, Wyoming 82714-0010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah O. Liggett, Superintendent, Devils Tower National Monument. Telephone 307-467-5283.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NPS, pursuant to a notice published in the Federal Register on August 8, 1996 (61 FR 41424), has reconsidered those portions of the Devils Tower National Monument Final Climbing Management Plan (FCMP) which address climbing limitations based on concerns about religious and cultural values of Indian tribes. Thirty-five written comments were received from the public in response to the Federal Register notice. On November 26, 1996, upon consideration of the public comments received and the entire record of the FCMP, the National Park Service modified the FCMP in certain respects by adoption of an addendum to the FCMP. Copies of the modified FCMP are available upon request. The National Park Service also reviewed the environmental assessment of the effects of the FCMP and determined that it continues to adequately consider the impacts that the FCMP, as modified, will have on the Monument. Further, NPS determined that the Finding of No Significant Impact made in connection with the