

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

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) is proposing in 1998 to conduct a survey of community residents in one gateway community near Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks to refine those issues related to fire management and associated smoke that are most important to people who live there. This information collection will support ongoing fire management planning at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed survey. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The NPS goal in conducting this survey is to obtain park neighbors' perceptions of the existing fire management program and its effect on residents, the community, and the ecosystem. Results of the survey will assist NPS fire managers in their management decisions by providing information about the knowledge, needs and desires of the affected public living in the community that is closest to the two parks. The intended effect of this information collection is to better inform park managers about issues important to park neighbors, to assist them in developing citizen education and involvement programs, and to help them formulate fire management decision making criteria for fires in the Park.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before May 4, 1998.

**SEND COMMENTS TO:** William Kaage, Fire Management Officer, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Three Rivers, California 93271-9700, phone: 209-565-3160.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Kaage, Fire Management Officer, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Three Rivers, California 93271-9700, phone: 209-565-3160; e-mail: <william\_kaage@nps.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Fine Management Planning Survey at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.  
*OMB Number:* To be requested.  
*Expiration date:* To be requested.  
*Type of request:* Request for new clearance.

*Description of need:* The National Park Service needs information concerning perceptions of residents who live near Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks regarding forest fire, fire ecology, regional fire management history and the effects of fire management practices on their community and the ecosystem. The proposed information to be collected from park neighbors is not available from existing records, sources, or observations either regularly or comprehensively.

*Automated data collection:* At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking gateway community residents about their perceptions of fire management in the region.

*Description of Respondents:* A sample of adult householders living in one gateway community near Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

*Estimated average number of respondents:* The number is estimated to be approximately 500 respondents.

*Estimated average number of respondents:* 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.

*Frequency of response:* 1 time per respondent.

*Estimated annual reporting burden:* The total burden for 1998 will be approximately 125 hours.

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WASO Administrative Program Center,  
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resolves certain claims of the United States against Exide Corporation, Fisher Steel & Supply Company, Friedland Iron & Metal Company, and Franklin Iron & Metal Company under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), at the H. Brown Superfund Site ("Site"), located in Walker, Kent County, Michigan. Under the Consent Decree, the settling defendants will pay the United States \$120,000.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. H. Brown Co., et al.* D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-2-835A. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan; the Region V Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, telephone no. (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check for reproduction costs (at 25 cents per page) in the amount of \$7.75 for the Decree, payable to the Consent Decree Library.

**Bruce S. Gelber,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on February 10, 1998, the United States lodged with the Court a proposed Consent Decree under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* in *United States v. H. Brown Co., et al.*, No. 1:96-CV-949 (W.D. Mich.). The Consent Decree

## NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 6, 1998.

**PLACE:** Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Year 2000 Compliance. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (8).
2. SSP Vacancies and Related Personnel Matters. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).