

Estimated annual reporting burden: 1050.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service; and 4 units of the National Park System.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Services Project and four parks (The Netherlands Carillon/The U.S. Marine Corps War memorial—Iwo Jima (part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway), the National Monuments and Memorials (National Mall), Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (Skagway, Alaska), and Whiskeytown National Recreation Area) propose to conduct visitor surveys to learn about visitor demographics and visitor opinions about services and facilities in these four parks. The results of the surveys will be used by park managers to improve the services they provide to visitors while better protecting park natural and cultural resources. Study packages that include the proposed survey questionnaires for these four proposed park studies have 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 these four proposed information collection requests (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 four proposed ICRs is to document the demographics of visitors to the four parks, to learn about the motivations and expectations these visitors have for

their park visits, and to obtain their opinions regarding services provided by the four parks and the suitability of the visitor facilities maintained in the four parks. This information will be used by park planners and managers to plan, develop, and operate visitor services and facilities in ways that maximize use of limited park financial and personnel resources to meet the expectations and desires of park visitors.

There were no public comments received as a result of publishing in the **Federal Register** a 60 day notice of intention to request clearance of information collection for these four surveys.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before April 23, 1998.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20530; and also to: Margaret Littlejohn; Cooperative Park Studies Unit; Department of Forest Resources; College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences; University of Idaho; Moscow, ID 83844-1133.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE STUDY PACKAGES SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT: Margaret Littlejohn, phone: 208-885-7863, fax: 208-885-4261, or email: littlej@uidaho.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Services Project Visitor Surveys at Four Parks.

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 concerning visitor demographics and visitor opinions about the services and facilities that the National Park Service provides in each of these four parks. The proposed information to be collected regarding visitors in these four parks is not available from existing records, sources, or observation.

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking visitors to evaluate services and facilities that they used during their park visit. The intrusion on visitors to the parks is minimized by only contacting visitors during one 7-9 day period at each park.

Description of Respondents: A sample of visitors to each of these four parks.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 800 at The Netherlands Carillon/The U.S. Marine Corps War

memorial—Iwo Jima, 800 at the National Monuments and Memorials (National Mall), 480 at Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (Skagway, Alaska), and 864 at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: Each respondents 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: 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time per respondent.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 160 hours at The Netherlands Carillon/The U.S. Marine Corps War memorial—Iwo Jima, 1600 hours at the National Monuments and Memorials (National Mall), 96 hours at Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (Skagway, Alaska), and 173 hours at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.

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Notice of Intent To Issue a Prospectus for Operation of a Photographic and Art Studio Within Yosemite National Park

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will be releasing a concession Prospectus authorizing continued operation of a photographic and art business for the visiting public within Yosemite National Park. The operation is located in Yosemite Valley in close proximity to the park's Visitor Center. The operation consists of the sale of photographic and art supplies and equipment, works of art, publications and handicraft items. The operation is year-round with the peak season during the summer months. The average visitation to the park is approximately 4 million annually. The annual gross receipts over the last 5 years has averaged about \$2 million. Staffing for the operation is 12-20 people. Limited employee housing is available on site. The new contract will be for five (5) years beginning October 1, 1998. There is an existing concessioner which has operated satisfactorily under the existing contract and has a right of preference in renewal.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The cost for purchasing a Prospectus is \$30.00.