

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Submission of Study Package to Office of Management and Budget; Opportunity for Public Comment**

AGENCY: Department of the Interior; National Park Service; and Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The National Park Service is conducting a study to assess the positive and negative social consequences of various potential deer management alternatives in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area (CVNRA). This information will be used to help the staff at CVNRA develop a deer management strategy that considers public desires and concerns relating to management of the CVNRA. The following specific study objectives have been identified:

1. Determine the acceptability, tolerance, and preferences among the local public for: Deer management activities, the perceived positive and negative consequences of deer management activities, and deer population levels;
2. Identify and determine the intensity of the psychological and emotional impacts among the local public served by CVNRA due to various deer management actions;
3. Determine the effect of deer management activities on local public attitudes toward the park, its services, and park staff;
4. Determine the degree to which deer management activities may affect park visitation patterns among the local public.

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 the 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 assess the positive and negative social consequences of various potential deer

management alternatives in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. This information will be used to help the staff at CVNRA develop a deer management strategy that considers public desires and concerns relating to management of the CVNRA.

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 this survey.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before thirty days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

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. Please also send comments to David C. Fulton, Ph.D., Assistant Unit Leader, Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Minnesota, 200 Hodson Hall 1980 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

Public comments, including names and addresses of respondents, may be made available for public review. Individual respondents may request that their address be withheld from the public comment record. This will be honored to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which a respondent's identity would be withheld from the public comment record, as allowable by law. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Anonymous comments will not be considered. Comments from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses may be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Copies of the proposed ICR requirement can be obtained from David C. Fulton, Ph.D., Assistant Unit Leader, Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Minnesota, 200 Hodson Hall 1980 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments on or before thirty days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE STUDY PACKAGE SUBMITTED FOR OMB

REVIEW, CONTACT: David Fulton, phone: 612-625-5256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Assessing Public Reactions To Potential Deer Management Program in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

Form Number: 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 public opinion about deer management strategies at Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area for planning and management purposes.

The propose information to be collected regarding the local public served by this park is not available from existing records, sources, or observations. Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking visitors to evaluate potential deer management activities and the effect of these activities on their views toward CVNRA and its staff.

Description of Respondents: A sample of residents within 9 counties in northeast Ohio near the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: 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: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time per respondent.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 200 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Land Exchange, George Washington Memorial Parkway, City of Alexandria and Arlington County, Virginia**

AGENCY: Notice of availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed land exchange, George Washington Memorial