

proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Field Manager, Redding Field Office by April 23, 2001. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are those which are compatible with the use of the lands, as determined by BLM.

Dated: January 17, 2001.

Duane Marti,

Acting Chief, Branch of Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw approximately 20 acres of public land in San Luis Obispo County to assure long term protection and management of historic structures, archaeological resources, wildlife habitat, scenic quality, and high educational and interpretative values of the public land and resources, located at Point Piedras Blancas. The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to manage the land and its resources in a collaborative effort with other Federal and State agencies. The Piedras Blancas Light Station was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on September 3, 1991. The adjacent coastline is part of the California Coastal National Monument and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing and the Materials Act of 1947.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by April 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield Field Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, California 93308.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Duane Marti, Bureau of Land Management California State Office, 916-978-4675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 16, 2001, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Mount Diablo Meridian, California T. 26 S., R. 6 E.,

U. S. Lighthouse Reserve.

The area described contains approximately 20 acres in San Luis Obispo County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to assure long term protection and management of historic structures, archaeological resources, wildlife habitat, scenic quality, and high educational and interpretative values of the public land and resources, located at Point Piedras Blancas.

Until April 23, 2001, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Field Manager, Bakersfield Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Field Manager, Bakersfield Field Office April 23, 2001. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60 Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Fort Sumter National Monument.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: National Park Service (NPS) Fort Sumter tour boat service currently departs from two destinations in Charleston, SC. With the construction of a new NPS facility at Liberty Square, all tour boat operations to Fort Sumter will be consolidated to a single point of departure at the new location. The proposed survey would be used in conducting a study to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a water taxi system in Charleston Harbor. The water taxi system would chiefly act as a feeder network for tourists and local residents desiring access to the new NPS Ft. Sumter tour boat facility at Liberty Square, located adjacent to the South Carolina Aquarium. Several locations, situated primarily along the Cooper River, are being considered as potential landing sites. Creation of a waterborne network of this type would potentially reduce on-site parking demands, serve to mitigate related congestion on surrounding streets and have a variety of other quality of life and environmental benefits. The initial phase of the system is expected to largely focus on establishing a waterborne connection between Liberty Square and Patriots Point Naval Museum. The information gathered in the surveys will be used to support planning efforts in developing feasible water taxi alternatives, evaluating system viability and determining potential user demands. The data collected in the surveys will aid in identifying the specific market feasibility and possible operational plans for the proposed water taxi service. The data will also be used to forecast potential demand for travel between NPS sites and other visitor destinations, as well as land-based public transit connections. Information

will be gathered on potential visitor linkages (multiple destinations) between NPS sites and other popular tourist destinations to understanding how they might affect the use of water taxi service to reach the NPS Fort Sumter Tour Boat facility at Liberty Square. Information collected in this survey will not be used for any other purpose than this study:

	Estimated numbers of	
	Responses	Burden hours
Charleston Harbor Water Taxi Study: Intercept Surveys—Residents	800	133.33
Intercept Surveys—Non-Residents ...	200	33.33
Total	1,000	166.66

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) is soliciting comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for such a reliable and valid market analyses and to support the proper performance of the functions of the GGNRA in evaluating the best alternative operations in the interest of the government and the general public, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NPS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, while maintaining an unbiased sample, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before March 26, 2001.

Send Comments to: Mr. John N. Tucker, Superintendent, Fort Sumter Group Parks, National Park Service, 1214 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John N. Tucker at Tel: (843) 727-4740 ext. 14, Fax: (843) 883-3910 or e-mail john_tucker@nps.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Charleston Harbor Water Taxi Study.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration Date of Approval: To be requested.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of Need: The combination of different visitor sites around Charleston Harbor, their role as significant attractions, and the higher level of traffic congestion is unique and makes it difficult to apply data collected for other transportation systems at other parks to this particular study area. However, other public agencies and private enterprises that operate waterborne shuttle services are being contracted. Preliminary results from this search indicate that little research or data collection has been conducted to understand travel behavior related to alternate transportation services for visitor and tourist travel. Also, because of the uniqueness of each alternative access system, in terms of site-specific attractions, and opportunities/constraints associated with alternative access services, existing data generally would not be applicable to the particular conditions present in the Charleston Harbor area.

Only individuals would be interviewed as part of the intercept surveys. Collection of this data will ensure that the NPS has data necessary to plan, evaluate and implement alternative transportation options that meet the needs of current and potential visitors to NPS sites and other attractions surrounding the Charleston Harbor area.

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since the on-site interviewing process involves asking visitors to identify characteristics, use patterns, expectations, preferences and perceptions that are relevant to a study of alternative access strategies and services. Computerized responses could not be controlled for basis in the same manner as can intercept surveys.

Description of respondents: Intercept interviews will be conducted with a random sample of individuals who visit sites within the Charleston Harbor area that represent potential visitors for Fort Sumter via the new NPS Visitor Center and Fort Sumter Tour Boat Facility at Liberty Square. These sites include the South Carolina Aquarium, adjacent to the NPS Visitor Center at Liberty Square, which is currently under construction, as well as four non-NPS sites including the Charleston Visitor Center, Charleston City Market, Charleston Waterfront Park, and Patriots Point Naval Museum, across the Harbor in Mt. Pleasant.

Estimated number of respondents: 1,000.

Estimated average number of responses: Each respondent will respond only one time, so the number of respondents will be the same as the number of respondents.

Estimated average burden hours per responses: Approx. 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: 1 time per respondent.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 166.66 hours.

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Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, WASO Administrative Program Center, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60 Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is a national park which comprises over 76,000 acres of coastal lands spanning three California counties: Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo. GGNRA, in partnership with Marin County, is proposing to conduct survey interviews by telephone and intercept surveys in person to identify the market viability of alternative methods of getting visitors to five park sites in Marin County. Postcard mail-back surveys will also be used to determine the origin and destination (O-D) and other trip characteristics of people driving through the most congested local roads leading up to the park sites. The surveys will be conducted as part of a Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan for an area that includes Muir Woods, Muir Beach, Tennessee Valley, Stinson Beach and Mt. Tamalpais State Park. All but Mt. Tamalpais State Park are part of the GGNRA. The results of these surveys will be used to develop and test alternative plans for transit or shuttle services to one or more of the park sites or between park sites.