

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart B	Reporting & recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden
200 through 299 ....	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart B regulations.	2.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

*Comments:* Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency " \* \* \* to provide notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*".

Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the "non-hour cost" burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information, monitoring, and record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for

the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

*Public Comment Policy:* MMS's practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish your name and/or address to be withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. MMS will honor this request to the extent allowable by law; however, anonymous comments will not be considered. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Fire Management Plans, Environmental Impact Statements, Guadalupe Mountains National Park and Big Bend National Park, TX, and Carlsbad Caverns National Park, NM

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notices of Intent to prepare Environmental Assessments for the Fire Management Plans at Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Big Bend National Park, and Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

**SUMMARY:** In Notices of Intent published October 10, 2002 (67 FR 63151) November 15, 2002 (67 FR 69239), and June 11, 2003 (68 FR 35002), the National Park Service (NPS) announced

its intent to prepare EIS's for the Fire Management Plans at Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Carlsbad Caverns National Park and Big Bend National Park, respectively. The NPS has since determined that environmental assessments (EA), rather than EIS's, are the appropriate environmental documentation to proceed with for the Fire Management Plans at those parks.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NPS had begun working on EIS's for the Fire Management Plans for each park following the publication of the Notices of Intent. Internal discussions and meetings, and comments from public scoping sessions helped frame the alternatives and issues related to each Fire Management Plan. In the development of each EIS, the effects of the alternatives have been examined in detail. Based on these findings and the input received during public scoping, the NPS has decided to proceed with an EA as the National Environmental Policy Act documentation for the update and review of these parks' Fire Management Plans.

At an undetermined date following the publication of this Notice of Intent, the parks will release their Fire Management Plan EA's for 30-day public comment.

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