

National Park System Advisory Board will meet March 21–22, 2006, in Jacksonville, Florida. The Board will convene its business meeting on March 21 at 8:30 a.m., e.s.t., at the Ribault Inn Club, 11241 Fort George Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32226, telephone 904–251–1050. The Board will be addressed by National Park Service Director Fran Mainella and will receive the reports of its Education Committee, National Landmarks Committee, Committee on Health and Recreation, National Parks Science Committee, Committee on Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, and Partnerships Committee. Nominations for National Historic Landmark designation and National Natural Landmark designation will be considered during the morning session. The business meeting will be adjourned at 4 p.m., on March 21. On March 22, the Board will tour Timucuan National Ecological Preserve and will be briefed regarding environmental, education and partnership programs.

Other officials of the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior may address the Board, and other miscellaneous topics and reports may be covered. The order of the agenda may be changed, if necessary, to accommodate travel schedules or for other reasons.

The Board meeting will be open to the public. Space and facilities to accommodate the public are limited and attendees will be accommodated on a first-come basis. Anyone may file with the Board a written statement concerning matters to be discussed. The Board also may permit attendees to address the Board, but may restrict the length of the presentations, as necessary to allow the Board to complete its agenda within the allotted time.

Anyone who wishes further information concerning the meeting, or who wishes to submit a written statement, may contact Mr. Loran Fraser, Chief, Office of Policy, National Park Service; 1849 C Street, NW., Room 7250; Washington, DC 20240; telephone 202–208–7456.

Draft minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection about 12 weeks after the meeting, in room 7252, Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: February 24, 2006.

Loran Fraser,

Chief, Office of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Agency Information Collection; Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of a currently approved information collection (OMB No. 1006–0002).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) intends to submit a request for renewal (without revision) of an existing, approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Recreation Use Data Report, OMB Control Number 1006–0002. As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, Reclamation invites other Federal agencies, State, local, or tribal governments which manage recreation sites at Reclamation projects; concessionaires, subconcessionaires, and not-for-profit organizations who operate concessions on Reclamation lands; and the public, to comment on this information collection.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the office listed in the addresses section on or before May 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments on the collection of recreation and concession information to: Bureau of Reclamation, Land Resources Office, D–5300, Attention: Mr. Vernon Lovejoy, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225–0007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or a copy of the proposed Recreation Data Use Report forms, contact Mr. Lovejoy at the address provided above or by telephone at (303) 445–2913.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Recreation Use Data Report (Form No. 7–2534—Part 1, Managing Partners and Form No. 7–2535—Part 2, Concessionaires).

Abstract: Reclamation collects Reclamation-wide recreation and concession information (1) in support of existing public laws including the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (Pub. L. 88–578), the Federal Water Project Recreation Act (Pub. L. 89–72), the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Pub. L. 108–477); and (2) to fulfill reports to the President and the Congress. This collection of information allows Reclamation to (1) meet the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), (2) fulfill congressional and financial reporting requirements, and (3) support specific information required by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and the Department of the Interior's GPRA-based strategic plan. Collected information will permit relevant program assessments of resources managed by Reclamation, its recreation managing partners, and/or concessionaires for the purpose of implementing Reclamation's mission to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American people. Specifically, the collected information provides Reclamation with the ability to (1) evaluate program and management effectiveness pertaining to existing recreation and concessionaire resources and facilities, and (2) validate effective public use of managed recreation resources, located on Reclamation project lands in the 17 Western States.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondents: State, local, or tribal governments; agencies who manage Reclamation's recreation resources and facilities; and commercial concessions, subconcessionaires, and nonprofit organizations located on Reclamation lands with associated recreation services.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 275.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 275.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 138 hours.

Estimate of Burden for Each Form:

Form No.	Burden estimate per form (in minutes)	Annual number of respondents	Annual burden on respondents (in hours)
7–2534 (Part 1, Managing Partners)	30	160	80

Form No.	Burden estimate per form (in minutes)	Annual number of respondents	Annual burden on respondents (in hours)
7-2535 (Part 2, Concessionaires)	30	115	58
Total Burden Hours	138

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Reclamation, including whether the information will have practical use; (b) the accuracy of Reclamation's estimated burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

We will summarize all comments received regarding this notice. We will publish that summary in the **Federal Register** when the information collection request is submitted to OMB for review and approval.

Department of the Interior practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Roseann Gonzales,
Director, Office of Program and Policy Services, Denver Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Northwest Area Water Supply Project, North Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is commencing work under the National Environmental Policy Act on an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Northwest Area Water Supply Project (NAWS Project), a Federal reclamation project, located in North Dakota. This NOI is being published to describe the proposed action, the purpose of and need for that proposal, the scope of the EIS, and to solicit public comments during a formal scoping period.

Reclamation is initiating a formal scoping period of 60 days following publication of this NOI. Reclamation invites all interested parties to submit written comments or suggestions related to the significant issues, potential impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action during the scoping period. Reclamation will provide a separate project information document that outlines EIS actions, timelines, and public involvement opportunities to all interested parties. The project information document will contain details related to this action that will assist the interested public in providing comments during the scoping period.

DATES: Individuals who want to receive the additional project information document should contact Reclamation's Project Manager within 15 days following publication of this NOI.

Written comments or e-mails on the NOI should be received by May 5, 2006. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practical.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Bureau of Reclamation, Dakotas Area Office, P.O. Box 1017, Bismarck, ND 58502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicia Waters, Northwest Area Water Supply Project EIS, Bureau of Reclamation, Dakotas Area Office, P.O. Box 1017, Bismarck, ND 58502; Telephone: (701) 250-4242 extension 3621; or Fax to (701) 250-4326. You may submit e-mail to awaters@gp.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Garrison Diversion Unit's Municipal, Rural and Industrial Water Supply (MR&I) program was authorized by the U.S. Congress on May 12, 1986, through the Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act of 1986. This act authorized the appropriation of \$200 million of Federal funds for the planning and construction of water supply facilities throughout North Dakota. The NAWS project, initiated in November 1987, is being developed as a result of this authorization.

The NAWS project is designed as a bulk water distribution system that will service local communities and rural water systems in 10 counties in northwestern North Dakota including the community of Minot. The NAWS Project is an interbasin transfer of water from Lake Sakakawea, in the Missouri River basin in North Dakota, to Minot, North Dakota, in the Hudson Bay basin. Reclamation completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project in 2001. Construction on the project began in April 2002. In October 2002, the Province of Manitoba filed a legal challenge in U.S. District Court in Washington, DC to compel the Department of the Interior to complete an EIS on the project. A Court Order dated February 3, 2005, remanded the case to Reclamation for completion of additional environmental analysis.

During the pendency of the litigation filed by Manitoba, construction continued on the project. Construction of the raw water core pipeline for NAWS began in April 2002. Approximately 30 miles of this pipeline have been completed to date. Contract 2-1D provides for installation of 14.9 miles of pipe, cathodic protection, and appurtenances. The date allowed for completion of this contract is October 21, 2006, and once this contract is finished, the raw water core pipeline of the NAWS system will be complete. Work on the distribution system, water treatment facilities, and other features of the project has not yet commenced.

Purpose of the Proposed Action

The purpose of the NAWS Project is to provide a reliable source of high