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OMB Number: 0596-0110.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension with no revision.

Abstract: The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 requires that Federal agencies establish measurable goals and monitor their success at meeting those goals. Two of the items the Forest Service must measure are: (1) The number of visits that occur on the National Forest System lands for recreation and other purposes, and (2) the views and satisfaction levels of recreational visitors to National Forest System lands about the services, facilities, and settings. The agency receives requests for this kind of information from a variety of organizations, including Congressional staffs, newspapers, magazines, and recreational trade organizations.

The data from this collection provides vital information for strategic planning efforts, decisions regarding allocation of resources, and revisions of land and resource management plans for national forests. It provides managers with reliable estimates of the number of recreational visitors to a national forest, activities of those visitors (including outdoor physical activities), customer satisfaction, and visitor values. The knowledge gained from this effort helps identify recreational markets as well as the economic impact visitors have on an area. The information collected is also used by the Office of Management and Budget as part of the Program Analysis Reporting Tool measures for the Forest Service recreation program. For the Forest Service, the collection is designed for a five-year cycle of coverage across all national forests. Conducting the collection less frequently puts information updates out of cycle with forest planning and other data preparation activities.

To conform to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA), the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (all United States Department of Interior (USDI) agencies) will be utilizing this collection once every five years to obtain credible and mutually comparable estimates of recreational use on lands they administer in Clarke County, Nevada. This collection helps ensure a timely

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders on the Roadmap for Agricultural Research, Education, and Extension

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Public comment period for written stakeholder input; correction.

SUMMARY: The Research, Education, and Extension Office (REEO) of the Research, Education, and Economics (REE) Mission Area of the Department of Agriculture published a document in the **Federal Register** on April 1, 2009, concerning written stakeholder input on the preparation of a roadmap for the REEO. The document contained an incorrect word in the background and purpose section which is listed under the supplementary information section of the notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Simmons, 202-720-1777.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of April 1, 2009, in FR Doc. E9-7252, on page 14768, in the fifth column, correct section to read as follows:

Background and Purpose

The preparation of the roadmap for agricultural research, education, and extension is mandated in section 7504 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act (FCEA) of 2008, (Pub. L. 110-246, U.S.C. 7614a). The Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Extension (Under Secretary), will prepare the Roadmap.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comment; National Visitor Use Monitoring

AGENCY: US Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of a currently approved information collection, National Visitor Use Monitoring (0596-0110).

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 9, 2009 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Dr. Donald B.K. English, Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources, Mailstop 1125, Forest Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1125.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 202-205-1145 or by e-mail to: denglish@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Room 4 Central, Yates Building, Recreation, Heritage and Volunteer Resources Staff, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-9595 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald B.K. English, Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources staff, at 202-205-9595. Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Visitor Use Monitoring.

response to SNPLMA requirements. In addition, the Bureau of Land Management intends to partner with the Forest Service to use the NVUM program as its means for estimating the volume of visitation and describing key visitor characteristics.

At recreation sites or access points, agency personnel or contractors will conduct onsite interviews of visitors as they complete their visit. Interviewers will ask about the purpose and length of the visit, the trip origin, activities, annual visitation rates, trip-related spending patterns, use of recreation facilities, satisfaction with agency services and facilities, and the composition of the visiting party. Primary analysis of the information for the Forest Service and partnering agencies will be performed by Forest Service staff in the Washington Office and by scientists in one or more of the agency's research stations.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 9 minutes (average).

Type of Respondents: Visitors to lands managed by the US Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, and within Clarke County, Nevada to lands managed by the USDI—Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 69,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 9,900 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the lead agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the lead agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

April 6, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Land Management Agency Volunteer Surveys

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection, the Land Management Agency Volunteer Surveys.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 9, 2009 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to James Absher, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Forest Service), 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (951) 680-1501 or by e-mail to: jabsher@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Building One Reception, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (951) 680-1500 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Absher, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, (951) 680-1559. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Land Management Agency Volunteer Surveys.

OMB Number: 0596-New.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The Forest Service and university researchers will contact individuals who currently volunteer, or have recently volunteered, for selected natural resource (land) management agencies (LMA). Through a short Web-based survey, respondents will provide information regarding how often and

why they volunteer, the positive and negative aspects of that experience, and basic socio-demographics. The results of this information collection will help researchers and managers improve their ability to provide land management services to the public, as well as strengthen volunteers' experiences at their respective agencies.

Participation in the survey will be strictly voluntary. If necessary, respondents will be allowed to answer via postal mail at their convenience. A Forest Service researcher, agency technician, or a cooperating university researcher will collect and analyze the data. The Forest Service and university researchers are experts in applied social research and survey methods.

Additionally, in order to ensure anonymity, personal information will not be stored with contact information at any time, and contact information will be purged from researcher files once data collection is complete. Responses will be used to assess volunteers' experience with agencies that have a land management function such as parks, forests, recreation areas or wildlife refuges. Although an abundance of research exists regarding volunteering in general, there is very little rigorous, academic research on volunteering as it applies to LMAs, largely because there is no reliable, uniform, and comprehensive data available. Further, it is unknown whether the findings emerging from other studies of volunteerism are applicable in the context of LMAs. Because of the enormous role that volunteers play in the operations of LMAs, clarity and insight into volunteer characteristics and experiences is imperative. Ultimately, findings will help researchers and resource managers determine the best ways to involve, retain, and manage volunteers.

The primary beneficiaries of results from these surveys will be LMAs, such as the Forest Service, and other agencies at all levels of government that are concerned with enjoyment, preservation, and advancement of our natural resources. These results will be particularly important to LMAs because these agencies have recently become heavily dependent on volunteer support. Without this information collection, managers of volunteers in LMAs will continue to rely upon anecdotal or unreliable information, which may perpetuate poor volunteer recruitment, retention, and satisfaction. The information collected will help researchers develop and test models of volunteer management, supply information to LMA program managers and other voluntary action managers