

governmental agencies and bona fide educational and research institutions may request confidential information regarding significant caves.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this information collection request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, written comments should be received on or before August 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB #1004-0165), Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202-395-5806, or by electronic mail at oir_docket@omb.eop.gov.

Please mail a copy of your comments to: BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

You may also send a copy of your comments by electronic mail to jean_sonneman@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Goodbar, Senior Cave and Karst Resources Specialist, at 505-234-5929 (Commercial or FTS). You may also contact Mr. Goodbar to obtain, at no cost, a copy of the information collection request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cave Management: Cave Nominations and Confidential Information (43 CFR part 37).

OMB Number: 1004-0165.

Form Numbers: None.

Abstract: The information covered in this Information Collection Request applies to caves on Federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Reclamation. The BLM collects information from appropriate private sector interests, including "cavers," in order to update a list of significant caves that are under the jurisdiction of the agencies listed above. The BLM also processes requests for confidential information regarding significant caves. The information collected enables the BLM to comply with the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 4301-4310).

60-Day Notice: On November 20, 2008, the BLM published a 60-day notice (73 FR 70364) requesting comments on the proposed information collection. The comment period ended January 20, 2009. No comments were received.

Current Action: This proposal is being submitted to extend the expiration date of July 31, 2009.

Type of Review: 3-year extension.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 90 cave nominations; 10 requests for confidential information.

Estimated Time per Response: 12 hours for cave nominations; 1 hour for requests for confidential information.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,090 hours.

The BLM may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection. Comments should address one or more of the following points:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(4) How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please send comments to the addresses listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1004-0165 in your correspondence. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Jean Sonneman,

Bureau of Land Management, Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Big Cypress National Preserve Addition, Florida

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan (DEIS/GMP/WS/ORV Plan), Big Cypress National Preserve (Preserve) Addition.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and National Park Service (NPS) policy in Director's Order Number 2 (Park Planning) and Director's Order Number 12 (Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis, and Decision-making), the NPS announces the availability of a DEIS/GMP/WS/ORV Plan for the Big Cypress National Preserve Addition, Florida.

The 1991 GMP for the original Preserve contains no guidance for the approximately 147,000 acres added to the Preserve in 1988 by Public Law 100-301 (the Addition). A GMP is needed to clearly define resource conditions and visitor experiences to be achieved in the Addition.

DATES: There will be a 60-day comment period beginning with the Environmental Protection Agency's publication of its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Public meetings will be held during the review period. The date, time, and location of public meetings will be announced through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> and in a mailed announcement to be released in the summer of 2009.

ADDRESSES: The document will be available for public review and comment online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. A limited number of CDs and hard copies will be made available at Preserve headquarters. You may also request a hard copy or CD by contacting Big Cypress National Preserve, 33100 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, Florida 34141-1000; telephone 239-695-1103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public scoping was initiated in the summer of 2001. Public meetings and six newsletters were used to keep the public informed and involved

throughout the planning process for the Addition. The resulting document provides a framework for management, use, and development options for the Addition by the NPS for the next 15 to 20 years. It describes four management alternatives for consideration, including a no-action alternative that continues current management policies, and the NPS's preferred alternative. The three action alternatives present a range of ORV opportunities, proposed wilderness, and visitor facilities. The document analyzes the environmental impacts of the alternatives.

The four alternatives (with names as they appear in the document) are as follows:

Alternative A: No-Action

Alternative A—the continuation of current management practices and trends. The enabling legislation would be the long-term document to guide management and development of the Preserve.

Alternative B: The general theme is to enable visitor participation in a wide variety of challenging outdoor recreational experiences. This alternative would provide access to up to 140 miles of sustainable primary ORV trails, while proposing a relatively small amount of wilderness. Secondary ORV trails, as defined in the plan, could be designated in any of the backcountry recreation areas, approximately 94,817 acres or 65 percent of the Addition.

Preferred Alternative: The general theme is to provide a diversity of frontcountry and backcountry recreational opportunities, enhance day use opportunities along road corridors, and preserve opportunities for self-reliant recreation. This alternative would provide access to up to 140 miles of sustainable primary ORV trails, while proposing a modest amount of wilderness. Secondary ORV trails, as defined in the plan, could be designated only in the ORV trail corridors and other backcountry recreation areas, approximately 52,431 acres or 36 percent of the Addition.

Alternative F: The general theme is to emphasize resource preservation, restoration, and research while providing recreational opportunities with limited facilities and services. This alternative would provide no ORV trails. It would propose for wilderness designation all lands found eligible for designation in the Wilderness Eligibility Assessment.

If you wish to comment on the DEIS/GMP/WS/ORV Plan, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. The preferred method for submitting comments is via the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. If you do not receive a confirmation from the

system that we have received your internet message, please contact us directly at the address above. You may also mail comments to the Preserve at the address shown above. Finally, you may present your comments in person at the public meetings to be held during the public review period or at the address listed above.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials or organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority: The authority for publishing this notice is 40 CFR § 1506.6.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Big Cypress National Preserve at the address and telephone number shown above.

The responsible official for this Draft EIS is the Regional Director, Southeast Region, NPS, 100 Alabama Street, SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Dated: June 30, 2009.

David Vela,

Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie, Alameda County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) and notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation, as the National Environmental Policy Act Federal lead agency, has made available for public review and comment the Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie (Intertie) Draft EIS. The Intertie is a proposed action in the August 2000 CALFED Bay-Delta Program Programmatic Record of Decision. The Intertie Draft EIS

evaluates constructing and operating a pipeline connecting the Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) and the California Aqueduct. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to improve the DMC conveyance conditions that restrict the CVP Jones Pumping Plant to less than its authorized pumping capacity of 4,600 cubic feet per second. The Draft EIS describes and presents the environmental effects of the No-Action Alternative and three action alternatives. Two public hearings will be held to receive comments from agencies, individuals, and organizations on the Draft EIS.

DATES: Two public hearings have been scheduled to receive oral or written comments regarding environmental effects:

- Tuesday, August 4, 2009, 1 p.m.–3 p.m., Sacramento, CA.
- Wednesday, August 5, 2009, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Stockton, CA.

The Draft EIS will be available for a 45-day public review and comment period.

Comments are due by Monday, August 31, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

- Sacramento, CA—Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Bureau of Indian Affairs Conference Room W-2620.
- Stockton, CA—Arnold Rue Community Center, 5758 Lorraine Avenue (in Panella Park at Amaretto Street).

Send written comments on the Draft EIS to Mr. Louis Moore, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-700, Sacramento, CA 95825.

Copies of the Draft EIS may be requested from Mr. Louis Moore, by writing to Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825; by calling 916-978-5189 (TDD 916-978-5608); or by e-mailing wmoore@usbr.gov. The Draft EIS is also accessible from the following Web site: http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=1014. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the Draft EIS are available for public review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Louis Moore, Bureau of Reclamation, at 916-978-5189 (TDD 916-978-5608) or wmoore@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft EIS documents the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environment that may result from the construction and operation of the Intertie facilities.