

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 1024–0226.

Title: National Park Service

Partnership Satisfaction Surveys.

Form(s): None.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Description of Need: The Government Performance and Results Act requires Federal agencies to prepare annual performance reports documenting the progress made toward achieving long-term goals. The National Park Service needs the information in the proposed collections to assess the annual progress being made toward meeting Long-term Goal IIIb2 of the National Park Service Strategic Plan. Goal IIIb2 performance target is 95% of communities served are satisfied with NPS partnership assistance in providing recreation and conservation benefits on lands and waters. The information sought is not collected elsewhere by the Federal Government. The proposed information collections impose no data collection or record keeping burden on the potential respondents. Responses to the surveys are voluntary and are based on data that the respondents already collect and/or personal opinion. The National Park Service needs this information to help evaluate and improve its partnership assistance programs. NPS' Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) and Federal Lands to Parks (FLP) Program will conduct surveys to assess client satisfaction with the services received and to identify needed program improvements. The NPS conducts these surveys to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses in its recreation and conservation assistance programs, to provide an information base for improving those programs, and to provide a required performance measurement (Goal IIIb2 of the National Park Service Strategic Plan) under the Government Performance and Results Act.

Affected public: 180 surveys to private sector and public sector contacts for RTCA and 75 surveys for FLP. A total of 255 surveys to be sent in 2010 and 255 surveys to be sent in 2012.

Obligation to respond: Voluntary.

Frequency of response: Biennial.

Estimated total annual responses: 150.

Estimated average completion time per response: 10 minutes.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 26 hours.

Estimated annual nonhour cost burden: \$0.

Comments are invited on: (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden

hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. 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 OMB will be able to do so.

Dated: August 20, 2009.

Cartina Miller,

NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Boundary Revision: Catoctin Mountain Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notification of Boundary Revision.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the boundary of Catoctin Mountain Park in Frederick County, Maryland is modified to include one tract of land adjacent to the park. This revision is made to include privately owned property that the National Park Service wishes to acquire. The National Park Service has determined that inclusion of the tract within the park's boundary will make significant contributions to the purposes for which the park was established. After the United States' acquisition of the tract, the National Park Service will manage the property in accordance with applicable law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

National Park Service, Mel Poole, Superintendent, Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, Maryland 21788–1598.

DATES: The effective date of this boundary revision is the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 7496, dated November 14, 1936, transferred all the real property acquired by the former Resettlement Administration, which included the

former Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area, to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), and authorized the Secretary, through the National Park Service, to administer the projects transferred by the aforementioned Executive Order. Section 7(c) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended, authorizes minor boundary revisions to areas within the National Park System after advising the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the proposed boundary amendment. The Committees were notified July 8, 2009. This action will add one tract comprising 63.8 acres of land, more or less, to Catoctin Mountain Park. The acquisition of this tract is intended to enhance the park's natural and ecological integrity and provide for greater recreational opportunities. The tract is identified as Parcels 96 and 243 on Frederick County, Maryland, Tax Map 6. The referenced tract is depicted on Catoctin Mountain Park land acquisition status map segment 01, having drawing number 841/92,001. This map is on file at the National Park Service, Land Resources Program Center, National Capital Region, and at the Office of the Superintendent, Catoctin Mountain Park.

Note: When contacting this office or any government office, 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.

Dated: *July 17, 2009.*

Margaret O'Dell,

Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Draft Director's Order Concerning National Park Service Policies and Procedures Governing its Public Risk Management Program

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is proposing to adopt a Director's Order setting forth the policies and

procedures under which NPS facilities will develop and implement Public Risk Management Program. The Director's Order will help park staff do what is possible consistent with the NPS Organic Act and other applicable laws to prevent visitor injuries. It is also important that staff understand and communicate, when possible, that visitors are responsible for their own safety when they come to enjoy parks.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until September 24, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Draft Director's Order #50C is available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/policy/DO-50Cdraft.htm>. Requests for copies of, and written comments on, the Director's Order should be sent to Sara Newman, Public Risk Management Program Director, Risk Management Division, 1201 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, or to her Internet address: sara_newman@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Newman at (202) 513-7225.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When the NPS adopts documents containing new policy or procedural requirements that may affect parties outside the NPS, the documents are first made available for public review and comment before being adopted. The draft Director's Order covers topics such as the elements, principles, and responsibilities of staff for carrying out a public risk management program.

Public Availability of Comments

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.

Dated: July 21, 2009.

Karen Taylor-Goodrich,

Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Warner Valley Comprehensive Site Plan; Lassen Volcanic National Park, Plumas County, CA; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Summary: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 81-190 as amended), the National Park Service (NPS), Department of Interior, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Warner Valley Comprehensive Site Plan. This conservation planning effort has four main objectives: (1) Improving visitor experience and enhancing public safety through improvements to infrastructure and relocating infrastructure so it is less visible; (2) Ecological restoration of Warner Valley fen and wetland areas; (3) Removal or repair of Dream Lake Dam and restoration of associated riparian/wetland complex; (4) Protect and enhance the Drakesbad Historic District through removal of non-contributing structures and functions. The DEIS evaluates alternative methods for accomplishing ecological restoration and cultural resource protection; appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated, and an "environmentally preferred" course of action is identified. The two "action" alternatives are based upon information gained during extensive public scoping, and adhere to 2006 Management Policies and applicable laws.

Background: Warner Valley is located in the south central part of the Lassen Volcanic National Park and encompasses a 400-acre project planning area. The Warner Valley area includes Dream Lake Dam, built in 1932 by Alex Sifford and which impounds an approximately 2.7 acre lake. The center of the valley features a large meadow that contains one of the largest known fens in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountains. The upper valley area was originally developed for cattle ranching in the late 1800's by E.R. Drake, who initiated efforts to ditch and dry out the wet meadow to improve the grazing for cattle. In 1900, Mr. Drake sold Warner Valley to the Sifford family who focused on developing a summer guest ranch for the next 50 years. The Siffords built the 10 historic structures which now form the core of Drakesbad Guest Ranch Historic District (both Dream Lake and the meadow are contributing features). This transformed the overnight accommodations from tent camping near hot springs into a guest ranch. The

Siffords also developed or improved trails, created a hot spring fed pool, constructed corrals, dewatered the meadow, and built the dam to enhance recreational opportunities for their guests. In 1958 the guest ranch and land were sold to the NPS; the Guest Ranch continues today as a concession operated by California Guest Services.

The current Drakesbad wetland conditions include a fen which is drying out and ceasing to function as a fen, and Dream Lake which has submersed a natural wetland. The Historic District has accumulated with features and structures which diminishes its historic character. Lack of clearly demarcated parking impacts natural resources by allowing car traffic to encroach in sensitive areas. Hikers traveling the Pacific Crest Trail must walk on the unimproved Warner Valley Road, which also bifurcates the nearby campground.

Range of Alternatives: This DEIS describes and analyzes a No Action alternative (Alternative 1, which would continue current management practices) and two "action" alternatives.

Alternatives 2 and 3 contain a varying mix of three major components: (1) Improving visitor experience and safety through improving or relocating non-contributing infrastructure so it has less impact on visitor experience and historic district qualities; (2) ecological restoration of wetlands including Drakesbad fen, the larger Warner Valley fen wetland, and Dream Lake riparian/wetland complex; (3) Protect and enhance the Historic District by removing non-contributing structures and functions. Both of the "action" alternatives include the following "common" elements:

- Move concession employee housing, storage, generator, and propane tanks out of the Historic District and into a new service area.
- Create a Pacific Crest Trail connection so hikers may avoid using the Warner Valley road.
- Renovate and slightly expand the non-historic bathhouse adjacent to the swimming pool.
- Reduce parking sprawl by replacing inadequate wheel stops.
- Minor changes to the campground and fee station location, including relocation of the day use/trailhead parking from a meadow to the campground.

Alternative 2 (agency-preferred) components include:

- Ecological restoration of Warner Valley fen through permanently filling ditches with appropriate soil and native material.
- Creating a concession housing and service center outside of the Historic