DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Information Collection; Colorado River Valuation Survey

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. We may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Public comments must be submitted on or before April 11, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments on this IC to Dr. Bruce Peacock, Chief, Social Science Division, National Resource Program Center, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525–5956 (mail); Bruce_Peacock@nps.gov (e-mail); or 970–267–2106 (phone).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Duffield, University of Montana, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Missoula, MT 59811; bioecon@montana.com (e-mail); or 406–721–2265 (phone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Park Service (NPS) Act of 1916, 36 Stat 535, 16 U.S.C. 1, et seq., requires that the NPS preserve national parks for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. At the field level, this means resource preservation, public education, facility maintenance and operation, and physical developments that are necessary for public use, health, and safety. Other federal rules (National Environmental Policy Act, 1969 and NPS guidelines) require visitor use data in impact assessment of development on users and resources as part of each park’s general management plan.

The NPS plans to conduct on-site and nationwide surveys to estimate the value of visitation and the associated relationship of water flows along the Colorado River. This collection will provide park managers and others with information about the values visitors to Colorado River, NPS units, and non-users nationwide place on these national resources.

This notice will cover the development and testing of the final survey instrument.

II. Data

OMB Number: None. This is a new collection.

Title: Colorado River Valuation Survey.

Type of Request: New.

Affected Public: General public; Individual households.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One-time; on occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 5,915.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,972 hours.

We estimate the public reporting burden averages 20 minutes per response.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: We have not identified any “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection of information.

III. Request for Comments

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 technology or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.


Robert Gordon, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Natural Resources Revenue

[DOcket No. ONRR–2011–0002]

States’ Decisions on Participating in Accounting and Auditing Relief for Federal Oil and Gas Marginal Properties

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of states’ decisions to participate or not participate in accounting and auditing relief for Federal oil and gas marginal properties located within the states’ boundaries for calendar year 2011.

SUMMARY: Final regulations published September 13, 2004 (69 FR 55076), provide two types of accounting and auditing relief for Federal onshore or Outer Continental Shelf lease production from marginal properties. As required by the regulations, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) (the former Minerals Management Service) provided a list of qualifying marginal Federal oil and gas properties to states that received a portion of Federal royalties. Each state then decided whether to participate in one or both relief options. For calendar year 2011, this notice provides the decisions by the affected states to allow one or both types of relief.

DATES: Effective January 1, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Peterson, Economic and Market Analysis, ONRR, telephone (303) 231–3869; e-mail thomas.peterson@onrr.gov; or mail to Office of Natural Resources Revenue, P.O. Box 25165, MS 6110B, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225–0165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The regulations, codified at 30 CFR part 1204, subpart C, implement certain provisions of section 7 of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA) (Pub. L. 104–185, 110 Stat. 1700, 1715 (Aug. 13, 1996)) and provide two options for relief: (1) Notification-based relief for annual reporting; and (2) other requested relief, as proposed by industry and approved by ONRR and the affected state. The regulations require ONRR to publish a list of the states and their decisions regarding marginal property relief by December 1 of each year.

To qualify for the first relief option (notification-based relief) for calendar year 2011, properties must have produced less than 1,000 barrels-of-oil-equivalent (BOE) per year for the base
Federal oil and gas properties located in all other states where a portion of Federal royalties is not shared with the state are eligible for relief if they qualify as marginal under the regulations. The ONRR believes this covers any exceptions under section 117(c) of RSFA (30 U.S.C. 1726(c)). For information on how to obtain relief, please refer to 30 CFR 1204.205 or to the published rule, which you may view on our Web site at http://www.onrr.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/AC20.htm.

Unless the information received is proprietary data, all correspondence, records, or information that we receive in response to this notice may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552 et seq.). If applicable, please highlight the proprietary portions, including any supporting documentation, or mark the pages that contain proprietary data. Proprietary information is protected by the Trade Secrets Act (18 U.S.C. 1905); FOIA, Exemption 4; and Department regulations (43 CFR part 2).


Gregory J. Gould,
Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Contract for Hydroelectric Power Development at the C-Drop, a Feature of the Klamath Project, Klamath Falls, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to accept proposals, select one lessee, and contract for hydroelectric power development at the Klamath Project, C-Drop.

SUMMARY: On March 24, 2010, the Department of the Interior (DOI), through the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), U.S. Department of the Army, and Department of the Army through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal agencies to promote the development of hydropower. Pursuant to this MOU, the current Federal policy encouraging non-Federal development of electrical power resource potential on Federal water resource projects, Reclamation will consider proposals for non-Federal development of hydroelectric power at C-Drop of the Klamath Project, Oregon. This Notice presents background information, proposal content guidelines, and information concerning selection of one or more non-Federal entities to develop hydroelectric power at C-Drop, and power purchasing and/or marketing considerations. Interested entities are invited to submit a proposal on this project.

DATES: A written proposal and seven copies must be submitted on or before 12 p.m. (PST), on March 31, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send written proposals and seven copies to Mr. Paul Landry, Lease of Power Privilege Coordinator, Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, Central Valley Operations Office (CVO-600), 3310 El Camino Ave, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95821. For additional information on:

(1) Western Area Power Administration’s (Western) purchasing and/or marketing the power, contact Ms. Sonja Anderson, Power Marketing Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Sierra Nevada Region, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630, Telephone: 916–353–4421.

(2) Operation and maintenance of Link River Dam and Upper Klamath Lake, contact Mr. Cecil Lesley, Special Assistant to the Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Mid Pacific Region, Klamath Project Office (KO–100), 6600 Washburn Way, Klamath Falls, OR 97603, Telephone: 541–880–2546.

(3) Operation and maintenance of the C-Canal, contact Mr. Mark Stuntebeck, Manager, Klamath Irrigation District, 6640 KID Lane, Klamath Falls, OR 97603, Telephone: 541–882–6661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Landry at 916–979–0255, or plandry@usbr.gov.