

States needs to support robust and resilient networks and other NS/EP functions, and how the Government is managing risks associated with those dependencies.

The committees will also meet in a closed session from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to discuss adversarial threats to critical infrastructure and cybersecurity systems and potential NSTAC and NIAC study topics.

**Basis for Closure:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), The Government in the Sunshine Act, it has been determined that two agenda items require closure because disclosure of the information that will be discussed would not be in the public interest.

Specifically, the agenda items include an adversarial threat discussion and a discussion of potential NSTAC and NIAC study topics. These discussions will address areas of critical cybersecurity vulnerabilities and critical infrastructure priorities for Government. Government officials will share data with NSTAC and NIAC members on initiatives, assessments, and future security requirements across public and private sector networks. The information will include specific vulnerabilities within cyberspace that affect the United States' ICT infrastructures and proposed mitigation strategies. Disclosure of this information to the public would provide adversaries with an incentive to focus on these vulnerabilities to increase attacks on the Nation's critical infrastructure and communications networks. As disclosure of this portion of the meeting is likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed DHS actions, it is required to be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B).

### Public Participation

**Meeting Registration Information:** Due to limited seating, requests to attend in person will be accepted and processed in the order in which they are received.

**Public Comment:** While this meeting is open to the public, participation in FACA deliberations are limited to council members. A public comment period will be held during the meeting from approximately 2:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m. PT. Speakers who wish to comment during the meeting must register in advance and can do so by emailing [NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov) no later than Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. ET. You may register to comment either through the NIAC or NSTAC, but it is not necessary to register with both committees. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to three minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time

indicated, following the last call for comments.

**Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities:** For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact [NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov) as soon as possible.

Dated: May 21, 2019.

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Advisory Committee, Cybersecurity and  
Infrastructure Security Agency, Department  
of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

**[GX18RB00FXBA100; OMB Control Number 1028-NEW]**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Forests, Wildfire Risk, and Watershed Health in the Rio Grande River Basin**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are proposing a new information collection. **DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 29, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-NEW in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Rudy Schuster by email at [schusterr@usgs.gov](mailto:schusterr@usgs.gov), or by telephone at (970) 226-9165.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden.

It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit 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 ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 may 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.

**Abstract:** The USGS is investigating public values for changes in forest restoration treatments within the upper Rio Grande watershed in New Mexico and Colorado. The Rio Grande watershed supplies water to half of New Mexico's population, including Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and many rural communities, but it also is threatened by the risk of high-severity wildfires. Forest restoration treatments can reduce the risks from high-severity wildfires, including threats to water security, private property, habitat for fish and wildlife, and air quality. USGS economists are partnering with an economic researcher with Northern Arizona University to review private citizens' attitudes, perceptions, and the economic values associated with the different potential benefits of these forest restoration treatments. These values will be estimated via a survey instrument. Previous studies in the study area have established the public benefit of conducting forest restoration treatments overall; the focus of this study is the relevant benefits of different impacts of these treatments. The primary goal of conducting this valuation study is to improve the ability of federal, state, local, and non-

governmental organizations to maximize public benefits when planning and implementing these forest restoration treatments across the landscape.

The information collection process will be conducted by scientists and staff in the Social and Economic Analysis Branch of the USGS Fort Collins Science Center and partnering researchers in The W.A. Franke College of Business at Northern Arizona University. This information collection will be conducted through an online survey with an optional paper survey. Letters and postcards will be mailed to potential respondents to encourage participation in the survey. We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection." Responses are voluntary. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked.

*Title of Collection:* Forests, wildfire risk, and watershed health in the Rio Grande river basin.

*OMB Control Number:* 1028-NEW.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* individuals/households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 3,000.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 1,000.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 333 hours.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* One time.

*Total Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden Cost:* None/not applicable.

An agency 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.

The authorities for this action are the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*).

**Sharon Taylor,**

*Fort Collins Science Center Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-NRSS-SSB-FR00000042; PPWONRANDE2, PMP00E105.YP0000 (199); OMB Control Number 1024-0224]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Programmatic Clearance for NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the National Park Service (NPS) are proposing to renew an information collection request (ICR) with revisions.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 29, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) by mail to Phadrea Ponds, Acting NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525; or by email at [phadrea\\_ponds@nps.gov](mailto:phadrea_ponds@nps.gov); or by telephone at 970-267-7231. Please reference OMB Control Number 1024-0224 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Bret Meldrum, Chief, Social Science Program National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525; or by email at [bret\\_meldrum@nps.gov](mailto:bret_meldrum@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the NPS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the NPS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the NPS minimize the burden of this collection

on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit 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 ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

*Abstract:* The NPS is authorized by the National Park Service Protection Interpretation and research in System (54 U.S.C. 100701) to collect this information. Since 1998, the NPS Social Science program has relied heavily on this generic approval to navigate the PRA process in an expedited manner. This process significantly streamlines the information collection requests to OMB in a manner that allows the NPS to submit at least 25 requests per year, which is four times as many as possible using the regular submission route. The Programmatic Clearance applies to all NPS social science collections (*e.g.*, questionnaires, focus groups, interviews, etc.) designed to furnish usable information to NPS managers and planners concerning visitor experiences, perceptions of services, programs, and planning efforts in areas managed by the NPS. To qualify for the NPS generic programmatic review process each information request must show clear ties to NPS management and planning needs in areas managed by the NPS or involve research that will directly benefit the NPS. The scope of the programmatic review process is limited to issues that are non-controversial or unlikely to attract significant public interest. All collections must be reviewed by the NPS and approved by OMB before a collection is administered. At least 80% of the questions in an individual collection must be taken from the OMB approved *Pool of Known Questions (PKQ)*. We acknowledge that the PKQ is not a comprehensive collection of all possible survey questions; therefore, we allow leeway for requestors to add park or research specific questions not in the PKQ. However all questions must fit within the scope of the approved Topic Areas. The Social Science Program will continue to conduct necessary quality control and will submit each information collection request to OMB