

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****[NPS-WASO-NRSS-xxxx-xxxx; 2330-RYY]****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, Natural Resource Program Center, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525-5596 (mail); [Bruce\\_Peacock@nps.gov](mailto: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 5981; [bioecon@montana.com](mailto:bioecon@montana.com) (e-mail); or 406-721-2265 (phone).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The National Park Service (NPS) Act of 1916, 38 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 pretesting 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 techniques 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.

Dated: February 3, 2011.

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

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**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](mailto:thomas.peterson@onrr.gov); or mail to Office of Natural Resources Revenue, P.O. Box 25165, MS 61110B, 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