

narrative and report requirements discussed below.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before May 8, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, via e-mail [*OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*] or fax 202-395-5806; and identify your submission as 1028-NEW. Please also submit a copy of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 2150-C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970)226-9230 (fax); or *pponds@usgs.gov* (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028-NEW, NGGDPP in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frances W. Pierce at (703) 648-6636 or by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, 912 National Center, Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This notice concerns the collection of information that is sufficient and relevant to evaluate and select proposals for funding under the NGGDPP. We will accept proposals from State geological surveys requesting funds to inventory and assess the condition of current collections and data preservation needs. Financial assistance will be awarded annually on a competitive basis following the evaluation and ranking of State proposals by a review panel composed of representatives from the Department of the Interior, State geological surveys, academic institutions, and the private sector. To submit a proposal, you must complete a project narrative and submit the application via *Grants.gov*. Grant recipients must complete a final technical report at the end of the project period. Narrative and report guidance is available through <http://datapreservation.usgs.gov/> and at <http://www.Grants.gov>.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: None. This is a new collection.

Title: National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP).

Respondent Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 62 State Geological Surveys.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 62 (34 applications and 28 reports).

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 1,232 hours. We expect to receive approximately 34 applications. It takes each applicant approximately 35 hours to complete the narrative and to present supporting documents. This includes the time for project conception and development, proposal writing and reviewing, and submitting the proposal application through *Grants.gov* (totaling 1,190 burden hours). We anticipate awarding 28 grants per year. The award recipients must submit a final report. We estimate that it will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete the requirement for the reports (totaling 42 hours).

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

III. Request for Comments

On September 15, 2008, we published a **Federal Register** notice (73 FR 53265) announcing that we would submit this information collection to OMB for approval. The notice provided a 60-day public comment period ending on November 14, 2008. We did not receive any comments in response to that notice.

We again invite comments concerning this ICR on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms 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, 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 anytime. 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: April 2, 2009.

Frances Pierce,

Acting Program Coordinator, National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Agency Information Collection Activity; Evaluation of USGS Southwest Biological Science Center Biennial Conferences

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (U.S. Geological Survey) 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: You must submit comments on or before June 8, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments on the IC to Phadrea Ponds, USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 2150-C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970) 226-9230 (fax); or *phadrea_ponds@usgs.gov* (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028-NEW, Conference Evaluation in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Dr. Marty Lee by e-mail at *martha.lee@nau.edu* or by telephone at (928) 523-6644.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Natural area conferences aim to promote discussion and productive communication between researchers and land resource managers. This research is designed to measure the effectiveness of these conferences using importance/performance analysis to identify a set of standards that define an effective conference. An on-line survey will be sent to approximately 550 attendees of two USGS-sponsored conferences. Results will provide quantitative knowledge that will

ultimately enhance the experience for future conference attendees and inform the supporting institutions and/or agencies of their success. These data will also serve as a measurement tool and point of reference from which to evaluate future conferences.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: None. This is a new collection.

Title: Evaluation of USGS Southwest Biological Science Center Biennial Conferences.

Type of Request: New.

Affected Public: Individuals, State agencies and tribal governments.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Biannually.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 550 conference attendees.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1100.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 275 hours.

III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this ICR on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms 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, 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 publically available at anytime. 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.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Phadrea D. Ponds 970-226-9445.

Dated: April 1, 2009.

Charles van Riper,

Leader, USGS Southwest Biological Science Center, Sonoran Desert Research Station.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

National Geospatial Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will meet on May 12-13, 2009 at the George Washington University Cafritz Conference Center, 800 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20052. The meeting will be held in room 405.

The NGAC, which is composed of representatives from governmental, private sector, non-profit, and academic organizations, was established to advise the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-16. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include:

- Current FGDC Activities.
- National Geospatial Policy and Strategy.
- NGAC Subcommittee Activities, including The National Map, Partnerships, Parcel Data, Communications, Economic Recovery, and Governance.
- NGAC Action Plan.

The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment during the morning of May 13. Comments may also be submitted to the NGAC in writing.

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the U.S. Geological Survey (703-648-6283, amaher@usgs.gov). Registrations are due by May 8, 2009. While the meeting will be open to the public, seating may be limited due to room capacity.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 12 and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 13.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey (206-220-4621).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Geospatial Advisory

Committee are open to the public. Additional information about the NGAC and the meeting is available at <http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac>.

Dated: April 1, 2009.

Ken Shaffer,

Deputy Staff Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Designation of Potential Wilderness as Wilderness, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, CO

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

SUMMARY: The Great Sand Dunes Wilderness within Great Sand Dunes National Monument was designated by Public Law 94-567, dated Oct 20th, 1976. According to the act the wilderness was to comprise 33,450 acres with a potential wilderness addition of 670 acres. Public Law 95-625, dated Nov 10th, 1978 added 1,109 acres to Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Public Law 96-87, dated Oct 12th, 1979, amended this addition to 1,900 acres and further added that "The Secretary shall designate the lands described by this paragraph for management in accordance with the adjacent lands within the monument * * *." This amendment, therefore, has the effect of authorizing inclusion of the 1,900 acres in the wilderness area. At the time the Acts were approved the added lands had non-conforming uses prohibited by the Wilderness Act of 1964 and so were designated as potential wilderness until such time as the non-conforming uses were eliminated.

The National Park Service depicted the wilderness and potential wilderness additions on maps entitled "Great Sand Dunes Wilderness, Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Colorado", numbered 140-20,006-D and dated January, 1980. In May, 1980, the NPS published the legal description of the wilderness and potential wilderness additions. The maps and legal description are on file at the headquarters of Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, 11500 Highway 150, Mosca, CO 81144.

At the time of the establishment of the wilderness area two of the potential wilderness units had been purchased by the government but had non-conforming uses which precluded them from being included in the original wilderness