

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site (NHS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Massachusetts. The existing GMP dates from 1983, when the park started operations, and needs major updates. An updated GMP will provide fundamental management guidance to enable the park to strategically plan for long-term resource management, visitor use, and partnerships. In cooperation with the Town of Brookline, MA, attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that affect the integrity of the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site. The plan will identify management alternatives for the site. Major issues include: (1) Developing strategies for the ongoing preservation of the structures, grounds, and collections; (2) providing functional dedicated space for interpretive and educational programs and media; (3) resolving parking and public access issues; (4) developing strategies for reaching diverse audiences; (5) providing archives reference facilities and services that meet present and future demands; (6) providing readily accessible archives storage facilities that meet the needs of the collection; (7) addressing facility needs for park headquarters and the shared park maintenance building; (8) developing strategies for conserving the adjacent historic setting and the larger historic context; (9) strengthening partnerships with related national and local nonprofit organizations and communities.

The Draft EIS/General Management Plan is expected to be available for public review in 2010. After public and interagency review of the draft document, comments will be considered and a final GMP/EIS report will be prepared that contains a preferred alternative for management of the Frederick Law Olmsted NHS, followed by a Record of Decision.

DATES: The NPS will hold a public scoping meeting, which will provide opportunities to ask questions and raise issues concerning the General Management Plan for the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site. Information on the time and place of the public scoping meeting will be publicized through the local news

media serving the region around the historic site and the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Further Information and Addresses:

Persons who wish to comment orally or in writing, or who require further information are invited to contact James O'Connell, Project Manager, National Park Service, Northeast Region Boston Office, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109-3572, (617) 223-5222; fax -5164; e-mail at Jim_O'Connell@nps.gov.

Dated: July 14, 2008.

Michael T. Reynolds,

Deputy Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 17, 2008, at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Headquarters, 1850 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

DATES: Friday, October 17, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Headquarters, 1850 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, telephone: (301) 714-2201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission was established by Public Law 91-664 to meet and consult with the Secretary of the Interior on general policies and specific matters related to the administration and development of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

The members of the Commission are as follows:

Mrs. Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld,
Chairperson;
Mr. Charles J. Weir;
Mr. Barry A. Passett;

Mr. James G. McCleaf II;
Mr. John A. Ziegler;
Mrs. Mary E. Woodward;
Mrs. Donna Printz;
Mrs. Ferial S. Bishop;
Ms. Nancy C. Long;
Mrs. Jo Reynolds;
Dr. James H. Gilford;
Brother James Kirkpatrick;
Dr. George E. Lewis, Jr.;
Mr. Charles D. McElrath;
Ms. Patricia Schooley;
Mr. Jack Reeder;
Ms. Merrily Pierce.

Topics that will be presented during the meeting include:

1. Update on park operations.
2. Update on major construction/development projects.
3. Update on partnership projects.

The meeting will be open to the public. Any member of the public may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements, may contact Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection six weeks after the meeting at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Headquarters, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

Dated: July 28, 2008.

Kevin D. Brandt,

Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Temporary Concession Contract for Great Basin National Park, NV

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed award of temporary concession contract for the operation of Lehman Caves Gift and Cafe within Great Basin National Park, NV.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.24, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a temporary concession contract for the operation of a gift shop and cafe available to the public visiting Great Basin National Park, Nevada for a term of three (3) years. This action is necessary to avoid continued interruption of visitor services.

DATES: The term of the temporary concession contract will commence on July 1, 2008 and end on June 30, 2011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The temporary concession contract is proposed to be awarded to Half Year, Inc., a qualified person, and will authorize Half Year Inc., to provide food and beverage service as well as a retail outlet for the sales of gifts and souvenirs at the Lehman Caves Visitor Center within Great Basin National Park. All of these services are seasonal and are provided during only half of the year, from approximately April 1 through mid-October.

Previously, these services had been provided by another concessioner, who had been authorized by Concession Contract CC-GRBAOO1-98 to conduct visitor services during the period January 1, 1998, through December 31, 2007.

Prior to the expiration of CC-GRBAOO1-98, the National Park Service had taken a number of reasonable and appropriate steps in order to avoid any interruption of visitor services. A public solicitation process inviting the general public to submit proposals for a new concession contract began in the spring of 2007, with the issuance, on April 9th 2007, of a prospectus for CC-GRBAOO1-07. That solicitation closed on August 16th 2007, but subsequently had to be cancelled, pursuant to 36 CFR 51.11, in late 2007. The National Park Service then proceeded with a second solicitation for a new concession contract, issuing a new prospectus on January 11th 2008 for CC-GRBAOO1-08. This second solicitation closed on March 18th 2008; however, no responsive offers were received.

Another public solicitation for proposals cannot be completed prior to the end of the limited operating season available for these services during 2008. At this time, however, a qualified person is willing to provide these services on a temporary basis.

Therefore, the National Park Service has determined that a temporary contract is necessary in order to avoid an interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid this interruption of visitor services.

This action is issued pursuant to 36 CFR 51.24(a). This is not a request for proposals.

Daniel N. Wen,

Deputy Director, Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0092 and 1029-0107

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collections of information for 30 CFR 745, State-Federal cooperative agreements; and 30 CFR Part 887, Subsidence Insurance Program Grants. These collection requests have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection requests describe the nature of the information collections and the expected burden and cost.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by October 14, 2008, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, by telefax at (202) 395-6566 or via e-mail to OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 202-SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of either information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted two requests to OMB to renew its approval of the collections of

information contained in: 30 CFR 745, State-Federal cooperative agreements; and 30 CFR Part 887, Subsidence insurance program grants. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

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 OMB control numbers for these collections are 1029-0092 for Part 745, and 1029-0107 for Part 887.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on these collections of information was published on April 27, 2005 (70 FR 21811). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activities:

Title: State-Federal cooperative agreements—30 CFR 745.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0092.

Summary: 30 CFR 745 requires that States submit information when entering into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior. OSM uses the information to make findings that the State has an approved program and will carry out the responsibilities mandated in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act to regulate surface coal mining and reclamation activities on Federal lands.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: State governments that regulate coal operations.

Total Annual Responses: 11.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 600.

Total Annual Non-Wage Costs: \$0.

Title: Subsidence Insurance Program Grants—30 CFR 887.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0107.

Summary: States and Indian tribes having an approved reclamation plan may establish, administer and operate self-sustaining State and Indian Tribe-administered programs to insure private property against damages caused by land subsidence resulting from underground mining. States and Indian tribes interested in requesting monies for their insurance programs would apply to the Director of OSM.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: States and Indian tribes with approved coal reclamation plans.

Total Annual Responses: 1.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 8.

Total Annual Non-Wage Costs: \$0.

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