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Title: Office of Indian Royalty Assistance Customer Satisfaction Survey, OMB Control Number 1010-0098.

Abstract: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act requires each agency "to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *". Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian Lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian Lands and the OCS; for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals; and for

distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary also has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out his Indian trust responsibility.

Executive Order 12862 requires Federal agencies to develop and implement customer service standards. As part of these standards, the Office of Indian Royalty Assistance (OIRA) pledges to "work continuously to streamline and improve our services." When individual Indian mineral owners request assistance from OIRA offices, we include a postage-paid Customer Satisfaction Survey card when responding to the owner's request. This survey card asks Indian mineral owners several questions regarding the quality of service that our offices are providing to them.

The information collected from these Customer Satisfaction Survey cards helps us determine the effectiveness of our office and guides us in developing and implementing new procedures to improve our service.

We receive approximately 300 completed survey cards annually. Based on this response rate and the 2 minutes required to complete the survey card, we estimate the annual reporting and recordkeeping "hour" burden is 10 hours; there is no "non-hour" burden.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 300 individual Indian mineral owners.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 10 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour" Burden: 0 hours.

Dated: April 12, 2000.

R. Dale Fazio,

Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Assessment Prepared for Proposed Western Gulf Sale 177 on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the environmental assessment on proposed western Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 177.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed annual Lease Sale 177 for the Western Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf.

In this EA, MMS has reexamined the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that were not available at the time the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Lease Sales 171, 174, 177, and 180 was prepared.

In summary, no new significant impacts were identified for proposed Lease Sale 177 that were not already assessed in the FEIS for Lease Sales 171, 174, 177, and 180. As a result, MMS determined that a supplemental EIS is not required and prepared a Finding of No New Significant Impact.

If you wish to comment, you may mail or hand-carry written comments to the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Regional Director (MS-5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Public Information Unit, Information Services Section at number below. You may obtain single copies of the EA from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, LA 70123-2394 or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

Dated: April 13, 2000.

Chris C. Oynes,

Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60 Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is a national park which comprises over 76,000 acres of coastal lands spanning three California counties: Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo. GGNRA is proposing to conduct survey interview in peak, shoulder and off-peak season of calendar year 2000, and possibly through Spring 2001, to identify the market viability and specific visitor flow information for operationizing recreational ferry services to sites within the GGNRA on San Francisco Bay such

as Ft. Baker, Crissy Field (Presidio) and Ft. Mason. The results of these surveys will be used to develop alternative plans for a possible ferry service and to forecast potential demand for water shuttle access to GGNRA's sites, as well as land-based transit connections. Intercept interviews will be conducted at 5 park sites and at least 2 non-park sites. Telephone surveys will be conducted in 3-4 counties surrounding the park to determine latent demand for ferry service, and under what conditions such service might be used.

	Estimated number of	
	Responses	Burden hours
GGNRA Water Shuttle Access Plan:	1400	240
Telephone Interviews		
GGNRA Water Shuttle Access Plan:	8400	700
Intercept Surveys		
Total	9800	940

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) is soliciting comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for such a reliable and valid market analyses and to support the proper performance of the functions of the GGNRA in evaluating the best alternative operations in the interest of the government and the general public, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NPS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, while maintaining an unbiased sample, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before June 19, 2000.

SEND COMMENTS TO: GGNRA, Attn. Mike Savidge, Bay and Franklin St., Bldg., 201, Ft. Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Savidge at (415) 561-4725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Scope of Work for Water Shuttle Access Plan.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration Date of Approval: To be requested.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of Need: The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) of the San Francisco Bay Area has identified updated data collection and surveys of this nature as critical to the foundation of improving alternative transportation access to GGNRA, and particularly to the feasibility of developing a potential water shuttle service to park sites. GGNRA has also been identified as one of five national park demonstration sites to improve alternative transportation access through a coordinated program with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) because of its over 15 million visitors per year. To support these efforts, GGNRA needs information to better develop ridership potential to alternate park sites, and to determine the specific market feasibility and operational plans for alternative modes of access to GGNRA sites, particularly by ferry service. Such a need was identified in a GGNRA Travel Study completed in 1977 and remains today. GGNRA seeks to acquire this information in order to plan for increasing alternative access modes to the park and to decongest the critical roadway corridors to park sites such as the Golden Gate Bridge and Rt. 101 which result in both extensive traffic delays for visitors and other residents.

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since the information gathering process involves asking visitors and/or the general public to identify characteristics, use patterns, expectations, preferences and perceptions that are relevant to a study of ferry service. Computerized responses could not be controlled for bias as intercept and random digit dialing surveys can be.

Description of respondents: Intercept interviews will be conducted with a random sample of individuals who visit GGNRA sites to include Alcatraz, Muir Woods, Presidio, Ft. Mason and the Marin Headlands. Intercept interviews will also be conducted at non-park sites in San Francisco and the East Bay with a random sample of individuals who are not visiting GGNRA. Telephone surveys will be conducted with a random sample of residents of the Counties of San Francisco, Alameda and one or two other counties surrounding the Bay as yet unselected.

Estimated average number of respondents: 1400 (completed telephone interviews); 8400 (completed intercept interviews).

Estimated average number of responses: Each respondent will respond only one time, so the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 10 minutes (telephone