

Total Plan Amendment Acres: approximately 260.0.

If the BLM determines during consideration of the proposed plan amendment that these lands are suitable for disposal, then BLM proposes to offer about 100 acres of the lands for direct sale under section 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713). The proposed sale would be at not less than the estimated fair market value of \$69,615 to the Redding Gun Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, consistent with 43 CFR 2711.3–3(a)(1) for development of a regional firing range. The area under consideration for direct sale has the following legal description:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 33 N., R. 5 W.,

Section 33: W½ of Lot 17, Lot 18, N½ of Lot 19, SE¼ of Lot 19, Lot 20;

Total Direct Sale Acres: approximately 100 acres.

The BLM may consider disposal of a portion or all of the remaining 160 acres by direct sale to the Redding Gun Club in the future if it is determined to be needed for the regional firing range. An additional environmental analysis and public notification will be completed at that time. In July 2002, the BLM provided an opportunity to comment on an environmental assessment (EA) for a direct sale involving a portion of the area in the proposed plan amendment. The BLM will incorporate applicable issues raised and comments received during the July 2002 comment period in this plan amendment process. Further public comment will also be accepted on the draft plan amendment and environmental assessment developed in connection with this NOI/NORA. Several relevant planning/NEPA documents concerning this action are available on request from the Redding Field Office. Some of the preliminary issues and concerns identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and individuals, include fair market value, noise, increased traffic, and public safety. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include specialists with expertise in wildlife management, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, archaeology, lands and realty, and botany. The alternative to the proposed action will be the No Action Alternative.

Since 1986, the Redding BLM Field Office has cooperated with local planning agencies, and groups to provide a location for a regional firing range. The proposed sale parcel is well suited for use as a firing range. Urban encroachment has resulted in the

closure of sites traditionally used for shooting in the Redding area. Direct sale would allow for the development of a regional firing range and would serve important public objectives, consistent with 43 CFR 2710.0–3(a)(2).

BLM has determined that the parcel contains no mineral values; therefore, mineral interests may be conveyed simultaneously. The sale would include both the surface and mineral estates. If the RMP amendment proposed in this notice is completed, the conveyance would be in compliance and consistent with the Redding Resource Management Plan, dated July 27, 2003, as amended, and would be in the public interest.

This notice terminates the temporary segregation from exchange of those lands described for the direct sale, effective January 22, 2004. The land described for the direct sale is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending the direct sale or October 18, 2004, whichever occurs first.

The patent, if issued, would be subject to valid existing rights and contain the following reservations:

1. Excepting and reserving to the United States, a right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890, 43 U.S.C. 945.

2. A right-of-way reservation (CA 45206), as amended, to the BLM for administrative access across existing roads on the public land in this sale.

Dated: November 17, 2003.

Charles M. Schultz,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Sixty-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information—Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) Social Science Program is considering submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for clearance of a renewed program of social science surveys of the public related to the mission of the NPS. The NPS is publishing this notice to inform the public of this program and to request comments on the program.

Since many of the NPS surveys are similar in terms of the populations being surveyed, the types of questions being asked, and research methodologies, the NPS proposed to OMB and received clearance for a program of approval for NPS-sponsored public surveys (OMB# 1024–0224 exp. 8/31/2001; three-year extension granted in September 2001, exp. 9/30/2004). The program presented and alternative approach to complying with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). In the five years since the NPS received clearance for the program of expedited approval, 193 public surveys have been conducted in units of the National Park System. The benefits of this program have been significant to the NPS, Department of the Interior (DOI), OMB, NPS cooperators, and the public. Significant time and cost savings have been incurred. Expedited approval was typically granted in 45 days or less from the date the Principal Investigator first submitted a survey package for review. This is a significant reduction over the approximate 6 months involved in the standard OMB approval process. It is estimated that the expedited approval process saved a total of 870 months in Fiscal Years 1999–2003. In five years, the expedited approval process has accounted for a cost savings to the federal government and PIs estimated at \$348,001. The initial program included surveys of park visitors. The program renewed in September 2001 included surveys of park visitors, potential park visitors, and residents and communities near parks. The current extension request proposes to expand the program to include surveys of NPS management partners and recipients of NPS agency technical assistance.

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NPS, 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, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Dr. James H. Gramann, Visiting Chief Social Scientist, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW., (3127), Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. James H. Gramann. Voice: 202-513-7189, Fax: 202-371-2131, Email: james_gramann@partner.nps.gov or Brian E. Forist. Voice: 202-513-7190, Fax: 202-371-2131, Email: brian_forist@partner.nps.gov.

Request for Clearance of a Three Year Program of Collections of Information: Programmatic Approval of NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Programmatic Approval of NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: 1024-0224.

Expiration date: 9/30/2004.

Type of request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of need: The National Park Service needs information concerning park visitors and visitor services, potential park visitors, residents of communities near parks, NPS management partners, and recipients of NPS agency technical assistance to provide park and NPS managers with usable knowledge for improving the quality and utility of agency programs, services, and planning efforts.

Automated data collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since the information gathering process involves asking the public to evaluate services and facilities that they used during their park visits, services and facilities they are likely to use on future park visits, perceptions of park services and facilities, opinions regarding park management, and technical assistance provided by the agency. The burden on individuals is minimized by rigorously designing public surveys to maximize the ability of the surveys to use small samples of individuals to represent large populations of the public, and by coordinating the program of surveys to maximize the ability of new surveys to build on the findings of prior surveys.

Description of Respondents: A sample of visitors to parks, potential visitors to parks, residents of communities near parks, NPS management partners, and recipients of NPS agency technical assistance.

Estimated average number of respondents: The program does not

identify the number of respondents because that number will differ in each individual survey, depending on the purpose and design of each information collection.

Estimated average number of responses: The program does not identify the average number of responses because that number will differ in each individual survey, depending on the purpose and design of each individual survey. For most surveys, each respondent will be asked to respond only one time, so in those cases the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

Estimated average burden hours per response: The program does not identify the average burden hours per response because that number will differ from individual survey to individual survey, depending on the purpose and design of each individual survey.

Frequency of response: Most individual surveys will request only 1 response per respondent.

Estimated annual reporting burden: The program identifies the requested total number of burden hours annually for all of the surveys to be conducted under its auspices to be 15,000 burden hours per year. The total annual burden per survey for most surveys conducted under the auspices of this program would be within the range of 100 to 300 hours.

Dated: December 15, 2003.

Leonard E. Stowe,

Acting, Information Collection Clearance Officer, WASO Administrative Program Center, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Information Collection; Request for Extension

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Park Service (NPS) is announcing its intention to request an extension of a currently approved collection of information (OMB# 1024-0233) for NPS Leasing Regulations; 36 CFR part 18, concerning the leasing of historic properties as authorized by law.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received no later than March 22, 2004.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Cynthia Orlando, Concession Program Manager, National Park

Service, 1849 C Street, NW., (2410), Washington, DC 20240, or 202/513-7144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Leasing Regulations—36 CFR part 18.

OMB Control Number: 1024-0233.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2004.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations as 5 CFR part 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)). This notice identifies information collection activities that NPS will submit to OMB for approval. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 1024-0233, and is identified in 36 CFR Section 18. NPS has identified burden estimates based on its experience with concession contracts and on information previously supplied by concessioners or offerors in response to concession prospectuses. NPS will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Persons or entities seeking a leasing opportunity with the National Park Service.

Estimated Annual Responses: 627.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 7.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,392.

Send comments on (1) the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. Please refer to OMB control number 1024-0233 in all correspondence. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record. Copies of the information collection can be obtained from Cynthia L. Orlando, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., (2410), Washington, DC 20240.