

the BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM Protests Coordinator at (202) 452-5112, and e-mails to *Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Phillips, BLM Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 or by telephone (505) 525-4377; Fax (505) 525-4412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This land-use plan amendment focuses on the principle of multiple-use management and sustained yield as prescribed by Section 202 of FLPMA. The Proposed RMPA/FEIS considers and analyzes three alternatives. These alternatives have been developed based on extensive public input following scoping (July 1999), review of the summary of the Analysis of the Management Situation (July 2000), review and comment on the Draft RMPA/EIS (October 2001–June 2002), and numerous meetings with local governments, interested groups, local citizens, and the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council. Alternative A (as modified by public comment on the Draft RMP/EIS) is the proposed plan and provides for the exploration and development of certain public lands while providing for protection of the other resources, as well as continuing to allow for other uses of the public lands. The BLM Planning Regulations, 43 CFR 1610.5–2, state that any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest, which may be adversely affected, may protest. A protest may raise only those issues, which were submitted for the record during the planning process. Any protests must be filed within 30 days of the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability of the FEIS. Specific dates of the protest period will be announced through the local news media, letters or postcards, and the BLM Web site (see the Internet address below). To be considered timely, your protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. Though not a requirement, we suggest that you send your protest by certified mail, return receipt requested. You are also encouraged, but not required, to forward a copy of your protest to the Las Cruces Field Manager at 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. To be considered complete, your protest must contain (at a minimum) the following information:

(1) Name, mailing address, telephone number and the affected interest of the person filing the protest(s).

(2) A statement of the issue or issues being protested.

(3) A statement of the part or parts of the proposed plan being protested. To the extent possible, reference specific pages, paragraphs, and sections of the document.

(4) A copy of all your documents addressing the issue or issues, which were discussed with the BLM for the record.

(5) A concise statement explaining why the proposed decision is believed to be incorrect. This is a critical part of your protest. Document all relevant facts, as much as possible. Disagreement, by itself, with a proposed decision or with how the data are used, or unsupported allegations of violations of regulation, law, legal precedents, or other guidance, will not meet the requirement of the regulations.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Las Cruces Field Office in Las Cruces, New Mexico during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays). Interested persons may also review the Proposed RMPA/FEIS on the Internet at <http://www.nm.blm.gov>. A hard copy or a CD-ROM of the document may be requested from the BLM Las Cruces Field Office at the address and phone number above. After resolution of any protests an Approved RMPA/Record of Decision will be prepared and is expected to be available in early-to-mid 2004.

John W. Whitney,

Acting State Director.

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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, National Capital Parks—Central.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on an extension of a currently approved collection (OMB #1024-0021). The NPS specifically requests comments on: (1) The need for the information being collected, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the validity and accuracy of the reporting burden estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The NPS requests comments on an application form that allows the Park Programs Division of National Capital Parks—Central to process requests from individuals and organizations to hold public gatherings on NPS property. These public gatherings consist of special events and demonstrations that the NPS is charged with regulating to insure protection of cultural and natural resources within NPS property. The NPS will use the information you submit to determine whether or not to make modifications to the application form. Once the NPS makes any modifications that it may decide to adopt, the NPS plans to submit a proposed collection of information package to OMB with a request that OMB approve the package and reinstate the OMB clearance number. You may obtain copies of the application from the source listed below (see the “Send To Comments” section).

DATES: Public comments on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted on or before March 9, 2004.

Send Comments To: Richard Merryman, National Capital Region, 1100 Ohio Dr., Rm. 128, SW., Washington, DC 20242. Phone: 202-619-7225, Fax: 202-401-2430. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments using several methods. You may mail comments to the postal address given here. You may fax your comments to the fax number given. You may also hand-deliver comments to the address given here. 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 record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by 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 entity.

To Request Printed Copies of the Documents Contact: Richard Merryman, National Capital Region, 1100 Ohio Dr., Rm. 128, SW., Washington, DC 20242. Phone: 202-619-7225, Fax: 202-401-2430.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Park Service, National Capital Region Application for a Permit to Conduct a Demonstration or Special Event in Park Areas and a Waiver of Numerical Limitations on Demonstrations for White House Sidewalk and/or Lafayette Park.

Departmental Form Number: None.

OMB Number: 1024-0021.

Expiration Date: 04/30/04.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of Need: The information collection responds to the statutory requirement that the NPS preserve park resources and regulate the use of units of the National Park System. The information to be collected identifies: (1) Those individuals and/or organizations that wish to conduct a public gathering on NPS property in the National Capital Region, (2) the logistics of a proposed demonstration or special event that aid the NPS in regulating activities to insure that they are consistent with the NPS mission, (3) potential civil disobedience and traffic control issues for the assignment of United States Park Police personnel, (4) circumstances which may warrant a bond to be assigned to the event for the purpose of covering potential cost to repair damage caused by the event.

Description of Respondents: Respondents are those individuals or organizations that wish to conduct a special event or demonstration on NPS property within the National Capital Region.

Estimated average number of annual respondents: 4,200.

Estimated average burden hours per response: .5 hours.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 2,100 hours.

Dated: December 4, 2003.

Leonard E. Stone,

Acting National Park Service Information and Collection Clearance Officer.

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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, The Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intended submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR part 1320, the National Park Service (NPS) invites comments on its intention to request OMB to approve information collections associated with the "Save America's Treasures" (SAT) grant program. These collections are in use without an OMB control number. Section 108 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 470h) created the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to carry out the purposes of the Act. Each year Congress directs NPS to use part of the annual appropriation from the HPF for the "Save America's Treasures" grant program. The purpose of the SAT grant program is to assist in the preservation and conservation of nationally significant cultural artifacts and nationally significant historic structures and sites.

DATES: To assure that the NPS considers your comments on this notice, NPS must receive the comments on or before March 9, 2004.

Send Comments to: John W. Renaud, Project Coordinator, State, Tribal and Local Programs, Heritage Preservation Services, National Center for Cultural Resources, National Center for Cultural Resources, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., Org. Code 2255, Washington, DC 20240-0001, via fax at (202) 371-1961, or via e-mail at John_Renaud@nps.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John W. Renaud, Project Coordinator, State, Tribal and Local Programs, Heritage Preservation Services, National Center for Cultural Resources, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., Org. Code 2255 Washington, DC 20240-0001, via fax at (202) 371-1961, via e-mail at John_Renaud@nps.gov, or via telephone at (202) 354-2066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Save America's Treasures" grants.

OMB Number: 1024-xxxx.

Expiration Date of Approval: Being requested from OMB.

Type of Request: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

Abstract: This information collection has an impact on State, tribal, and local governments; eligible Federal agencies; and not-for-profit institutions that wish to apply for Historic Preservation Fund supported "Save America's Treasures" grants. Only Federal agencies that "the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act" funds are eligible to apply for SAT grants. Each year Congress earmarks certain projects for funding and sets aside an additional pool of funds for competitive grants. Each year some of the SAT grant-supported projects are for cultural artifacts and some are for historic structures and sites. The National Park Service uses the information collections to ensure compliance with the requirements that each appropriations act specifies (Pub. L. 108-108 is the most recent) as well as the government-wide grant requirements that OMB has issued and the Department of the Interior implements through 43 CFR part 12. This information collection also will produce performance data that NPS uses to assess its progress in meeting goals set in Departmental and NPS strategic plans created pursuant to the 1993 Government Performance and Results Act, as amended.

Respondents: State, local, and tribal governments; not for profit institutions; and certain Federal agencies.

Estimate of Burden: NPS estimates that the public burden for the HPF-supported SAT grant program collections of information will average 52 hours per application and 43 hours per grant per year for all of the grant-related collections. The combined total public burden for the SAT grant program-related information collections would average 95 hours per successful applicant/grantee. These estimates of burden include time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Record Keepers: NPS estimates that there are 2,045 responses per year. This is the gross number of responses for all of the elements included in this information collection. The net numbers of applicants and grantees participating in this information collection annually are 571 applicants and from among them 140 grantees. The frequency of response varies depending upon the activity. Applicants complete the grant application once. Successful applicants execute the grant agreement once. Successful applicants for historic structures or sites projects also complete