

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information because it includes expectations and evaluations visitors associate with their experiences in Harding Lake and Chena River State Recreation Areas.

Description of Respondents: A sample of individuals who use Harding Lake and Chena River State Recreation Areas for recreation purposes.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 1410.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: Each respondent will respond to an on-site interview. An estimated 75% of these respondents will complete a mail survey giving a total of 2360 responses (1410 + 950).

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response: 16 minutes.

Frequency of Response: 1 on-site interview and 1 mail survey per respondent.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 631 hours.

Dated: March 12, 2001.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Submission of Study Package to Office of Management and Budget: Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of Interior, National Park Service, Mount Rainier National Park, Olympic National Park.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

Abstract: The National Park Service is conducting a telephone survey of households in western Washington State where the following national parks are located: Olympic National Park and Mount Rainier National Park. In this survey persons will be asked why they visit or do not visit either national park. This information will identify the reasons former visitors have stopped using the parks and why non-visitors do not go to the parks. The NPS goal in conducting the survey is to determine if former visitors have been displaced and if other persons do not go to Olympic and Mount Rainier national parks because of crowding and related factors, including traffic congestion, development, and difficulty in obtaining lodging or campsites in the parks.

SUMMARY: Under the provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the NPS invites public comment on the proposed information request (ICR). Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the information, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the 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 goal in conducting these surveys is to determine why former visitors to Mount Rainier and Olympic national parks have stopped visiting the parks and why non-visitors do not visit.

There were no public comments received as a result of publishing in the **Federal Register** a 60-day notice of intention to request clearance of information collection for this survey.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted until May 9, 2001.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20530.

The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments within 30 days from the date listed at the top of this page of the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE STUDY PACKAGE SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT: James Gramann, phone 979-845-4920, fax 979-845-0446, e-mail jgramann@rpts.tamu.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Development and Advancement of Carrying Capacity Management Techniques, Western Washington Household Survey.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be assigned.

Expiration Date: To be assigned.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of Need: The National Park Service needs information on displaced visitors and those who do not visit parks in order to advance recreational carrying capacity management techniques in the National Park System. The proposed information to be collected on displaced visitors and non-visitors is not available from

existing records, sources, or observations.

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking residents about their perceptions and preferences regarding national park visits.

Description of Respondents: A sample of residents in counties in western Washington State.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 1000.

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 Hour per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time per respondent.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 250 hours.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

Leonard E. Stowe,

Information Collection Clearance Officer,
WASO Administrative Program Center,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Scoping Open House for Belle Haven Marina

AGENCY: National Park Service (NPS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public scoping open house.

SUMMARY: In compliance with 42 USC 4371 *et seq.* and National Park Service Policy, George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) announces a public scoping Open House for the general public to consider and comment on alternatives for the future of visitor services provided on the Belle Haven peninsula. There will be a 30-day public comment period.

DATES: May 1, 2001, and May 2, 2001, between 7 and 9 p.m. at Potowmack Landing Restaurant. Potowmack Landing is located on GWMP at Daingerfield Island between Reagan National Airport and Old Town Alexandria.

ADDRESSES: Printed copies of the alternatives being presented at the Open House will be available for public inspection at GWMP Headquarters, Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. One copy will also be available at the Mary

Custis and the Sherwood Hall Libraries in Fairfax County as well as the Queen Street Library in Alexandria. An electronic copy will be available on the GWMP website: <http://www.nps.gov/gwmp>. A limited number of copies are also available upon request by contacting GWMP at 703-289-2500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Belle Haven Marina, Inc. has a contract with GWMP authorizing the concessioner to provide wet slip rental, dry storage, ramp service, sailboat rental, sailboat instructions, soft drink sales, and packaged goods within an assigned area of Belle Haven Park. The concessioner is currently operating under a contract extension which expires December 31, 2001. The National Park Service Concessions Management and Improvement Act (1998 Act) provides new legislative policies and procedures for the solicitation and award of concession contracts by the NPS.

Section 51.23 of the concession contracting regulation, found at 36 CFR part 51, states that extensions in excess of an aggregate of three years are not permissible. Belle Haven Marina, Inc. will reach the three-year time limit on contract extensions December 31, 2001 and by regulation cannot continue concession operations within GWMP. "In addition Section 402(b) of the 1998 Act states that, It is the policy of Congress that the development of public accommodations, facilities, and services in units of the National Park System be limited to those accommodations, facilities, and services that are necessary and appropriate for public use and enjoyment * * * and are consistent to the highest practicable degree with the preservation and conservation of the resources and values of the unit." A feasibility analysis as well as annual reports on the status of the marina identified problems that pose threats to visitor safety as well as environmental impacts to the sensitive resources in the adjacent Dyke Marsh area.

The purpose of the Open House is to initiate public involvement in planning for what is necessary and appropriate for the public use and enjoyment of the Belle Haven area. Information obtained through the public scoping Open House will be incorporated into a forthcoming Environmental Assessment that will also go through a public review and comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline Lavelle at (703) 289-2536.

Audrey F. Calhoun,
Superintendent, George Washington
Memorial Parkway.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Big Bend National Park, TX; River Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, TX, and Wilderness Study, Environmental Impact Statement, Harte Ranch, Big Bend National Park, TX

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Amend Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the general management plan, Big Bend National Park (NP), Texas, river management plan, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River (WSR), Texas, and wilderness study, Harte Ranch, Big Bend National Park.

SUMMARY: On May 3, 2000, the National Park Service published a notice of intent for the action described above. The following amends that notice. Rather than preparing a wilderness study and environmental impact statement for the Harte Ranch, a wilderness suitability assessment will be prepared. The General Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Big Bend National Park, Texas; River Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, Texas; and wilderness suitability assessment, Harte Ranch, Big Bend National Park are underway.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Frank Deckert, P. O. Box 129, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834; Tel: (915) 477-1101; Fax: (915) 477-2357; E-mail: deckert_frank@nps.gov.

Dated: March 21, 2001.

Karen P. Wade,
Director, Intermountain Region, National
Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Joseph Tree National Park; Advisory Commission Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Joshua Tree National Park Advisory Committee (Commission) will be held from 10:00 a.m. (PDT) until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2001, at the Black Rock Nature Center at 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road,

Black Rock Campground, in the city of Yucca Valley, California. The Commission will hear reports on the Climbing Sub-Committee, the Auto-camp Sub-Committee, Fire Ecology, and Overflight Issues.

The Commission was established by Public Law 103-433, section 107 to advise the Secretary concerning the development and implementation of a new or revised comprehensive management plan Joshua Tree National Park.

Members of the Commission include:

Mr. Chuck Bell Planner
Ms. Marie Brascheer Mining Interest
Mr. Gary Daigneault Property Owner/
Business Interest
Hon. Bill Postmus County of San
Bernardino
Mr. John Freter Property Owner
Interest
Mr. Julian McIntyre Conservation
Mr. Roger Melanson Equestrian
Interest
Mr. Ramon Mendoza Native American
Interest
Ms. Leslie Mouriquand Planner
Mr. Richard Russell All Wheel Drive
Vehicle Interest
Ms. Lynn Shmakoff Property Owner
Interest
Hon. Roy Wilson County of Riverside
Mr. Gilbert Zimmerman Tourism

The meeting is open to the public and will be recorded for documentation and transcribed from dissemination. Minutes of the meeting will be available to the public after approval of the full Advisory Commission. For copies, please contact Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, California 92277 at (760) 367-5502.

Dated: March 21, 2001.

Mary Risser,
Acting Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Capital Memorial Commission Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the National Capital Memorial Commission (the Commission) will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at the National Building Museum, Room 312, 5th and F Streets, NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss currently authorized and proposed memorials in the District of Columbia and environs.