

Natural Area (MRNA). Establishment of the MRNA is valuable for maintaining the interrelationships of terrestrial and aquatic systems, and facilitates research, monitoring and protection. The withdrawal is needed to prevent potential surface disturbing activities from the location of mining claims within the MRNA. The requested duration of the withdrawal is 20 years.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Forest Supervisor, Inyo National Forest. Since the Forest Service is requesting this withdrawal, it is responsible for preparing any studies, analyses, and reports that are required by applicable statutes for the processing of this application. Those studies, analyses, and reports will be used by the Secretary of the Interior to make a decision as to whether this withdrawal should be authorized.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Forest Supervisor within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are those which are determined to be compatible with the use of the land by Forest Service.

**Duane Marti,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Lands (CA-931).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3507) and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, the National Park Service invites public comments on an existing information collection. Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the information including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of this reporting burden estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This program will measure performance in meeting goals as required by the 1995 Government Performance and Results Act.

Public Law 105-203 authorizes the National Park Service (NPS) to develop and administer the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom (Network), a nationwide collection of governmental and nongovernmental sites, facilities, and programs associated with the historic Underground Railroad movement. The NPS has developed the application process through which associated elements can be included in the Network. The information collected will: (a) Verify associations to the Underground Railroad, (b) Measure minimum levels of standards for inclusion in the Network, and (c) Identify general needs for technical assistance.

**DATES:** Public comments on the proposed ICR will be accepted on or before July 1, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Diane Miller, National Coordinator, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office, 1709 Jackson Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68102.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the requests for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments

will become a matter of public record. Copies of the proposed ICR can be obtained from Diane Miller, National Coordinator, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office, 1709 Jackson Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Miller, 402-221-3749 or James Hill 402-221-3413.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* NPS National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Application.

*Bureau Form Number:* n/a.

*OMB Number:* 1024-0232.

*Expiration Date:* 11/30/2003.

*Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Description of need:* The NPS has identified guidelines and criteria for associated elements to qualify for the Network. The application form document sites, programs, and facilities and demonstrates that they meet the criteria established for inclusion. The documentation will be incorporated into a database that will be available to the general public for information purposes.

*Automated data collection:* Respondents must verify associations and characteristics through descriptive texts that are the results of historical research. Evaluations are based on subjective analysis of the information provided, which often includes copies of rare documents and photographs. Much of the information is submitted in electronic format, but at the present time, there is not automated way to gather all of the required information.

*Description of respondents:* The affected public are state, tribal, and local governments, federal agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals throughout the United States. Nominations to the Network are voluntary.

*Estimated average number of respondents:* 100.

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*Estimated average burden hours per response:* 10.

*Estimated frequency of response:* once per respondent.

*Estimated annual reporting burden:* 1000 hours.

Dated: April 15, 2003.

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*Acting NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer, Washington Administrative Program Center.*

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