

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.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is proposing in 1999 and 2000 to conduct social science research related to (1) advancing the Money Generation Model, (2) developing and advancing social carrying capacity methodologies, (3) developing and advancing the Visitor Experience and Resource (VERP) Protection Framework, (4) developing and conducting an NPS national survey of the American Public, and (5)

evaluating the effect of the NPS Fee Demonstration Program on backcountry users in selected national parks. Each research project will require a specific combination of mail, phone, and/or on-site surveys of visitors and/or the general public to identify characteristics, use patterns, expectations, preferences and perceptions that are relevant to the individual research projects.

	Estimated number of	
	Responses	Burden hours
1. Advancing the Money Generation Model Survey	500	85
2. Development and Advancement of Social Carrying Capacity Methodologies	500	170
3. Development and Advancement of the Visitor Experience and Resource Protection (VERP) Framework	500	170
4. NPS National Survey of the American Public	1400	470
5. Effect of NPS Fee Demonstration Program on Selected National Parks	600	100
Total	3500	995

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 the need for gathering the information in the proposed surveys. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The NPS goals in conducting surveys associated with these research projects are to incorporate survey information into the development of state-of-the-art social science tools to be used by NPS managers (Projects 1-3), into the development of NPS policies (Project 4), and into evaluating the impacts of increased and additional fees on national park visitors.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before March 26, 1999.

Send comments to: Jean McKendry, Ph.D., NPS Social Science Program, 1849 C Street, NW (3127) Washington, DC 20240.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: 1. Advancing the Money Generation Model.

2. Development and Advancement of Social Carrying Capacity Methodologies.

3. Development and Advancement of the Visitor Experience and Resource Protection (VERP) Framework.

4. NPS National Survey of the American Public.

5. Effect of Fee Demonstration Program on Backcountry Users in Selected National Parks.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration Date: To be requested.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of need: The National Park Service needs information to incorporate into the development of state-of-the-art social science tools to be used by NPS managers (Projects 1-3), into the development of NPS policies (Project 4), and into evaluating the impacts of increased and additional fees on national park visitors (Project 5).

Automated data collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking visitors and/or the general public to identify characteristics, use patterns, expectations, preferences and perceptions that are relevant to the individual research projects.

Description of respondents: A sample of individuals who visit various units of the National Park System and individuals who do not visit units of the National Park System.

Estimated average number of respondents: 500 (Money Generation Model); 500 (Social Carrying Capacity); 500 (VERP); 1400 (Survey of American Public); 600 (Fees Demo Project and Backcountry Users).

Estimated average number of responses: Each respondent will

respond only one time, so the number of respondents will be the same as the number of respondents.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 10 minutes (Money General Model); 20 minutes (Social Carrying Capacity); 20 minutes (VERP); 20 minutes (Survey of American Public); 10 minutes (Fees Demo Project and Backcountry Users).

Frequency of Response: 1 time per respondent.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 85 hours (Money Generation Model); 17 hours (Social Carrying Capacity); 170 hours (VERP); 470 hours (Survey of American Public); 100 hours (Fees Demo Project and Backcountry Users).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, OH

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of boundary revision, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

SUMMARY: Minor revision to the boundaries of Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. The National Park Service has determined that a boundary revision is necessary for Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area as referred to in 16 U.S.C. 460ff-1(a).