comments, in particular, on the necessity for this information collection, the accuracy of our burden estimates, the clarity of the information to be collected and alternative methods of collection to minimize burden and improve service to the public.

Cross References to Other OMB Approvals

This information collection approval request, in addition to renewing the approval under OMB number 1024–0026 will also replace the approvals under OMB number 1024–0015. In furtherance of recommendations found in OMB's draft implementing guidance for the Paperwork Reduction Act, NPS is bundling information collection requests which are similar in intent and burden.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Diane Cooke,

NPS Information Collection Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Submission of Study Package to Office of Management and Budget; Review Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service Visitor Survey Card, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Services Project—Visitor Survey Card proposes to conduct visitor surveys at all 376 National Park System Units to learn visitors' opinions about park facilities, services and recreational opportunities in each park unit. This effort is required by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) goals and standards. In addition, visitors' understanding of park significance will be measured for each National Park unit. The results of these studies will be used to measure performance toward the GPRA goals (lla1 and lib1) and standards and by park managers to improve the services they provide to visitors while better protecting park natural and cultural resources. A study package, including the proposed visitor survey card questionnaire (the same card will be used in all parks) for these proposed park studies, has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1329, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the NPS invites public comment on this proposed information collection 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 collected information; 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 purpose of the proposed ICR is to document visitors' opinions about park facilities, services and recreation opportunities. In addition, visitors' understanding of park significance will be measured for each National Park System unit. Park unit performance will be evaluated according to National Park Service GPRA goals and standards. This information will be used by park managers, park planners and NPS regional and Washington office staff in priority setting for budget processes.

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

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before April 27, 1998.

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; and also to: Terry Bergerson; Cooperative Park Studies Unit; Department of Forest Resources; College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences; University of Idaho; Moscow, ID 83844–1133.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT: Terry Bergerson, phone 208–885–4806, FAX: 208–885–4261, or email: *tberger@uidaho.edu*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:.

Title: National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Service Project Visitor Survey Card.

Bureau From Number: Not Applicable.

Expiration Date: To be assigned.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of Need: The NPS needs to learn visitors' opinions about park facilities, services and recreational opportunities in each part unit to meet the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) goals and standards. In addition, visitors' understanding of park significance will be measured for each National Park unit. The proposed information, to be collected from visitors in all 376 National Park System units, 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 visitors to evaluate services and facilities that they used during their park visit. The information contained in these surveys will be processed automatically using scanning machines.

Description of Respondents: A sample of visitors to each National Park System Unit.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: Total to represent all 376 National Park System units—67,680 respondents.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: Each respondent will respond on one time, so the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

Frequency of response: One time.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: Total 3,384 hours.

Diane M. Cooke,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Shark Valley, Everglades National Park, FL; Concession Contract Negotiations

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Public Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing a concession to provide, operate, and maintain interpretive tram tours, bicycle rentals, limited snack items, and sundries for the public at Shark Valley located at Everglades National Park, Florida, for a period of 10 years from approximately January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Offers will be accepted for sixty (60) days under the terms described in the Prospectus. The sixty (60) day application period will begin with the release of the Prospectus, which will occur on or before April 27,