DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service; Golden Gate National Recreation Area (Alcatraz Island); Yosemite National Park; Statue of Liberty National Monument (Ellis Island).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The University of Vermont and three parks (Golden Gate National Recreation Area (Alcatraz Island) in California, Yosemite National Park in California; Statue of Liberty National Monument (Ellis Island) in New York and New Jersey) propose to conduct visitor surveys to learn about visitor demographics and visitor opinions about services and facilities in these three parks. The results of these studies will be used by park managers to improve the services they provide to visitors while better protecting park natural and cultural resources. Study packages that include the proposed survey questionnaires for these three proposed park studies have 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 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the NPS invites public comment on these three proposed information collection requests (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 identify characteristics, use patterns, perceptions, preferences, and opinions of visitors about management and services in these parks. In addition, each project will identify indicators and standards of quality for the visitor experience. Results of all of the surveys will be used by NPS managers in their ongoing planning and management activities to improve visitor services, protect park resources, and better serve the park's current and potential future visitors.

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 these three surveys.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before June 29, 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: Dr. Robert E. Manning, Professor, School of Natural Resources, 356 Aiken Center, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405. Phone (802) 656–2684.

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 on or before June 29, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE STUDY PACKAGES SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT: Dr. Robert E. Manning. Voice (802) 656–2684; Fax (802) 656–2623; Email rmanning@nature.snr.uvm.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: University of Vermont Visitor Surveys at three parks.

Bureau Form Number: Not applicable.

OMB Number: To be assigned.

Expiration Date(s): September 1999.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of Need: The National Park Service needs information to identify characteristics, use patterns, perceptions, preferences, and opinions of visitors about management and services in these parks. The proposed information to be collected regarding visitors in these three parks 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.

Description of Respondents: A sample of visitors to each of these three parks.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 400 at Golden Gate National Recreation Area (Alcatraz Island), 1200 at Yosemite National Park, and 640 at Statue of Liberty National Monument (Ellis Island).

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 Hours Per Response: 30 minutes at Golden Gate National Recreation Area (Alcatraz Island), 15 minutes at Yosemite National Park and 30 minutes at the Statue of Liberty National Monument (Ellis Island).

Frequency of Response: One time per respondent.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 200 at Golden Gate National Recreation Area (Alcatraz Island), 300 at Yosemite National Park, and 320 at Statue of Liberty National Monument (Ellis Island).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Notice of Availability of Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Department of the Interior, designated lead agency; Bureau of Land Management (BLM), designated cooperating agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an abbreviated final environmental impact statement for the proposed AT&T Corporation P140 Coaxial Cable Removal Project, Socorro County New Mexico, Clark County Nevada, and Kern and San Bernardino Counties California.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of an abbreviated final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the P140 Cable Removal Project, Socorro, New Mexico, to Mojave, California. The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the proposal was on public review for more than 60 days from December 29, 1997 to March 27, 1998. The abbreviated final document includes responses to public comments on the DEIS and factual corrections to the DEIS.

In 1996 AT&T approached the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) concerning a proposal to remove 220 miles of their P140 cable system that no longer supports their current fiber optic network.

The proposed project involved the removal of portions of a telecommunications system traversing 7.7 miles in New Mexico, 7.4 miles in Nevada, and 205.2 miles in California.

The P140 system includes buried coaxial cable, repeater huts, manholes, marker posts, and an access corridor. In addition, AT&T proposed to relinquish associated rights-of-way easements, in whole or in part, wherever cable and equipment were removed.

As jurisdictional agencies of federal lands crossed by the project, the NPS and the BLM are responsible for determining terms and conditions of any removal activity and rehabilitation actions to promote restoration of the land. In March 1997 DOI determined to prepare a non-delegated environmental impact statement.

The abbreviated FEIS describes and analyzes four alternatives in response to AT&T's request to remove cable and to terminate the associated rights-of-way. The Proposed Action, and two additional action alternatives have been developed to reduce or avoid adverse effects on desert vegetation, wilderness, the desert tortoise and recreational access. The No Action alternative is included as a baseline for comparison of the action alternatives. To varying degrees, all action alternatives include cable and structure removal along with rehabilitation of the access corridor and repeater hut sites.

Alternative A is the Proposed Action and includes the removal of 174.5 miles of cable, repeater huts and manholes along 220 miles of the right-of-way, and marker posts along 174.2 miles. In addition, the proposed action suggests rehabilitation actions to promote revegetation and habitat recovery that include the elimination of 39.8 miles of the access corridor and 4 miles of dual track.

Alternative B was developed to protect critical habitat of the desert tortoise on federal lands. Cable would not be removed from these areas, and more of the access corridor within critical habitat would be eliminated. Cable would be removed along 113.7 miles outside of critical habitat on federal lands, and repeater huts and manholes would be removed along 174.7 miles. Rehabilitation actions include eliminating 51.6 miles of the access corridor and 4 miles of dual track.

Alternative C would minimize construction-related impacts on desert vegetation and the desert tortoise on federal lands. Cable would not be removed from federal lands and the access corridor would be eliminated in wilderness areas only. Cable would be removed along 72.3 miles of primarily state and private lands. Repeater huts and manholes would be removed along 220 miles, and marker posts would be removed along 174.7 miles. The elimination and rehabilitation of 5.4 miles of the access corridor and 4 miles of dual tract also would be included in alternative C.

For all action alternatives, cable removal activities would result in long-term (20–50 years) adverse affects on desert vegetation, animal species of concern, soil productivity, recreation, and visual aesthetics, but to varying degrees. Removal and rehabilitation activities also would result in temporary adverse affects on air quality and noise due to construction-related activities. Rehabilitation actions would have a permanent beneficial impact on desert vegetation and the desert tortoise. Elimination of portions of the access corridor in the Proposed Action would have a significant impact on recreational access to open desert land, but would not eliminate access to any designated recreational site. Due to elimination of additional segments of the access corridor, Alternative B would eliminate access to several designated recreational sites.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan DeGraff, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, PO. Box 25287, Denver, CO, 80225–0287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the DEIS are available on the Internet at the NPS web site http://www.nps.gov/planning/index.html. A limited number of individual copies of the abbreviated FEIS may be obtained from Joan DeGraff at the above address or by calling (303) 969–2464.

A 30-day no action period will begin following release of the abbreviated FEIS. A record of decision will follow the no action period.

Dated: May 22, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA–W) issued during the period of May, 1998.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Act must be met.

(1) That a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, have become totally or partially separated,

(2) That sales or production, or both, of the firm or subdivision have decreased absolutely, and

(3) That increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have contributed importantly to the separations, or threat thereof, and to the absolute decline in sales or production.

Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criterion (3) has not been met. A survey of customers indicated that increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA–W–34,422; Leedo Furniture, Inc., Corinth, MS

TA–W–34,436; American Powder Coatings, Inc., El Paso, TX

TA–W–34,476; Nuclear Components, Inc., Greenburg, PA

TA–W–34,492; Moog Automotive, Batesville Operation, Batesville, MS

TA–W–34,362; Delphi Interior and Lighting Systems, Inc., Trenton, NJ

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified.

TA–W–34,393; Norty's, Inc., New York, NY

The workers firm does not produce an article as required for certification under Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974.

TA–W–34,334; Fort James Corp., Camas, WA

Increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA–W–34,488; Delphi Gas Pipeline Corp., Woodward, OK

The investigation revealed that criteria (2) and criteria (3) have not been met. Sales or production did not decline during the relevant period as required for certification. Increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have not contributed importantly to the separations or threat thereof, and the absolute decline in sales or production.

TA–W–34,396; Rockwell Automation/Reliance Electric, Athens, GA

TA–W–34,459; Koch Midstream Services Co (Formerly Known as Delhi Gas Pipeline Corp., Oklahoma City, OK

Company officials made a decision to transfer all production to another domestic plant.

TA–W–34,450; Mann Edge Tool Co., Lewistown, PA