

facilities and space for accommodating members of the public are limited, and persons will be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis. Any member of the public may address the Executive Committee by indicating such on the sign-in sheet available at the beginning of the meeting each day. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection *after* Executive Committee approval by contacting the office of the GYIBC Administrative Assistant at the National Park Service, Denver, Colorado (address listed below).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GYIBC was formed by the governors of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, and the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to address the issues surrounding brucellosis in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA). The group's goal is to protect and sustain the free-ranging elk and bison populations in the GYA and to protect the public interests and economic viability of the livestock industry in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, while planning for the elimination of brucellosis in the GYA by the year 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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or

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Dan Huff,
GYIBC Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Policy Statement Concerning Access to National Park Service Property for the Siting of Mobile Services Antennas

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is publishing for review the policy statement that sets forth the instructions and requirements by which

the NPS will comply with Section 704(c) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, consistent with the implementing procedures established by President Clinton and the General Services Administration (GSA).

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until August 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Dick Young, Special Park Uses Program Manager, Colonial National Historical Park, P.O. Box 210, Yorktown, VA 23690.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dick S. Young at 757-898-7846.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: An August 10, 1995, Executive Memorandum from the President, directed the heads of all departments and agencies to facilitate access to Federal property for the purpose of siting mobile services antennas. On February 8, 1996, the President signed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. 332). Section 704(c) of the Act requires the President to develop procedures by which federal departments and agencies may make available federal properties, rights-of-way, and easements for wireless telecommunication services. On March 29, 1996, the GSA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 14100) of general procedures for implementing the provisions of Section 704(c) of the Act. These general procedures, together with the Executive Memorandum, are applicable to all Executive departments and agencies. Congress provided additional instructions in the Conference Report on FY 1997 Interior Department appropriations, saying that the NPS "should promulgate rules which ensure that the public has the opportunity to participate fully and comment on the issuing of permits, rights-of-way or easements for any telecommunications facility placed in any unit of * * * the National Park System * * *".

Through their actions, Congress and the President have established a compelling Federal interest in promoting the efficient implementation of the new telecommunications technology. The NPS will therefore follow the requirements and intent of the Act, the Executive Memorandum and the GSA procedures, while also recognizing its responsibility for complying with provisions of the National Park Service Organic Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), and other statutes applicable to the operation of units of the National Park System. NPS implementation of Section

704(c) of the Act will take into account language in the House Report on the bill which eventually became law, stating "The Committee recognizes, for example, that use of the Washington Monument, Yellowstone National Park or a pristine wildlife sanctuary, while perhaps prime sites for an antenna and other facilities, are not appropriate and use of them would be contrary to environmental, conservation, and public safety laws."

Instructions and Requirements

A. General

1. Park Superintendents will accept, evaluate, and approve or deny applications for wireless telecommunications facility (WTF) sites pursuant to this Director's Order. This Director's Order supersedes the procedures set forth in the Deputy Director's memorandum of May 10, 1996.

2. While this Director's Order establishes the instructions and requirements regarding WTF sites within park areas, the Associate Director for Park Operations and Education will prescribe procedures in the Special Park Uses Handbook to standardize the way park areas respond to WTF site applications.

3. Park Superintendents will work with WTF site applicants to satisfy the requirements of the Telecommunications Act, this Director's Order, the procedures found in the Special Park Uses Handbook, the park's authorizing legislation and applicable plans, and other applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

4. Park Superintendents who expect to receive a high number of WTF applications will conduct a Comprehensive Assessment for wireless communications. This Assessment will determine the extent to which, and the most fair, reasonable, nondiscriminatory and efficient means by which, the parks can accommodate demands for WTF sites without derogating park resources, values or purposes. This assessment may be done prior to or immediately after receiving applications, and should explore the feasibility of co-location of facilities.

5. Park Superintendents who do not expect to receive a high number of WTF site applications may either conduct a Comprehensive Assessment as above, or may process applications and prepare permits for a WTF site without first having prepared a Comprehensive Assessment, provided that an EA and any required follow up documents are prepared in conjunction with the review of the application. All such EA's or

follow up documents must address the impact of the proposed WTF site, and the cumulative impact in relation to it, any existing, or future sites.

6. The public will be given the opportunity to participate fully and comment on applications for the use of any park property for a WTF Site. Public participation will be accomplished as part of the Comprehensive Assessment process, as part of the NEPA process, or using any method normally used by the park for this purpose.

B. Processing WTF Applications

1. Applicants for WTF sites must submit an application for a right-of-way permit pursuant to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 14, and the Special Park Uses Handbook, including the payment of the application fee. After receipt of a complete application, the Superintendent will undertake an initial evaluation, as required by GSA procedures, within 60 days, and provide a determination in writing to the applicant. Documentation of this decision will become a part of the written administrative record.

2. If the Superintendent determines, based on the initial evaluation of the WTF application, that use of the proposed site would result in a derogation of park resources, values or purposes, the Superintendent will reject the application and provide the applicant with a written notification of the reasons for rejection.

3. If the Superintendent determines, based on the initial evaluation of the WTF application, that the use of the proposed site may be appropriate, pending further evaluation, the applicant will be notified of that determination in writing. In addition, Superintendents should make every effort to notify other FCC licensees authorized to provide the same type of wireless communications service within the park's boundaries. This is necessary to determine if multiple parties may be interested in sites within the park. Further evaluation requirements may include:

(a) Compliance with NEPA, NHPA, and other applicable laws and regulations, and the Special Park Uses Handbook.

OR

(b) If the Superintendent has determined that there is a need for a Comprehensive Assessment for reasons including but not limited to multiple applicants, or the proposed sites are in sensitive areas of the park, then the Superintendent, in addition to the compliance required under 3(a) above, should address the matter by preparing a Comprehensive Telecommunications

Site Assessment (CTSA) pursuant to the procedures in the Special Park Uses Handbook. The Superintendent will provide the applicant with further information about how the CTSA will be prepared, the estimated timetable, and the estimated additional costs which the applicant may incur because of this procedure.

(c) In all cases, the NPS will work with the applicant to process these applications in a timely manner, dependent upon the degree of complexity.

4. After all required compliance documents have been satisfactorily completed and approved, and the requested use is still determined to not be in derogation of the resources, values and purposes of the park, the Superintendent will prepare the appropriate right-of-way permit(s) for signature by the applicant and the Regional Director as provided for in 36 CFR Part 14. If, upon final review, the Superintendent does determine that the requested use is in derogation of the resources, values and purposes of the park, the Superintendent will reject the request and provide the applicant with the reasons for rejection. The Superintendent will also provide the applicant with the procedures for appealing that rejection.

More detailed information, including additional background and required procedures, can be found in the Special Park Uses Handbook, Appendix 8, Exhibit 6, "Rights-of-Way for Telecommunications Facilities."

Dated: July 16, 1997.

Chris Andress,

Chief, Ranger Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the

information collection and its expected cost and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 22, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments on this information collection should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, (1006-0009), Washington D.C. 20503, Telephone (202) 395-7340. A copy of your comments should also be directed to the Bureau of Reclamation, D-7924, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CONTACT: Bureau of Reclamation's Information Collection Officer, Susan Rush, at (303) 236-0305 extension 462 or by Internet at infocoll@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Private Rental Survey.

Abstract: The forms are to be used to establish and revise rental, utility, and related service charges for occupants of Government-furnished quarters. Information is collected from property owners, property managers, and real estate offices.

Bureau Form Numbers: 7-2226 and 7-2227.

OMB Approval Number: 1006-0009.

Frequency: Each of 14 regions are surveyed every fifth year; this equates to two to three regions surveyed each year.

Description of Respondents:

Individual property owners and small businesses or organizations (real estate managers or property managers).

Estimate of Burden: An average of 12 minutes for form 7-2226, and 10 minutes for form 7-2227.

Estimated Annual Responses: 3,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 590 hours.

Reclamation will display a valid OMB control number on the forms. Persons who are required to respond to the information collection need not respond unless the OMB control number is current.

OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove this information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comment should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure maximum consideration. The public is being requested to comment on:

a. Whether the collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Reclamation, including whether the information will have practical utility;