

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 1,706.84 acres of public lands and approximately 156.83 acres of non-Federal land, to protect the natural and recreational values of the Coos Bay North Spit Special Recreation Management Area. This notice closes the public lands for up to 2 years from location and entry from the mining laws. The public lands will remain open to the mineral leasing laws. Upon acquisition, the non-Federal lands will be opened to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by July 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meetings requests should be sent to the Oregon/Washington State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betty McCarthy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-952-6155.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 13, 1998, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands and non-Federal lands from entry or location under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), subject to valid existing rights:

Willamette Meridian*Public Lands*

- T. 25 S., R. 13 W.,
 Sec. 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 5, fractional NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 6, lot 3, lots 5 to 9, inclusive, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 7, lots 6 and 8, and lots 10 to 19, inclusive;
 Sec. 18, lots 7 and 8, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, fractional W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and fractional NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 25 S., R. 14 W.,
 Sec. 12, lot 1;
 Sec. 13, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 23, lot 1;
 Sec. 24, lots 6 to 13, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 25, lot 3 and lot 1 including all of the tideland lying east of, fronting, and abutting upon;
 Sec. 26, lots 8, 9, and 10.

The areas described aggregate approximately 1,706.84 acres in Coos County.

Non-Federal Land

- T. 25 S., R. 13 W.,
 Sec. 8, lot 2;
 Sec. 18, lots 3 and 4, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 19, lot 4.
- T. 25 S., R. 14 W.,
 Sec. 24, lot 4.

Along with any accretion to the above listed lands. The areas described aggregate approximately 156.83 acres in Coos County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the unique natural and recreational values and unique coastal barrier reef as to the lands within the Coos Bay North Spit Special Recreation Management Area.

For a period of 91 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 State Director at the address indicated above.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed action. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed action must submit a written request to the State Director at the address indicated above 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 lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during this segregative period include licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations, upon approval of the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

Sherrie L. Reid,

Acting Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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

AGENCY: Department of the Interior; National Park Service; Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site, Colonial National Historical Park, Everglades National Park, Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Grand Canyon National Park, Independence National Historical Park, Mesa Verde National Park, Sitka National Historical Park, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite National Park.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The National Park Service and 13 units of the National Park System (Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site, Colonial National Historical Park, Everglades National Park, Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Grand Canyon National Park, Independence National Historical Park, Mesa Verde National Park, Sitka National Historical Park, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite National Park) propose to conduct visitor surveys to assess visitor reactions to new, demonstration visitor fee programs. The results will be used by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, and the Congress to evaluate the trial fee programs. A Paperwork Reduction Act submission that includes the proposed questionnaire for these surveys 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 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service invites comments on the 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 information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The purpose of the ICR is to obtain in 13 national park units information about visitors and their reactions to types of new visitor fee programs being conducted on a trial basis in many units of the National Park System of the United States. The 13 national park units will represent a cross section of the parks in the National Park System. Results of this survey will be used by the National Park Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Congress to evaluate the trial fee programs.

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

DATES: Public comments will be accepted May 6, 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 20503; and also to: John W. Duffield, Ph.D., Department of Economics, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OF A COPY OF THE ICR SUBMITTED TO OMB, CONTACT: John Duffield, 406-728-9510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Evaluation of the National Park Service Fee Demonstration Program.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be assigned.

Expiration Date: To be assigned.

Type of Request: Request for new clearance.

Description of Need: The National Park Service needs information about visitors and their reactions to new visitor fee programs being conducted on a trial basis in many units of the National Park System of the United States. The results of this 13 national park unit survey will be used by the National Park Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Congress to evaluate the trial fee programs.

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking visitors to react to fees and aspects of park management at the parks they are visiting. The intrusion on visitors is minimized by contacting them only once during their visit to the park.

Description of Respondents: Samples from each of the 13 parks of the individuals who visit that park.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: 4,200 total (300 at each of 10 parks, 400 at each of the remaining 3 parks).

Frequency of Response: One time per respondent.

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: 12 minutes.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: The total for all parks is estimated to be 840 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

Notice of Intent To Continue a Gift Shop Operation at the Marine Mammal Center Within Golden Gate National Recreation Area

SUMMARY: The National Park Service intends to continue the gift shop operation to the public visiting at the Marine Mammal Center within Golden Gate National Recreation Area. All earnings from the sale of items at the gift shop go directly to the support of emergency care of sick and injured sea life. This concession operation operates in conjunction with a Cooperative Agreement. The concession operation can not operate independently from the Cooperative Agreement and the Cooperative Agreement has not expired. It is the intent of the National Park Service to continue this type of operation which is self perpetuating and provides the needed funds for care and treatment of marine mammals. The visitor service operation will continue for four (4) years and eleven (11) months under the concession authorization. The existing concessioner which has operated satisfactorily under the existing permit and has a right of preference in renewal pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965, (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. *et seq.*) and 36 CFR 51.5.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Inquires may be directed to Mr. Mac Foreman, Office of Concession Program Management at (415) 427-1368.

Dated: March 20, 1998.

Martha K. Leicester,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Meeting of the Delta Region Preservation Commission

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Delta Region Preservation Commission will be held at the following place and time.

DATES: Wednesday, April 15, 1998 at 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the University of New Orleans, Student Union, at the Lakefront Campus in New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements, may contact Geraldine Smith, Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 365 Canal Street, Suite 2400, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-1142, telephone (504) 589-3882, extension 108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delta Region Preservation Commission was established pursuant to Section 907 of Pub. L. 95-625 (16 U.S.C. 230f), as amended, to advise the Secretary of the Interior in the selection of sites for inclusion in Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, and in the implementation and development of a general management plan and of a comprehensive interpretive program of the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the region.

The matters to be discussed at this meeting include:

- Old Business.
- New Business.
- General Park Update.

The meeting will be open to the public. However, 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 file a written statement concerning matters to be discussed with the Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve.

Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection four weeks after the meeting at the headquarters office of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Daniel W. Brown,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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