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Assistant Field Manager, Billings Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60 Day Notice of Intent To Request Clearance for Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Big Thicket National Preserve, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service proposes to conduct visitor surveys to assess the social and visual impacts of oil and gas activities within Big Thicket National Preserve (Preserve). The overall project goals are: (1) to provide critical decision-making information that is currently fragmented and/or loosely organized for the purposes of evaluating impacts of oil and gas exploration and development on federal lands throughout the United States, and particularly within the Preserve; (2) to identify the critical variables and their relative importance in affecting standards of performance for oil and gas activities within the Preserve; (3) to illustrate how social and visual impacts can be assessed and incorporated into management decisions under alternative operational procedures affecting oil and gas activities within the Preserve; and (4) to adapt standard methodologies for assessing user perceptions, visitor behavior, and landscape attributes (including policy capture evaluations) that can be incorporated in environmental impact statements addressing oil and gas operations on federal lands. Such information would be incorporated in the forthcoming Draft Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Preserve.

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) is soliciting comments on the need for gathering information in the proposed surveys. The NPS further requests 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.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before November 16, 1998.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Rick Strahan, Division of Resources Management, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701; phone: 409/839-2689, ext. 224; fax: 409/839-2599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Strahan, phone: 409/839-2689, ext. 224; fax: 409/839-2599; e-mail: rick_strahan@nps.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Big Thicket National Preserve Visitor Trip Fact Sheet.

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 regarding changes in visual perception and social acceptance as alternative activities associated with oil and gas operations are considered. Such information would be incorporated in the forthcoming Draft Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Preserve.

Automated data collection: Surveys will be both mailed to respondents and administered at selected areas by NPS personnel and Michigan State University faculty and students trained in survey administration. Collection of data in the field will occur during peak visitation periods (June–August) and off-peak visitation periods (September–December). Automated collection of data is limited to survey by mail.

Description of respondents: To achieve a statistically valid survey, surveys must be completed and received from approximately 491 trail users, 334 boaters, and 525 hunters who use the Preserve.

Estimated average number of respondents: 1350.

Estimated average number of responses: Each respondent will respond only once, therefore the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

Estimated average burden hour per response: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: one time per respondent.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 450 hours.

Betsy Chittenden,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Final Lake Crescent Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Olympic National Park, Washington

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the final Lake Crescent management plan/environmental impact statement (FEIS), Olympic National Park, Washington. The FEIS presents the proposed action and alternatives for management of the Lake Crescent area for the next 10 to 15 years. The proposed action best satisfies the park and NPS mission, as well as the park's management objectives and long-term vision for Lake Crescent. It recognizes both the need to protect natural and cultural resources and to provide appropriate recreational opportunities for visitors and area residents.

The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for this action was released for public review on October 18, 1996, (**Federal Register**, Vol. 61, No. 203) and the public comment period closed on March 19, 1997. The FEIS contains five alternative strategies for management of the Lake Crescent area. The range of alternatives includes the four alternatives presented in the draft plan, with modifications based on public comment received and further impact analysis. In addition, another alternative has been added since publication of the draft plan. This alternative, depicted in the final plan as Alternative E, was submitted for consideration during the public comment period by the Friends of Lake Crescent.

The FEIS contains letters received from agencies and organizations during the public comment period, and responses to all substantive comments are included. A summary of comments received during public meetings on the DEIS is also contained in the FEIS, as is a representative sample of comment letters received from individuals during the public comment period.

During the public comment period, controversy arose over recreational use

of personal watercraft (PWC) on Lake Crescent. This Plan/FEIS announces the decision of the Superintendent to close Olympic National Park to the use of PWCs, beginning October 1, 1998. The justification for this action is explained in the document's Appendix A, "Administrative Record Detailing the NPS Decision to Ban the Use of Personal Watercraft on Lake Crescent."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The no-action period on this FEIS will expire 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency has published a notice of availability of the FEIS in the **Federal Register**. All who submitted substantive comments on the DEIS will receive a copy of the FEIS. In addition, the document has been placed on the National Park Service website at <http://www.nps.gov/olym>, and public reading copies of the FEIS will be available for review at the following locations: Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20240, phone: 202-208-6843; Olympic National Park, National Park Service, 600 E. Park Ave., Port Angeles, WA 98362, phone: 360-452-4501; North Olympic Library System, Port Angeles Branch, 207 S. Lincoln St., Port Angeles, WA 98362, phone: 360-452-9253; Government Documents, Seattle Public Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA 98104-1193, phone: 206-386-4686; Government Publications, Suzzallo Library, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, phone: 206-543-1937; Columbia Cascades Support Office, National Park Service, 909 First Ave., Seattle, WA 98104-1060, phone: 206-220-4154. For further information contact Superintendent, Olympic National Park, 600 E. Park Ave., Port Angeles, WA 98362, phone: 360-452-4501.

Dated: August 21, 1998.

David Morris,

Superintendent Olympic National Park
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before September 5, 1998. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be

forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written comments should be submitted by September 30, 1998.

Patrick Andrus,

Acting Keeper of the National Register.

ARIZONA

Yavapai County

Kirkland Store, Main St., corner Iron Springs Rd. and Kirkland Jct. Rd., Kirkland, 98001215

MICHIGAN

Crawford County

Hartwick, Edward E., Memorial Building, Hartwick Pines Rd., Grayling Township, 98001216

Kent County

Fallsburg Historic District, Covered Bridge Rd., Vergennes Township, 98001217

MINNESOTA

Carlton County

Kalevala Finnish Evangelical National Lutheran Church, MN 73, Kalevala Township vicinity, 98001218

Polk County

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, N. Ash St. at 2nd Ave., Crookston, 98001219

Winona County

Winona Commercial Historic District, 3rd St between Franklin and Johnson Sts., Winona, 98001220

MISSOURI

Cole County

Jefferson City National Cemetery (Civil War Era National Cemeteries MPS), 1024 E. McCarty St., Jefferson City, 98001221

NEW YORK

Erie County

Graycliff, 6472-6482 Lakeshore Rd., Derby vicinity, 98001222

Greene County

Leeds Flat Site, Address Restricted, Catskill vicinity, 98001223

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma County

Carey Place Historic District, 1800-2100 blks. of Carey Pl., Oklahoma City, 98001224

TEXAS

Galveston County

Breakers, The, TX 87 W. of Gilchrist, Caplen vicinity, 98001225

Travis County

Victory Grill, 1104 E. 11th St., Austin, 98001226

WASHINGTON

Spokane County

Otis Hotel (Single Room Occupancy Hotels in Central Business District of Spokane MPS), 1101-1109 W. First, Spokane, 98001227

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Roundtable Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's (BDAC) Ecosystem Roundtable will meet to discuss several issues including: an implementation and tracking system update, status of the 1998 Proposal Solicitation Package recommended projects, the development of other directed funding programs, the planning process for FY99, water acquisition, funding coordination, and other issues. This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Ecosystem Roundtable or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Roundtable meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: the Ecosystem Roundtable will meet at the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1131, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Darling, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 at least one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system