

include 2,300 acres per day on BLM-administered lands and 4,500 acres per day on all western public lands. Species like Leafy Spurge, Squarrose Knapweed, Spotted Knapweed, Russian Knapweed, Musk Thistle, Dalmatian Toadflax, Purple Loosestrife, and many others are alien to the United States and have no natural enemies to keep their populations in balance. Consequently, these undesirable weeds invade healthy ecosystems, displace native vegetation, reduce species diversity, and destroy wildlife habitat. Widespread infestations lead to soil erosion and stream sedimentation. Furthermore, noxious weed invasions weaken revegetation efforts, reduce domestic and wild ungulates' grazing capacity, occasionally irritate public land users by aggravating allergies and other ailments, and threaten federally-protected plants and animals.

To curb the spread of noxious weeds, a growing number of western states have jointly developed noxious weed-free forage certification standards, and, in cooperation with various federal, state, and county agencies, passed weed management laws. Utah BLM's Resource Advisory Council developed guidelines requiring only hay cubes, hay pellets made from weed free hay, or certified weed-free hay to be fed on BLM lands. This guideline was approved by both the Utah BLM State Director and the Secretary of the Interior in May, 1997. Because hay and other forage products containing noxious weed seed are part of the infestation problem, Utah has developed a state hay inspection-certification-identification process, participates in a regional inspection-certification-identification process and encourages forage producers in Utah to grow noxious weed-free products.

The Intermountain and Rocky Mountain Regions of the United States Forest Service, Department of

Agriculture, have implemented similar policies for National Forest lands in 1994. The BLM in Colorado implemented a standard stipulation on all Special Recreation Permits in 1994 requiring holders of those permits to use certified weed-free products. This proposal will provide a standard regulation for all users of BLM lands in Utah and will provide for coordinated management with National Forest lands across jurisdictional lines.

In cooperation with the State of Utah and the U.S. Forest Service, Utah BLM is proposing a ban on hay, straw or mulch that has not been certified weed free. This proposal includes a public information plan to ensure that: (1) this ban is well publicized and understood; and (2) BLM visitors and land users will know where they can purchase state-certified hay or other products.

The supplementary rules will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

For the reasons stated above, under the authority of 43 CFR 8365.1-5, the Utah State Office, BLM, proposes supplementary rules to read as follows:

**Supplementary Rules to Require the Use of Certified Noxious Weed-Free Forage on Bureau of Land Management-Administered Lands in Utah**

(a)(1) To prevent the spread of weeds on BLM-administered lands in Utah, effective March 6, 1998, all BLM lands within the State of Utah, at all times of the year, shall be closed to possessing or storing hay, straw, or mulch that has not been certified as free of prohibited noxious weed seed.

(2) Certification will comply with Regional "Forage Certification program for noxious weed seed-free forage and noxious weed-free forage", jointly developed by the States of Utah, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada. A

brochure called Q & A about the Regional Forage Certification Program for Noxious Weed Seed-Free Forage and Noxious Weed-Free Forage is available.

(3) The following persons are exempt from this order: anyone with an unexpired permit signed by BLM's authorized officer at the Field Office specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission within that Field Office Area.

(b) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of these supplemental rules regarding the use of noncertified noxious weed-free hay, straw, or mulch when visiting Bureau of Land Management-administered lands in Utah, without authorization required, may be commanded to appear before a designated United States Magistrate and may be subject to a fine of no more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both, as defined in 43 United States Code 1733(a).

Dated: January 30, 1998.  
**G. William Lamb,**  
*Utah State Director.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**60-day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information—Opportunity for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and 5 Units of the National Park System.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The University of Vermont is proposing to conduct four projects at up to five parks during FY 98:

NPS unit	Estimated number of responses	Estimated burden hours
(1) Yosemite National Park .....	1200	600
(2) Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island National Monuments .....	800	400
(3) Golden Gate National Recreation Area:		
(A) Alcatraz Island .....	500	250
(B) Muir Woods .....	500	250
Totals .....	3000	1500

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 the information in

the proposed visitor studies listed above. The NPS is also asking for 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 the use of automated information 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.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before April 10, 1998.

**SEND COMMENTS TO:** Dr. Robert E. Manning, Professor, School of Natural Resources, 356 Aiken Center, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405. Phone (802) 656-2684.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Robert E. Manning. Voice (802) 656-2684; Fax (802) 656-2623; Email: rmanning@nature.snr.uvm.edu.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*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 concerning visitor demographics and visitor opinions about the service that the National Park Service provides. The NPS also needs information about indicators and standards of quality for the visitor experience. The proposed information to be collected from visitors in these parks is not available from other 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 reach to management and services to park. The intrusion on visitors is minimized by contacting them only once during their visit to the park.

*Description of Respondents:* A sample of visitors to each park or park unit.

*Estimated Average Number of respondents:* 1200 visitors to Yosemite National Park, 800 visitors to Statute of Liberty/Ellis Island National Monuments, and 500 visitors to each of two units of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

*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 Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* 1 time per respondent.

*Estimated Annual Reporting Burden:* 600 Burden hours at Yosemite National Park, 400 burden hours at Statute of Liberty/Ellis Island National Monuments Visitor Surveys, and 500 burden hours total for the two units of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

**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

#### Solicitation of Applications

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of applications

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 5401, the National Park Service is soliciting applications for the National Maritime Heritage Grants Program.

**DATES:** All application packages must be postmarked by the application deadline, Friday, April 17, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Application information is available from: National Park Service, National Maritime Initiative (2280), 1849 C Street N.W. Room NC400, Washington, D.C. 20240, Attention: National Maritime Heritage Grants Program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Foster, National Maritime Initiative, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 202-343-5969, 202-343-1244 (fax).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public Law 103-451 (16 U.S.C. 5401) established within the Department of the Interior the National Maritime Heritage Grants Program to help State and local governments and private nonprofit organizations carry out their maritime heritage activities. The Grants Program is a national, competitive matching grants program which provides funds for Maritime Heritage Education Projects and Maritime Heritage Preservation Projects designed to reach a broad audience and enhance public awareness and appreciation for the maritime heritage of the United States.

Maritime Heritage Education Projects provide information about the maritime heritage of the United States and include, but are not limited to, curation, instruction, and interpretation of maritime heritage collections, traditional maritime skills, historic maritime properties, and maritime

history topics. Maritime Heritage Preservation Projects encompass all facets of preservation planning and treatment for historic maritime properties (which include maritime archeological sites).

This year, grants will be awarded for a variety of Education and Preservation Projects. Awards will range from \$2,500 to \$50,000. However, due to limited funds, greater priority will be given to activities that raise awareness of our maritime heritage, increase involvement in maritime heritage activities, plan for future maritime heritage efforts, and help to maintain what is already preserved.

**Barry Mackintosh,**

*for Chief Historian.*

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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 January 31, 1998. Pursuant to § 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, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127. Written comments should be submitted by February 24, 1998.

**Carol D. Shull,**

*Keeper of the National Register.*

### ARIZONA

#### Gila County

Theodore Roosevelt Dam National Register District, Linear area along the Shore of Lake Roosevelt, from Dam to Canal intake, Roosevelt vicinity, 98000144

### GEORGIA

#### Sumter County

Morgan Farm, The, 770 Old Dawson Rd., Smithville vicinity, 98000145

### MASSACHUSETTS

#### Barnstable County

Central Fire Station, 399 Main St., Falmouth, 98000146

Falmouth Pumping Station, Pumping Station Rd., Falmouth, 98000148

Poor House and Methodist Cemetery, 744 Main St., Falmouth, 98000147