

largest bid is at least 50 percent of the highest qualified bid and if its high bid per acre ranks in the top 75 percent of high bids for all three-or-more-bid tracts that reside within its specified water depth category.

2. We accept the highest qualified bid on all tracts determined to be nonviable.

3. We determine whether any categorical fair market evaluation technique(s) will be used.

If so we:

A. Evaluate, define, and identify the appropriate threshold measure(s) for bid acceptance.

B. Accept all tracts whose individual measures of bid adequacy satisfy the threshold categorical requirements.

4. We conduct a full-scale evaluation, which could include the use of MONTCAR, on all remaining tracts passed to Phase 2 and still awaiting an acceptance or rejection decision.

What Subset of Tracts Comprise the "Remaining Tracts" That Still Need a Phase 2 Acceptance or Rejection Decision?

The remaining tracts include tracts not accepted by a categorical rule that we classify as:

1. DD tracts, or

2. CW tracts that are viable and received:

A. One or two qualified bids, or

B. Three-or-more qualified bids, if either its third largest bid is less than 50 percent of the highest qualified bid or the high bid is in the bottom 25 percent of all three-or-more-bid CW tracts within a designated water depth category.

What Procedures are Followed for Evaluating the Adequacy of Bids on These Tracts?

For these tracts we:

1. Accept the highest qualified bid, if it equals or exceeds the tract's ADV.

2. Reject the highest qualified bid on DD tracts receiving three-or-more qualified bids, if the high bid is less than one-sixth of the tract's MROV.

3. Reject the highest qualified bid on DD tracts receiving one or two qualified bids and on CW tracts receiving only one qualified bid, if the high bid is less than the tract's ADV.

What Happens Next to the Tracts Still Awaiting an Acceptance or Rejection Decision?

At this stage of the process, the tracts still awaiting a decision consist of those having a highest qualified bid that is less than the ADV that are either:

1. DD tracts receiving three-or-more qualified bids with the highest bid exceeding one-sixth of the tract's MROV or

2. Viable CW tracts that receive two-or-more qualified bids.

From these tracts, we select the following:

A. DD tracts having three-or-more qualified bids with the third largest bid being at least 25 percent of the highest qualified bid, and

B. CW tracts having two-or-more qualified bids with the second largest bid being at least 25 percent of the highest qualified bid.

We then compare the highest qualified bid on each of these selected tracts to the tract's RAM. For all these tracts, we:

1. Accept the highest qualified bid, if the high bid equals or exceeds the tract's RAM, or

2. Reject the highest qualified bid, if the high bid is less than the tract's RAM.

Finally, we identify those tracts that are still awaiting a decision, but did not meet the requirements for comparison to the RAM and we reject the high bid on these tracts.

At this point, the acceptance or rejection decisions are made on all the high bids in the sale. The successful bidders are notified and their leases are awarded after the full payment of the high bid is received. The unsuccessful bidders are notified as well and their bid deposits are returned. Unsuccessful bidders may appeal a bid rejection decision as described in 30 CFR 256.47(e)(3).

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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, Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) in conjunction with a natural resource protection council including members from the Air Force and a number of state and federal land management agencies is proposing in 1999 to conduct surveys of persons using selected Alaskan Military Operations Areas where Air Force training occurs. In one of these surveys,

person owning property along the Salcha River will be asked about their expectations concerning Air Force training and the impacts of reported overflights on their activities and experiences.

	Estimated numbers of	
	Responses	Burden hours
Salcha River Land-owner Mail Survey	150	75

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed surveys. The NPS also is 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 use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The NPS goal in conducting these surveys is to assess the effectiveness of current mitigation efforts in limiting impacts of Air Force training activity on human users of Alaskan Military Operations Areas.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before September 10, 1999.

Send Comments To: Darryll R. Johnson, USGS/BRD/FRESC/UWFS, College of Forest Resources, Box 352100, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-2100; or Mark E. Vande Kamp, USGS/BRD/FRESC/UWFS, College of Forest Resources, Box 352100, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-2100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darryll R. Johnson. Voice: 206-685-7404,

Email: <darryllj@u.washington.edu>; Mark E. Vande Kamp. Voice: 206-543-0378, Email: <mevk@u.washington.edu>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Salcha River Land-owner Mail Survey.

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 (in conjunction with a natural resource protection council

including members from the Air Force and a number of state and federal land management agencies) needs information to assess the effectiveness of current mitigation efforts in limiting impacts of Air Force training activity on human users of Alaskan Military Operations Areas.

Automated data collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information because it includes asking land-owners for expectations and evaluations they associate with their experiences with military aircraft on the Salcha River.

Description of respondents: Persons owning land on the Salcha River.

Estimated average number of respondents: 150.

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.

Frequency of response: 1 time per respondent.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 75 hours.

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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, Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The National Park Service (NPS) in conjunction with a natural resource protection council including members from the Air Force and a number of state and federal land management agencies is proposing in 1999 to conduct surveys of persons using selected Alaskan Military Operations Areas where Air Force training occurs. In one of these surveys, visitors entering Harding Lake and Chena River State Recreation Areas (SRAs) will be asked about their expectations concerning Air Force training, and will be sent a mail questionnaire asking about the impacts of reported overflights on their activities and experiences.

Estimated numbers of	Responses	Burden hours
Alaskan Military Operations Areas On-Site Entrance Survey	1410	235
Alaskan Military Operations Areas Mail Survey	950	396
Total	2360	631

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 six 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 incorporate survey information into the process of setting policy to mitigate the impact of Air Force activity in the Alaskan MOAs on recreational users of those areas.

One request for further information was received as a result of publishing in the **Federal Register** a 60 day notice of intention to request clearance of information collection for these six surveys. Further information was provided as requested. No other comments were received.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before August 11, 1999.

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: Darryll R. Johnson, USGS/BRD/FRESC/UWFS, College of Forest Resources, Box 352100, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-2100; or Mark E. Vande Kamp, USGS/BRD/FRESC/UWFS, College of Forest Resources, Box 352100, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-2100.

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 August 11, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE STUDY PACKAGES SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT: Darryll R. Johnson. Voice: 206-685-7404, Email: <darryllj@u.washington.edu>; or Mark E. Vande Kamp. Voice: 206-543-0378, Email: <mevk@u.washington.edu>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Alaskan Military Operations Areas On-Site Entrance Survey; Alaskan Military Operations Areas Mail Survey.

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 (in conjunction with a natural resource protection council including members from the Air Force and a number of state and federal land management agencies) needs information to assess the effectiveness of current mitigation efforts in limiting impacts of Air Force training activity on human users of Alaskan Military Operations Areas.

Automated data collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information because it includes asking visitors about the expectations and evaluations they associate with their experiences in Harding Lake and Chena River State Recreation Areas.

Description of respondents: A sample of individuals who use Harding Lake and Chena River State Recreation Areas for recreation purposes.

Estimated average number of respondents: 1410 Total respondents.

Estimated average number of responses: 2360 total responses. Approximately 950 respondents will respond twice, once to an entrance survey, and once to a mail follow-up survey, thus accounting for the difference between total respondents and total responses.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 10 minutes (Alaskan Military Operations Areas On-Site Entrance