

lead to the result that there are more active permits in a year than there are active studies.

Comments are invited on: (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the validity and accuracy of the reporting burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made public available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Automated Data Collection: The information collection and status reporting system for which the renewal of three components of a single collection of information package is being proposed in this notice currently is available to applicants, permittees, and the public through the NPS Research Permit and Reporting System Web site (<http://science.nature.nps.gov/research>). In addition to considering the renewal of the three information collection forms without changes, NPS is considering what development of modifications to the Internet site, if any, are needed to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of this automation system to facilitate the permit application and progress reporting process. If NPS were to adopt a component by which users could provide comments to NPS, NPS would make that component available online through the Internet site.

Description of Respondents: Representatives of: Academic and other research institutions, Federal, state, or local agencies, research businesses; other scientific parties seeking an NPS research and collecting or science education permit; permittees who submit the annual report of accomplishment that is one of the permit conditions.

Estimated Average Number of Respondents: NPS estimates the average number of respondents to be 6,500 by 2010.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: NPS estimates an average number of 13,000 responses by 2010.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Two-Part Response: 1,625 hours per year total for responding to both parts of this collection of information was the

estimate in 2004. NPS does not expect this burden hour estimate to change, even if the proposed opportunity for permit system users to offer comments to NPS is adopted, because returning users are expected to be able to spend less time on the two existing parts and the goal for the collection of information for the comments is to make that collection of information short and focused.

Frequency of Response: 2 times per respondent per year—once to submit the application and once to submit the Investigator's Annual Report. A small number of respondents is expected to submit a third response, should the proposed collection of information for comments be added to the system.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: NPS estimates the estimated annual reporting burden will be 10,560 hours by the year 2010.

Dated: February 7, 2007.

Leonard E. Stowe,

NPS, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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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.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on an extension of a currently approved collection of information (OMB No. 1024-0021).

DATES: Public comments on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted on or before May 7, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Richard Merryman, National Capital Region, 1100 Ohio Dr., Rm. 128, SW., Washington, DC 20242. Phone: 202-619-7225, Fax: 202-401-2430. Also, you may send comments to Leonard Stowe, NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 1849 C St., NW. (2605), Washington, DC 20240, or by e-mail at Leonard_Stowe@nps.gov. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Merryman, National Capital Region, 1100 Ohio Dr., Rm. 128, SW., Washington, DC 20242, via phone at 202/619-7225, or via fax at 202/401-2430, or via e-mail at

Rick_Merryman@nps.gov. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free of charge.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Capital Region Application for Public Gathering, 36 CFR 7.96(g).

Departmental Form Number: None.

OMB Number: 1024-0021.

Expiration Date: 06/30/07.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of Need: The information collection responds to the statutory requirement that the NPS preserve park resources and regulate the use of units of the National Park System. The information to be collected identifies: (1) Those individuals and/or organizations that wish to conduct a public gathering on NPS property in the National Capital Region, (2) the logistics of a proposed demonstration or special event that aid the NPS in regulating activities to insure that they are consistent with the NPS mission, (3) potential civil disobedience and traffic control issues for the assignment of United States Park Police personnel, and (4) circumstances which may warrant a bond to be assigned to the event for the purpose of covering potential cost to repair damage caused by the event.

Comments are invited on: (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so.

Description of Respondents:

Respondents are those individuals or organizations that wish to conduct a

special event or demonstration on NPS properties within the National Capital Region that lie within the geographical limits set forth in 36 CFR 7.96(a).

Estimated average number of annual respondents: 2500.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 5 minutes.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 1250 hours.

Dated: February 6, 2007.

Leonard E. Stowe,

NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Information Collection: Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3507) and 5 CFR Part 1320, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comment on an extension of a currently approved collection of information (OMB No. 1024-0022)

DATES: Public comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted on or before May 7, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Lee Dickinson, Special Park Uses Program Manager, National Park Service (NPS), 1849 C Street, NW., (org. code 2460), Washington, DC 20240 or by e-mail at Lee_Dickinson@nps.gov. Also, please send a copy of your comments to Leonard Stowe, Information Collection Clearance Officer, NPS, 1849 C St., (org. code 2605), Washington, DC 20240, or by e-mail at Leonard.Stowe@nps.gov. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Copies of this form may be obtained from the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/policy/DOrders/BUP.pdf> or by contacting Lee Dickinson.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Dickinson, Special Park Uses Manager, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW., (org. code 2460), Washington, DC 20240; Phone: 205-513-7092; E-mail: Lee_Dickinson@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Backcountry Use Permit (36 CFR 1.5, 1.6, and 2.10).

Form Numbers: 10-404A.

OMB Number: 1024-0022.

Expiration Date: 06/30/07.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of Need: In 1976, the NPS initiated a backcountry registration system in accordance with the regulations found at 36 CFR 1.5, 1.6 and 2.10. The objective of the backcountry use permit system is to provide users access to backcountry areas of national parks with continuing opportunities for solitude, while enhancing resource protection and providing a means of disseminating public safety messages regarding backcountry travel.

NPS backcountry program managers, by designating access routes and overnight camping locations, can redistribute campers in response to user impact, high fire danger, flood or wind hazard, bear activity or other situations that may temporarily close a portion of the backcountry. The NPS may also use the permit system as a means of ensuring that each backcountry user receives up-to-date information on backcountry sanitation procedures, food storage, wildlife activity, trail conditions and weather projections so that concerns for visitor safety are met.

The Backcountry Use Permit is an extension of the NPS statutory authority responsibility to protect the park areas it administers and to manage the public use thereof (16 U.S.C. Sections 1 and 3). NPS regulations codified in 36 CFR Parts 1 through 7, 12 and 13, are designated to implement statutory mandates that provide for resource protection and public enjoyment. The Backcountry Use Permit is the primary form used to provide access into NPS backcountry areas including those areas that require a reservation to enter where use limits are imposed in accordance with other NPS regulations. Such permitting enhances the ability to the NPS to educate users on potential hazards, search and rescue efforts, and resource protection.

Comments are invited on: (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you

should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals wishing to use backcountry areas within national parks.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 285,000.

Estimated annual number of responses: 285,000.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 5 minutes.

Estimated frequency of response: 1 time.

Estimated annual resorting burden: 22,800 hours per year.

Dated: January 29, 2007.

Leonard E. Stowe,

NPS, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, New York

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-109 section 102(2)(C)), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Draft General Management Plan (GMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Sagamore Hill National Historic Site (NHS), located in the town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York. Consistent with National Park Service rules, regulations, and policies, and the park's mission, the Draft GMP/EIS describes and analyzes two action alternatives to guide the management and development of Sagamore Hill NHS over the next 15 to 20 years. The action alternatives incorporate various management prescriptions to ensure protection and enjoyment of the park's resources. A status quo alternative (see below) is also evaluated. The Draft GMP/EIS evaluates potential environmental consequences of implementing the alternatives. Impact topics include cultural and natural resources, visitor experience, park