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Fwd: Recreational Use Study Federal Register Notice

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FYI. See message below

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Date: Fri, Sep 5, 2014 at 12:46 PM
Subject: Recreational Use Study Federal Register Notice
To: Linda Whetton <lwhetton@usbr.gov>

[Hi, Linda...please distribute to the AMP. Thanks!]

There was discussion and questions about the Recreational Use Study notice in the Federal Register at the AMWG meeting on August 28, 2014. I am distributing the notice in the event anyone involved with the AMP wanted to review and/or comment.

The Department of Interior has filed notice, request for comment in the Federal Register concerning the Recreational Use Study to be conducted by GCMRC (Project 13.1 in the GCDAMP TBWP— FY 2015–2017). The close for comment is October 27, 2014. Attached is the Federal Register notice.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/08/26/2014-20232/proposed-information-collection-recreational-use-study>

Note, the Recreational Use Study is not associated with the Federal Register notice concerning the Colorado River Total Value Study filed on July 9, 2014.

Pleas feel free to contact me with questions.

Thanks

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I. Abstract

The objective of this collection is to build better inventories of landslides through citizen participation. This project will make it possible for the public to report their observations of landslides on a USGS-hosted Web site. The information gathered through the on-line database will be used to classify the landslides and damage, as well as provide information to scientists about the location, time, speed, and size of the landslides. The USGS Landslide Hazards Program has developed an interactive Web site for public reporting of landslides.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028-0100.

Form Number: <http://landslides.usgs.gov/dysi/form.php>.

Title: Did you see it? Report a Landslide.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Affected Public: General Public.

Respondent's Obligation: None.

Participation is voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion, after a landslide.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 2,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 167.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this IC.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and current expiration date.

III. Request for Comments

We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your personal mailing address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable

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

Martha G. Brooks,

Signing Official, Chief of Staff, Natural Hazards Mission Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-EQD-SSB-16525; PPWONRADE3, PPMRSNR1Y.NM000]

Proposed Information Collection: Recreational Use Study

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) concerning recreational use along the Colorado River—specifically the stretch between the Glen Canyon Dam and Lee's Ferry. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. A federal agency not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: To ensure that your comments on this IC are considered, we must receive them on or before October 27, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments on this IC to Bret Meldrum, Chief, Social Science Program, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525-5596 (mail); Bret_Meldrum@nps.gov (email); and Phadrea Ponds, Information Collection Coordinator, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); or pponds@nps.gov (email). Please reference Information Collection 1024—NEW in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Duffield, University of Montana, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Missoula, MT 5981;

bioecon@montana.com (email); or: 406-721-2265 (phone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

In 2013, approximately over 6 million recreational visitors visited the Colorado River corridor. The National Park Service in collaboration with the US Geological Survey (USGS) and the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (GCMRC) are interested in understanding the quality and values of visitor trips related to recreational use from the base of Glen Canyon Dam to just below Lees Ferry. A mail-back survey will be used to collect information concerning 1) trip/visit characteristics, 2) activities and 3) opinions on river management. This collection proposes to provide data that will be used to update the currently used estimates that are more than 25 years old. Up-to-date and relevant information is needed concerning the estimation of recreational use in this area.

II. Data

OMB Number: None. This is a new collection.

Title: Recreational Use Survey.

Type of Request: New.

Affected Public: General public and individual households.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One-time.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 5,940.

Annual Burden Hours: 844 hours. We

estimate the public reporting burden to be 20 minutes per completed survey response.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We have not identified any

"non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request

to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Dated: August 20, 2014.

Madonna L. Baucum,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
National Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Record of Decision for Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Gateway National Recreation Area, New Jersey and New York.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Record of Decision for the Final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Final GMP/EIS), Gateway National Recreation Area (Gateway), New Jersey and New York. On June 11, 2014, the Regional Director, Northeast Region, signed the Record of Decision approving a new General Management Plan (GMP) for Gateway. As soon as practicable, the NPS will begin to implement the selected alternative.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Jennifer Nersesian, Gateway National Recreation Area, 210 New York Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10305 or telephone at (718) 354-4664.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained from the contact listed below; the park's Web site, <http://www.nps.gov/gate>; or the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/GATEROD>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 11, 2014, the Regional Director, Northeast Region, signed the Record of

Decision selecting Alternative B as the approved General Management Plan (GMP) for Gateway. The Record of Decision includes a statement of the decision made; synopses of other alternatives considered; the basis for the decision; a description of the environmentally preferable alternative; a finding on impairment of park resources and values; a listing of measures to minimize environmental harm; and an overview of public involvement in the decision-making process.

The NPS will implement Alternative B: Discovering Gateway, which was identified as the agency's preferred alternative in the Final GMP/EIS. The complete description of the selected alternative is provided in chapter 2 of the Final GMP/EIS in the following sections: *Management Concepts for Each Alternative, Management Zones, Desired Conditions Common to Both Alternatives and Alternative B: Discovering Gateway.*

Under the selected alternative, the NPS will provide the widest range of activities and most recreation opportunities in dispersed locations throughout the park. New connections will be forged with park lands and communities adjacent and nearby Gateway. This alternative will offer the most instructional programming and skills development and draw people into the park to increase awareness and enjoyment of Gateway's historic resources and the natural environment. Gateway will provide more opportunities for multi-day excursions and overnight stays within the park and proposes different types of camping and lodging, varied use levels, and a range of supporting facilities. Increased use will be balanced with additional monitoring and management of wildlife and habitats. More convenient and affordable park access will be developed through trail connections, bicycle infrastructure, public transit, and waterborne transportation. The selected alternative prioritizes joint management and operations for visitor services, orientation, programs, and facilities with New York City and other partners.

The selected alternative describes the approach that the park will take to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change. Specific options to protect Gateway's resources include integrating long-term planning into park operations, monitoring observed and projected climate trends, conducting climate-related vulnerability assessments for fundamental resources and values, monitoring climate sensitive species, and implementing a range of adaptive management actions. Natural

resource protection and restoration efforts will focus on softening hardened coastal edges, restoring wetland and coastal habitats and improving water quality within park waters. The park will pursue public-private partnerships that assist with the preservation and reuse of historic structures and landscapes for a wide variety of uses including visitor services, administrative and partner needs, recreational business opportunities or compatible private use. Gateway will continue to collaborate with a variety of academic and scientific institutions, non-profit organizations and agencies on research and projects to find creative solutions for the long-term preservation of natural and cultural resources.

The NPS selected Alternative B: Discovering Gateway because it best promotes a national park experience, provides a diversity of resource-based recreational opportunities and balances use with protection of the park's fundamental resources and values. The enabling legislation and park purpose identified in the Final GMP/EIS were given the highest consideration as the basis for selecting Alternative B. The selected alternative provides for the greatest diversity of outdoor recreation and access to park shorelines for water-based activities—primary reasons for which Gateway was established as the first NPS urban national recreation area—and emphasizes new physical and programmatic connections with adjacent communities and local government park systems to further increase opportunities for park access. The selected alternative focuses on the preservation and interpretation of the key resources mentioned in the park's legislation and emphasizes new partnerships with New York City and adjacent communities that will greatly enhance the park's ability to fulfill the intent of the enabling legislation and support targeted resource protection goals.

This planning process was initiated in 2009 and included extensive involvement with key stakeholders, agencies, resource experts, and members of the public. Information was disseminated through newsletters and press releases, and all interested parties were provided with opportunities to provide input and feedback during public meetings, workshops, and document review periods. The Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Draft GMP/EIS) was available for public and agency review from August 2, 2013, through October 22, 2013, with five public open houses held in August and September 2013. The Final GMP/EIS