

Comments: Before an ICR is submitted to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency “* * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *”.

Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the “non-hour cost” burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information, monitoring, and record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for equipment or services purchased: (i) before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

Public Comment Policy: Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent’s

identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: November 27, 2002.

E.P. Danenberger,
Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of a currently approved information collection

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Park Service’s intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of its Concession Management Program.

DATES: Comments in this notice must be received no later than January 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Please also send a copy of your comments to Cynthia L. Orlando, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW (2410), Washington, DC 20240.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Proposed Sale of Concession Operations.

OMB Number: 1024-0126.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2002.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The National Park Service (NPS) authorizes private businesses known as concessioners to provide necessary and appropriate visitor

facilities and services in areas of the National Park System. Concession authorizations may be assigned, sold, transferred or encumbered by the concessioner subject to prior written approval of the NPS. The NPS requires that certain information be submitted for review prior to the consummation of any sale, transfer, assignment, or encumbrance.

16 U.S.C. 5957 provides that no concessions contract or leasehold surrender interest may be transferred, assigned or sold, or otherwise conveyed or pledged by a concessioner without prior written notification to, and approval by, the Secretary. Regulations at 36 CFR part 51, subpart J, require that certain information be submitted for review by the NPS prior to the consummation of any sale, transfer, assignment or encumbrance.

The information requested is used to determine whether or not the proposed transaction will result in an adverse impact on the protection, conservation, or preservation of the resources of the unit of the National Park System, decreased services to the public, the lack of a reasonable opportunity for profit over the remaining term of the authorization, or rates in excess of existing approved rates to the public. In addition, pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR part 51, the value of rights for intangible assets such as the concession contract, right of preference in renewal, user days, or low fees, belong to the Government.

If any portion of the purchase price is attributable either directly or indirectly to such assets, the transaction may not be approved. The amount and type of information to be submitted varies with the type and complexity of the proposed transaction. Without such information, the NPS would be unable to determine whether approval of the proposed transaction would be adequate.

Estimate of Burden: Approximately 80 hours per response.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 20.

Estimated number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1600 Hours.

A list of information required to be submitted with a request for sale, assignment, transfer or encumbrance of a concession authorization is set forth at 36 CFR part 51, subpart J.

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection to the Office of Management and Budget at

the address in the **ADDRESSES** section. For further information about this information collection request, you may contact Erica Smith-Chavis at 202/513-7144, or by written request (see **ADDRESSES**). All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 25, 2002.

Cynthia L. Orlando,

Concession Program Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contract Negotiations; Public Notice

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.23, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to extend the following expiring concession contracts for a period of up to one year, or until such time as a new contract is awarded, whichever occurs sooner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All of the listed concession authorizations will expire by their terms on or before December 31, 2002. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed short-term extensions are necessary in order to avoid interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid such interruption. These extensions will allow the National Park Service to complete and issue prospectuses leading to the competitive selection of concessioners for new long-term concession contracts covering these operations.

| Concessioner ID No. | Concessioner name | Park |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| BAND001 | Bandelier Trading, Inc. | Bandelier National Monument. |
| BRCA002 | Bryce-Zion Trail Rides | Bryce Canyon National Park. |
| CANY001 | Adventure Bound, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY002 | Abercrombie & Kent America Adventures, Ltd. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY003 | NAVTEC Expeditions, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY004 | Colorado Outward Bound School | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY005 | Colorado River & Trail Expeditions, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY006 | Don Hatch River Expeditions, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY007 | Holiday River Expeditions, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY009 | Moki Mac River Expeditions, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY010 | O.A.R.S. Canyonlands, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY011 | Western River Expeditions, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY012 | Niskanen & Jones, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY014 | Niskanen & Jones, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY015 | Holiday River Expeditions, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY016 | Tour West, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY017 | Western River Expeditions, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY018 | American Wilderness Expeditions, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY019 | Niskanen & Jones, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| CANY020 | World Wide River Expeditions, Inc. | Canyonlands National Park. |
| DINO001 | Adventure Bound Tours, Inc. | Dinosaur National Park. |
| DINO002 | American River Touring Assoc. | Dinosaur National Park. |
| DINO003 | Colorado Outward Bound School | Dinosaur National Park. |
| DINO005 | Holiday River Expeditions, Inc. | Dinosaur National Park. |
| DINO006 | Don Hatch River Expeditions, Inc. | Dinosaur National Park. |
| DINO008 | Dinosaur River Expeditions | Dinosaur National Park. |
| DINO009 | O.A.R.S., Inc. | Dinosaur National Park. |
| DINO011 | National Outdoor Leadership School, Inc. | Dinosaur National Park. |
| DINO012 | Sheri Griffith Expeditions | Dinosaur National Park. |
| DINO014 | Eagle Outdoor Sports | Dinosaur National Park. |
| DINO016 | Adrift Adventures, Inc. | Dinosaur National Park. |
| GRTE001 | Grand Teton Lodge Co. | Grand Teton National Park. |
| GRTE024 | Jackson Hole Ski Corp | Grand Teton National Park. |
| GRTE025 | Rendezvous Ski Tours | Grand Teton National Park. |
| GRTE032 | Spring Creek Ranch | Grand Teton National Park. |
| GRTE046 | Gros Ventre River Ranch | Grand Teton National Park. |
| GRTE047 | The National Outdoor Leadership School | Grand Teton National Park. |
| MEVE001 | Aramark Mesa Verde Co. | Mesa Verde National Park. |
| WHS001 | White Sands Concessions | White Sands National Monument. |
| YELL001 | West Park Hospital | Yellowstone National Park. |

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Orlando, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Washington, DC, 20240, Telephone 202/513-7156.

Dated: October 31, 2002.

Richard G. Ring,

Associate Director, Administration, Workforce Development and Business Practices.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contract Negotiations; Public Notice

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.