

Estimated average burden hours per Applicant response: 35 hours.

Estimated average burden hours per Grantee response: 4.4 hours.

Estimated average annual burden hours per Grantee for all responses: 44 hours.

Estimated total annual average burden hours per respondent for all responses: 79 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 474 years.

NPS is soliciting comments regarding:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NPS, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the burden estimate including the validity of the method and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of collecting the information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology; or,

(5) Any other aspect of this collection of information.

NPS will summarize and include in the request for OMB approval all responses to this notice. All comments will also become a matter of public record. You can obtain copies of the information collection from John W. Renaud, Project Coordinator, State, Tribal and Local Programs, Heritage Preservation Services, National Center for Cultural Resources, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., Org. Code 2255, Washington, DC 20240-0001.

Dated: December 4, 2003.

Leonard E. Stowe,

Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, WAPC.

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ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the terms of existing concession contracts, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to request a continuation of visitor services for a period not-to-exceed 1 year from the date of contract expiration.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The contracts listed below have been extended to maximum allowable under 36 CFR 51.23. Under the provisions of current concession contracts and pending the completion of the public solicitation of a prospectus for a new concession contract, the National Park Service authorizes continuation of visitor services for a period not-to-exceed 1 year under the terms and conditions of the current contract as amended. The continuation of operations does not affect any rights with respect to selection for award of a new concession contract.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contracts and Permits

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

CONCID #	Concessioner name	Park
DEVA001	Scotty's Castle	Death Valley NP.
DEVA002	Stovepipe Wells	Death Valley NP.
GOGA008	Louis' Restaurant	Golden Gate NRA.
KALA001	Molokai Mule Ride	Kalaupapa NHP.
LAME002	Lake Mead RV Village	Lake Mead NRA.
LAME003	Lake Mead Resort	Lake Mead NRA.
LAME005	Calville Bay Resort	Lake Mead NRA.
LAME006	Las Vegas Boat Harbor	Lake Mead NRA.
LAME008	Overton Beach Marina	Lake Mead NRA.
LAME010	Echo Bay Resort	Lake Mead NRA.
MUWO001	Aramark Leisure Services	Muir Woods NM.
OLYM001	Kalaloch Lodge	Olympic NP.
OLYM005	Crescent West	Olympic NP.
OLYM008	Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort	Olympic NP.
ROLA003	Ross Lake Resort	Olympic NP.
WHIS001	Oak Bottom Marina	Whiskeytown NRA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

Dated: December 24, 2003.

Richard G. Ring,

Associate Director, Administration, Business Practices and Workforce Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contracts and Permits

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 executed, whichever occurs sooner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All of the listed concession authorizations will expire by their terms on or before December 31, 2003. 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.

Conc ID No.	Concessioner name	Park
CHIS003	Truth Aquatics	Channel Islands, National Park.
LACH002	House Jack Built	Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.
LACH004	McGregor Mountain	Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.
MUWO001	Muir Woods	Muir Woods National Monument.
OLYM006	Hurricane Ridge Sports Club	Olympic National Park.
SEKI001	Timothy and Patty Lovern	Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2004

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Dated: December 24, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement, Glacier National Park, a Unit of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, Montana

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a record of decision on the final environmental impact statement for the Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation Plan, Glacier National Park.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 852, 853, codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 4332 (2) (C), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Record of Decision for the Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation Plan, Glacier National Park, Montana. On September 15, 2003, the Acting Director, Intermountain Region approved the Record of Decision for the project. As soon as practicable, the National Park Service will begin to implement the Preferred Alternative contained in the FEIS issued on June 6, 2003, and modified as described in the Record of Decision. The following course of action will occur under the preferred alternative. Rehabilitation of the Road will be completed over 7 to 8 years, if required funding is made available and unforeseen delays do not occur. The cost to implement proposed Road rehabilitation and visitor use improvements and mitigation is estimated to range from \$140 million to

\$170 million. This alternative accomplishes road repairs while maintaining visitor use and access to the GTSR similar to current conditions.

Rehabilitation will include improvements and upgrades to visitor use facilities located adjacent to the Road. Visitor use improvements include: improved vehicle parking and pedestrian circulation at existing pullouts; rehabilitation of existing toilets and the addition of new toilets; construction of five new short turnouts for slow-moving vehicles; construction of a few new short roadside trails and rehabilitation of social trails; designation of transit stops at popular locations along the Road; and improved information, orientation and interpretive information for visitors. Selective vegetation trimming and clearing to restore scenic vistas at specific locations along the road will occur in accordance with an approved Vista Management Plan that is currently being developed.

To ensure that the Road remains in excellent condition following this rehabilitation effort, the Park is seeking increased funding for operations and maintenance of the Road. In the past, the annual operating budget for Road maintenance has not been adequate to keep up with necessary Road repairs. Sufficient annual funding is required to protect the investment in Road rehabilitation and visitor use improvements.

Mitigation as described in the Final EIS and summarized under Measures to Minimize Environmental Harm is also incorporated into the preferred alternative and NPS decision. NPS biologists and other park staff will work with FHWA during project development to incorporate the mitigation into the construction contract documents.

One concern raised by several members of the public on the Final EIS was the planned restrictions in traffic during the shoulder seasons prior to July 4 and after mid-September. The concern expressed was that delaying the opening of the road across Logan Pass until July 4th would be perceived as a Road closure and could result in more adverse affects on tourist visits and local businesses.

In response to these comments, the NPS has decided that shoulder season work will occur prior to mid-June and after mid-September. This is a change from the Final EIS. The specific date in June for opening the road across Logan Pass will be determined by the Superintendent. It will be dependent on the construction underway, road conditions, safety, and the weather. Prior to mid-June and after mid-September, when visitation is typically lower, traffic will be suspended within discrete work zones, while Logan Pass and the remainder of the Road remain open, dependent on weather conditions, (at least 40 miles; 65 kilometers). Between mid-June and mid-September, a maximum cumulative traffic delay of 30 minutes over the length of the Road will occur during peak visitor hours. Longer delays will be used during the early morning, evening, and at night. Glacier National Park will remain open throughout the year regardless of the various travel restrictions required during rehabilitation. This course of action and three other alternatives were analyzed in the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements. The full range of foreseeable environmental consequences was assessed, and appropriate mitigating measures were identified.

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 preferred 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Riddle, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936, 406-888-7898, mary_riddle@nps.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained from the contact listed above or online at <http://www.nps.gov/glac/plans.htm>