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PLEASE NOTE: In the revised renewal submission of this information collection, Forest Service is merging the burden and forms associated with OMB control number 0596-0019, "Visitor Permit and Visitor Registration Card". With the merging of 0596-0019 the title of this collection package will change from "Recreation Fee Permit Envelope" to "Recreation Fee and Wilderness Program Administration." Upon approval of this information collection revision renewal request, Forest Service intends to submit a discontinue request to OMB for 0596-0019.

A. Justification

- 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.**

Every year millions of people visit America's national forests and grasslands to enjoy the recreational opportunities they provide or experience the solitude and challenge offered by wilderness and other special management areas. At some locations visited, the public is required to obtain a permit for use and/or pay a fee. These permits help the Forest Service meet policy direction as well as provide for public uses of the land in a responsible manner. Fees are charged at some locations to help cover the costs of operating and maintaining fee sites, areas, and facilities such as campgrounds. The Recreation Fee Envelope (FS-2300-26 and FS-2300-26a), Visitor's Permit (FS-2300-30), Visitor Registration Card (FS-2300-32) and Permit for Short-Term, Non-commercial Use of Government-Owned Cabins and Lookouts (FS-2300-43) are used to pay fees and collect information about visitation rates. The information collected by them assists Forest Service personnel in improving facilities and services, managing recreation areas and activities, preventing resource damage, preserving high quality outdoor experiences, and providing visitor safety. These forms have helped the Agency meet resource objectives and visitor needs in the past. Two new forms, National Recreation Application (FS-2300-47) and National Recreation Permit (FS-2300-48), have been developed as a means to manage additional visitor needs and interests to participate in recreational activities on National Forest System lands.

Forest Service is authorized to collect this information under the following Statutes and Regulations:

- Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814);
- Organic Administration Act (USC 16, 551),
- Wilderness Act (Public Law 88-557, Section 4),
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Public Law 90-542, Section 10)

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- Executive Order 11644,
- 36 CFR, Section 261.57 (Subpart A);
- 36 CFR, Section 261.58 (Subpart E); and
- 36 CFR 293.3 (Subpart A).

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.

a. What information will be collected - reported or recorded? (If there are pieces of information that are especially burdensome in the collection, a specific explanation should be provided.)

Recreation Fee Envelope FS-2300-26 and 26a: A fee collection envelope has been used for collection of site fees since 1982. Information collected includes the amount enclosed in the envelope, number of days paid, time and date of purchase, visitor's vehicle license number and registered state, visitor's home ZIP-code, number in party, other charges (if applicable), visitor's Interagency Pass/Golden Passport or Regional/Forest Pass number (if applicable), planned departure date (if applicable), site name, camps site type: single campsite or group campsite (if applicable), campsite number (if applicable), and the number in group. The FS-2300-26a collects the same information as FS-2300-26; FS-2300-26a is a colored envelope and used at some locations to differentiate day use fees from overnight fees.

The Visitor's Permit FS-2300-30 and Visitor Registration FS-2300-32: Information collected includes the visitor's name and address, area(s) to be visited, dates of visit, length of stay, location of entry and exit points, method of travel, number of people in the group, and where applicable, number of pack and saddle stock (i.e., the number of animals either carrying people or their gear), in the group, number of dogs, and number of watercraft or vehicles (where allowed). The Forest Service employee who completes the Visitor's Permit will note on the permit any special restrictions or important information the visitor should know. The visitor receives a copy of the permit and instructions to keep the permit with them for the duration of the visit. Information gathered on the forms identifies areas most frequently visited, provides the agency with critical information for appropriate stewardship of lands, and provides critical information to search and rescue personnel when locating lost visitors. Forms collect information about visitor use and helps the Forest Service meet policy directives as well as provide for public uses of the land in a responsible manner.

The Permit for Short-Term, Non-commercial Use of Government-Owned Cabins and Lookouts FS-2300-43 - is used to record contact information including name, address, and telephone number; requested dates of occupancy; party size and additional items if applicable, such as number of pack animals and/or snowmobiles. Information ensures that the national forests have the ability to successfully schedule use and communicate with

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renters in the event of emergencies or schedule changes.

The National Recreation Application FS-2300-47 - is used to manage the application process for certain activities and areas and to issue permits for recreation uses. The information collected is used to communicate with interested parties as to the success of their application, issue a permit (if applicable), and collect a fee associated with the permit (if applicable) for a desired activity and/or area. Information collected includes the applicant's name, address, phone number and email address, location and activity type, date and time of requested use, itinerary, number in party, entry and exit points, day or overnight use, method of travel (if applicable), group organization or event name (if applicable), group leader name and contact information (if applicable), vehicle or boat registration and license number and state of issue (if applicable), type and number of boats, stock or off-highway vehicles (if applicable), and assessed fee and method of payment (if applicable).

The National Recreation Permit FS-2300-48 - is used to authorize specific activities at particular recreational facilities or areas. Information collected includes the group or individual's name, responsible person's signature, address, phone number, date of permit, method of travel, license number and description of vehicle and tow type, payment method and amount, number and types of water craft (if applicable), number in a group at a cabin or campsite (if applicable), number and type of off-highway vehicles or other vehicles, and number and type of other use (if applicable). The information collected is used to ensure visitors have paid a required recreation fee for an area or activity.

b. From whom will the information be collected? If there are different respondent categories (e.g., loan applicant versus a bank versus an appraiser), each should be described along with the type of collection activity that applies.

The information on FS-2300-26, FS-2300-26a, FS-2300-43, FS-2300-47 and FS-2300-48 is collected from visitors (members of the public) to recreation fee sites and areas.

The information on FS-2300-30 and FS-2300-32 is collected from visitors (members of the public) to wilderness and other special management areas that have implemented the Visitor's Permit or Visitor Registration card to manage and/or monitor use levels and patterns.

c. What will this information be used for - provide ALL uses?

FS-2300-26 and FS-2300-26a: Information collected via this form will be used to ensure recreation fee compliance by collection agents, forest protection officers, and federal law enforcement agents. This is done by cross-checking and verifying that the vehicle license plate and state information left on a payment stub in the windshield of a vehicle matches the information on the payment envelope. Previously, zip code and optional information may have

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been recorded and retained by national forest recreation staff and used to monitor national forest visitation patterns; however, the Forest Service now uses the National Visitor Use Monitoring Program to monitor visitation in a standardized manner across the country.

FS-2300-30: The information gathered using this form assists in the management of special areas on National Forest System Lands by helping identify wilderness and special management areas most frequently visited, providing the agency with critical information for appropriate stewardship of these lands, and assisting personnel when locating lost visitors. The Visitor's Permit is required for entry into some special management areas on National Forest System Lands. Reservations and permit systems control public use in Wilderness Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, restricted off-road vehicle areas, and campgrounds. In areas where public use is managed and/or monitored, the Forest Service uses the Visitor's Permit to: prevent resource damage, preserve the quality of the experience, or for public safety. For example, visitor permits help the Agency understand how many people may be using a particular trailhead or portion of a wilderness area. The Agency uses this information to respond to indicators or standards in a management plan.

The personal contact that is involved with issuance of a Visitor's Permit provides an excellent opportunity for the Forest Service to discuss resource protection, proper camping techniques, fire prevention, safety, and sanitation requirements with the visitor. The permit allows managers to identify heavily used areas and move use to lesser-impacted areas. The permit also provides managers with information useful in locating forest visitors if they do not return from their trip as planned (i.e., aid in search and rescue missions).

FS-2300-32: This voluntary registration card provides Forest Service managers an inexpensive means of gathering visitor use information without imposing mandatory visitor permit regulations. Similar to the Visitor's Permit mentioned above, Visitor Registration Cards help the Forest Service understand how many people may be using a particular trailhead or portion of a wilderness area. This information allows the Agency to respond to indicators or standards in a management plan without requiring a mandatory permit system to gather and record this data.

The Visitor Registration Card allows managers to identify areas that are being heavily used, prepare restoration and monitoring plans to reflect where use is occurring, and in extreme cases to develop plans to move use to lesser impacted areas. The Visitor Registration Card also provides managers with information useful in locating forest visitors if they do not return from their trip as planned.

FS-2300-43: The information gathered using this form will be used by national forests to schedule short-term occupancy of government owned facilities. Information may be used to communicate with renters in the event of emergencies (e.g. fires) or other scheduling difficulties. Previously, zip code and optional information may have been recorded and retained by national forest recreation staff and used to monitor national forest visitation patterns; however, the Forest Service now uses the National Visitor Use Monitoring Program to monitor visitation in a standardized manner across the

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country.

FS-2300-47: The information gathered using this form will be used by national forests and/or reservation agents to manage the application process. Information may be used to communicate with applicants as to the success of their application. This form may also serve as permit for successful applicants.

FS-2300-48: The information gathered using this form will be used by national forests and/or reservation agents to authorize use or activities at specific recreation sites or areas. Information may be used to communicate with permit holders in the event of emergencies (e.g. fires) or other scheduling difficulties.

d. How will the information be collected (e.g., forms, non-forms, electronically, face-to-face, over the phone, over the Internet)? Does the respondent have multiple options for providing the information? If so, what are they?

FS-2300-26 and FS-2300-26a: Information will be collected using the fee envelope where individuals place their payment. This information is manually completed by visitors. This is the only option for collection of the information.

FS-2300-30: Information is collected by Forest Service employees who complete the form at a Forest Service office. Visitors may obtain the permit in person or may call ahead and provide the required information. In some instances, the permit is completed at an un-staffed trailhead and then deposited into a collection container.

FS-2300-32: Information is collected on the form that is manually completed by visitors without Forest Service assistance at the entry location, and deposit the card in an appropriate collection container.

FS-2300-43: Information will be collected on a form that has been either manually or electronically completed by individuals.

FS-2300-47 and FS-2300-48: Information will be collected on a form that has been completed by individuals. The form may be printed out and completed by hand, or completed electronically, printed, and submitted.

e. How frequently will the information be collected?

FS-2300-26 and FS-2300-26a: Each time an individual visits and pays a daily recreation fee or an overnight camping fee.

FS-2300-30 and FS-2300-32: Each time an individual visits a wilderness or special management area that has a permit or registration system in place.

FS-2300-43: Each time an individual applies to rent a government-owned facility that is not available through the National Recreation Reservation Service.

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FS-2300-47: Each time an individual applies for a recreation permit.

FS-2300-48: Each time an individual is authorized to use a specific facility or area, or participates in a specific activity at a specific facility that is managed under a permit system.

f. Will the information be shared with any other organizations inside or outside USDA or the government?

The Forest Service does not share the information collected with other organizations inside or outside the government.

g. If this is an ongoing collection, how have the collection requirements changed over time?

Collection requirements for FS-2300-26, FS-2300-26a, FS-2300-30, FS-2300-32, and FS-2300-43 have remained stable since the forms were initially approved and have experienced only minor modifications. With this submission, FS proposes to incorporate the burden associated with the currently OMB approved collection 0596-0019 into this request. Upon OMB approval of this Information Collection Request, FS intends on submitting a discontinue request for 0596-0019.

The two new forms, FS-2300-47 and FS-2300-48 have been added to the information collection because they collect information similar to that on the forms listed above, and may be used to address additional resource or visitor management needs and interests on National Forest System lands. Like FS-2300-26 and FS-2300-43 they may also be used to collect a fee.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.

The standardized forms provide the most efficient means of obtaining the data in a readily usable format and place the least burden on both visitor and Forest Service.

The information on form FS-2300-26 and Fs-2300-26a is collected at the recreation site. Currently, there is no feasible way to collect the required information by electronic means.

Information on FS-2300-30 and FS-2300-32 is collected at a Forest Service office or at the entry point of a special management area. It does not involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology as one of the primary reasons for use of these forms is to gain information on use levels and patterns; therefore, it is critical that visitors complete the form just prior to entry into the special management area. While it may be possible to collect this information electronically in advance of a visit, the quality of the information gathered would

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suffer considerably.

Form FS-2300-43 will be completed either manually or electronically by individuals wishing to rent government-owned cabins and lookouts for non-commercial, short term use that are not available through the National Recreation Reservation Service.

The information on forms FS-2300-47 and FS-2300-48 will be completed either manually or electronically by individuals wishing to secure authorization to use specific facilities or areas, or participate in specific activities on Federal lands and waters that are not available through the National Recreation Reservation Service.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.

The information collected is unique to the Forest Service and the individual interested in accessing a special management area with a permit or registration system in place, using a recreation fee site or a government-owned cabin or lookout, or applying for and securing authorization to use a specific facility or area, or participate in a specific activity on National Forest System lands. There is no similar information that is already available to be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities describe any methods used to minimize burden.

This collection of information will not impact small businesses or other small entities. Visitors to National Forest System lands provide the information collected.

6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

If this collection is not authorized, the Forest Service will not be able to:

- a. Verify who has paid a recreation fee;
- b. Manage the recreation application and permit process for facilities and activities outside the National Recreation Reservation System;
- c. Successfully manage recreation and wilderness programs;
- d. Appropriately schedule rentals of facilities;
- e. Communicate unanticipated schedule changes;
- f. Rent government owned facilities to the public;
- g. Monitor visitation rates in special management areas to prevent overuse and site deterioration in environmentally sensitive areas; and
- h. Continue to provide high quality recreational experiences based on

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relevant visitor data.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:

- **Requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;**
- **Requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;**

Due to the nature of the permits, respondents routinely apply for them fewer than 30 days ahead of the time of issuance and use.

- **Requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;**
- **Requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years;**
- **In connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;**
- **Requiring the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;**
- **That includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or**
- **Requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secret, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.**

There are no other special circumstances. The collection of information is conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.

8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8 (d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.

The Forest Service solicited comments on information collection 0596-0106 in a Federal Register notice 77 FR 39984-39985 published on July 6, 2012. The 60-day comment period for the notice closed on September 6, 2012. The agency received one comment from Backcountry Horsemen of California, Inc. The comment stated that creating additional forms to replace existing forms does not make it easier to use recreational lands.

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The new national recreation forms, FS-2300-47 and FS-2300-48, were created to replace regional and forest forms currently in use throughout the country with standard national forms in order to promote consistency throughout the Agency. The new forms are not intended to replace forms FS-2300-30 and FS-2300-32 approved under OMB control number 0596-0019. Since the information collected by OMB 0596-0106 and OMB 0596-0019 is similar, combining these information collections into one information collection request will increase agency efficiency and reduce duplication of effort.

Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and record keeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

Consultation with representatives of those from whom information is to be obtained or those who must compile records should occur at least once every 3 years even if the collection of information activity is the same as in prior periods. There may be circumstances that may preclude consultation in a specific situation. These circumstances should be explained.

The Forest Service consulted the following individuals regarding this information collection:

Chris Barns
Bureau of Land Management
Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center
32 Campus Drive
Missoula, MT 59812-1900

“Though we don’t have as many limiting permit systems as does the Forest Service, we do try to collect voluntarily provided data from those willing to complete the forms. The information we collect is very similar to the Forest Service. It’s the same basic stuff ...who are you, where are you going and how long will you be visiting the wilderness? The information requested on these two forms seems straight-forward and not confusing.”

Dr. Troy Hall
University of Idaho
College of Natural Resources
PO Box 441142
Moscow, Idaho 83844-1142

“Through my work with the University of Idaho, I am frequently in the field and often come across visitors that have recently completed either the permit or a voluntary registration form. The amount of information that is requested seems to be very reasonable. Folks don’t seem to mind filling out the form because they believe it will help manage the wilderness in which they are visiting.”

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Lisa Eidson
University of Montana
32 Campus Drive
Missoula, MT 59812

“Both the Visitor's Permits and Visitor Registration Card forms seem straight-forward. Some of the confusing aspects of the form that was used in past years have been addressed and I don't have any suggestions for how it can be improved.”

Brooke Linford
National Park Service, WASO Recreation Fee Program
1201 Eye Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

“I went through the forms and they looked good to me! The times seemed reasonable and there is enough space to fill out the information required. On the Visitor's Permit and Visitor Registration Card there are fields for "Travel Plan". In a similar permit form that the NPS uses I have found that visitors can come up with a variety of names for places may not coincide with what we call them.”

Sara Daehn
811 Constitution Ave.
Bedford, IN 47421

“The forms are direct and to the point and should be easy for visitors to the National Forests to understand and complete. They are fairly short so should not take too much of visitors' time to complete them. The information requested makes sense for the purpose of the forms.”

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than re-enumeration of contractors or grantees.

The Forest Service does not provide a payment or gift to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

No assurance of confidentiality is provided to visitors completing any of the forms.

For forms FS-2300-26, FS-2300-26a, FS-2300-30, FS-2300-32 and FS-2300-43, no information covered by a Privacy Act System of Records, Personally Identifiable Information, or other confidential information covered by a statute, regulation, or agency policy will be collected.

For forms FS-2300-47 and FS-2300-48, personal information such as names, addresses, phone numbers, emails and vehicle registration information will be

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secured and maintained in accordance with the system of records, National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS) USDA/FS-55.

Records will be retained and disposed of in accordance with the appropriate General Records Schedules of the National Archives and Records Administration.

- 11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior or attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.**

This kind of information is not requested or needed, nor provided to the Agency by individuals using recreation fee sites.

- 12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated.**

- Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form.**

Please see supplemental document entitled *0596-0106 Burden Estimate Spreadsheet 11-28-2012.xlsm* for detailed burden estimates break down and respondents cost. Below is an explanation of how estimates were determined:

FS-2300-26 and FS-2300-26a: The number of respondents was determined by counting the number of envelopes ordered and used annually for 2009 (2,100,000), 2010 (1,780,400), and 2011 (1,604,000), for a three year average number of respondents of 1,828,100. There has been a decrease in the number of envelopes needed since 2009; this decrease may be attributed to an increase in facilities and activities being made available to reserve through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS). Fee envelopes are not used as a method of paying for facilities and activities available through NRRS. The nation's economic downturn may also be a contributing factor to the decrease in the number of envelopes used.

FS-2300-30 and FS-2300-32: The Forest Service does not centrally produce, collect or analyze the Visitors Permit and Visitor Registration Card, leaving that task up to the individual National Forests that decide to use the forms, so actual use numbers are not available and must be estimated. For FS-2300-30, there are currently 55 different wilderness areas, or portions of wilderness areas, that have either quota-based permit or mandatory, non-limiting permits. These

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wildernesses are estimated to average 5,000 visitors annually. This results in an estimate of 275,000 respondents annually. For FS-2300-32, there are currently 97 different wilderness areas that have voluntary self-registration systems. These wildernesses are estimated to average 2,500 visitors annually. This results in an estimate of 242,500 respondents annually.

FS-2300-43: Reservations and permits for the vast majority of Forest Service cabins and lookouts available to rent by the public are managed through the National Recreation Reservation Service. Because this service is available, use of the FS-2300-43 has remained steady from the previous information collection.

FS-2300-47: The number of respondents was determined by interviewing recreation program managers who have facilities, areas, or activities that are not available through the National Recreation Reservation system and totaling their estimates of the number of applications received each year.

FS-2300-48: Reservations and permits for the vast majority of Forest Service facilities and areas are available to rent by the public through the National Recreation Reservation System. The number of respondents was determined by interviewing recreation program managers who have facilities, areas, or activities that are not available through the National Recreation Reservation System because the permit area is not a fee area as well as information provided by the Program Manager for the National Recreation Reservation System related to the number of walk-in permits issued at local offices.

- **Record keeping burden should be addressed separately.**

There is no record keeping requirement placed upon respondents.

- **Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories.**

The mean average hourly rate of \$21.74 for all occupations from the most recent (May 2011) Bureau of Labor Statistics was used, rounded to \$22 (http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/ocwage_03272012.pdf).

Recreation fee sites and special management areas are visited by individuals from geographical areas across the county. The national mean average is the best value to use.

13. Provide estimates of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from the collection of information, (do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in items 12 and 14). The cost estimates should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component annualized over its expected useful life; and (b) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of services component.

There are no start-up/capital or operation/maintenance costs associated with this collection.

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14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government. Provide a description of the method used to estimate cost and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.

The response to this question covers the actual costs the agency will incur as a result of implementing the information collection. The estimate should cover the entire life cycle of the collection and include costs, if applicable, for:

- **Employee labor and materials for developing, printing, storing forms**
- **Employee labor and materials for developing computer systems, screens, or reports to support the collection**
- **Employee travel costs**
- **Cost of contractor services or other reimbursements to individuals or organizations assisting in the collection of information**
- **Employee labor and materials for collecting the information**
- **Employee labor and materials for analyzing, evaluating, summarizing, and/or reporting on the collected information**

FS-2300-26 and FS-2300-26a are produced by a contractor.

Printing: In March 2012, FS-2300-26 cost 0.046 per envelope to print.

For the 2012 season, the Forest Service printed 1.55 million envelopes (FS-2300-26): 1,251,300 white envelopes and an additional 300,700 colored FS-2300-26a. The total cost was \$71,157.15.

Table 1

Item	Contractor cost for printing forms	Employee labor and materials for developing, printing, distributing, and storing forms	Employee labor and materials for collecting the information	Employee labor and materials for analyzing, evaluating, summarizing, and/or reporting on the collected information	Totals
Recreation Fee Envelope, FS-2300-26	\$71,157	\$23,187 (786 hours @ GS-9 wages)	0	0	\$ 94,344

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Visitor's Permit, FS-2300-30	0	\$10,500 (350,000 forms @ \$0.03 per form)	\$91,163 (1 min/form x GS-5 wages x 275,000 forms)	\$56,100 (1 min/form x GS-7 wages x 137,500 forms)	\$ 157,763
Visitor Registration Card, FS-2300-32	0	\$3,000 (300,000 forms @ \$0.01 per form)	\$80,389 (1 min/form x GS-5 wages x 242,500 forms)	\$49,470 (1 min/form x GS-7 wages x 121,250 forms)	\$ 132,859
Permit for Short-Term, Non-commercial Use of Government-Owned Cabins and Lookouts, FS-2300-43	0	\$5 (500 forms @ \$0.01 per form)	\$488 (3 min (.05 hrs)/form x GS-5 wages x 500 forms)	\$204 (1 min (.017)/form x GS-7 wages x 500 forms)	\$ 697
National Recreation Application, FS-2300-47	0	\$75 (7,500 forms @ \$0.01 per form)	\$2,486 (1 min (.017 hrs)/form x GS-5 wages x 7,500 forms)	\$3,060 (1 min (.017)/form x GS-7 wages x 7,500 forms)	\$ 5,621
National Recreation Permit, FS-2300-48	0	\$300 (30,000 forms @ \$0.01 per form)	\$29,250 (3 min (.05 hrs)/form x GS-5 wages x 30,000 forms)	\$12,240 (1 min (.017)/form x GS-7 wages x 30,000 forms)	\$ 41,790
Total	\$71,157	\$ 37,067	\$203,776	\$ 121,074	\$ 433,074

http://www.opm.gov/oca/10tables/pdf/g_s_h.pdf

GS-5 15.00 x 1.3 (cost to govt) = \$19.50/hour

GS-7 18.59 x 1.3 (cost to govt) = \$24.00/hour

GS-9 22.74 X 1.3 (cost to govt) = \$29.50/hour

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in items 13 or 14 of OMB form 83-I.

This revision renewal request includes the merging of burden and forms from the currently approved collection 0596-0019 along with two new forms FS-2300-47 and FS-2300-48. The changes in burden hours are described below:

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Table 2

Item	Previous Burden	New Burden	Difference	Reason for Change
Recreation Fee Envelope, FS-2300-26 & 26a	105,000	91,405	-13,595 Adj	Actual number of fee envelopes printed has decreased in the past 3 years. This may be due to the increase in the number of facilities and services available through the National Recreation Reservation Service that don't use an envelope to collect fees. It may also be due to the economic downturn the country has experienced since 2008.
Visitor's Permit, FS-2300-30	0	13,750	+13,750 PC	Merging into this collection the existing burden of 12,500 hours from 0596-0019 and an increase in the number of wildernesses with permit systems.
Visitor Registration Card, FS-2300-32	0	12,125	+12,125 PC	Merging into this collection the existing burden of 10,500 hours from 0596-0019 and an increase in the number of wildernesses with voluntary self-registration systems.
Permit for Short-Term, Non-commercial Use of Government-Owned Cabins and Lookouts, FS-2300-43	125	0	No Change	Reservations and permits for the vast majority of Forest Service cabins and lookouts available to rent by the public are managed through the National Recreation Reservation Service. Because this service is available, use of the FS-2300-43 has remained steady from the previous information collection.
National Recreation Application, FS-2300-47	0	+ 1,875	+1,875 PC	New form added to the collection.
National Recreation Permit, FS-2300-48	0	+ 7,500	+7,500 PC	New form added to the collection.
Total	105,125	126,655	-21,655	

16. For collections of information whose results are planned to be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication.

There are no plans to publish the results of this information collection for statistical use.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.

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The Forest Service requested and was exempted from displaying the OMB expiration date on a past Paperwork Reduction Act submission. The primary reason for the request in that submission was the additional expense of redistributing thousands of new forms when the information collection expires though the form remains valid for use. Additionally, individuals may confuse OMB's expiration date with the expiration date of the permit. Some respondents in the past have also confused Forest Service's date that indicates when a form was last revised. Therefore, we are requesting approval to not display the OMB expiration date on all forms covered by this information collection revision request.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in item 19, "Certification Requirement for Paperwork Reduction Act."

There are no exceptions to the certification statement. The agency is able to certify compliance with all provisions under item 19 of OMB form 83-I.