

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Bull Mountain Unit Master Development Plan, Gunnison County, CO****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (MLA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Bull Mountain Unit Master Development Plan (MDP) and by this notice is announcing its availability.

**DATES:** The BLM will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days after the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability for the Bull Mountain MDP Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Bull Mountain MDP Final EIS are available for public inspection at the Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 South Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401. Interested persons may also review the Final EIS on the project Web site at [www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM\\_Information/nepa/ufo/Bull\\_Mountain\\_EIS.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/ufo/Bull_Mountain_EIS.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Jones, Southwest District NEPA Coordinator; telephone (970) 240-5300; Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 South Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401; email [gmjones@blm.gov](mailto:gmjones@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SG Interests I, Ltd. (SGI) submitted a master development plan proposal, the Bull Mountain MDP, to the BLM's Uncompahgre Field Office for its Bull Mountain Unit. The MDP covers natural gas exploration and development within the Bull Mountain Unit. An MDP provides information common to

multiple planned wells, including drilling plans, Surface Use Plans of Operations, and plans for future production in order to guide that development going forward. The MDP allows SGI to exercise their lease rights, while drilling in a manner that limits the impacts to natural resources in the area.

The Bull Mountain Unit MDP Final EIS analyzed the environmental impacts of the exploration and development of up to 146 natural gas wells, four water disposal wells, and associated infrastructure on Federal and private mineral leases within a federally unitized area known as the Bull Mountain Unit. SGI developed the unit after exploration wells demonstrated the potential for economically viable reserves of natural gas.

The Bull Mountain Unit is located within the Colorado River basin, approximately 30 miles northeast of the town of Paonia, and is bisected by State Highway 133. The boundaries of the unit encompass approximately 19,670 acres of Federal and private oil and gas mineral estate in Gunnison County, CO. The unit consists of 440 acres of federally owned surface lands and mineral estate administered by the BLM; 12,900 acres of split-estate lands, consisting of private surface and BLM-administered Federal mineral estate; and 6,330 acres of fee land, consisting of private surface and private mineral estate.

Work on the MDP began with a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) in 2008. In 2012, the BLM determined that an EIS was necessary, due to potential significant impacts to air quality in nearby Class I air sheds, water, socioeconomics, and wildlife. The BLM released the Draft EIS for a 45-day public comment period on January 16, 2015. The comment period was subsequently extended for an additional 45 days and closed on April 16, 2015. The BLM held one public meeting on February 10, 2015, and received 565 unique comment letters and 83 form letters. The BLM carefully reviewed and responded to those comments as part of the development of the Final EIS.

To comply with the Endangered Species Act, the BLM consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for two threatened species—greenback cutthroat trout and the Canada Lynx. The USFWS concurred with the BLM's finding that the proposed action "may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" the greenback cutthroat trout and the Canada Lynx, or designated habitat for either species. To comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the BLM

consulted with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and interested Indian Tribes. The SHPO concurred with the BLM's finding of no effect on historic properties.

The Final EIS analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives, including a No Action Alternative (Alternative A), the proposed action (Alternative B), and a modified action (Alternative C). Based on the public comment received, additional internal reviews were completed by the BLM; updated information was provided by SGI; the BLM added clarifying text to the Final EIS; and the BLM developed an additional alternative, Alternative D, which was selected as the preferred alternative. Alternative D includes additional design features that specifically address impacts to air resources and air quality-related resource values, water resources, and wildlife.

Alternative D is also the environmentally preferred alternative, because it best achieves the following:

- Satisfies statutory requirements (true for all alternatives);
- Represents what the BLM believes to be the best combination of action alternatives analyzed in the EIS and best meets the purpose and need for action, as described in Chapter 1 of the Final EIS;
- Provides the best approach to address key resource and planning issues;
- Provides resource protection and a viable strategy for development of the mineral resources in the area;
- Responds to the public comments received; and
- Reflects input from cooperating agencies, stakeholders, the public, and BLM resource specialists.

Alternative D is within the scope of the Alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIS.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service**

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**Information Collection Request Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; Commercial Use Authorizations**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (National Park Service, NPS) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This IC is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2016. We 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.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before August 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB—OIRA at (202) 395-5806 (fax) or *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov* (email). Please provide a copy of your comments to Madonna L. Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Room 2C114, Mail Stop 242, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or *madonna\_baucum@nps.gov* (email). Please include “1024-0268 CUA” in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Samantha Towery, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228; by fax at (303) 987-6901; or via email at *Samantha\_Towery@nps.gov*. You may review the ICR online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The purpose of this information collection is to assist the NPS in managing the Commercial Use Authorization Program. Conducting commercial operations in a unit of the National Park System without a contract, permit, commercial use authorization, or some other written agreement is prohibited. Section 418, Public Law 105-391 (54 U.S.C. 101925) gives the Secretary of the Interior the authority to authorize a private person, corporation, or other entity to provide

services to visitors in units of the National Park System through a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA). Such authorizations are not considered concession contracts. We authorize commercial operations that originate and operate entirely within a park (in-park); commercial operations that provide services originating and terminating outside of the park boundaries; organized children’s camps, outdoor clubs, and nonprofit institutions; and other uses as the Secretary determines appropriate. The commercial operations include a range of services, such as mountain climbing guides, boat repair services, transportation services and tours, canoe livery operations, hunting guides, retail sales, equipment rentals, catering services, and dozens of other visitor services.

Section 418 limits CUAs to:

- Commercial operations with annual gross receipts of not more than \$25,000 resulting from services originating and provided solely within a unit of the National Park System;
- Incidental use of resources of the unit by commercial operations which provide services originating and terminating outside of the boundaries of the unit; or
- Uses by organized children’s camps, outdoor clubs and nonprofit institutions (including back country use) and such other uses as the Secretary determines appropriate.

The legislative mandate of the NPS, found at 54 U.S.C. 1100101, is to preserve America’s natural wonders unimpaired for future generations, while also making them available for the enjoyment of visitors. Meeting this mandate requires the NPS to balance preservation with use. Maintaining a good balance requires both information and limits. The information requested will allow the unit manager to evaluate requests for a commercial use to determine impact on the resources and the appropriateness of the activity.

We collect information on the CUA Application (Form 10-550), the CUA Annual Report (Form 10-660), and CUA Monthly Report (Form 10-660A). We use the information from these forms to:

- Manage the program and operations.

- Determine the qualifications and abilities of the commercial operators to provide a high quality, safe, and enjoyable experience for park visitors.

- Determine the impact on the parks natural and cultural resources.
- Manage the use and impact of multiple operators.

The information requested will allow the NPS to evaluate requests for a commercial use authorization and determine the suitability of the applicants to safely and effectively provide an appropriate service to the visiting public. It will also enable the NPS to manage the activity in a manner that protects the natural and cultural resources and the park visitor. Management includes, but is not limited to, managing the number of permits issued, determining the location and time that the activity occurs, and requiring the appropriate visitor protections including insurance, equipment, training, and procedures.

*Regulations Resulting in Information Collection Required for a Commercial Use Authorization*

- 36 CFR 1.6—Permits
- 36 CFR 2—Resource Protection, Public Use and Recreation
- 36 CFR 5—Commercial and Private Operations.
- 36 CFR 7—Special Regulations,
- 36 CFR Sec. 13—National Park System Units in Alaska

**II. Data**

*OMB Number:* 1024-0268.

*Title:* Commercial Use Authorization.

*Form(s):* 10-550, “Commercial Use Authorization Application and Instructions”, 10-660, “Commercial Use Authorization Annual Report and Instructions”, and 10-660A, “Commercial Use Authorization Monthly Report and Instructions”.

*Type of Request:* Revision to a Currently Approved Collection.

*Description of Respondents:* Respondents will be businesses that wish to provide a commercial service to visitors in areas of the National Park System.

*Respondent Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

	Annual respondents	Total annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours
<b>Form 10-550, “Commercial Use Authorization Application and Instructions”</b>				
Private Sector .....	5,900	5,900	2.5	14,750

	Annual respondents	Total annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours
<b>Form 10-660, "Commercial Use Authorization Annual Report and Instructions"</b>				
Private Sector .....	5,900	5,900	1.25	7,375
<b>Form 10-660A, "Commercial Use Authorization Monthly Report and Instructions"</b>				
Private Sector .....	5,900	53,100	.75	39,825
Totals .....	17,700	64,900	.....	61,950

*Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$590,000 (\$100 × 5,900 Forms 10-550, "Commercial Use Authorization Application and Instructions" per year).*

**III. Comments**

On January 11, 2016, we published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 1202) a Notice requesting public comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on March 11, 2016. We received five comments in response to this Notice, all of which concerned the new requirement of form 10-660A, CUA Monthly Reporting at Katmai National Park. Commenters stated that the additional reporting requirement would create excess burden on CUA holders during a very busy and short operating season. They also expressed concern that the requirement to report visitation numbers would result in duplicate reporting since most park visitors utilized the services of more than one CUA holder.

*NPS Response/Action Taken:* NPS must strictly manage some CUA activities by imposing restrictions such as daily visitor limits to protect sensitive natural and cultural resources. Parks may require the submission of the CUA Monthly Report to more closely track these CUA activities and associated visitor use to ensure that maximum daily limits and seasonal average limits are not exceeded. By closely monitoring this information, the parks can also ensure that commercial operators do not exceed the authorized use before the end of the season and create a gap when prospective visitors cannot be accommodated.

Additionally, in Katmai National Park only, CUA holders that provide transportation are required to submit the CUA Monthly report in addition to the CUA Annual Report. The vast majority of visitors access the park by plane or boat operated by authorized commercial service providers and there are no entrance stations to track the number of visitors. The CUA Monthly reports provide the only means of securing an accurate visitor count and are used to influence short-term resource

management decisions. By requiring only those authorized transportation providers to submit the CUA Monthly report, duplicate reporting is eliminated. The decision to limit the requirement of monthly reporting to only those CUA holders providing transportation was reached after public meetings held with current and prospective CUA holders. The NPS did not make any changes to our information collection based on these comments.

We also received a comment from Jean Public. The commenter did not address the information collection requirements, but stated that the Government should charge CUA holders fees to operate on public lands. NPS is legally required to charge a fee for commercial operations [section 418, Pub. L. 105-391 (54 U.S.C. 101925)]. Parks, at a minimum, charge a fee to recover costs associated with the management and administration of CUAs. We did not make any changes to our information collection based on this comment.

We again 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. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying

information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: July 1, 2016.

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**Information Collection Request Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; Cape Lookout National Seashore Cultural Resource Values and Vulnerabilities Assessment**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (National Park Service, NPS) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. We may 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. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure that your comments on this ICR are considered, OMB must receive them on or before August 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Please direct all written comments on this ICR directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, to *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov* (email) or 202-395-5806 (fax); and identify your submission as 1024-CALOSURV. Please also send a copy of your comments to Phadrea