



Programmatic Clearance Process For NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys



The scope of the Programmatic Review and Clearance Process for NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys is limited and will only include individual surveys of park visitors, potential park visitors, and residents of communities near parks. Use of the programmatic review will be limited to non-controversial surveys of park visitors, potential park visitors, and/or residents of communities near parks that are not likely to include topics of significant interest in the review process. Additionally, this process is limited to non-controversial information collections that do not attract attention to significant, sensitive, or political issues. Examples of significant, sensitive, or political issues include: seeking opinions regarding political figures; obtaining citizen feedback related to high-visibility or high-impact issues like the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone National Park, the delisting of specific Endangered Species, or drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Do not revise any part of this form

General Information	
Project Title:	Submission Date:
Abstract (not to exceed 150 words)	
Principal Investigator Contact Information	
Name:	Title:
Affiliation:	Address:
Phone:	Email:
Park or Program Liaison Contact Information	
Name:	Title:
Park:	Address:
Phone:	Email:
Project Information	
Where will the collection take place? (Name of NPS Site)	
Sampling Period Start Date:	Sampling Period End Date:

Type of Information Collection Instrument (Check ALL that Apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mail-Back Questionnaire | <input type="checkbox"/> Face-to-Face Interview | <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-Site Questionnaire | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Survey | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list) |

Will an electronic device be used to collect information?

- No Yes – type of device _____

Survey Justification

Social science research in support of park planning and management is mandated in the NPS Management Policies 2006 (Section 8.11.1, "Social Science Studies"). The NPS pursues a policy that facilitates social science studies in support of the NPS mission to protect resources and enhance the enjoyment of present and future generations (National Park Service Act of 1916, 38 Stat 535, 16 USC 1, et seq.). NPS policy mandates that social science research will be used to provide an understanding of park visitors, the non-visiting public, gateway communities and regions, and human interactions with park resources. Such studies are needed to provide a scientific basis for park planning and development.

Survey Methodology
a. Respondent Universe

b. Sampling Plan/Procedures:

c. Instrument Administration

d. Expected Response Rate/Confidence Levels

Location	Number of Initial Contacts	Expected Response Rate	Expected Number of Responses	Margin of Error +/-%	Confidence Level
TOTAL					

e. Strategies for dealing with potential non-response bias

f. Description of any pre-testing and peer review of the methods and/or instrument (recommended)

Burden Estimates

	Estimated Total Number	Estimation of Time to Complete (minutes)	Estimation of Burden to Complete (hours)
Initial Contact			
On-site Refusal/nonresponse			
Responses			
Total			

Reporting Plan
