

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

[NPS–WASO–VRP–WS–NPS0028481;
PPWOWMADL3, PPMPAS1Y.TD0000 (200);
OMB Control Number 1024–0022]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Submission to the Office of
Management and Budget for Review
and Approval; Backcountry/Wilderness
Use Permit**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information
Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,
the National Park Service (NPS) are
proposing to renew an information
collection with revisions.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before August
31, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and
recommendations for the proposed
information collection should be sent
within 30 days of publication of this
notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular
information collection by selecting
“Currently under 30-day Review—Open
for Public Comments” or by using the
search function. Please provide a copy
of your comments to Phadrea Ponds,
NPS Information Collection Clearance
Officer, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort
Collins, CO 80525; or by email at
phadrea_ponds@nps.gov. Please
reference OMB Control Number 1024–
0022 in the subject line of your
comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this ICR, contact Roger Semler, Chief,
Wilderness Stewardship Division by
email at roger_semler@nps.gov; or by
telephone at 406–542–3247. Individuals
who are hearing or speech impaired
may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–
800–877–8339 for TTY assistance. You
may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C.
3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we
provide the general public and other
Federal agencies with an opportunity to
comment on new, proposed, revised,
and continuing collections of
information. This helps us assess the
impact of our information collection
requirements and minimize the public’s
reporting burden. It also helps the
public understand our information

collection requirements and provide the
requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-
day comment period soliciting
comments on this collection of
information was published on March
18, 2020 (85 FR 15494). We received
one response from the State of Alaska
on May 18, 2020, requesting the
following changes to the application
form:

Comment: Should OBM continue to
authorize NPS Form 10–404 for use in
Alaska park units, to improve clarity
and eliminate misinformation and
confusion for a significant number of
park visitors and Alaskan residents, the
form needs to be revised to clarify:

(1) It only applies to Alaska park units
that have regulatory requirements for
backcountry wilderness permits;

(2) not all park units require an
entrance fee; and

(3) exceptions apply where enabling
legislation, such as ANILCA, allows for
motorized and mechanized access in
designated wilderness.”

NPS Response/Action Taken: The
National Park Service accepted the
suggested revisions and has created the
10–404AK *Alaska Backcountry/
Wilderness Use Permit Application*
specifically for National Park Service
units in Alaska (*i.e.*, Denali National
Park and Preserve and Glacier Bay
National Park and Preserve).

As part of our continuing effort to
reduce paperwork and respondent
burdens, we are again soliciting
comments from the public and other
Federal agencies on the proposed ICR
that is described below. We are
especially interested in public comment
addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of
information is necessary for the proper
performance of the functions of the
NPS, including whether or not the
information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the
burden for this collection of
information, including the validity of
the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(4) How might the NPS minimize the
burden of the collection of information
on those who are to respond, including
through the use of appropriate
automated, electronic, mechanical, or
other technological collection
techniques or other forms of information
technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic
submission of response.

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 us in your comment to
withhold your personal identifying
information from public review, we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so.

Abstract: The Backcountry/
Wilderness Use Permit is an extension
of the NPS statutory authority and
responsibility to protect the park areas
it administers and to manage the public
use thereof (54 U.S.C. 100101, 100751,
320102). NPS regulations codified in 36
CFR parts 1 through 7, 12 and 13 are
designated to implement statutory
mandates that provide for resource
protection and public enjoyment. In
1976, the NPS initiated a backcountry
registration system in accordance with
the regulations codified in 36 CFR 1.5,
1.6 and 2.10. The objective of the
registration system is to provide users
access to backcountry and wilderness
areas of national parks with continuing
opportunities for solitude. These areas
provide primitive and unconfined
recreation, while enhancing protection
of natural and cultural resources and
providing a means of disseminating
public safety and outdoor ethics
messages regarding backcountry/
wilderness travel and camping. The
objectives of the permit system carried
out by park managers are to ensure:

(1) Requests by backcountry users are
evaluated by park managers in
accordance with applicable statutes and
NPS regulations.

(2) The use of consistent standards
and permitting criteria throughout the
agency.

(3) To the extent possible, the use of
a single and efficient permitting
document.

The NPS uses the registration system
as a means of ensuring backcountry/
wilderness users receive up-to-date
information on outdoor ethics which
minimize social and resource impacts.
The information collected is an
important source of information for first
responders in the event of an emergency
requiring search and rescue operations
backcountry/wilderness areas. NPS
Forms 10–404 *Backcountry/Wilderness
Use Permit Application* and 10–404A
*Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit
Hangtag* are used to provide access into
NPS backcountry areas, including areas
that require a reservation to enter where
use limits are imposed in accordance
with other NPS regulations.

In response to a public comment on
the 60-day **Federal Register** Notice, we

are seeking approval for a new form, 10–404AK *Alaska Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit Application* specifically for National Park Service units in Alaska (*i.e.*, Denali National Park and Preserve and Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve). This form does not request any new information not already approved by OMB for collection in Form 10–404. It serves to clarify the legal authorities governing permitted activities only allowable within Alaskan park units, removes permit application fees which are not collected in these parks, and includes additional permitted methods of travel as regulated by ANILCA Section 1110(a).

Title of Collection: Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit, 36 CFR 1.5, 1.6, and 2.10.

OMB Control Number: 1024–0022.

Form Number: NPS Forms 10–404 *Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit Application*, 10–404A *Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit Hangtag*, and 10–404AK *Alaska Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit Application*.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals, private sector, and state, local, or tribal government entities applying to use backcountry and wilderness areas within units of the national park system.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 351,121.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 5 minutes to 8 minutes depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 39,116.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

An agency 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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
National Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

**[NPS–NCR–NAMA–NPS0028997;
PPNCNAMAN70, PPMSPD1Z.YM00000
(200); OMB Control Number 1024–0021]**

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; National Capital Area Application for Public Gathering

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we, the National Park Service (NPS) are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 31, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 1201 Oakridge Drive Fort Collins, CO 80525; or by email at phadrea_ponds@nps.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1024–0021 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR contact Martin Torres, Senior Policy Advisor National Capital Area by email at martin_torres@nps.gov; or by telephone at 202–245–4715. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 12, 2020 (85 FR 14502). No public comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NPS, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How might the NPS minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The Division of Permits Management of the National Mall and Memorial Parks is authorized by regulations codified in 36 CFR 7.96(g) to issue permits for public gatherings, including special events and demonstrations, held on NPS property within the National Capital Area. The regulations reflect the special demands on many urban National Capital Area parks used as sites for demonstrations and special events. A special event is defined as any presentation, program, or display that is recreational, entertaining, or celebratory in nature (*e.g.*, sports events, pageants, celebrations, historical reenactments, regattas, entertainments, exhibitions, parades, fairs, festivals and similar events). The term