

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Number 1024–0252]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Submission to the Office of
Management and Budget for Review
and Approval; the Interagency Access
Pass and Senior Pass Application
Processes**

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.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before
September 11, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and
suggestions on the information
collection requirements should be
submitted by the date specified above in
DATES to [http://www.reginfo.gov/
public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this
particular information collection by
selecting “Currently under Review—
Open for Public Comments” or by using
the search function. Please provide a
copy of your comments to the NPS
Information Collection Clearance Officer
(ADIR–ICCO), 13461 Sunrise Valley
Drive, (MS–244), Reston, VA 20191
(mail); or phadrea_ponds@nps.gov
(email). Please include OMB Control
Number 1024–0252 in the subject line of
your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this ICR, contact Linda Thurn,
Interagency Pass Program Manager,
National Park Service at [linda_thurn@
nps.gov](mailto:linda_thurn@nps.gov) (email); or at 202 513–7095
(telephone). Please reference OMB
Control Number 1024–0252 in the
subject line of your comments.
Individuals in the United States who are
deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have
a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY,
TDD, or TeleBraille) to access
telecommunications relay services.
Individuals outside the United States
should use the relay services offered
within their country to make
international calls to the point of
contact in the United States. You may
also view the ICR at [http://
www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](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 public comment period soliciting
comments on this collection of
information was published on October
28, 2022 (87 FR 65244). No 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
agency, 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.

(4) How might the agency 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: Authorized by the Federal
Lands Recreation Enhancement Act
(FLREA; 16 U.S.C. 6801–6814), the
“America the Beautiful—National Parks
and Federal Recreation Lands Pass”
Program provides recreation
opportunities on public lands managed
by four Department of the Interior
agencies: the National Park Service, U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of
Land Management, and the Bureau of
Reclamation in addition to the
Department of Agriculture’s U.S. Forest
Service and the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers. This program manages the
application process and distribution of
passes to provide visitors with an
affordable and convenient way to access
Federal recreation lands. The pass
program’s proceeds are used to improve
and enhance visitor recreation services.

NPS Form 10–596, “Interagency
Access Pass” is a free, lifetime pass
issued to citizens or residents who are
domiciled in the United States,
regardless of age, who have a medical
determination and documentation of
permanent disability. Ordering an
Access Pass requires a complete
application, proof of residency,
documentation that proves permanent
disability, and payment of the \$5
processing fee, plus actual shipping
costs. Passes can be obtained in person
from a participating Federal recreation
site or office, through the mail, or online
via the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
store at [https://store.usgs.gov/access-
pass](https://store.usgs.gov/access-pass).

If a person arrives at a recreation site
and claims eligibility for the Interagency
Access Pass, but cannot produce any
documentation, that person must read,
sign, and date NPS Form 10–597,
“Statement of Disability” in the
presence of the agency officer issuing
the Interagency Access Pass. If the
applicant cannot read and/or sign the
form, someone else may read, date, and
sign the statement on his/her behalf in
the applicant’s presence and in the
presence of the agency officer issuing
the Interagency Access Pass.

NPS Form 10–595, “Interagency
Senior Pass” is a pass issued to U.S.
citizens or permanent residents who are
62 years or older. Senior Passes may be
issued on a lifetime or annual basis.
Both types of the Senior Pass can be
purchased at any federal recreation site,
including national parks, that charges
an entrance or standard amenity (day-
use) fee; online or through the mail from
USGS. Ordering a Senior Pass requires
a complete application, proof of
residency, payment (\$20 for Annual
Senior or \$80 for Lifetime Senior Pass,
plus \$5 processing fee, and shipping
costs. Passes can be obtained in person
from a participating Federal recreation
site or office, through the mail, or via
the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) store
at <https://store.usgs.gov/senior-pass>.

Agency websites provide information
on the passes and acceptable
documentation. All documentation
submitted in person or through the mail

is returned to the applicant or destroyed after the form is processed.

Title of Collection: The Interagency Access Pass and Senior Pass Application Processes.

OMB Control Number: 1024–0252.

Form Number: NPS Forms 10–595, 10–596, and 10–597.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public:

Individuals, organizations, businesses, and State, local, or tribal governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 212,000.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 212,000.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 5 minutes to 10 minutes, depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 22,667.

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

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden Cost: \$686,000 (mail-in applicants—application fee, mailing, and processing).

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

Bureau of Land Management

[BLM_NM_FRN_MO#4500172602]

Notice of Intent To Amend the Taos Resource Management Plan for the Río Grande del Norte National Monument Management Plan and Prepare an Associated Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) New Mexico State Director intends to prepare a resource management plan

(RMP) amendment with an associated environmental assessment (EA) for the Río Grande del Norte National Monument and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping period to solicit public comments and identify issues. We are also providing the planning criteria for public review.

DATES: The BLM requests that the public submit comments concerning the scope of the analysis, potential alternatives, and identification of relevant information and studies by September 11, 2023. To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider issues raised by commenters in the draft RMP amendment/EA, please ensure your comments are received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the management plan for Río Grande del Norte National Monument by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2024165/510>

- *Mail:* Brad Higdon, Project Manager, BLM Taos Field Office, 1024 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2024165/510> and at the BLM Taos Field Office, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Higdon, Planning and Environmental Specialist, telephone: (575) 751–4725; address: 1024 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571; or email: bhigdon@blm.gov. Contact Mr. Higdon to have your name added to our mailing list. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Higdon. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM New Mexico State Director intends to prepare a RMP amendment with an associated EA for the Río Grande del Norte National Monument, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The RMP amendment would change the existing Taos RMP.

The planning area is located in Taos and Rio Arriba counties, New Mexico,

and encompasses approximately 247,852 acres of public land.

Purpose and Need

Need: The need for the RMP amendment was established by the Presidential Proclamation that designated the Monument. The Proclamation states, “For purposes of protecting and restoring the objects. . . the Secretary, through the BLM, would prepare and maintain a management plan. . . .” An RMP amendment is necessary—as mandated by the Proclamation—for providing the management guidance critical for ensuring the Monument objects are preserved.

FLPMA, which established public land policy, also requires the BLM to “develop, maintain, and, when appropriate, revise land use plans” for the management of public lands. Furthermore, it is BLM policy that each Monument has an independent decision document that specifies the management guidance for that Monument.

In addition to these mandates, an amendment to the Taos RMP is necessary to address the new information that has been accrued and the changed circumstances the Monument has experienced since its designation in 2013. New surveys of seeps and springs, cultural resources, sagebrush distribution, sensitive species, wildlife corridors, among other resources, have been conducted in recent years that add to the BLM’s catalogue of the best-available information. This new information will enable the BLM to reevaluate and adjust its current management of the Monument under an amended Taos RMP. Changed circumstances include increased demand for recreational opportunities and increased pressure on recreation facilities and infrastructure within the Monument. The public is seeking a wider array of trail use opportunities, particularly around the communities of Taos and Questa, and increased pressure on existing trails and recreational facilities has been especially evident since the onset of the COVID–19 pandemic. Trailhead parking is regularly at or exceeds capacity throughout much of the Monument. New types of recreation, such as e-bikes, also need to be addressed.

Opportunities for new rights-of-way for electrical transmission in support of renewable energy development is an evolving circumstance that may require new authorizations consistent with the parameters specified in the Proclamation. Changed circumstances regarding climatic conditions also