

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**National Park Service**

[NPS-WASO-NRSS-1111-8897; 2350-N003-NAZ]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Reinstatement
with Change of a Previously Approved
Collection; Visibility Valuation Survey;
Pilot Study**

AGENCY: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we (the National Park Service) are notifying the public that we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an information collection request (ICR) for a proposed new collection. This notice provides the public and other Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this collection. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as a part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other federal agencies to comment on this ICR. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: To ensure that your comments on this ICR are considered, please submit them on or before December 23, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via email to OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov or fax at (202) 395-5806; and identify your submission as 1024-0255. Please also send a copy of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collections Coordinator, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); or phadrea_ponds@nps.gov (email).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Johnson, National Park Service Air Resources Division, U.S. National Park Service, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225 (mail); susan_johnson@nps.gov (email); or (303) 987-6694 (telephone).

I. Abstract

The Clean Air Act (Sections 169A, 169B, and 110(a)(2)(j)) charges the NPS with an "affirmative responsibility to protect air quality related values (including visibility)." The NPS, believes that the value of visibility changes should be represented in cost-benefit analyses performed regarding state and federal efforts that may affect visibility (including the Regional Haze Rule, 40 CFR part 51). Updated estimates of visibility benefits are required because the studies conducted in the 1970s and 1980s are not adequate to provide a baseline of current visibility conditions in national parks and wilderness.

The NPS plans to conduct a nationwide stated preference survey to estimate the value of visibility changes in national parks and wilderness areas. Stated preference surveys are carefully designed to elicit respondents' willingness to pay for improvements in environmental quality. A stated preference survey will be required for the general population as many U.S. citizens may be willing to pay to improve or maintain visibility at national parks and wilderness areas, however they may not use these areas. Stated preference surveys are the only methodology available to estimate these non-use values.

Survey development and pre-testing have already been conducted under a previous ICR (OMB Control Number 1024-0255). The purpose of this information collection is to conduct a pilot study to test the survey instrument and implementation procedures prior to the full survey. After the pretest is completed, the NPS will submit a revised Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for the full survey.

II. Data

OMB Number: 1024-0255.

Title: Visibility Valuation Survey Pilot Study.

Type of Request: This is a reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900 mail and internet survey; 110 non-response survey.

Estimated Time and frequency of Response: This is a one-time survey estimated to take 20 minutes per respondent to complete the mail or internet survey and 5 minutes to complete the non-response survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 309 hours.

III. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: November 15, 2011.

Robert M. Gordon,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
National Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

[NPS-PWR-PWRO-0927-8527; 2310-0057-422]

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement
for Protecting and Restoring Native
Ecosystems by Managing Non-Native
Ungulates, Hawaii Volcanoes National
Park, Hawaii**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability for Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Protecting and Restoring Native Ecosystems by Managing Non-Native Ungulates.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for Protecting and Restoring Native Ecosystems by Managing Non-Native Ungulates, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii. The park's current management plan for non-native ungulate control was developed nearly 40 years ago. The new plan will provide a park-wide framework to systematically guide non-native ungulate management activities over the next 15-20 years. The Draft EIS presents five alternatives for managing non-native ungulates in a manner that supports long-term ecosystem protection, supports natural ecosystem recovery and provides desirable conditions for active ecosystem restoration, and supports

protection and preservation of cultural resources.

DATES: All comments must be postmarked or transmitted not later than 60 days following publication by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of its notice of filing of the Draft EIS. Immediately upon confirmation of this date an announcement will be posted by the NPS on the Project Web site, along with times and locations of three public meetings (December 5 in Volcano, December 6 in Na'alehu, and December 8 in Kailua-Kona). This information will also be announced via press releases and direct mailings to the park's mailing list.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because the ecosystems of the Hawaiian Islands evolved over millions of years in the absence of large mammalian herbivores, they are extremely vulnerable to the effects of non-native ungulates, which, in the park, include mouflon sheep (mouflon) (*Ovis musimon*), pigs (*Sus scrofa*), sheep (*Ovis aries*), goats (*Capra hircus*) and small numbers of feral cattle (*Bos taurus*). These animals cause loss of vegetation, wildlife habitat degradation, population decline for native Hawaiian species, including numerous threatened, endangered, and sensitive plants and wildlife, and deterioration of watersheds.

The loss of native species and damage to the ecological integrity of the area also detracts from the natural conditions that contribute to the wilderness character of the park (which currently contains 130,790 acres designated as Wilderness). Cultural resources at the park are also susceptible to impacts from non-native ungulates, including physical effects from trampling, digging, and rooting; alterations in the ecosystem of an area; and loss of native plant and animal communities important to the culture of native peoples.

The Draft EIS identifies and analyzes five alternatives—a no-action alternative (A) and four action alternatives (B, C, D, and E). Under *Alternative A* the NPS would continue current non-native ungulate management practices, which include lethal reduction, supported by qualified volunteers, and fencing (the current program is based on the 1974 resources management plan/EIS and subsequent amendments, and other management decisions).

Alternative B: the NPS would implement a comprehensive, systematic management plan that would use fencing and lethal techniques, and would continue the use of qualified volunteers. *Alternative C:* the NPS would implement a comprehensive, systematic management plan that

includes fencing and maximizes efficiency by expanding lethal removal techniques, and discontinues the use of volunteers. *Alternative D* (agency-preferred): the NPS would implement a comprehensive, systematic management plan that includes fencing, maximizes flexibility, and continues the use of volunteers. Management tools would rely primarily on lethal techniques, but non-lethal techniques such as relocation could also be considered. *Alternative E:* the NPS would implement a comprehensive, systematic management plan that increases flexibility of management techniques similar to *Alternative D*, while limiting the use of volunteers.

Electronic copies of the Draft EIS will be available on-line for public review and comment at the Project Web site: http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/havo_ecosystem_deis. In addition, printed copies of the Draft EIS will be available at local public libraries (locations noted on Web site). Persons who wish to comment on the Draft EIS may submit comments by any one of several methods: Electronic comments may be submitted via the internet at the Project Web site noted above. Written comments can be mailed to Park Superintendent, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, P.O. Box 52, Hawaii National Park, HI 96718–0052. Comments can be submitted at one of the public meetings to be held during the 60-day comment period (information to be provided as noted above) or hand-delivered to the Park Superintendent c/o Kilauea Visitor Center, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii, 96718.

Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail 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 to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Also, bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted.

Decision Process: Following due consideration of all agency and public comment on the Draft EIS, a Final EIS will be prepared and availability similarly announced in the **Federal Register**. As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for the final decision on the non-native ungulates management plan is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service. Subsequently, the official responsible

for implementation of the approved plan is the Superintendent, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

Dated: August 16, 2011.

Patricia L. Neubacher,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Minor Boundary Revision at Colorado National Monument

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notification of Boundary Revision.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 460l–9(c)(1), the boundary of Colorado National Monument is modified to include an additional two and forty-five hundredths (2.45) acres of land identified as Tract 01–140, tax parcel number 2697–343–04–009. The land is located in Mesa County, Colorado, immediately adjacent to the current eastern boundary of Colorado National Monument. The boundary revision is depicted on Map No. 119/106,532 dated January 2011. The map is available for inspection at the following locations: National Park Service, Intermountain Land Resources Program Center, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80225–0287 and National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: National Park Service, Glenna F. Vigil, Chief, Land Resources Program Center, Intermountain Region, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225–0287, (303) 969–2610.

DATES: The effective date of this boundary revision is November 23, 2011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 16 U.S.C. 460l–9(c)(1) provides that, after notifying the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make this boundary revision upon publication of notice in the **Federal Register**. The Committees have been notified of this boundary revision. Inclusion of these lands within the monument boundary will enable the landowner to sell the subject land to the National Park Service. The inclusion and acquisition of this property will enable the National Park Service to provide expanded parking facilities at