

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (EWRAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: March 7, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public. It will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the EWRAC at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at Big Bend Community College, 7662 N.E. Chanute Street, Moses Lake, Washington, 98837-2950. Discussion will focus on introduction and orientation for new members, the Eastern Washington and San Juan Resource Management Plan, and future Resource Advisory Council business.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert St. Clair, Public Affairs Officer, BLM Spokane District, 1103 N. Fancher Rd., Spokane Valley, WA, 99212, or call (509) 536-1200. 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, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

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National Park Service

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Information Collection Activities: Assessment Tools for Park-Based Youth Education and Employment Experience Programs

AGENCY: National Park Service (NPS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the Information Collection (IC) described below. This collection will consist of 9 separate survey instruments. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC.

DATES: To ensure that your comments on this IC are considered, we must receive them on or before March 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Please send 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). Please reference Information Collection 1024-NEW, SAMO Assessment in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antonio Solorio at *Antonio_Solorio@nps.gov* (email); or by mail at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, 401 W. Hillcrest Drive; Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

I. Abstract

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SAMO) has three programs that provide continuous education and employment experience opportunities for diverse students in the vicinity of the park. We use a series of surveys to objectively evaluate the short

and long-term success of these programs in shaping students' attitudes toward conservation, their recreational choices, and their career interests. Areas of interest include: (1) Understanding and concern for natural and cultural resource conservation and stewardship and resulting behavior changes both inside and outside parks; (2) Awareness and feelings toward the National Park Service; (3) Recreational interests and activities; (4) Influences on family and friends' attitudes and behaviors; (5) Education and career choices; and (6) Usefulness of work experience.

The SHRUB program provides education and in-depth involvement for students and their families in grade school. The EcoHelpers program provides one-day service learning programs to high school students. The SAMO Youth program provides progressive integrated work experience for high school and college students. While SAMO has many observational and anecdotal indications of success, no formal tools have been developed to evaluate these programs. The goal of this collection is to provide scientifically sound and reliable measures of outcomes for the three youth education and employment experience programs at SAMO. This assessment will be used to build the capacity of park youth program managers to help the park achieve its goal of continual program improvement and expanded documentation of program impact.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1024-NEW.

Title: Assessment Tools for Park-Based Youth Education and Employment Experience Programs.

Type of Request: This is a new collection.

Affected Public: General Public; College students, school aged children (elementary, middle and high school), and teachers.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One-time.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 573.

| | EcoHelpers | SHRUBS | SAMO Youth program | Total |
|----------------|------------|--------|--------------------|-------|
| Teachers | 15 | 3 | 0 | 18 |
| Students | 340 | 135 | 80 | 555 |

Annual Burden Hours: 239 hours. We expect to receive 573 annual responses.

We estimate an average of 25 minutes per response (5 minutes for the initial

contact and 20 minutes to complete the survey instrument).