

Morro manzanita (*Arctostaphylos morroensis*; federally threatened).

“Take” under the Act does not apply to listed plant species. Consequently, the Act does not prohibit take of listed plant species, and take of listed plant species cannot be authorized under an ITP. The LOHCP proposes to include a listed plant species on the permit in recognition of the conservation benefits provided for them under the LOHCP. Additionally, inclusion of protections for federally listed plant species in an HCP assists us in meeting our regulatory obligations under section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

The applicant would receive assurances under the Service’s “No Surprises” regulations found in 50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5) for all species included on the ITP.

Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement

Before deciding whether or not to issue the requested ITP, the Service will prepare a draft NEPA document to analyze the environmental impacts associated with issuance of this permit. In this document, we will consider the following alternatives: (1) The proposed action, which includes the issuance of take authorizations consistent with the proposed LOHCP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act; (2) no-action (no permit issuance); and (3) a reasonable range of alternatives that could include variations in impacts, conservation, permit duration, covered species, covered activities, permit area, or a combination of these elements.

The NEPA document will identify and analyze potentially significant direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of permit issuance and the implementation of the proposed LOHCP on biological resources, land uses, utilities, air quality, water resources, cultural resources, socioeconomics and environmental justice, recreation, aesthetics, climate change and greenhouse gases, and other environmental issues that could occur with the implementation of each alternative. The Service will also identify measures to avoid or minimize any significant effects of the proposed action on the quality of the human environment.

Following completion of the environmental review, the Service will publish a notice of availability and a request for comment on the draft NEPA document and the applicant’s permit application (which will include the proposed LOHCP.)

Public Comments

We request data, comments, new information, and suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other party on this notice. We will consider these comments in developing a draft NEPA document and in the development of the LOHCP and ITP. We particularly seek comments on the following:

1. Biological information concerning the species proposed to be covered in the LOHCP, including information on range, distribution, population sizes, and population trends;
2. Relevant information concerning impacts of proposed covered activities on these species;
3. Information on other current or planned activities in the plan area and their possible impacts on the species;
4. The presence of archaeological sites, buildings and structures, historic events, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns, which must be considered in project planning by the National Historic Preservation Act;
5. A range of alternatives to be included in the NEPA document; and
6. Any other environmental issues that should be considered with regard to the proposed development and permit action.

You may submit your comments and materials by any one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we use in preparing the draft NEPA document, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at the Service’s Ventura address (see **ADDRESSES**). Please note that all comments and materials we receive, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. 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.

Scoping Meetings

The scoping meeting will be held at the South Bay Community Center, located at 2180 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA; see **DATES** for the dates and

times of the meetings. The purpose of scoping meetings is to provide the public with a general understanding of the background of the proposed LOHCP and activities it would cover, alternative proposals under consideration for the draft EA or EIS, and the Service’s role and steps to be taken to develop the draft NEPA document for the proposed LOHCP; and also to solicit suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives for the Service to consider when drafting the EA or EIS. Written comments will be accepted at the meetings. Comments can also be submitted by the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Once the draft NEPA document and proposed LOHCP are complete and made available for public review, there will be additional opportunity for public comments on the content of these documents.

Scoping Meetings Location Accommodations

Persons needing reasonable accommodation in order to attend and participate in the public meetings should contact Julie M. Vanderwier at 805-664-1766 as soon as possible. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, a request should be submitted no later than 1 week before the public meetings.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA implementing regulations (40 CFR 1501.7, 40 CFR 1506.6, and 40 CFR 1508.22).

Dated: September 13, 2013.

Alexandra Pitts,

Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, CA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (1 Form)

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (1028-0059).

SUMMARY: We (the USGS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection request (ICR) described

below. This collection consists of 1 form. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) 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 ICR. This collection is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2013.

DATES: To ensure that your comments on this ICR are considered, OMB must receive them on or before October 21, 2013.

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: (*OIRA_SUBMISSION@omb.eop.gov*); or by fax (202) 395-5806; and identify your submission with OMB Control Number 1028-0059. Please also submit a copy of your comments to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); 703-648-7195 (fax); or *dgovoni@usgs.gov* (email). Please reference Information Collection 1028-0059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Apodaca at 703-648-7724 (telephone); *lapodaca@usgs.gov* (email); or by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, 989 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. You may also find information about this ICR at *www.reginfo.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The collection of this information is required by the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), and will, upon request, provide the CTBT Technical Secretariat with geographic locations of sites where chemical explosions of 300 tons of TNT-equivalent, or greater, have occurred.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028-0059.
Form Number: 9-4040-A.

Title: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.
Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or Other-For-Profit Institutions; U.S. nonfuel minerals producers.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.
Frequency of Collection: Annually.
Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,500.

Annual Burden Hours: 625 hours. We expect to receive 2,500 annual responses. We estimate an average of 15 minutes per response.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

III. Request for Comments

Comments: We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden time to the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Please note that the comments submitted 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 we will be able to do so.

Dated: September 11, 2013.

W. David Menzie,

Acting Director, National Minerals Information Center, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Proposed Information Collection; Research Permit and Reporting System Applications and Reports

AGENCY: National Park Service, 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. 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. This IC is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2014. We 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.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by November 18, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Madonna L. Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW., (2601), Washington, DC 20240 (mail); or *madonna_baucum@nps.gov* (email). Please include "1024-0236" in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Bill Commins, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW. (Room 1125), Washington, DC 20005 (mail); 202-513-7166 (telephone); 202-371-2131 (fax); or *bill_commins@nps.gov* (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Regulations at 36 CFR 2.1 and 2.5 provide for taking of scientific research specimens in parks. We use a permit system to manage scientific research and collecting. National Park Service Forms 10-741a (Application for a Scientific Research and Collecting Permit) and 10-741b (Application for a Science Education Permit) collect information from persons seeking a permit to conduct natural or social science research and collection activities in individual units of the National Park System. The information we collect includes, but is not limited to:

- Names and business contact information.
- Project title, purpose of study, summary of proposed field methods and activities, and study and field schedules.
- Location where scientific activities are proposed to take place, including method of access.
- Whether or not specimens are proposed to be collected or handled,