

application and 21 hours per grant per year for all of the grant-related collections. The combined total public burden for the HPF grants-for-HBCUs program-related information collections would average 31 hours per successful applicant/grantee. These estimates of burden include time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Record Keepers: NPS estimates that there are 335 responses per year. This is the gross number of responses for all of the elements included in this information collection. The net numbers of applicants and grantees participating in this information collection annually are 47 applicants and from among them 24 grantees. The frequency of response varies depending upon the activity. Applicants complete the grant application once. Successful applicants execute the grant agreement once and usually seek an amendment once during the two-year grant cycle. During the grant cycle, grantees seek NPS approval once for qualified consultants, plans and specifications, and the final report. There are three on-site inspections during the course of the two-year grant. There is one on-site inspection at the beginning of the project, one in the middle, and one at the end of the project. Grantees comply with government-wide record-keeping requirements throughout the duration of the grant. Grantees provide one interim report per year and usually make requests for payment six times a year.

Estimated average number of Applicant responses: 47 annually.

Estimated average gross number of Grantee responses: 288 annually.

Estimated average gross number of responses: 335 annually.

Estimated average burden hours per Applicant response: 10 hours.

Estimated average burden hours per Grantee response: 2 hours.

Estimated average annual burden hours per Grantee for all responses: 21 hours.

Estimated total annual average burden hours per respondent: 31 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 957 hours.

NPS is soliciting comments regarding:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NPS, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the burden estimate including the validity of the method and assumptions used;

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

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of collecting the information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology; or,

(5) Any other aspect of this collection of information.

NPS will summarize and include in the request for OMB approval all responses to this notice. All comments will also become a matter of public record. You can obtain copies of the information collection from John W. Renaud, Project Coordinator, State, Tribal and Local Programs, Heritage Preservation Services, National Center for Cultural Resources, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., Org. Code 2255, Washington, DC 20240-0001

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60 Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Yellowstone National Park.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Yellowstone National Park Wolf Economic Study will provide park managers and others with important, accurate information about the Yellowstone National Park visitor population in general as well as visitor and trip characteristics of those who specifically view wolves in the park. The importance of visitation specifically tied to wolves in the park will be examined. The mail-back questionnaire is designed to systematically collect data from visitors in several different topic areas: Individual characteristics, trip/visit characteristics, individual activities and individual opinions on park and wildlife management.

	Estimated numbers of	
	Responses	Burden hours
Yellowstone National Park Wolf Economic Study ..	5,000	1,917

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed surveys. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The NPS goal in conducting this survey is to develop statistically valid estimates of Yellowstone National Park visitation and to evaluate the economic effects of wolf restoration in the context of an accurate regional economic model that measures the role of Yellowstone National Park in the overall regional economy. The broader information on visitation, visitor demographics, and the regional economy will have application to other park planning efforts where reliable visitation and economic data is needed for evaluation of project proposals and other management issues.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Send Comments to: Dr. John Duffield, University of Montana, Department of Economics, Missoula, MT 59812.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Duffield. Voice: 406-721-2265, Email: <bioecon@montana.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Yellowstone National Park Wolf Economic Study.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration Date: To be requested.

Type of request: Request for new clearance.

Description of need: Wolf restoration in Yellowstone is an internationally important wildlife conservation success story. The visibility and public interest in wolves, wolf viewing, and wolf-based education programs has far exceeded initial expectations. A major public issue with wolf restoration was the cost to implement, in tax dollars, versus