



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Big Thicket National Preserve

Hunting and Trapping Harvest Cards

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 a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this information collection request (ICR) can be sent to the NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer (ADIR-ICCO), 13461 Sunrise Valley Drive, (MS 244) Herndon, VA 20171 (mail); or phadrea_ponds@nps.gov (email). Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number “1024–NEW (BITH Hunting Report)” in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Megan Urban, Chief of Interpretation and Education, at megan_urban@nps.gov (email) or 409-554-9016 (telephone). Please reference OMB Control Number “1024-NEW (BITH Hunting Report)” 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.

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.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary for the proper functions of the NPS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the NPS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the NPS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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: Big Thicket National Preserve (BITH) enabling legislation states that “The Secretary shall permit hunting, fishing, and trapping on lands and waters under their jurisdiction within the preserve following the applicable laws of the United States and the State of Texas.” Special Use Regulations for hunting and trapping in the Preserve was published in the **Federal Register** (48 FR 30296) on June 30, 1983, effective October 3, 1983. These regulations, found at 36 CFR 7.85, provide for proper use, management, government, public safety, and visitor enjoyment of hunting and trapping on Preserve lands. One of the goals in the draft Hunting and Trapping plan for Big Thicket is to “*Provide the Preserve with a mechanism for tracking population trends using harvest records and to establish trigger points when additional survey methods should be used to document major shifts of game species populations.*” This information will be collected using harvest cards.

Title of Collection: Big Thicket National Preserve Hunting and Trapping Harvest Cards.

OMB Control Number: 1024-NEW.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: New.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 18,456.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 5 Mins.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,538 hrs.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency of Collection: one-time.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor nor is a person 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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