

# FOREST FIRES AND YOUR RECREATION USE



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**We would like to ask some questions about the trip and recreation area where you were given this survey.**

1. Name of Trail/Area where you received survey? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What features of this recreation area are important to you?

The next few questions ask you to rate the importance of different features of this recreation area and trails. Circle the one answer that best reflects how important each feature is in your decision to visit this area.

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
Scenic Vistas	1	2	3	4
Forested Areas	1	2	3	4
Recreation Facilities (parking, restrooms)	1	2	3	4
Opportunity to view wildlife	1	2	3	4
Road Access	1	2	3	4
Wildflowers	1	2	3	4
Location	1	2	3	4

3. What was the primary or main recreation activity you participated in during this trip to this area where you received the survey? Please choose one.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mushroom Gathering        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking     | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Viewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Berry Picking             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain or Rock Climbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming   | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV use         | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding |  |

Other, please list \_\_\_\_\_

4. How long was your visit to this site on this trip? \_\_\_\_\_ hours \_\_\_\_\_ days

5. How far did you hike/ride today? \_\_\_\_\_ miles

6. Would you have normally worked for pay today? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

7. Was visiting this site the (check one):  
 Sole or major purpose of your trip from home  
 One of many equally important reasons of a longer trip  
 Just a minor stop or spur-of-the-moment decision to stop

If your visit to this site was a minor stop, please answer Questions #8 and #9, with the EXTRA time and EXTRA distance required to visit this site.

8. About how much time (one way) did it take you to travel from your home to the site where you were contacted? \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes

9. About how far is it one-way, from your home to this site? \_\_\_\_\_ Miles

10. How many people are in your group? # of people \_\_\_\_\_

11. What was **your share** of the costs for this trip?

Gasoline/car expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Camp fees/lodging \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Supplies/Miscellaneous \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. If the cost of visiting this site today had been \$ \_\_\_\_\_ higher would you have made this trip to this site today? (Circle one) Yes No

**The next few questions ask about the number of visits to this area.**

13. In 1999, about how many trips did you make to this particular trail head or area where you were contacted?

	May 99	June 99	July 99	August 99	September 99
Trips Taken	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

14. In 2000, how many trips have you taken to this particular trailhead or area where you were contacted? Also fill in how many trips you plan to take to this site during the remaining months of the season?

	May 00	June 00	July 00	August 00	September 00
Trips Taken	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Trips Taken	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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15. The cost of recreation changes with gas prices and equipment costs. If the cost of visiting this site had been \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per trip higher tell us how many trips you would take in each month?

	May	June	July	August	Sept.
Trips you would take?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

1. The picture below displays what a portion of this trail would be like if it had been burned by a recent forest fire. Please take a few moments to look at the photo below.



Suppose that at the beginning of the season you read that 50% of the area along this trail would have been burned by a forest fire such as shown in the photo above.

Would this have affected the number of trips you would take to this area each month?

Please write down what your trips would have been or you would have taken to this area if it had been burned as shown in the photo for half the trail you visited.

May                  June                  July                  Aug.                  Sept.

Trips you would take      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Any comments on your answer to this question?

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2. The picture below displays what a portion of this trail would be like if it had been affected by a small forest fire. Please take a few moments to look at the photo below.



Suppose that at the beginning of the season you read that 50% of the area along this trail would be as shown in this photo.

Would this have affected the number of trips you would take to this area each month?

Please write down what your trips would have been or you would have taken to this area if the trail you visited looked like the photo.

May                      June                      July                      Aug.                      Sept.

Trips you would take      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Any comments on your answer to this question?

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3. The picture below displays what a portion of this trail would be like if it had been affected by a forest fire many years ago. Please take a few moments to look at the photo below.



Suppose that at the beginning of the season you read that 50% of the area along this trail would be as shown in this photo.

Would this have affected the number of trips you would take to this area each month?

Please write down what your trips would have been or you would have taken to this area if the trail you visited looked like the photo.

May                      June                      July                      Aug.                      Sept.

Trips you would take      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Any comments on your answer to this question?

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About You

These last few questions will help us in evaluating how well our sample represents visitors. YOUR ANSWERS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL & WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THE ANALYSIS OF THIS STUDY. YOU WILL NOT BE IDENTIFIED IN ANY WAY.

- 1. Are you  Male  Female
- 2. What is your age:  Years
- 3. Are you retired?  Yes  No
- 4. What is your zip code?
- 5. How long have you lived in this zip code?  Years
- 6. Are you a member of a conservation or environmental organization?  
 Yes  No
- 7. Highest level of formal schooling? (Please circle one)  

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
(Elementary)					(Jr.High)				(High School)				(College or Technical School)				(Graduate or Professional School)		
- 8. Do you work outside the home?  Yes  No
- 9. When you recreate, do you almost always go on weekends, holidays, vacations or other non-work days?  Yes  No
- 10. How many weeks of paid vacation do you receive each year?  number of weeks
- 11. How many members in your household?  people
- 12. How many contribute to paying the household expenses?  people
- 13. Including these people, approximately what was your household income from all sources (before taxes) last year?  

<input type="checkbox"/> less than \$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 to \$49,999	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000 to \$89,999
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 to \$19,999	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$59,999	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90,000 to \$99,999
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to \$29,999	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 to \$69,999	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 to \$39,999	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000 to \$79,999	<input type="checkbox"/> over \$150,000

**Thank you for completing the survey!**

If you have any additional thoughts on forest or recreation management, please feel free to write them down on the back cover. When you are finished, please put the survey in our **stamped** return envelope and mail it back to us.

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETEING THE SURVEY!**

Additional comments welcome. Please use the space below.