

COMPARISON OF BACKCOUNTRY AND WILDERNESS
RECREATIONISTS' PERCEPTIONS AND PREFERENCES

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This report will advise you of the current status of my summer research study to compare recreationists visiting designated Wilderness areas and non-designated backcountry areas.

The field work was accomplished between June 23, 1977, and September 11, 1977. During this time, I contacted approximately 200 visitors to the Eagle Cap Wilderness and 150 visitors to the Selkirk backcountry. Visitor response to the study was very positive. Recreationists in each area showed considerable interest in my objectives, and local Forest Service personnel were very pleased with the visitor response.

Recreationists in each area completed a 39-item questionnaire. A sample of both questionnaires is attached. Although the questionnaire was rather lengthy, visitors rarely objected to completing it in full. Many were eager to participate in the study and devoted much time and thought to the questions, often adding relative comments.

In addition to the two areas mentioned above, I had proposed to contact recreationists visiting the Elkhorn backcountry. After sampling for over a week in the Elkhorns, however, it was evident that backcountry use of the area was minimal. Given the limited field season available, the few people that would have been contacted did not justify the time that would have been required for sampling. The backcountry portion of the study was thus concentrated on the Selkirks.

I am presently in the process of coding the questionnaire data for computer analysis. I plan to begin the computer analysis by October 17, and the final report should be available by the end of the semester. If you have any questions about my study, please contact me.

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13. HOW MANY YEARS AGO DID YOU MAKE YOUR FIRST TRIP? _____

14. DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, HOW MANY TRIPS HAVE YOU MADE TO WILDERNESS AND BACKCOUNTRY KINDS OF RECREATIONAL AREAS? _____

15. IN WHAT ACTIVITIES WILL YOU PARTICIPATE ON THIS TRIP? (Check all blocks that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing	<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Photography
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain climbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature study
<input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) _____			

16. DO YOU KNOW OF ANY NON-DESIGNATED BACKCOUNTRY AREAS WHERE YOU COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE SAME ACTIVITIES? (Check one block)

No Yes → If yes, what areas? _____

17. ARE THERE ANY PARTICULAR REASONS THAT LED YOU TO VISIT THIS WILDERNESS AREA INSTEAD OF SOME BACKCOUNTRY AREA? (Check one block)

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18. IN GENERAL, DO YOU PREFER WILDERNESS OR BACKCOUNTRY AREAS? (Check one block)

Prefer wilderness areas Prefer backcountry areas No preference

19. WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU INDICATED? _____

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21. HOW MANY OTHER PARTIES PER DAY COULD YOU MEET ON THE TRAIL AND STILL ENJOY YOUR TRIP? _____

22. HOW MANY OTHER CAMPS COULD YOU SEE OR HEAR FROM YOUR CAMP AND STILL ENJOY YOUR TRIP? _____

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Yes → If yes, why? _____

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24. SHOULD HUNTING BE ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREAS? (Check one block)

Yes No

25. SHOULD HUNTING BE ALLOWED IN BACKCOUNTRY AREAS? (Check one block)

Yes No

26. WHICH TYPE OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WOULD YOU FAVOR IN WILDERNESS AND BACKCOUNTRY AREAS? (Check one block under WILDERNESS and one block under BACKCOUNTRY)

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Something else would be better.		
I would suggest _____		

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	WILDERNESS					BACKCOUNTRY				
	VU	U	N	D	VD	VU	U	N	D	VD
No motorized travel by visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absence of man-made features, except trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lakes behind small man-made dams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gravel roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private cabins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stocking the area with kinds of game animals that were not native to the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developed campsites with plank tables, cement fireplaces with metal grates, and outhouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lots of camping equipment to make camping easy and comfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stocking the area with kinds of fish that were not native to the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forests, flowers, and wildlife much the same as before the pioneers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solitude (not seeing many other people except those in your own party)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Covers a large area (at least 25 square miles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remote from towns or cities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Little evidence of other visitors before you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primitive outhouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hitching racks for horses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Artificially revegetating eroded areas with native species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trail signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cutting firewood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest Service cabins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cutting trees to open scenic vistas from trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Artificially revegetating eroded areas with non-native species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wooden bridges over large rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adirondack shelters (3-sided shelters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light aircraft landing strips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cutting hazardous trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wooden bridges over small streams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

WILDERNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

We would appreciate your help in a research project sponsored by the University of Idaho regarding the recreational use of wilderness and backcountry areas. The following questions ask for your input about the recreational areas you visit, the activities you seek, and the management programs you support. The information you can furnish from your experiences will help the managers of these areas provide the kind of recreational opportunities you desire.

Some of the questions ask for your opinion about two different kinds of areas: wilderness and backcountry. The questions about "wilderness areas" refer to designated areas of the National Wilderness Preservation System, such as the one you are now visiting, and the primitive areas of the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service. The questions about "backcountry areas" refer to remote, undeveloped areas that are similar to wilderness areas, but that lack any official designation as a wilderness area.

Thank you very much for your help with this project.

- HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR PARTY? _____
- ARE YOU THE PARTY LEADER? (Check one block)
 - Yes No No leader in party
- WHO IS IN YOUR PARTY? (Check one block)
 - One person Family Friends Family and friends
- IS THIS AN ORGANIZATION-SPONSORED TRIP? (Check one block)
 - No Yes → If yes, what organization? _____
- HOW MANY NIGHTS DO YOU PLAN TO STAY? _____
- WHAT IS YOUR DESTINATION? _____
- HOW WILL YOU TRAVEL? (Check one block)
 - Foot Horseback
- IS THIS YOUR FIRST TRIP TO THIS WILDERNESS AREA? (Check one block)
 - Yes No → If no, how many previous trips? _____
- HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS WILDERNESS AREA? _____
- HAVE YOU VISITED OTHER DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREAS? (Check one block)
 - No Yes → If yes, how many total visits? _____
- IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO THE LAST QUESTION, WHAT OTHER DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREAS HAVE YOU VISITED? _____

30. HOW WOULD YOU REACT TO THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF TRAVEL IN WILDERNESS AND BACKCOUNTRY AREAS? (Check one block in each row under WILDERNESS and one block in each row under BACKCOUNTRY)

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Snowmobiling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cross-country skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light aircraft landing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseback riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trailbiking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power boating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
River rafting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31. WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Town or city _____
 State _____ Zip Code _____

32. WHERE DID YOU SPEND MOST OF YOUR LIFE BEFORE AGE 18? (Check one block)

- Farm or rural area Small city (25,000–50,000)
 Small town (5,000 or less) Large city (50,000–500,000)
 Large town (5,000–25,000) Very large city (500,000 or more)
 Suburb (within 15 miles of a large or very large city)

33. WHAT IS YOUR AGE? _____

34. WHAT IS YOUR SEX? _____

35. ARE YOU MARRIED? (Check one block)

No Yes → If yes, how many children? _____

36. WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION? _____

37. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN OUTDOOR CLUB OR CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION? (Check one block)

No Yes → If yes, what club or organization? _____

38. WHAT WAS THE LAST YEAR OF SCHOOL YOU COMPLETED? (Circle one number)

<u>Elementary School</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College</u>
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5 6 6+

39. WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY INCOME BEFORE TAXES? (Check one block)

- Less than \$5,000 \$15,000–\$19,999
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THANK YOU

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Gravel roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Solitude (not seeing many other people except those in your own party)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Covers a large area (at least 25 square miles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remote from towns or cities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Little evidence of other visitors before you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primitive outhouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hitching racks for horses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Artificially revegetating eroded areas with native species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trail signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cutting firewood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest Service cabins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cutting trees to open scenic vistas from trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Artificially revegetating eroded areas with non-native species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wooden bridges over large rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adirondack shelters (3-sided shelters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light aircraft landing strips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cutting hazardous trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wooden bridges over small streams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

BACKCOUNTRY QUESTIONNAIRE

We would appreciate your help in a research project sponsored by the University of Idaho regarding the recreational use of wilderness and backcountry areas. The following questions ask for your input about the recreational areas you visit, the activities you seek, and the management programs you support. The information you can furnish from your experiences will help the managers of these areas provide the kind of recreational opportunities you desire.

Some of the questions ask for your opinion about two different kinds of areas: wilderness and backcountry. The questions about "wilderness areas" refer to designated areas of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the primitive areas of the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service. The questions about "backcountry areas" refer to remote, undeveloped areas like the one you are now visiting. These areas are similar to wilderness areas, but they lack any official designation as a wilderness area.

Thank you very much for your help with this project.

- HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR PARTY? _____
- ARE YOU THE PARTY LEADER? (Check one block)
 - Yes No No leader in party
- WHO IS IN YOUR PARTY? (Check one block)
 - One person Family Friends Family and friends
- IS THIS AN ORGANIZATION-SPONSORED TRIP? (Check one block)
 - No Yes → If yes, what organization? _____
- HOW MANY NIGHTS DO YOU PLAN TO STAY? _____
- WHAT IS YOUR DESTINATION? _____
- HOW WILL YOU TRAVEL? (Check one block)
 - Foot Horseback
 - Motorized vehicle → If motorized, what vehicle? _____
- IS THIS YOUR FIRST TRIP TO THIS BACKCOUNTRY AREA? (Check one block)
 - Yes No → If no, how many previous trips? _____
- HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS BACKCOUNTRY AREA? _____
- HAVE YOU VISITED OTHER BACKCOUNTRY AREAS NOT DESIGNATED AS WILDERNESS? (Check one block)
 - No Yes → If yes, how many visits? _____
- IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO THE LAST QUESTION, WHAT OTHER NON-DESIGNATED BACKCOUNTRY AREAS HAVE YOU VISITED? _____

30. HOW WOULD YOU REACT TO THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF TRAVEL IN WILDERNESS AND BACKCOUNTRY AREAS? (Check one block in each row under WILDERNESS and one block in each row under BACKCOUNTRY)

VU = Very Undesirable; U = Undesirable; N = Neutral; D = Desirable; VD = Very Desirable

	<u>WILDERNESS</u>					<u>BACKCOUNTRY</u>				
	VU	U	N	D	VD	VU	U	N	D	VD
Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobiling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cross-country skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light aircraft landing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseback riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trailbiking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power boating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
River rafting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31. WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Town or city _____
 State _____ Zip Code _____

32. WHERE DID YOU SPEND MOST OF YOUR LIFE BEFORE AGE 18? (Check one block)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm or rural area | <input type="checkbox"/> Small city (25,000–50,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small town (5,000 or less) | <input type="checkbox"/> Large city (50,000–500,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large town (5,000–25,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Very large city (500,000 or more) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suburb (within 15 miles of a large or very large city) | |

33. WHAT IS YOUR AGE? _____

34. WHAT IS YOUR SEX? _____

35. ARE YOU MARRIED? (Check one block)

No Yes → If yes, how many children? _____

36. WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION? _____

37. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN OUTDOOR CLUB OR CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION?

(Check one block)

No Yes → If yes, what club or organization? _____

38. WHAT WAS THE LAST YEAR OF SCHOOL YOU COMPLETED? (Circle one number)

<u>Elementary School</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College</u>
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5 6 6+

39. WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY INCOME BEFORE TAXES? (Check one block)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000–\$19,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000–\$9,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000–\$24,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000–\$14,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 or more |

THANK YOU

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