Non-Proxy Daily Site Visits by Stratum

Average Daily Site Visits* for Non-Proxy† Sites by Site Type

Forest	Day Use Developed Sites				Overnight Use Developed Sites				Undeveloped Areas (GFAs)				Designated Wilderness			
Use Level‡	Low	Med	High	V.High	Low	Med	High	V.High	Low	Med	High	V.High	Low	Med	High	V.High
Midewin National									18.2	25.4	97.9	99.4				
Tallgrass Prairie																

Selected Forests:
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (FY 2018)

^{*} A Site Visit is the entry of one person onto a national forest site or area to participate in recreation activities for an unspecified period of time.

‡ Use Level was defined independently by each forest by defining the expected number of recreation visitors that would be last-exiting a site or area on a given day. The forest developed the range for very high, high, medium, and low and then assigned each day of the year to one of the use levels. If the site or area already had counts of use at a site or area (such as fee envelopes or ski lift tickets) the site was called a proxy site and sampled independently of non-proxy sites.

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[†] Non-proxy use estimates are for those recreation sites where proxy information is not available. Non-proxy use estimates are calculated using a combination of 24 hour traffic count and On-Site Visitor interviews. Proxy is a direct count of something (fee envelopes, ski ticket sales, room rental receipts, sites occupied, traffic counts, etc.) that represents recreation visitation to a Forest Service site or area by an individual, a group, or a vehicle.