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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Scope and purpose of the National Visitor Use Monitoring program

The National Visitor Use Monitoring (NVUM) program provides reliable information about recreation visitors to national forest system managed lands at the national, regional, and forest level. Information about the quantity and quality of recreation visits is required for national forest plans, Executive Order 12862 (Setting Customer Service Standards), and implementation of the National Recreation Agenda. To improve public service, the agency's Strategic and Annual Performance Plans require measuring trends in user satisfaction and use levels. NVUM information assists Congress, Forest Service leaders, and program managers in making sound decisions that best serve the public and protect valuable natural resources by providing science based, reliable information about the type, quantity, quality and location of recreation use on public lands. The information collected is also important to external customers including state agencies and private industry. NVUM methodology and analysis is explained in detail in the research paper entitled: Forest Service National Visitor Use Monitoring Process: Research Method Documentation; English, Kocis, Zarnoch, and Arnold; Southern Research Station; May 2002 (<http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum>).

In 1998 a team of research scientists and forest staff developed a recreation sampling system (NVUM) that provides statistical recreation use information at the forest, regional, and national level. Several Forest Service staff areas including Recreation, Wilderness, Ecosystem Management, Research and Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment were involved in developing the program. From January 2000 through September 2003 every national forest implemented this methodology and collected visitor use information. This application served to test the method over the full range of forest conditions, and to provide a rough national estimate of visitation. Implementation of the improved method began in October 2004. Once every five years, each National Forest and Grassland has a year of field data collection.

This NVUM data is useful for forest planning and decision making. The description of visitor characteristics (age, race, zip code, activity participation) can help forest staff identify their recreation niche. Satisfaction information can help management decide where best to place limited resources that would result in improved visitor satisfaction. Economic expenditure information can help forests show local communities the employment and income effects of tourism from forest visitors. In addition, the visitation estimates can be helpful in considering visitor capacity issues.

1.2. Methods

To define the sampling frame, staff on each forest classify all recreation sites and areas into five basic categories called "site types": Day Use Developed Sites (DUDS), Overnight Use Developed Sites (OUDS), Designated Wilderness Areas (Wilderness), General Forest Areas (GFA), and View Corridors (VC). Only the first four categories are counted as national forest recreation visits and are included in the visit estimates. The last category is used to track the volume of people who view national forests from nearby roads; since they do not get onto agency lands, they cannot be counted as visits. For the entire sampling year, each day on each site was given a rating of very high, high, medium, low, or no use according to the expected level of recreational visitors who would be

observed leaving that location for the last time (last exiting recreation use) on that day. The combination of a calendar day and a site or area is called a site day. Site days are the basic sampling unit for the NVUM protocol. Results of this forest categorization are shown in Table 1.

In essence, visitation is estimated through a combination of traffic counts and surveys of exiting visitors. Both are obtained on a random sample of locations and days distributed over an entire forest for a year. All of the surveyed recreation visitors are asked about their visit duration, activities, demographics, travel distance, and annual usage. About one-third were also asked a series of questions about satisfaction. Another one-third were asked to provide information about their income, spending while on their trip, and the next best substitute for the visit.

1.3. Definition of Terms

NVUM has standardized measures of visitor use to ensure that all national forest visitor measures are comparable. These definitions are basically the same as established by the Forest Service in the 1970's. Visitors must pursue a recreation activity physically located "on" Forest Service managed land in order to be counted. They cannot be passing through; viewing from non-Forest Service managed roads, or just using restroom facilities. The visitation metrics are ***national forest visits*** and ***site visits***. NVUM provides estimates of both and confidence interval statistics measuring the precision of the estimates. The NVUM methodology categorizes recreation facilities and areas into specific site types and use levels in order to develop the sampling frame. Understanding the definitions of the variables used in the sample design and statistical analysis is important in order to interpret the results.

National forest visit is the entry of one person upon a national forest to participate in recreation activities for an unspecified period of time. A national forest visit can be composed of multiple site visits. The visit ends when the person leaves the national forest to spend the night somewhere else.

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. The site visit ends when the person leaves the site or area for the last time on that day.

A ***confidence interval*** is a range of values that is likely to include an unknown population value, where the range is calculated from a given set of sample data. Confidence intervals are always accompanied by a ***confidence level***, which tells the degree of certainty that the value lies in the interval. Used together these two terms define the reliability of the estimate, by defining the range of values that are needed to reach the given confidence level. For example, the 2008 national visitation estimate is 175.6 million visits, with a 90% confidence interval of 3.2%. In other words, given the NVUM data, our best estimate is 175.6 million visits, and given the underlying data, we are 90% certain that the true number is between 170.0 million and 181.2 million.

Recreation trip is the duration of time beginning when the visitor left their home and ending when they return to their home.

Site day - a day that a recreation site or area is open to the public for recreation purposes.

Proxy - information collected at a recreation site or area that is directly related to the amount of

recreation visitation received. The proxy information must pertain to all users of the site and it must be one of the proxy types allowed in the NVUM pre-work directions (fee receipts, fee envelopes, mandatory permits, permanent traffic counters, group reservations, ticket sales, and daily use records).

Nonproxy - a recreation site or area that does not have proxy information. At these sites a 24-hour traffic count is taken to measure total use for one site day at the sample site.

Use level - for each day of the year for each recreation site or area, the site day was categorized as very high, high, medium or low last exiting recreation traffic, or no exiting use. No Use could mean either that the location was administratively closed, or it was open but was expected to have zero last exiting visitors. For example a picnic area may be listed as having no use during winter months (120 days), high last exiting recreation volume on all other weekends (70 days) and medium last exiting recreation use on the remaining midweek days (175 days). This accounts for all 365 days of the year. This process was repeated for every site and area on the forest.

1.4. Limitations of the Results

The information presented here is valid and applicable at the forest, regional, and national level. It is not designed to be accurate at the district or site level. The quality of the visitation estimate is dependent on the sample design development, sampling unit selection, sample size and variability, and survey implementation. First, preliminary work conducted by forests to identify and consistently classify sites and access points according to the type and amount of expected exiting visitation is the key determinant of the validity and magnitude of the visitation estimate. Second, the success of the forest staff in accomplishing its assigned set of sample days, correctly filling out the interview forms, and following the field protocols influence the reliability of the results, variability of the visitation estimate, and validity of the visitation descriptions. Third, the variability of traffic counts within a sampling stratum affects the reliability of the visitation estimates. Fourth, the range of visitors sampled must be representative of the population of all visitors. Finally, the number of visitors sampled must be large enough to adequately control variability. The results and confidence intervals will reflect all these factors.

Confidence intervals indicate the reliability of the visitation estimate, given the underlying data. Large confidence intervals indicate high variability in the national forest visit (NFV), site visit (SV) and Wilderness visit estimates. Variance is caused primarily by a small sample size in number of days or having a few sampled days where the observed exiting visitation volume was very different from the normal range. For example, on a particular National Forest in the General Forest Area low stratum, there were 14 sample days. Of these 14 sample days, 13 days had visitation estimates between zero and twenty. The remaining day had a visitation estimate of 440. So the stratum mean was about 37 per day, standard error was about 116, and the 90% confidence interval width is 400% of the mean. Causes for such outlier observations are not known, but could include a misclassification of the day (a high use day incorrectly categorized as a low use day), unusual weather, malfunctioning traffic counter, or reporting errors. Eliminating the unusual observation from data analysis would reduce the variability. However, unless the NVUM team had reason to suspect the observation was incorrect they did not eliminate these unusual cases.

The descriptive information about national forest visitors is based upon only those visitors that were interviewed. Every effort was made to incorporate distinct seasonal use patterns and activities that

vary greatly by season into the sampling frame. The sampling plan took into account both the spatial and seasonal spread of visitation patterns across the forest. Even so, because of the small sample size of site-days, or because some user groups decline to participate in the survey, it is possible to under-represent certain user groups, particularly for activities that are quite limited in where or when they occur.

Note that the results of the NVUM activity analysis DO NOT identify the types of activities visitors would like to have offered on the national forests. It also does not tell us about displaced forest visitors, those who no longer visit the forest because the activities they desire are not offered.

Some forest visitors were counted and included in the total forest use estimate but were not surveyed. This included visitors to recreation special events and organization camps. Their characteristics are not included in the visit descriptions.

Caution should be used in interpreting any comparisons of these results with those obtained during the 2000 - 2003 period. Differences cannot be interpreted as a trend. Several method changes account for the differences, for both visitation estimates and visit characteristics. One key factor is that the first application of the NVUM process was largely a national beta-test of the method, and significant improvements occurred following it. The NVUM process entailed a completely new method and approach to measuring visitation on National Forest lands. Simply going through the NVUM process for the first time enabled forest staff to do a much better job thereafter in identifying sites, accurately classifying days into use level strata, and ensuring consistency across all locations on the forest. These improvements enhanced the validity of all aspects of the NVUM results. Sampling plans and quality control procedures were also improved.

2. VISITATION ESTIMATES

2.1. Forest Definition of Site Days

The population of site days for sampling was constructed from information provided by forest staff. For each site, each day of the year was given a rating of very high, high, medium, low, or none according to the expected volume of recreation visitors who would be leaving the site or area for the last time (last exiting recreation use). The stratum, a combination of site type and use level, was then used to construct the sampling frame. The results of the recreation site/area stratification and days sampled are displayed in Table 1.

Table 1. Site Days and Percentage of Days Sampled by Stratum

Stratum*		Days Sampled	Site Days# in Use Level/Proxy Population	Sampling Rate (%)&
Site Type†	Use Level‡ or Proxy Code§			
DUDS	VERY HIGH	61	345	17.7
DUDS	HIGH	220	4,467	4.9
DUDS	MEDIUM	237	12,109	2.0
DUDS	LOW	256	39,854	0.6
DUDS	DUR5	13	442	2.9
DUDS	FE3	39	2,638	1.5
DUDS	FR1	44	1,298	3.4
DUDS	FR3	20	1,547	1.3
DUDS	PTC1	9	305	3.0
DUDS	PTC3	8	365	2.2
DUDS	ST1	16	383	4.2
DUDS	SV1	64	2,756	2.3
DUDS	TB1	16	813	2.0
OU DS	VERY HIGH	8	13	61.5
OU DS	HIGH	103	943	10.9
OU DS	MEDIUM	158	3,331	4.7
OU DS	LOW	204	30,021	0.7
OU DS	DUR4	166	51,866	0.3
OU DS	DUR5	129	17,082	0.8
OU DS	FE3	5	582	0.9
OU DS	FE4	37	3,513	1.1
OU DS	FR5	10	839	1.2
OU DS	RE2	55	4,776	1.2
OU DS	RE4	97	10,852	0.9
GFA	VERY HIGH	95	848	11.2
GFA	HIGH	290	8,759	3.3
GFA	MEDIUM	340	36,406	0.9
GFA	LOW	728	168,751	0.4
GFA	FR1	14	804	1.7
WILDERNESS	VERY HIGH	10	19	52.6
WILDERNESS	HIGH	150	1,963	7.6
WILDERNESS	MEDIUM	204	7,566	2.7
WILDERNESS	LOW	247	35,479	0.7
WILDERNESS	MA2	14	2,012	0.7
Total		4,067	453,747	0.9

* Stratum is the combination of the site type and use level or proxy code. Sample days were independently drawn within each stratum.

† DUDS = Day Use Developed Site, OUDS = Overnight Use Developed Site, GFA = General Forest Area ("Undeveloped Areas"), WILDERNESS = Designated Wilderness

‡ 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.

§ Proxy Code - If the site or area already had counts of use (such as fee envelopes or ski lift tickets) the site was called a proxy site and sampled independent of nonproxy sites.

Site Days are days that a recreation site or area is open to the public for recreation purposes.

& 0.0 - This value is less than five one-hundredths.

2.2. Visitation Estimates

Visitation estimates are available at the national, regional, and forest level. This document provides only Region level data. Other documents may be obtained through the National Visitor Use Monitoring web page: www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum.

When reviewing the results, users should discuss with forest staff if forests in this region experienced any unusual circumstances such as forest fires, floods, or atypical weather that may have created an unusual recreation use pattern for the year sampled. Table 2a displays the number of national forest visits and site visits for this region. Table 2b displays the number of site visits by site type.

Table 2a. Annual Visitation Use Estimate by Forest

Forest	National Forest Visits*		Site Visits†	
	Visits (1,000s)	90% Confidence Interval (%)‡	Visits (1,000s)	90% Confidence Interval (%)‡
Angeles NF	3,636	16.1	4,376	15.2
Cleveland NF	641	17.0	744	15.7
Eldorado NF	899	11.7	1,128	11.0
Inyo NF	2,530	13.6	5,495	12.9
Klamath NF	145	22.6	187	21.6
Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit	7,721	23.2	9,402	22.3
Lassen NF	269	23.5	323	21.3
Los Padres NF	938	12.7	1,348	10.6
Mendocino NF	254	19.4	317	19.0
Modoc NF	115	51.8	155	45.5
Plumas NF	357	22.3	403	21.6
San Bernardino NF	1,941	9.6	2,221	9.4
Sequoia NF	626	35.5	960	25.4
Shasta-Trinity NF	1,039	18.4	1,496	16.1
Sierra NF	726	20.9	1,312	19.5
Six Rivers NF	185	33.7	273	30.0
Stanislaus NF	971	27.6	1,571	22.7
Tahoe NF	1,660	17.8	1,831	17.5

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† 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.

‡ Confidence interval - Defines the upper and lower bounds of the visitation estimate at the 90% confidence level, for example if the visitation estimate is 100 +/- 5%, one would say "at the 90% confidence level visitation is between 95 and 105 visits".

(Regional) Annual Visitation Use Estimate by Site Type

Table 2b. Annual Visitation Use Estimate by Site Type and Forest

Forest	Day Use Developed		Overnight Use Developed		Undeveloped Areas (GFA)		Wilderness	
	Visits (1,000s)†	90% Confidence Interval (%)‡	Visits (1,000s)†	90% Confidence Interval (%)‡	Visits (1,000s)†	90% Confidence Interval (%)‡	Visits (1,000s)†	90% Confidence Interval (%)‡
Angeles NF	1,441	22.2	593	10.4	2,174	26.4	167	41.7
Cleveland NF	100	24.6	85	24.9	505	22.0	54	32.2
Eldorado NF	513	3.0	161	14.7	372	29.6	82	61.9
Inyo NF	2,524	13.0	1,741	29.2	978	37.4	252	23.5
Klamath NF	28	38.9	13	21.0	139	27.9	8	40.4
Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit	7,653	27.2	175	12.8	1,385	18.4	188	43.6
Lassen NF	76	24.4	70	15.7	172	38.0	5	71.0
Los Padres NF	377	16.6	125	21.1	767	16.0	79	34.3
Mendocino NF	138	28.9	55	45.8	120	31.4	5	70.3
Modoc NF	73	67.2	14	38.3	63	79.2	4	66.5
Plumas NF	124	40.7	108	19.6	166	41.0	6	32.2
San Bernardino NF	1,310	10.5	197	9.6	674	23.3	40	17.8
Sequoia NF	257	27.3	274	20.3	416	54.6	14	73.1
Shasta-Trinity NF	462	22.5	278	31.9	666	29.2	89	47.7
Sierra NF	328	17.4	245	11.3	682	36.2	56	30.5
Six Rivers NF	43	32.1	25	11.8	201	40.1	4	37.5
Stanislaus NF	534	39.3	197	8.5	810	35.5	29	31.8
Tahoe NF	590	3.4	156	14.0	1,060	30.1	26	19.1

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The quality of the use estimate is based in part on how many individuals were contacted during the sample day and how many complete interviews were obtained from which to estimate NVUM numbers and visitor descriptions. Table 3 and Table 4 display the number of visitor contacts, number of completed interviews by site type and survey form type. This information may be useful to managers when assessing how representative of all visitors the information in this report may be.

Table 3. Number of Individuals Contacted by Site Type

Site Type	Total Individuals Contacted	Individuals Who Agreed to be Interviewed	Recreating Individuals Who Are Leaving for the Last Time That Day
Day Use Developed Sites	14,485	10,694	7,326
Overnight Use Developed Sites	5,621	4,662	2,140
Undeveloped Areas (GFAs)	14,629	11,231	5,862
Designated Wilderness	3,058	2,494	2,249
Total	37,793	29,081	17,577

Table 4. Number of Complete Interviews* by Site Type and Form Type

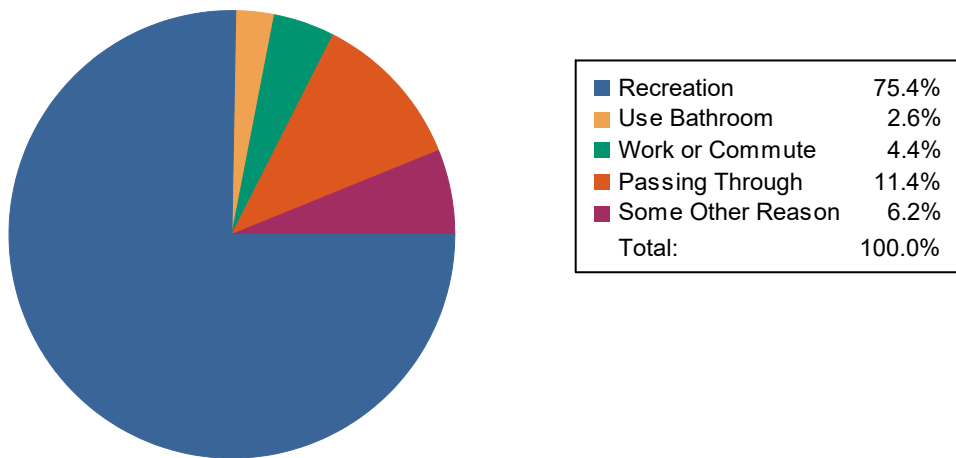
Form Type†	Developed Day Use Site	Developed Overnight	Undeveloped Areas (GFAs)	Wilderness	Total
Basic	2,625	781	2,064	794	6,264
Economic	2,332	693	1,941	736	5,702
Satisfaction	2,365	666	1,857	718	5,606
Total	7,322	2,140	5,862	2,248	17,572

* Complete interviews are those in which the individual contacted agreed to be interviewed, was recreating on the national forest and was exiting the site or area for the last time that day.

† Form Type is the type of interview form administered to the visitor. The Basic form did not ask either economic or satisfaction questions. The Satisfaction form did not ask economic questions and the Economic form did not ask satisfaction questions.

Visitors were interviewed regardless of whether they were recreating at the site or not, however the interview was discontinued after determining that the reason for visiting the site was not recreation. Figure 1 displays the various reasons visitors gave as their purpose for stopping at the sample site.

Figure 1. Purpose of Visit by Visitors Who Agreed to be Interviewed



3. DESCRIPTION OF THE RECREATION VISIT

3.1. Demographics

Descriptions of forest recreational visits were developed based upon the characteristics of interviewed visitors (respondents) and expanded to the national forest visitor population. Basic demographic information helps forest managers identify the profile of the visitors they serve. Management concerns such as providing recreation opportunities for underserved populations may be monitored with this information. Table 5, Table 6 and Table 7 provide basic demographic information about visitors interviewed regarding Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Age, respectively. Table 8 shows the 15 most common reported origins for recreation visitors. Table 9 provides information about self reported travel distance from home to the interview site.

Table 5. Percent of National Forest* Visits by Gender and Forest

Forest	Gender†	
	Male (%)	Female (%)
Angeles NF	64.4	35.6
Cleveland NF	62.3	37.7
Eldorado NF	64.8	35.2
Inyo NF	58.1	41.9
Klamath NF	65.8	34.2
Lassen NF	60.3	39.7
Los Padres NF	63.8	36.2
Mendocino NF	62.9	37.1
Modoc NF	80.3	19.7
Six Rivers NF	60.8	39.2
Plumas NF	59.4	40.6
San Bernardino NF	61.5	38.5
Sequoia NF	66.4	33.6
Shasta-Trinity NF	61.9	38.1
Sierra NF	60.8	39.2
Stanislaus NF	61.5	38.5
Tahoe NF	67.8	32.2
Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit	56.3	43.7

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† Non-respondents to gender questions were excluded from analysis. Calculations are computed using weights that expand the sample of individuals to the population of National Forest Visits.

Table 6. Percent of National Forest Visits* by Race/Ethnicity and Forest

Forest	Race†					Ethnicity‡
	American Indian	Asian	Black/African American	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	White	
Angeles NF	5.0	14.5	4.7	3.3	77.3	20.1
Cleveland NF	3.4	5.3	2.8	0.8	89.0	14.8
Eldorado NF	4.4	5.0	2.5	2.8	90.4	7.0
Inyo NF	0.8	5.4	1.8	1.1	93.3	10.3
Klamath NF	8.5	2.0	0.0	0.3	93.0	5.3
Lassen NF	5.0	1.8	0.9	1.1	95.2	6.4
Los Padres NF	2.6	6.2	1.6	0.4	93.9	16.6
Mendocino NF	5.3	2.1	0.7	0.5	94.9	8.2
Modoc NF	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.8	5.1
Six Rivers NF	6.8	0.7	0.1	0.0	93.4	11.8
Plumas NF	2.6	0.7	0.6	0.1	97.2	6.8
San Bernardino NF	3.6	7.3	2.9	3.4	88.6	19.8
Sequoia NF	8.3	2.0	2.9	0.3	93.7	12.9
Shasta-Trinity NF	6.0	3.0	1.3	0.2	91.1	9.4
Sierra NF	3.4	2.5	0.9	0.3	93.5	17.2
Stanislaus NF	5.1	5.4	2.1	1.3	93.7	11.5
Tahoe NF	1.5	2.9	0.6	0.2	95.9	4.9
Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit	1.2	6.8	0.3	0.3	92.8	9.9

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† Non-respondents to race/ethnicity questions were excluded from analysis. Calculations are computed using weights that expand the sample of individuals to the population of National Forest Visits. An individual could select multiple categories so this may total more than 100%.

‡ Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino was asked as a separate question from other groups and was not mutually exclusive so race may total more than 100%.

Table 7. Percent of National Forest Visits* by Age and Forest

Forest	Age (%)†							
	Under 16	16 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 69	70+
San Bernardino NF	18.5	5.3	21.3	16.1	15.5	12.1	8.3	2.8
Stanislaus NF	20.9	3.9	11.3	12.9	17.5	19.4	9.8	4.3
Six Rivers NF	20.8	3.1	22.3	13.5	10.8	17.6	10.9	1.0
Sequoia NF	20.5	1.8	13.2	17.3	10.3	18.1	10.6	8.2
Cleveland NF	14.0	4.3	21.4	18.5	14.2	15.8	9.6	2.1
Mendocino NF	10.6	2.5	11.6	15.3	17.5	17.0	14.2	11.2
Modoc NF	5.7	0.3	11.2	48.4	6.9	9.3	8.9	9.2
Sierra NF	24.3	3.8	12.7	16.0	14.7	16.5	8.6	3.4
Plumas NF	16.5	3.9	12.4	13.7	14.1	19.4	17.1	3.0
Angeles NF	15.6	3.4	18.6	18.1	19.7	14.8	7.5	2.3
Inyo NF	30.6	2.4	7.7	10.4	14.3	19.0	11.0	4.6
Klamath NF	19.4	5.2	8.6	12.0	14.9	16.7	19.1	4.1
Eldorado NF	15.3	2.9	17.8	17.6	16.2	17.5	10.4	2.2
Shasta-Trinity NF	17.1	5.3	10.9	13.2	15.7	18.9	14.4	4.6
Tahoe NF	12.8	3.8	15.3	16.2	15.6	19.3	13.4	3.6
Lassen NF	20.5	2.8	10.9	18.9	13.3	16.3	10.6	6.6
Los Padres NF	14.0	3.7	20.3	20.6	15.2	14.1	9.9	2.1
Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit	18.1	2.8	13.1	12.8	17.5	17.0	13.0	5.7

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† Non-respondents to age questions were excluded from analysis. Calculations are computed using weights that expand the sample of individuals to the population of National Forest Visits.

Table 8. Top 15 Most Commonly Reported ZIP Codes, States and Counties of National Forest Survey Respondents

ZIP Code	State	County	Percent of Respondents	Survey Respondents (n)
Unknown Origin*			16.6	378
Foreign Country			15.6	355
96080	California	Tehama County	10.1	230
96161	California	Nevada County	8.2	187
96150	California	El Dorado County	6.8	154
95370	California	Tuolumne County	6.6	151
97520	Oregon	Jackson County	6.2	141
91001	California	Los Angeles County	5.3	121
96003	California	Shasta County	4.7	106
93105	California	Santa Barbara County	3.9	88
93546	California	Mono County	3.8	87
95667	California	El Dorado County	3.3	74
93101	California	Santa Barbara County	3.2	72
96001	California	Shasta County	3.0	69
95928	California	Butte County	2.6	60

* Includes respondents reporting no ZIP code or an invalid ZIP code.

Table 9. Percent of National Forest Visits* by Distance Traveled

Miles from Survey Respondent's Home to Interview Location†	National Forest Visits (%)
0 - 25 miles	26.2
26 - 50 miles	12.8
51 - 75 miles	8.6
76 - 100 miles	8.0
101 - 200 miles	13.2
201 - 500 miles	15.5
Over 500 miles	15.8
Total	100.1

Note: Blank cells indicate that insufficient data were collected to make inferences.

* National Forest Visits are defined as the entry of one person upon a national forest to participate in recreation activities for an unspecified period of time. A National Forest Visit can be composed of multiple Site Visits.

† Travel distance is self-reported.

3.2. Visit Descriptions

Characteristics of the recreation visit such as length of visit, types of sites visited, activity participation and visitor satisfaction with forest facilities and services help managers understand recreation use patterns and use of facilities. This allows them to plan workforce and facility needs. The average national forest visit length of stay and average site visit length of stay by site type on each forest in the region is displayed in Table 10.

Table 10. Visit Duration by Site Type and Forest

Forest	Average Length of Stay (hours)					
	National Forest Visit*	Site Visit† by Site Type				
		All Site Visits	Day Use Developed Sites	Overnight Use Developed Sites	Designated Wilderness	Undeveloped Areas (GFAs)
Angeles NF	6.7	7.7	3.8	30.6	5.0	4.1
Cleveland NF	7.3	7.3	0.7	39.5	2.9	3.5
Eldorado NF	18.1	17.3	3.9	56.1	7.4	30.7
Inyo NF	38.0	22.7	2.9	52.1	15.6	22.7
Klamath NF	16.5	10.9	2.1	44.4	27.8	8.2
Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit	6.1	4.8	3.1	68.5	10.0	5.2
Lassen NF	22.9	15.7	2.7	47.4	51.9	7.3
Los Padres NF	7.6	6.7	2.3	35.7	10.8	3.6
Mendocino NF	14.4	12.9	1.5	47.8	37.6	8.8
Modoc NF	10.8	8.0	1.5	53.7	4.5	5.7
Plumas NF	26.0	27.8	3.4	70.7	20.9	14.7
San Bernardino NF	8.5	7.4	3.2	44.8	7.8	4.3
Sequoia NF	21.0	16.1	1.4	44.4	30.0	5.7
Shasta-Trinity NF	18.7	18.8	2.6	55.1	16.5	14.1
Sierra NF	23.6	32.8	2.8	58.1	34.7	54.8
Six Rivers NF	12.7	8.3	1.9	35.1	39.6	4.3
Stanislaus NF	20.8	22.7	2.4	56.3	32.2	37.6
Tahoe NF	14.5	13.0	3.2	58.1	3.3	11.9

* A National Forest Visit is defined as the entry of one person upon a national forest to participate in recreation activities for an unspecified period of time. A National Forest Visit can be composed of multiple Site Visits.

† 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.

Many of the respondents on this Region went only to the site at which they were interviewed (Table 11). Some visitors went to more than one recreation site or area during their national forest visit and the average site visits per national forest visit is shown below. Also displayed are the average people per vehicle and average axles per vehicle. This information in conjunction with traffic counts was used to expand observations from individual interviews to the full forest population of recreation visitors. This information may be useful to forest engineers and others who use vehicle counters to conduct traffic studies.

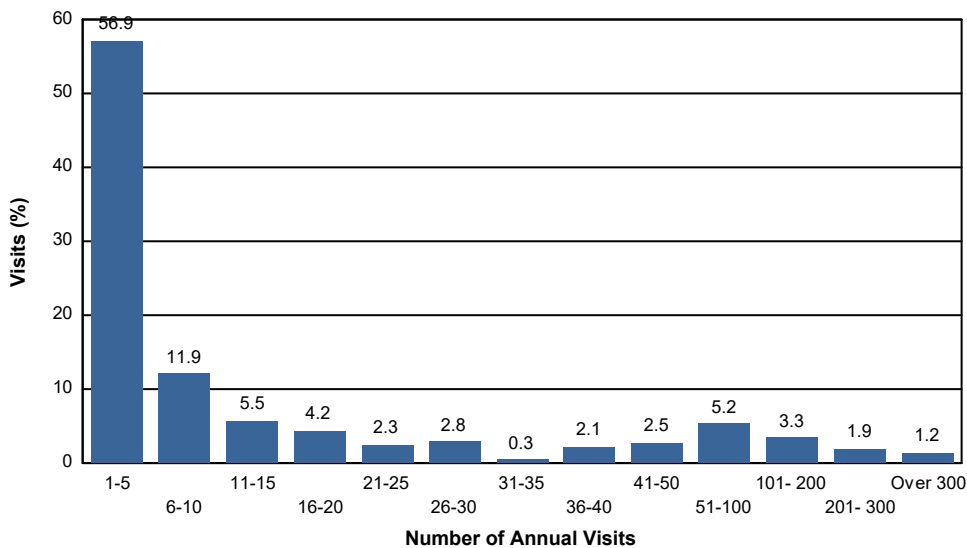
During the interview, visitors were asked how often they visit this national forest for all recreational activities, and how often for their primary activity. Table 12 summarizes the percent of visits that are made by those in each frequency category for this Region.

Table 11. Group Characteristics

Characteristic	Average
Percent of visits that were to just one national forest site during the National Forest Visit*	84.7
Number of national forest sites visited on National Forest Visit*	1.3
Group size	2.7
Axles per vehicle	2.1

Table 12. Percent of National Forest Visits* by Annual Visit Frequency

Number of Annual Visits	Visits (%)†	Cumulative Visits (%)
1 - 5	56.9	56.9
6 - 10	11.9	68.9
11 - 15	5.5	74.4
16 - 20	4.2	78.5
21 - 25	2.3	80.8
26 - 30	2.8	83.6
31 - 35	0.3	83.9
36 - 40	2.1	85.9
41 - 50	2.5	88.5
51 - 100	5.2	93.7
101 - 200	3.3	96.9
201 - 300	1.9	98.8
Over 300	1.2	100.0



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† The first row indicates the percent of National Forest Visits made by persons who visit 1 to 5 times per year. The last row indicates the percent of National Forest Visits made by persons who visit more than 300 times per year.

3.3. Activities

After identifying their main recreational activity, visitors were asked how many hours they spent participating in that main activity during this national forest visit. Some caution is needed when using this information. Because most national forest visitors participate in several recreation activities during each visit, it is more than likely that other visitors also participated in this activity, but did not identify it as their main activity. For example, on one national forest 63 % of visitors identified viewing wildlife as a recreational activity that they participated in during this visit, however only 3% identified that activity as their main recreational activity. The information on average hours viewing wildlife is only for the 3% who reported it as a main activity.

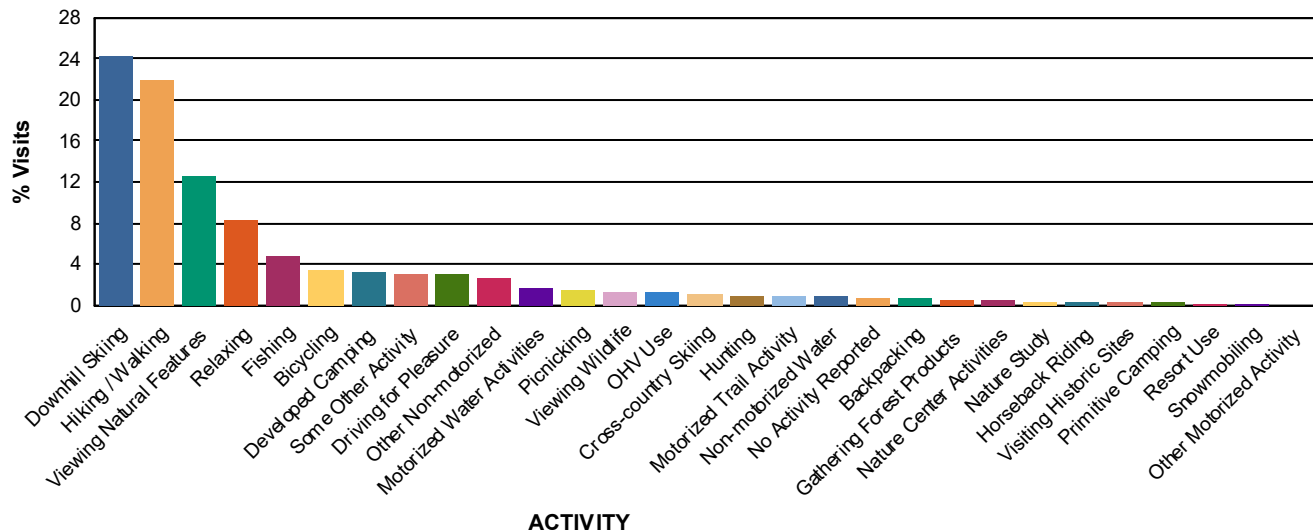
Use of Constructed Facilities and Designated Areas

About one-third of recreation visitors interviewed were asked about whether they made use of a targeted set of facilities and special designated areas during their visit. These results are displayed in Table 14.

Table 13. Activity Participation

Activity	% Participation*	% Main Activity‡	Avg Hours Doing Main Activity
Hiking / Walking	47.2	22.0	3.4
Viewing Natural Features	46.2	12.6	3.4
Relaxing	39.4	8.3	12.4
Viewing Wildlife	30.9	1.4	4.8
Downhill Skiing	24.8	24.2	4.8
Driving for Pleasure	20.3	3.0	2.8
Picnicking	12.5	1.5	7.3
Nature Center Activities	9.5	0.5	2.1
Developed Camping	9.5	3.2	38.6
Fishing	9.2	4.9	6.8
Other Non-motorized	8.9	2.7	3.4
Visiting Historic Sites	8.3	0.3	2.5
Nature Study	6.7	0.3	3.6
Bicycling	6.2	3.4	3.4
Some Other Activity	4.9	3.1	3.4
Motorized Water Activities	3.9	1.7	8.8
Resort Use	3.4	0.1	46.2
Non-motorized Water	2.9	0.8	8.0
OHV Use	2.7	1.3	4.9
Gathering Forest Products	2.6	0.5	5.7
Motorized Trail Activity	2.0	0.9	4.5
Cross-country Skiing	1.9	1.1	3.8
Primitive Camping	1.7	0.3	32.1
Backpacking	1.7	0.7	35.0
Hunting	1.2	1.0	9.8
Other Motorized Activity	0.7	0.0	5.7
No Activity Reported	0.7	0.8	
Horseback Riding	0.6	0.3	4.0
Snowmobiling	0.2	0.1	4.1

% Main Activity



* Survey respondents could select multiple activities so this column may total more than 100%.

† Survey respondents were asked to select just one of their activities as their main reason for the forest visit. Some respondents selected more than one, so this column may total more than 100%.

Special Facility Use

Table 14. Percent of National Forest Visits* Indicating Use of Special Facilities or Areas

Special Facility or Area	% of National Forest Visits†
Developed Swimming Site	12.3
Scenic Byway	22.8
Visitor Center or Museum	13.6
Designated ORV Area	5.1
Forest Roads	6.4
Interpretive Displays	5.8
Information Sites	8.6
Developed Fishing Site	8.9
Motorized Single Track Trails	2.7
Motorized Dual Track Trails	3.3
None of these Facilities	53.5

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† Survey respondents could select as many or as few special facilities or areas as appropriate.

4. ECONOMIC INFORMATION

Forest managers are usually very interested in the impact of National Forest recreation visits on the local economy. As commodity production of timber and other resources has declined, local communities look increasingly to tourism to support their communities. When considering recreation-related visitor spending managers are often interested both in identifying the average spending of individual visitors (or types of visitors) and the total spending associated with all recreation use. Spending averages for visitors or visitor parties can be estimated using data collected from a statistically valid visitor sampling program such as NVUM. To estimate the total spending associated with recreation use, three pieces of information are needed: an overall visitation estimate, the proportion of visits in the visitor types, and the average spending profiles for each of the visitor types. Multiplying the three gives a total amount of spending by a particular type of visitor. Summing over all visitor types gives total spending.

About one-third of the NVUM surveys included questions about trip-related spending within 50 miles of the site visited. Analysis of spending data included identification of the primary visitor segments that have distinct spending profiles as well as estimation of the average spending per party per visit. Results from the FY2005 through FY2009 period are available in a report: <https://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/43869>. Results from the FY2010 through FY2014 period are in the publication process.

4.1. Spending Segments

The spending that occurs on a recreation trip is greatly influenced by the type of recreation trip taken. For example, visitors on overnight trips away from home typically have to pay for some form of lodging (e.g., hotel/motel rooms, fees in a developed campground, etc.) while those on day trips do not. In addition, visitors on overnight trips will generally have to purchase more food during their trip (in restaurants or grocery stores) than visitors on day trips. Visitors who have not traveled far from home to the recreation location usually spend less than visitors traveling longer distances, especially on items such as fuel and food. Analysis of spending patterns has shown that a good way to construct segments of the visitor market with consistent spending patterns is the following seven groupings:

1. local visitors on day trips,
2. local visitors on overnight trips staying in lodging on the national forest,
3. local visitors on overnight trips staying in lodging off the national forest, and
4. non-local visitors on day trips,
5. non-local visitors on overnight trips staying in lodging on the national forest,
6. non-local visitors on overnight trips staying in lodging off the forest,
7. non-primary visitors.

Local visitors are those who travel less than 50 road miles from home to the recreation site visited and non-local visitors are those who travel greater than 50 road miles to the recreation site visited. Non-primary visitors are those for whom the primary purpose of their trip is something other than recreating on that national forest. The distribution of visits by spending segment is not displayed in this report. See the appendix tables in the spending analysis report cited above for spending segment distributions.

Table 15. Distribution of National Forest Visits* by Market Segment† and

	Non-Local Segments			Local Segments			Non-Primary‡	Total
	Day	Overnight on NF	Overnight off NF	Day	Overnight on NF	Overnight off NF		

* A national forest visit is defined as the entry of one person upon a national forest to participate in recreation activities for an unspecified period of time. A national forest visit can be composed of multiple site visits.

† The market segments shown here relate to the type of recreation trip taken. A recreation trip is defined as the duration of time beginning when the visitor left their home and ending when they got back to their home. “Non-local” trips are those where the individual(s) traveled greater than approximately 50 miles from home to the site visited. “Day” trips do not involve an overnight stay outside the home, “overnight on-forest” trips are those with an overnight stay outside the home on National Forest System (NFS) land, and “overnight off-forest” trips are those with an overnight stay outside the home off National Forest System land.

‡ “Non-primary” trips are those where the primary recreation destination of the trip was somewhere other than the national forest under consideration.

Individuals are urged to consult an economist when interpreting the NVUM economic tables.

4.2. Spending Profiles

Spending profiles for each segment are contained in the spending analysis report, as are tables that identify whether visitors to a particular forest are in a higher or lower than average range. It is essential to note that the spending profiles are in dollars per party per visit. Obtaining per visit spending is accomplished by dividing the spending for each segment by the average people per party for the forest and spending segment. These data are in the appendix of the report.

4.3. Total Direct Spending

Total direct spending made within 50 miles of the forest and associated with national forest recreation is calculated by combining estimates of per party spending averages with the number of party trips in the segment. The number of party-trips in the segment equals the number of National Forest visits reported in table 2, times the percentage of visits in each spending segment, and divided by the average people per party.

4.4. Other Visit Information

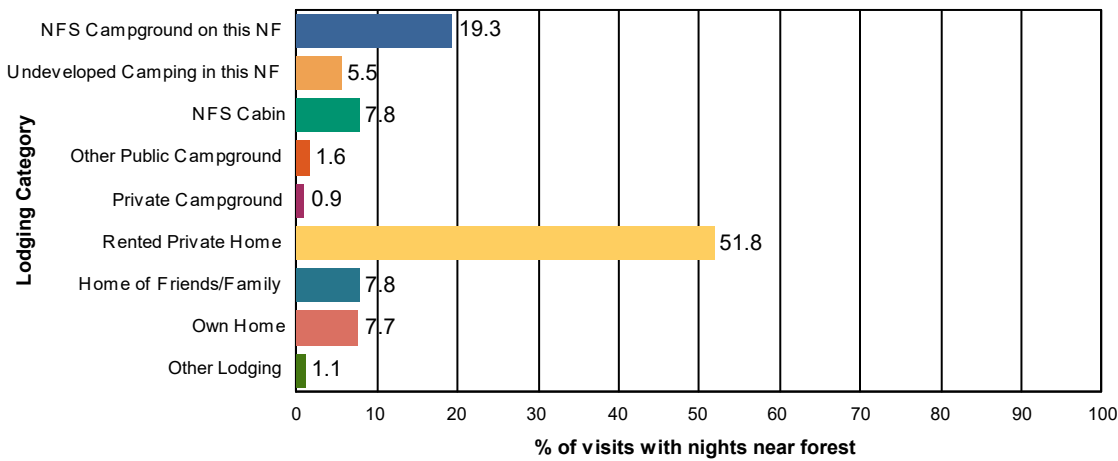
There are several other important aspects of the trips on which the recreation visits to the forest are made. These are summarized in Table 16. The first aspect relates to total amount spent by the recreating party on the trip. This includes spending not just within 50 miles of the forest, but anywhere. The table shows both the average and the median. Another set describes the overall length of the trips on which the visits are made. The table shows the percent of the visits that were made on trips where the person stayed away from home overnight (even though the forest visit may be just a day visit), and the average total nights away from home and nights spent within 50 miles of the forest. For those spending one or more nights in or near the forest, the table shows the percentage that selected each of a series of lodging options. Together, these results help show the context of overall trip length and lodging patterns for visitors to the forest.

Table 16. Trip Spending and Lodging Usage

Trip Spending	Value
Average Total Trip Spending per Party	\$816
Median Total Trip Spending per Party	\$130
% NF Visits made on trip with overnight stay away from home	49.9%
% NF Visits with overnight stay within 50 miles of NF	48.1%
Mean nights/visit within 50 miles of NF	4.7
Area Lodging Use	% Visits with Nights Near Forest
NFS Campground on this NF	19.3%
Undeveloped Camping in this NF	5.5%
NFS Cabin	7.8%
Other Public Campground	1.6%
Private Campground	0.9%
Rented Private Home	51.8%
Home of Friends/Family	7.8%
Own Home	7.7%
Other Lodging	1.1%

Area Lodging Use

% Visits with Nights Near Forest



4.5. Household Income

Visitors were asked to report a general category for their total household income. Only very general categories were used, to minimize the intrusive nature of the question. Results help indicate the overall socio-economic status of visitors to the forest, and are found in Table 17.

Table 17. Percent of National Forest Visits* by Annual Household Income

Annual Household Income Category	National Forest Visits (%)
Under \$25,000	8.0
\$25,000 to \$49,999	15.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	18.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19.3
\$150,000 and up	21.3
Total	100.0

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4.6. Substitute Behavior

Visitors were asked to select one of several substitute choices, if for some reason they were unable to visit this national forest (Figure 3). Choices included going somewhere else for the same activity they did on the current trip, coming back to this forest for the same activity at some later time, going someplace else for a different activity, staying at home and not making a recreation trip, going to work instead of recreating, and a residual 'other' category. On most forests, the majority of visitors indicate that their substitute behavior choice is activity driven (going elsewhere for same activity) and a smaller percentage indicate they would come back later to this national forest for the same activity. For those visitors who said they would have gone somewhere else for recreation they were asked how far from their home this alternate destination was. These results are shown in Figure 4.

Figure 3. Substitute Behavior Choices

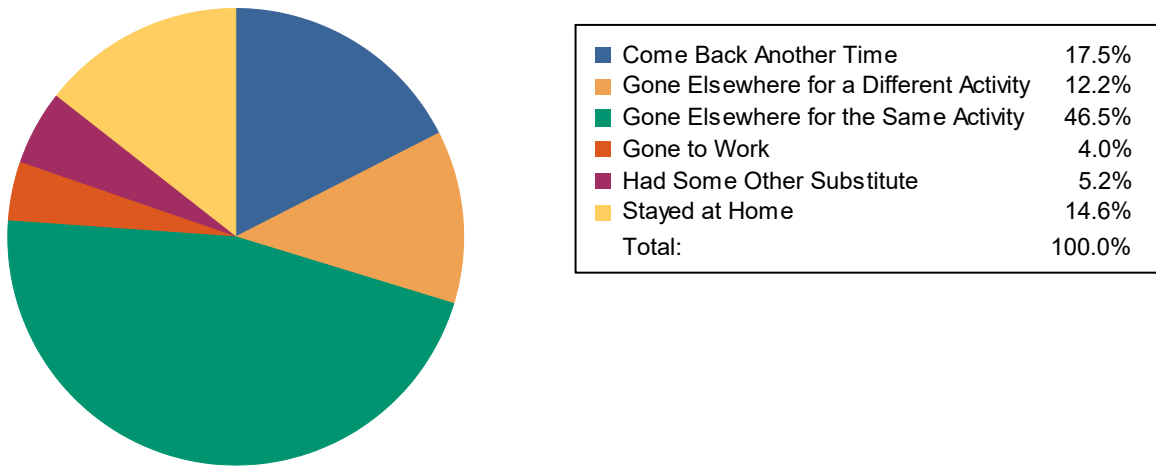
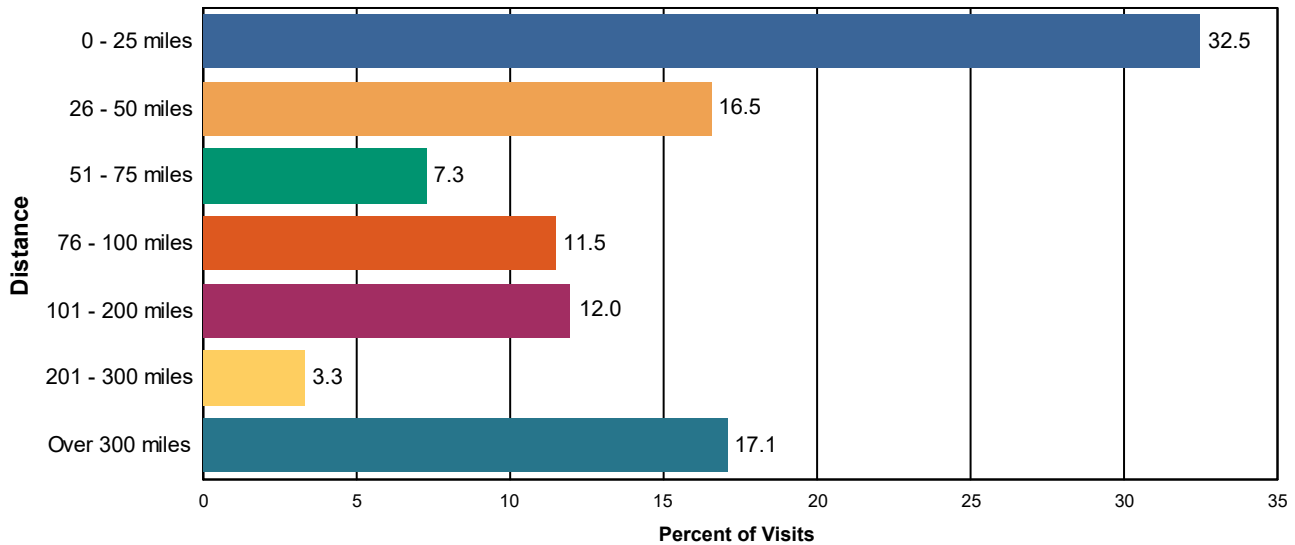


Figure 4. Reported Distance Visitors Would Travel to Alternate Location



5. SATISFACTION INFORMATION

An important element of outdoor recreation program delivery is evaluating customer satisfaction with the recreation setting, facilities, and services provided. Satisfaction information helps managers decide where to invest in resources and to allocate resources more efficiently toward improving customer satisfaction. Satisfaction is a core piece of data for national- and forest-level performance measures. To describe customer satisfaction, several different measures are used. Recreation visitors were asked to provide an overall rating of their visit to the national forest, on a 5-point Likert scale. About one-third of visitors interviewed on the forest rated their satisfaction with fourteen elements related to recreation facilities and services, and the importance of those elements to their recreation experience. Visitors were asked to rate the specific site or area at which they were interviewed. Visitors rated both the importance and performance (satisfaction with) of these elements using a 5-point scale. The Likert scale for importance ranged from not important to very important. The Likert scale for performance ranged from very dissatisfied to very satisfied. Although the satisfaction ratings specifically referenced the area where the visitor was interviewed, the survey design does not usually have enough responses for any individual site or area on the forest to present information at a site level. Rather, the information is generalized to overall satisfaction within the three site types: Day Use Developed (DUDS), Overnight Use Developed (OUDS), General Forest Areas, and on the forest as a whole.

The satisfaction responses are analyzed in several ways. First, a graph of overall satisfaction is presented in Figure 5. Next, two aggregate measures were calculated from the set of individual elements. The satisfaction elements most readily controlled by managers were aggregated into four categories: developed facilities, access, services, and visitor safety. The site types sampled were aggregated into three groups: developed sites (includes both day use and overnight developed sites), dispersed areas, and designated Wilderness. The first aggregate measure is called “Percent Satisfied Index (PSI)”, which is the proportion of all ratings for the elements in the category where the satisfaction ratings had a numerical rating of 4 or 5. Conceptually, the PSI indicator shows the percent of all recreation customers who are satisfied with agency performance. The agency’s national target for this measure is 85%. It is usually difficult to consistently have a higher satisfaction score than 85% since given tradeoffs among user groups and other factors. Table 18 displays the aggregate PSI scores for this forest.

Another aggregate measure of satisfaction is called “Percent Meet Expectations (PME)”. This is the proportion of satisfaction ratings in which the numerical satisfaction rating for a particular element is equal to or greater than the importance rating for that element. This indicator tracks the congruence between the agency’s performance and customer evaluations of importance. The idea behind this measure is that those elements with higher importance levels must have higher performance levels. Figure 6 displays the PME scores by type of site. Lower scores indicate a gap between desires and performance.

An Importance-Performance Analysis (IPA) (Hudson, et al, Feb 2004) was calculated for the importance and satisfaction scores. A target level of importance and performance divides the possible set of score pairs into four quadrants. For this work, the target level of both was a numerical score of 4.0. Each quadrant has a title that helps in interpreting responses that fall into it, and that provides some general guidance for management. These can be described as:

1. Importance at or above 4.0, Satisfaction at or above 4.0: **Keep up the good work**. These are items that are important to visitors and ones that the forest is performing quite well;
2. Importance at or above 4.0, Satisfaction under 4.0: **Concentrate here**. These are important items to the public, but performance is not where it needs to be. Increasing effort here is likely to have the greatest payoff in overall customer satisfaction;
3. Importance below 4.0, Satisfaction above 4.0: **Possible overkill**. These are items that are not highly important to visitors, but the forest's performance is quite good. It may be possible to reduce effort here without greatly harming overall satisfaction;
4. Importance below 4.0; Satisfaction below 4.0: **Low Priority**. These are items where performance is not very good, but neither are they important to visitors. Focusing effort here is unlikely to have a great impact.

We present tables that show the I-P rating title for each satisfaction element. Each sitetype is presented in a separate table. Results are presented in Tables 19 - 22.

The numerical scores for visitor satisfaction and importance for each element by site type, and the sample sizes for each are presented in Appendix B (Tables B1 - B4). Most managers find it difficult to discern meaning from these raw tables; however they may wish to examine specific elements once they have reviewed the other satisfaction information presented in this section. Note that if an element had fewer than 10 responses no analyses are performed, as there are too few responses to provide reliable information. Finally, visitors were asked about their overall satisfaction with and the importance of road condition and the adequacy of signage. Figure 7a and Figure 7b show the results.

Figure 5. Percent of National Forest Visits by Overall Satisfaction Rating

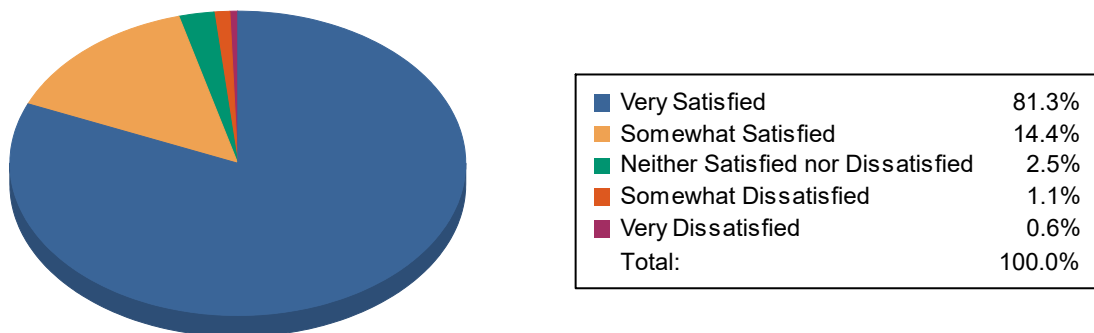


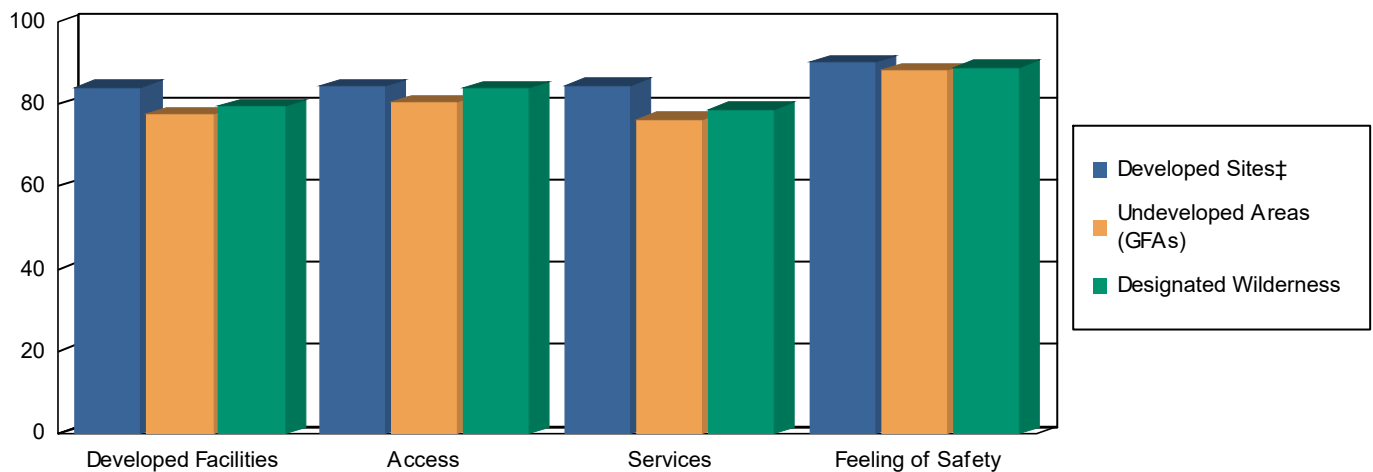
Table 18. Percent Satisfied Index† Scores for Aggregate Categories

Satisfaction Element	Satisfied Survey Respondents (%)		
	Developed Sites‡	Undeveloped Areas (GFAs)	Designated Wilderness
Developed Facilities	89.9	81.5	83.1
Access	87.4	83.3	87.9
Services	86.4	72.7	76.7
Feeling of Safety	96.6	94.9	94.9

† This is a composite rating. It is the proportion of satisfaction ratings scored by visitors as good (4) or very good (5). Computed as the percentage of all ratings for the elements within the sub grouping that are at or above the target level, and indicates the percent of all visitors that are reasonably well satisfied with agency performance.

‡ This category includes both Day Use and Overnight Use Developed Sites.

Figure 6. Percent Meets Expectations Scores*



* “Percent Meet Expectations (PME)” is the proportion of satisfaction ratings in which the numerical satisfaction rating for a particular element is equal to or greater than the importance rating for that element. This indicator tracks the congruence between the agency’s performance and customer evaluations of importance. The idea behind this measure is that those elements with higher importance levels must have higher performance levels. Lower scores indicate a gap between desires and performance.

‡ This category includes both Day Use and Overnight Use Developed Sites.

Table 19. Importance-Performance Ratings for Day Use Developed Sites

Satisfaction Element	Importance-Performance Rating
Restroom Cleanliness	Keep up the Good Work
Developed Facilities	Keep up the Good Work
Condition of Environment	Keep up the Good Work
Employee Helpfulness	Keep up the Good Work
Interpretive Displays	Keep up the Good Work
Parking Availability	Keep up the Good Work
Parking Lot Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Rec. Info. Availability	Keep up the Good Work
Road Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Feeling of Safety	Keep up the Good Work
Scenery	Keep up the Good Work
Signage Adequacy	Keep up the Good Work
Trail Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Value for Fee Paid	Keep up the Good Work

Table 20. Importance-Performance Ratings for Overnight Developed Sites

Satisfaction Element	Importance-Performance Rating
Restroom Cleanliness	Keep up the Good Work
Developed Facilities	Keep up the Good Work
Condition of Environment	Keep up the Good Work
Employee Helpfulness	Keep up the Good Work
Interpretive Displays	Keep up the Good Work
Parking Availability	Keep up the Good Work
Parking Lot Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Rec. Info. Availability	Keep up the Good Work
Road Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Feeling of Safety	Keep up the Good Work
Scenery	Keep up the Good Work
Signage Adequacy	Keep up the Good Work
Trail Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Value for Fee Paid	Keep up the Good Work

Table 21. Importance-Performance Ratings for Undeveloped Areas (GFAs)

Satisfaction Element	Importance-Performance Rating
Restroom Cleanliness	Keep up the Good Work
Developed Facilities	Keep up the Good Work
Condition of Environment	Keep up the Good Work
Employee Helpfulness	Keep up the Good Work
Interpretive Displays	Possible Overkill
Parking Availability	Keep up the Good Work
Parking Lot Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Rec. Info. Availability	Keep up the Good Work
Road Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Feeling of Safety	Keep up the Good Work
Scenery	Keep up the Good Work
Signage Adequacy	Keep up the Good Work
Trail Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Value for Fee Paid	Keep up the Good Work

Table 22. Importance-Performance Ratings for Designated Wilderness

Satisfaction Element	Importance-Performance Rating
Restroom Cleanliness	Keep up the Good Work
Developed Facilities	Keep up the Good Work
Condition of Environment	Keep up the Good Work
Employee Helpfulness	Keep up the Good Work
Interpretive Displays	Possible Overkill
Parking Availability	Keep up the Good Work
Parking Lot Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Rec. Info. Availability	Keep up the Good Work
Road Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Feeling of Safety	Keep up the Good Work
Scenery	Keep up the Good Work
Signage Adequacy	Keep up the Good Work
Trail Condition	Keep up the Good Work
Value for Fee Paid	Keep up the Good Work

Road Conditions & Signage

Figure 7a. Satisfaction with Forest-wide Road Conditions & Signage Adequacy

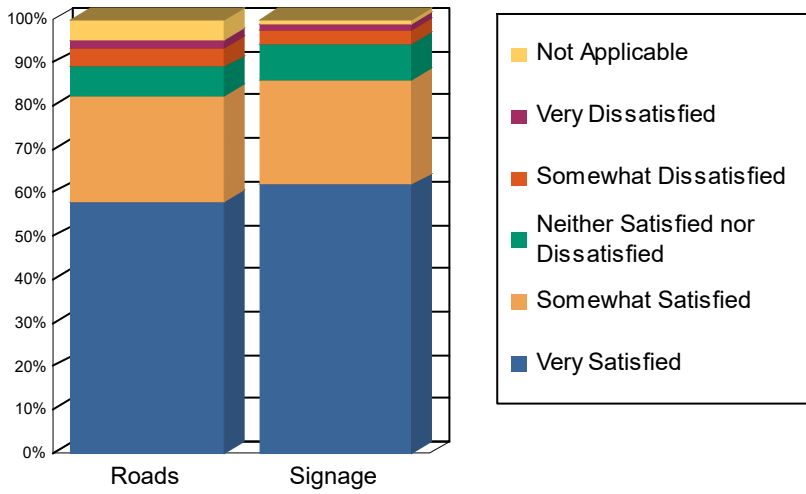
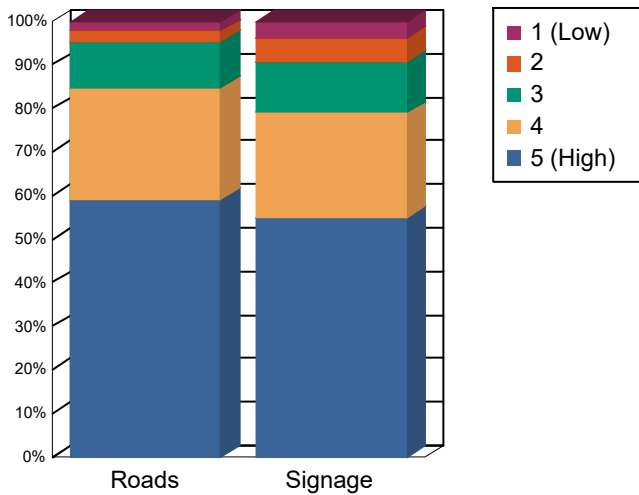


Figure 7b. Importance of Forest-wide Road Conditions & Signage Adequacy



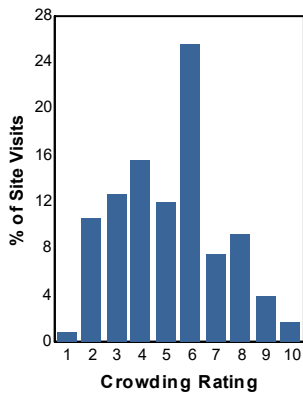
5.1. Crowding

Visitors rated their perception of how crowded the recreation site or area felt to them. This information is useful when looking at the type of site the visitor was using since someone visiting a designated Wilderness may think 5 people is too many while someone visiting a developed campground may think 200 people is about right. Table 23 shows the distribution of responses for each site type. Crowding was reported on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 denotes hardly anyone was there, and a 10 indicates the area was perceived as overcrowded.

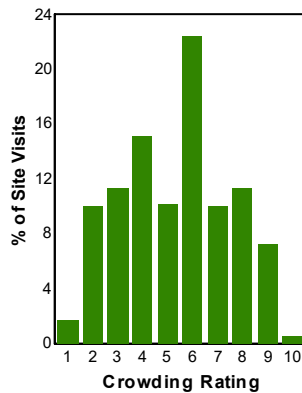
Table 23. Percent of Site Visits* by Crowding Rating and Site Type

Crowding Rating†	Site Types (% of Site Visits)			
	Day Use Developed Sites	Overnight Use Developed Sites	Undeveloped Areas (GFAs)	Designated Wilderness
10 - Overcrowded	1.6	0.6	0.9	1.0
9	4.0	7.2	3.7	4.8
8	9.2	11.3	4.5	4.1
7	7.6	10.0	4.6	5.0
6	25.6	22.5	24.4	23.1
5	12.0	10.2	8.0	14.9
4	15.7	15.1	15.5	14.7
3	12.7	11.4	14.5	16.3
2	10.7	10.0	22.3	14.5
1 - Hardly anyone there	0.9	1.7	1.7	1.5
Average Rating	5.2	5.3	4.5	4.7

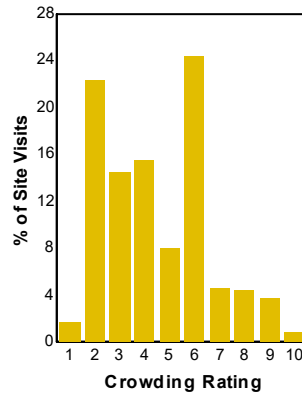
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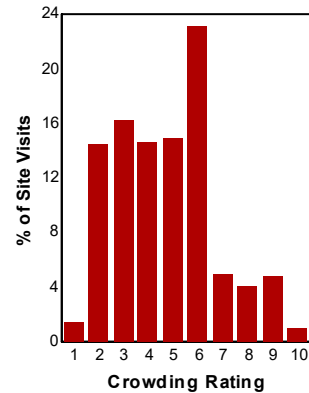
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Undeveloped Areas (GFAs)



Designated Wilderness



* 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.

† Survey respondents rated how crowded the site or area they were interviewed at was using a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 meant hardly anyone was there and 10 meant the site or area was overcrowded.

5.2. Disabilities

Providing barrier-free facilities for recreation visitors is an important part of facility and service planning and development. One question asked if anyone in their group had a disability. If so, the visitor was then asked if the facilities at the sites they visited were accessible for this person (Table 24).

Table 24. Accessibility of National Forest Facilities by Persons with Disabilities

Item	Percent
% of visits that include a group member with a disability	7.3
Of this group, percent who said facilities at site visited were accessible	88.1

6. WILDERNESS VISIT DEMOGRAPHICS

Visits to Wilderness are sometimes made by a particular subset of the overall visitor population. In this chapter, tables are presented that describe the demographic characteristics of those who visit designated wilderness on forests in this region. Table 25 shows the gender breakdown, Table 26 the racial and ethnicity distribution, and the Table 27 age composition. In Table 28, a frequency analysis of Zip Codes obtained from respondents is presented, to give a rough idea of the common origins of Wilderness visitors.

Table 25. Percent of National Forest* Visits by Gender and Forest

Forest	Gender†	
	Male (%)	Female (%)
Angeles NF	69.2	30.8
Cleveland NF	54.4	45.6
Eldorado NF	55.8	44.2
Inyo NF	60.4	39.6
Klamath NF	75.6	24.4
Lassen NF	63.6	36.4
Los Padres NF	64.3	35.7
Mendocino NF	76.9	23.1
Modoc NF	82.9	17.1
Six Rivers NF	70.0	30.0
Plumas NF	62.2	37.8
San Bernardino NF	67.5	32.5
Sequoia NF	80.9	19.1
Shasta-Trinity NF	60.1	39.9
Sierra NF	64.6	35.4
Stanislaus NF	59.8	40.2
Tahoe NF	49.3	50.7
Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit	50.5	49.5

* A National Forest Visit is defined as the entry of one person upon a national forest to participate in recreation activities for an unspecified period of time. A National Forest Visit can be composed of multiple Site Visits.

† Non-respondents to gender questions were excluded from analysis. Calculations are computed using weights that expand the sample of individuals to the population of National Forest Visits.

Table 26. Percent of National Forest Visits* by Race/Ethnicity and Forest

Forest	Race†					Ethnicity‡
	American Indian	Asian	Black/African American	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	White	
Angeles NF	6.3	19.3	3.6	2.5	73.3	26.5
Cleveland NF	8.0	5.7	1.2	0.0	88.6	13.6
Eldorado NF	3.5	3.2	1.3	1.3	91.3	6.0
Inyo NF	0.9	9.3	1.4	0.7	92.0	8.5
Klamath NF	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	96.0	8.1
Lassen NF						
Los Padres NF	2.3	4.8	0.0	0.1	97.7	12.3
Mendocino NF						
Modoc NF						
Six Rivers NF	10.7	0.0	5.3	0.0	89.3	0.5
Plumas NF	0.0	2.5	2.5	0.0	97.5	3.4
San Bernardino NF	5.3	1.5	1.5	3.0	91.7	14.6
Sequoia NF	0.0	12.7	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Shasta-Trinity NF	0.3	5.1	0.0	0.0	97.0	6.9
Sierra NF	0.6	3.9	0.6	0.0	96.6	4.8
Stanislaus NF	2.8	1.6	0.4	0.8	96.0	5.6
Tahoe NF	0.7	6.4	1.2	0.7	95.8	2.3
Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit	1.7	5.6	0.5	1.2	91.7	7.8

* A National Forest Visit is defined as the entry of one person upon a national forest to participate in recreation activities for an unspecified period of time. A National Forest Visit can be composed of multiple Site Visits.

† Non-respondents to race/ethnicity questions were excluded from analysis. Calculations are computed using weights that expand the sample of individuals to the population of National Forest Visits. An individual could select multiple categories so this may total more than 100%.

‡ Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino was asked as a separate question from other groups and was not mutually exclusive so race may total more than 100%.

Table 27. Percent of National Forest Visits* by Age and Forest

Forest	Age (%)†							
	Under 16	16 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 69	70+
San Bernardino NF	5.2	2.8	10.5	16.9	14.8	27.6	14.1	8.2
Stanislaus NF	11.0	4.8	11.0	15.5	14.7	23.0	15.2	4.7
Six Rivers NF	14.7	8.5	21.7	24.6	2.7	14.7	13.2	0.0
Sequoia NF	8.5	4.6	19.7	12.4	16.1	19.4	12.9	6.3
Cleveland NF	14.7	7.3	18.2	15.7	13.5	17.2	12.6	0.8
Mendocino NF	0.0	0.0	11.1	18.5	25.9	33.3	11.1	0.0
Modoc NF	17.0	0.0	0.0	21.2	20.9	20.5	20.5	0.0
Sierra NF	10.7	3.5	18.7	17.1	11.3	22.5	15.0	1.2
Plumas NF	15.8	2.8	15.0	18.8	12.5	18.7	14.9	1.4
Angeles NF	9.8	2.9	24.2	14.7	20.3	20.2	7.0	1.0
Inyo NF	11.7	2.9	9.5	13.3	15.9	24.4	14.7	7.5
Klamath NF	8.2	2.6	30.1	14.4	13.0	13.0	15.7	2.9
Eldorado NF	15.4	5.6	12.2	12.1	18.0	18.2	13.9	4.7
Shasta-Trinity NF	11.1	3.0	26.3	18.4	8.1	14.0	16.3	2.8
Tahoe NF	11.8	2.7	18.1	10.9	18.0	18.3	14.6	5.6
Lassen NF	7.5	0.0	14.0	12.6	10.5	16.8	38.5	0.0
Los Padres NF	5.7	3.5	26.3	11.0	13.5	25.4	9.8	4.7
Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit	11.1	5.1	21.4	16.9	14.9	16.7	11.7	2.2

* A National Forest Visit is defined as the entry of one person upon a national forest to participate in recreation activities for an unspecified period of time. A National Forest Visit can be composed of multiple Site Visits.

† Non-respondents to age questions were excluded from analysis. Calculations are computed using weights that expand the sample of individuals to the population of National Forest Visits.

Table 28. Top 15 Most Commonly Reported ZIP Codes, States and Counties of Wilderness Survey Respondents

ZIP Code	State	County	Percent of Respondents	Survey Respondents (n)
Unknown Origin*			17.1	51
Foreign Country			14.1	42
96150	California	El Dorado County	8.1	24
96145	California	Placer County	7.0	21
96161	California	Nevada County	6.7	20
95616	California	Yolo County	6.4	19
95667	California	El Dorado County	6.0	18
93514	California	Inyo County	5.7	17
95682	California	El Dorado County	5.4	16
92592	California	Riverside County	4.4	13
95630	California	Sacramento County	4.0	12
89511	Nevada	Washoe County	4.0	12
95971	California	Plumas County	4.0	12
91709	California	San Bernardino County	3.7	11
94611	California	Alameda County	3.4	10

* Includes respondents reporting no ZIP code or an invalid ZIP code .

7. APPENDIX TABLES

APPENDIX B - Detailed Satisfaction Results

Table B-1. Satisfaction for Visits to Day Use Developed Sites

Satisfaction Element	Percent Rating Satisfaction as:					Mean Rating§	Mean Importance†	No. Obs‡
	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied			
Restroom Cleanliness	2.1	3.9	9.0	24.2	60.7	4.4	4.5	1,633
Developed Facilities	0.3	1.4	4.1	17.9	76.2	4.7	4.5	2,082
Condition of Environment	0.4	1.0	4.6	17.9	76.1	4.7	4.7	2,268
Employee Helpfulness	0.2	0.8	2.5	15.5	81.0	4.8	4.6	1,464
Interpretive Displays	1.3	3.7	19.1	16.6	59.3	4.3	4.2	1,550
Parking Availability	5.6	1.8	12.2	19.0	61.3	4.3	4.4	2,202
Parking Lot Condition	0.7	2.3	10.3	24.0	62.6	4.5	4.1	2,177
Rec. Info. Availability	0.8	4.0	9.4	19.1	66.7	4.5	4.4	1,859
Road Condition	0.9	2.0	6.7	23.3	67.2	4.5	4.4	1,697
Feeling of Safety	0.2	0.8	2.8	12.4	83.8	4.8	4.7	2,244
Scenery	0.1	0.2	1.8	8.2	89.7	4.9	4.7	2,279
Signage Adequacy	1.0	3.8	8.4	24.3	62.5	4.4	4.4	2,174
Trail Condition	0.7	1.3	9.8	19.9	68.4	4.5	4.6	1,330
Value for Fee Paid	1.2	4.5	22.0	24.7	47.6	4.1	4.5	1,269

NOTE: The data was not reported for items with fewer than 10 responses. Satisfaction and Importance were asked as two separate questions so one of these may have 10 responses even though the other does not.

§ Scale: Very Dissatisfied = 1, Somewhat Dissatisfied = 2, Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied = 3, Somewhat Satisfied = 4, Very Satisfied = 5

† Scale: Not Important = 1, Somewhat Important = 2, Moderately Important = 3, Important = 4, Very Important = 5

‡ No. Obs is the number of survey respondents who responded to this item.

Table B-2. Satisfaction for Visits to Overnight Developed Sites

Satisfaction Element	Percent Rating Satisfaction as:					Mean Rating§	Mean Importance†	No. Obs‡
	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied			
Restroom Cleanliness	2.2	5.6	7.8	22.9	61.5	4.4	4.7	583
Developed Facilities	0.0	1.1	4.6	23.4	70.9	4.6	4.6	585
Condition of Environment	0.0	2.3	2.6	17.4	77.7	4.7	4.8	638
Employee Helpfulness	1.8	0.7	2.6	12.4	82.5	4.7	4.8	420
Interpretive Displays	2.1	4.0	16.5	28.3	49.2	4.2	4.2	405
Parking Availability	1.0	2.9	3.0	17.3	75.9	4.6	4.5	625
Parking Lot Condition	0.0	2.2	4.5	16.3	77.0	4.7	4.3	600
Rec. Info. Availability	1.6	6.7	11.6	23.9	56.2	4.3	4.5	540
Road Condition	1.0	1.7	6.5	26.9	64.0	4.5	4.4	567
Feeling of Safety	0.0	0.3	1.4	16.0	82.2	4.8	4.8	630
Scenery	0.0	0.3	3.4	8.3	88.1	4.8	4.8	638
Signage Adequacy	0.9	3.5	11.5	24.0	60.0	4.4	4.6	626
Trail Condition	0.6	1.7	2.7	20.3	74.7	4.7	4.6	414
Value for Fee Paid	0.7	1.6	6.6	21.8	69.3	4.6	4.6	514

NOTE: The data was not reported for items with fewer than 10 responses. Satisfaction and Importance were asked as two separate questions so one of these may have 10 responses even though the other does not.

§ Scale: Very Dissatisfied = 1, Somewhat Dissatisfied = 2, Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied = 3, Somewhat Satisfied = 4, Very Satisfied = 5

† Scale: Not Important = 1, Somewhat Important = 2, Moderately Important = 3, Important = 4, Very Important = 5

‡ No. Obs is the number of survey respondents who responded to this item.

Table B-3. Satisfaction for Visits to Undeveloped Areas (GFAs)

Satisfaction Element	Percent Rating Satisfaction as:					Mean Rating§	Mean Importance†	No. Obs‡
	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied			
Restroom Cleanliness	6.5	10.2	10.4	24.4	48.5	4.0	4.4	579
Developed Facilities	1.0	1.4	7.5	25.9	64.2	4.5	4.3	558
Condition of Environment	0.4	1.9	4.2	21.1	72.3	4.6	4.8	1,615
Employee Helpfulness	2.4	0.6	4.2	7.8	85.0	4.7	4.6	452
Interpretive Displays	3.5	7.7	21.4	23.2	44.1	4.0	3.8	963
Parking Availability	3.1	5.7	8.6	18.1	64.5	4.4	4.3	1,422
Parking Lot Condition	1.2	3.4	10.8	19.9	64.8	4.4	4.1	1,069
Rec. Info. Availability	2.2	7.2	20.5	22.7	47.4	4.1	4.2	1,166
Road Condition	2.4	9.4	10.4	25.4	52.3	4.2	4.1	1,312
Feeling of Safety	0.3	1.3	3.5	14.4	80.5	4.7	4.5	1,597
Scenery	0.4	0.5	1.8	12.0	85.4	4.8	4.7	1,618
Signage Adequacy	4.2	8.8	14.8	24.1	48.2	4.0	4.2	1,438
Trail Condition	1.1	3.2	7.0	27.7	61.0	4.4	4.5	1,223
Value for Fee Paid	2.6	2.4	9.0	16.4	69.7	4.5	4.6	420

NOTE: The data was not reported for items with fewer than 10 responses. Satisfaction and Importance were asked as two separate questions so one of these may have 10 responses even though the other does not.

§ Scale: Very Dissatisfied = 1, Somewhat Dissatisfied = 2, Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied = 3, Somewhat Satisfied = 4, Very Satisfied = 5

† Scale: Not Important = 1, Somewhat Important = 2, Moderately Important = 3, Important = 4, Very Important = 5

‡ No. Obs is the number of survey respondents who responded to this item.

Table B-4. Satisfaction for Visits to Designated Wilderness*

Satisfaction Element	Percent Rating Satisfaction as:					Mean Rating§	Mean Importance†	No. Obs‡
	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied			
Restroom Cleanliness	3.9	6.8	11.7	27.4	50.2	4.1	4.3	329
Developed Facilities	0.0	0.0	8.7	26.5	64.9	4.6	4.2	212
Condition of Environment	0.1	1.5	2.9	15.7	79.8	4.7	4.8	697
Employee Helpfulness	1.0	1.4	5.2	9.4	82.9	4.7	4.4	220
Interpretive Displays	1.9	3.2	20.9	32.2	41.9	4.1	3.8	416
Parking Availability	1.8	7.7	8.0	14.8	67.7	4.4	4.3	638
Parking Lot Condition	0.0	1.8	7.2	22.6	68.4	4.6	4.0	588
Rec. Info. Availability	1.3	7.4	17.9	24.2	49.1	4.1	4.3	566
Road Condition	0.6	4.1	9.4	23.9	62.1	4.4	4.2	431
Feeling of Safety	0.2	0.6	4.3	13.7	81.2	4.7	4.5	685
Scenery	0.0	0.1	0.4	4.5	95.0	4.9	4.8	697
Signage Adequacy	2.9	6.0	15.1	22.2	53.8	4.2	4.3	665
Trail Condition	0.6	2.9	5.1	22.9	68.5	4.6	4.6	682
Value for Fee Paid	1.5	1.3	4.0	18.8	74.4	4.6	4.3	271

NOTE: The data was not reported for items with fewer than 10 responses. Satisfaction and Importance were asked as two separate questions so one of these may have 10 responses even though the other does not.

§ Scale: Very Dissatisfied = 1, Somewhat Dissatisfied = 2, Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied = 3, Somewhat Satisfied = 4, Very Satisfied = 5

† Scale: Not Important = 1, Somewhat Important = 2, Moderately Important = 3, Important = 4, Very Important = 5

‡ No. Obs is the number of survey respondents who responded to this item.

* Data supplied is for all Designated Wilderness on the forest combined. Data was not collected for satisfaction for each individual Wilderness on the forest.