2000 Project Managers Survey of Recreation And Natural Resources Issues

I. Respondent and Project Information

The purpose of this section is to identify you and the particular project(s) your responses to this survey address.

1. **Your Name:** _____

2. **Are you responsible for the management of (check one):**
   - ☐ A single authorized project
   - ☐ Two or more authorized projects

3. **If single project: What is the name of the Project:** _____

4. **If single project: Are the primary recreation management functions on this project carried out by (choose one):**
   - ☐ Corps project personnel
   - ☐ Local, state or federal outgrant agencies
   - ☐ Other

5. **If multiple projects: You can address your survey responses to any of the following choices (choose one). We encourage you to address your responses to those projects that are managed by Corps personnel and of which you have the greatest personal knowledge.**
   - ○ one selected project
   - ○ more than one project, but fewer than the total number you manage
   - ○ all projects you manage

6. **If multiple projects: List the project or projects your survey response will address.**

7. **If multiple projects: Are the primary recreation management functions for the project(s) you selected carried out (check one):**
   - ☐ Primarily by Corps project personnel
   - ☐ Primarily by local, state or federal outgrant agencies
   - ☐ By Corps personnel on some projects and outgrant agencies on other projects
   - ☐ Other, please specify:

   _____

8. **At least 10% of your recreation visitors are (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Visitor Center patrons
- ☐ Drive-through or walk-through sightseers
- ☐ Campers
- ☐ Boat-ramp users
- ☐ Day use participants in swimming, picnicking, bank-fishing and non-boating activities
- ☐ Other, please specify:

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I. Road Access to Project Recreation Areas

The U.S. Department of Transportation has requested a statement of need from federal agencies that might wish to utilize Federal gas tax funds for improvement of public roads. The following questions will help to determine the need to improve road access to project recreation facilities.

9. **Check all that apply on your project:**

- ☐ Road improvements are needed on one ore more project roads used by visitors
- ☐ One or more of the of the needed road improvements address visitor safety concerns
- ☐ Visitors tend to avoid certain recreation areas specifically because of poor road conditions

10. **In the last 10 years, the overall condition of roads used by recreation visitors on your project has (check one):**

○ Deteriorated substantially ○ Deteriorated somewhat ○ Remained the same ○ Improved somewhat ○ Improved substantially

11. **In the last 10 years, the overall condition of state and local roads leading to recreation areas on your project has (check one):**

○ Deteriorated substantially ○ Deteriorated somewhat ○ Remained the same ○ Improved somewhat ○ Improved substantially

II Visitor Information Needs.

The purpose of the questions in this section is to determine the value of different types of visitor information to you in managing the recreation program on your project.

How useful to you as a project manager are the following types of information at each of the following reporting scales?

Q12 Visitation Estimates.

Please respond to each item on a 10 point scale, where 0=not useful, 1=marginally useful, 5=moderately useful and 10=extremely useful.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Project-wide	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Project-wide by activity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
By Recreation Area	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
By Recreation Area and Activity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q13 Visitor Activities - i.e. percent of total visits by activity category.

Please respond to each item in questions 12 to 18 on a 10 point scale, where 0=not useful, 1=marginally useful, 5=moderately useful and 10=extremely useful.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Project-wide	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Project-wide by Activity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
By Recreation Area	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
By Recreation Area and Activity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q14 How useful to you as a project manager are the following types of information at each of the following reporting scales?

Visitor demographics - including age, sex, ethnicity, party composition, income, education, etc.

Please respond to each item on a 10 point scale, where 0=not useful, 1=marginally useful, 5=moderately useful and 10=extremely useful.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Project-wide	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Project-wide by Activity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
By Recreation Area	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
By Recreation Area and Activity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q15 Customer Satisfaction - With facilities, services, and information

Please respond to each item on a 10 point scale, where 0=not useful, 1=marginally useful, 5=moderately useful and 10=extremely useful.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Project-wide	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Project-wide by Activity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
By Recreation Area	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
By Recreation Area and Activity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q16 How useful to you as a project manager are the following types of information at each of the following reporting scales?

Economic and Other Recreation Benefits

Please respond to each item on a 10 point scale, where 0=not useful, 1=marginally useful, 5=moderately useful and 10=extremely useful.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Project-wide	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Project-wide By Activity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
By Recreation Area	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
By Recreation Area and Activity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q17 How useful to you as a project manager is visitor information with respect to each of the following recreation categories?

Please respond to each item in questions 4 to 10 on a 10 point scale, where 0 = not useful, 1=marginally useful, 5=moderately useful, 10=extremely useful.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Corps-managed recreation areas	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Recreation areas managed by outgrant partners	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Concessionaire-managed recreation areas	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Dispersed use on undeveloped lands and wildlife management areas	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Visitor Centers	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q18 How useful to you as a project manager is activity-specific information for the activities currently reported in the Natural Resource Management System (NRMS)? Please respond to each item in questions 4 to 10 on a 10 point scale, where 0=not useful, 1=marginally useful, 5 moderately useful, 10=extremely useful.

	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Picnicking	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Camping	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Swimming	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Water-skiing	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Boating	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Sightseeing	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Fishing	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Hunting	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q21 Are there any other activity categories that would be useful to separately monitor your projects? Please list up to five.

1st activity

2nd activity

3rd activity

4th activity

5th activity

22. Do you have any concerns, comments or suggestions regarding the collection or use of visitor monitoring information on Corps projects?

III Availability of GIS and GPS Capability in Project Office

Modern GIS and GPS tools can help to support inventory, monitoring, and assessment capabilities needed to manage recreation and natural resources programs on Corps projects. The following questions will help identify the level and type of geospatial technology support that would currently benefit projects.

23. Does your project office currently possess Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment?

○ Yes ○ No

24. If yes to 23: Approximately how many days has your GPS equipment been in use during the last year?

○ None ○ 6-10 ○ 21-40 ○ more than 80

○ 1-5 ○ 11-20 ○ 41-80

25. Does your project office currently possess Geographic Information System (GIS) software?

○ Yes ○ No

26. If yes to 25: On how many days has your GIS system been used during the past year?

○ None ○ 6-10 ○ 21-40 ○ more than 80

○ 1-5 ○ 11-20 ○ 41-80

27. If yes to 25:How many people in your office have received training in the use of GIS software

○ None ○ One ○ Two ○ Three ○ Four or more

28. If yes to 25: What type of GIS software do you use?

- ○ ArcView
- ○ Geomedia
- ○ Arc/Info
- ○ MGE
- ○ MapInfo
- ○ Other, please specify:

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IV. Perceptions Of Recreation Use by Race and Ethnicity

As the racial and ethnic diversity of the nation increases, we anticipate an increasing level of diversity among visitors to Corps projects. Questions in this section will help us identify trends in recreation use of Corps projects by different racial and ethnic groups.

Q19 If you were to visit all of the recreation areas on your lake(s) one weekday and one weekend day during each week of your annual recreation season(s), ON WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE VISITS would you expect to observe any members of the following racial/ethnic groups?

	None	Less than 2%	2-10%	>10-20%	>20-40%	>40-80%	More than 80%	Don't know
Asian/Pacific Islander	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Black	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Hispanic	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Native American/Alaska Native	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
White	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q20 Using your best judgement, how much did each of the following racial/ethnic groups contribute to TOTAL VISITATION on your project(s) in the last year?

	None	Less than 2%	2-10%	>10-20%	>20-40%	>40-80%	More than 80%	Don't know
Asian/Pacific Islander	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Black	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Hispanic	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Native American/Alaska Native	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
White	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

21. When did Asian visitors begin to establish a visible presence on your project(s)?

- ◯ Prior to 1980
- ◯ Between 1980-85
- ◯ Between 1986-90
- ◯ Between 1991-2000
- ◯ Don't know
- ◯ Other

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29. What is your degree of confidence in the answer above?

◯ Low ◯ Moderate ◯ High

30. Within the last 5 years, recreation use by Asian visitors has been

- ◯ Declining
- ◯ Stable
- ◯ Increasing slowly to moderately
- ◯ Increasing rapidly
- ◯ Don't know

31. What is your degree of confidence in the above answer?

◯ Low ◯ Moderate ◯ High

32. To what extent are Asian visitors CAMPERS vs. DAY USERS? Please choose one.

- ◯ 0% campers / 100% day users
- ◯ 10% campers / 90% day users
- ◯ 20% campers / 80% day users
- ◯ 30% campers / 70% day users
- ◯ 40% campers / 60% day users
- ◯ 50% campers / 50% day users
- ◯ 60% campers / 40% day users
- ◯ 70% campers / 30% day users
- ◯ 80% campers / 20% day users
- ◯ 90% campers / 10% day users
- ◯ 100% campers /0 % day users
- ◯ Don't Know

33. To what extent are Asian visitors BOATERS vs. NON-BOATERS? Please choose one.

- ◯ 0% boaters / 100% non-boaters
- ◯ 10% boaters / 90% non-boaters
- ◯ 20% boaters / 80% non-boaters
- ◯ 30% boaters / 70%non-boaters
- ◯ 40% boaters / 60% non-boaters
- ◯ 50% boaters / 50%non-boaters
- ◯ 60% boaters / 40% non-boaters
- ◯ 70% boaters / 30% non-boaters
- ◯ 80% boaters / 20% non-boaters
- ◯ 90% boaters / 10% non-boaters
- ◯ 100% boaters / 0% non-boaters
- ◯ Don't Know

34. Recreation use by Asian visitors (check one):

◯ typically occurs throughout the project ◯ usually occurs on certain recreation areas ◯ Don't Know

35. When did Black visitors begin to establish a visible presence on your project(s)?

- ◯ Prior to 1980
- ◯ Between 1980-85
- ◯ Between 1986-90
- ◯ Between 1991-95
- ◯ Between 1996-2000
- ◯ Don't know
- ◯ Other

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36. What is your degree of confidence in the above answer?

◯ Low ◯ Moderate ◯ High

37. Within the last 5 years, recreation use by Black visitors has been:

- ◯ Declining
- ◯ Stable
- ◯ Increasing slowly to moderately
- ◯ Increasing Rapidly
- ◯ Don't know

38. What is your degree of confidence in the above answer?

◯ Low ◯ Moderate ◯ High

39. To what extent are Black visitors CAMPERS vs. DAY USERS. Please select one.

- ◯ 0% campers / 100% day users
- ◯ 10% campers / 90% day users
- ◯ 20% campers / 80% day users
- ◯ 30% campers / 70% day users
- ◯ 40% campers / 60% day users
- ◯ 50% campers / 50% day users
- ◯ 60% campers / 40% day users
- ◯ 70% campers / 30% day users
- ◯ 80% campers / 20% day users
- ◯ 90% campers / 10% day users
- ◯ 100% campers / 0% day users
- ◯ Don't Know

40. To what extent are Black visitors BOATERS vs. NON-BOATERS. Please select one.

- ◯ 0% boaters / 100% non-boaters
- ◯ 10% boaters / 90% non-boaters
- ◯ 20% boaters / 80% non-boaters
- ◯ 30% npaters / 70% non-boaters
- ◯ 40% boaters / 60% non-boaters
- ◯ 50% boaters / 50% non-boaters
- ◯ 60% boaters / 40% non-boaters
- ◯ 70% boaters / 30% non-boaters
- ◯ 80% boaters / 20% non-boaters
- ◯ 90% boaters / 10% non-boaters
- ◯ 100% boaters / 0% non-boaters
- ◯ Don't Know

41. Recreation use by Blacks visitors (check one):

- ◯ typically occurs throughout the project
- ◯ usually occurs on certain recreation areas
- ◯ Don't Know

42. When did Native American visitors begin to establish a visible presence on your project(s)?

- ◯ Prior to 1980
- ◯ Between 1980-85
- ◯ Between 1986-90
- ◯ Between 1991-95
- ◯ Between 1996-2000
- ◯ Don't know
- ◯ Other

43. **What is your degree of confidence in the above answer?**

○ Low ○ Moderate ○ High

44. **Within the last 5 years, recreation use by Native American visitors has been:**

○ Declining

○ Stable

○ Increasing slowly to moderately

○ Increasing Rapidly

○ Don't know

45. **What is your degree of confidence in the above answer?**

○ Low ○ Moderate ○ High

46. **To what extent are Native American visitors CAMPERS vs. DAY USERS. Please check one.**

○ 0% campers / 100% day users

○ 10% campers / 90% day users

○ 20% campers / 80% day users

○ 30% campers / 70% day users

○ 40% campers / 60% day users

○ 50% campers / 50% day users

○ 60% campers / 40% day users

○ 70% campers / 30% day users

○ 80% campers / 20% day users

○ 90% campers / 10% day users

○ 100% campers / 0% day users

○ Don't Know

47. To what extent are Native American visitors BOATERS vs. NON-BOATERS. Please check one.

- ◯ 0% boaters / 100% non-boaters
- ◯ 10% boaters / 90% non-boaters
- ◯ 20% boaters / 80% non-boaters
- ◯ 30% boaters / 70% non-boaters
- ◯ 40% boaters / 60% non-boaters
- ◯ 50% boaters / 50% non-boaters
- ◯ 60% boaters / 40% non-boaters
- ◯ 70% boaters / 30% non-boaters
- ◯ 80% boaters / 20% non-boaters
- ◯ 90% boaters / 10% non-boaters
- ◯ 100% boaters / 0% non-boaters
- ◯ Don't Know

48. Recreation use by Native American visitors (check one):

◯ typically occurs throughout the project ◯ usually occurs on certain recreation areas ◯ Don't Know

49. When did Hispanic visitors begin to establish a visible presence on your projects?

- ◯ Prior to 1980
- ◯ Between 1980-85
- ◯ Between 1986-90
- ◯ Between 1991-95
- ◯ Between 196-2000
- ◯ Don't know
- ◯ Other

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50. What is your degree of confidence in the above answer?

◯ Low ◯ Moderate ◯ High

51. Within the last 5 years, recreation use by Hispanic visitors has been:

- ◯ Declining
- ◯ Stable
- ◯ Increasing slowly to moderately
- ◯ Increasing rapidly
- ◯ Don't know

52. What is your degree of confidence in the above answer?

◯ Low ◯ Moderate ◯ High

53. To what extent are Hispanic visitors CAMPERS vs. DAY USERS? Choose one.

- ○ 0% campers / 100% day users
- ○ 10% campers / 90% day users
- ○ 20% campers / 80% day users
- ○ 30% campers / 70% day users
- ○ 40% campers / 60% day users
- ○ 50% campers / 50% day users
- ○ 60% campers / 40% day users
- ○ 70% campers / 30% day users
- ○ 80% campers / 20% day users
- ○ 90% campers / 10% day users
- ○ 100% campers / 0% day users
- ○ Don't Know

54. To what extent are Hispanic visitors BOATERS vs. NON-BOATERS? Choose one.

- ○ 0% boaters / 100% non-boaters
- ○ 10% boaters / 90% non-boaters
- ○ 20% boaters / 80% non-boaters
- ○ 30% boaters / 70% non-boaters
- ○ 40% boaters / 60% non-boaters
- ○ 50% boaters / 50% non-boaters
- ○ 60% boaters / 40% non-boaters
- ○ 70% boaters / 30% non-boaters
- ○ 80% boaters / 20% non-boaters
- ○ 90% boaters / 10% non-boaters
- ○ 100% boaters / 0% non-boaters
- ○ Don't Know

55. Recreation use by Hispanic visitors (check one):

○ typically occurs throughout the project ○ usually occurs on certain recreation areas ○ Don't Know

56. Are there any current or emerging management needs on your project(s) involving minority visitors?

V. Current and Emerging Issues in Recreation Management

The Corps' recreation management program must be responsive to changing project conditions, recreation demand and visitor preferences. The questions in this section will help identify current and emerging recreation issues of greatest importance to local project managers.

Q57 Briefly indicate the most important unresolved concerns/problems/issues (up to 3) currently affecting the recreation program on your projects.

Most important

2nd most important

3rd Most important

Q58 Briefly indicate any emerging concerns/problems/issues (up to 3) that you believe may begin to affect your recreation program WITHIN THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

First issue

Second issue

Third issue

VI. Current and Emerging Issues in Natural Resources Management

The land and water resources that Corps project staff manage are an important part of the natural heritage of this nation. They are also the foundation for the Corps' recreation program. The questions in this section will help identify current and emerging natural resources issues of greatest importance to local project managers.

Q59 Briefly indicate the most important unresolved concerns/problems/issues (up to 3), currently affecting the natural resources or management of natural resources on your project(s).

Most important issue

2nd most important issue

3rd most important issue

Q60 Briefly indicate any emerging concerns/problems/issues (up to 3) that you believe may begin to affect the natural resources or management of natural resources on your project(s) WITHIN THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

Most important issue

2nd most important issue

3rd most important issue

VII. Final Thoughts

61. Are there any other management problems/concerns/issues that you would like to communicate to district, division, or headquarters?

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