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New Melones Lake ***Sonora, California*** **OUTDOOR RECREATION** **ON-SITE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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New Melones Lake On-site Questionnaire

This questionnaire asks about your participation in outdoor recreation activities at New Melones Lake. This information is completely anonymous and very important to the planning and management of outdoor recreation at New Melones Lake. Please complete this questionnaire and return it to the interviewer who gave it to you.

These first few questions relate to your visits to New Melones Lake over the past 12 months.

Q1. Including this visit, approximately how many times did you visit New Melones Lake during the last 12 months? #

Q2. During the past 12 months, which months did you visit New Melones Lake?

Please check (✓) all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> January	<input type="checkbox"/> April	<input type="checkbox"/> July	<input type="checkbox"/> October
<input type="checkbox"/> February	<input type="checkbox"/> May	<input type="checkbox"/> August	<input type="checkbox"/> November
<input type="checkbox"/> March	<input type="checkbox"/> June	<input type="checkbox"/> September	<input type="checkbox"/> December

Q3. During the past 12 months, which of the following areas have you visited at New Melones Lake? Please refer to the map on the New Melones Lake brochure and check (✓) all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Nine	<input type="checkbox"/> Peoria Wildlife Area
<input type="checkbox"/> Glory Hole	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuttle town
<input type="checkbox"/> Angels Creek Launch	<input type="checkbox"/> Acorn Campground
<input type="checkbox"/> Big Oak Campground	<input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Point Picnic Area
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Bart Day Use Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiddleneck Group Camp
<input type="checkbox"/> Buck Brush Day Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Heron Point Day Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Glory Hole Point Launch	<input type="checkbox"/> Lupine Day Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Ironhorse Campground	<input type="checkbox"/> Manzanita Campground
<input type="checkbox"/> Marina	<input type="checkbox"/> Oak Knoll Group Camp
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey Point Day Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuttle town Launch
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Twain	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Bridges	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

Q4. During a typical visit, approximately how many days and hours did you stay at New Melones Lake?

Typical Visit

Day(s) ____ Hour(s) ____

During this visit, how many days and hours are you staying at New Melones Lake?

This Visit

Day(s) ____ Hour(s) ____

Q5. For each of the following recreation activities, please give your best estimate of the **total number of days that you participated in that activity at New Melones Lake during the past 12 months**. Include even those days when you did the activity for only a short period of time. Write your best estimate on the line to the right of each activity. If you did not participate in an activity, please enter a zero (0) in the blank for that activity.

<u>Outdoor Recreation Activity</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>
01 Walking or jogging for fitness and fun	
02 Walking a pet	
03 Trail hiking	
04 Bicycling on paved surfaces	
05 Bicycling on unpaved trails or mountain biking	
06 Bicycle racing	
07 Picnicking in developed sites	
08 Camping	
09 Camping in a group campsite	
10 Wildlife viewing, bird watching, or viewing natural scenery	
11 Gathering mushrooms, berries, or other natural products	
12 Hunting (deer, turkey, upland game, quail, etc.)	
13 Using open space areas (casual & unstructured activities, relaxing, sunning, etc.).	
14 Horseback riding and events	
15 Beach activities (including sun bathing, picnicking, etc.).	
16 Swimming	
17 Motor boating	
18 Houseboating/overnight boating	
19 Using personal watercraft	
20 Water skiing or wakeboarding	
21 Sailing or windsurfing	
22 Whitewater rafting, kayaking, or canoeing	
23 Flatwater rowing, kayaking, or canoeing	
24 Tournament fishing	
25 Shoreline fishing/boat fishing	
26 Driving for pleasure, sightseeing, driving through natural scenery	
27 Ranger/guide led walks and programs	
28 Visiting the visitor center, museum, or historic or cultural sites,	
30 Rock climbing/bouldering	
31 Orienteering/geo-caching	

Outdoor Recreation Activity (Q5 Continued)

Number of Days

32 Caving/spelunking	
33 Gold panning/gold prospecting	
34 Radio controlled aircraft	
35 Seaplane activities	
36 Participating in special events (please specify _____)	
37 Other _____	

Q6. Please *select up to 5 of the activities listed in Q5 that have been important to you when you visit New Melones Lake* and place the activity numbers in the spaces provided.

Most important activity# _____	Fourth most important # _____
Second most important.# _____	Fifth most important. # _____
Third most important.# _____	

Q7. Please *select up to 5 of the activities listed in Q5 that you would have enjoyed if opportunities, facilities, and programs had been available to you at New Melones Lake* and place the activity numbers in the spaces provided.

Most important activity# _____	Fourth most important # _____
Second most important.# _____	Fifth most important. # _____
Third most important.# _____	

Q8. Using the list below, please *check (✓) all the barriers that may have prevented you from participating in the activities you listed in Q7 at New Melones Lake (NML).*

Barriers to Outdoor Recreation Activities

<input type="checkbox"/> I do not know enough about the activity.	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not know enough about NML.
<input type="checkbox"/> It is too far from where I live to NML	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have time or I'm too busy.
<input type="checkbox"/> The facilities are too limited at NML.	<input type="checkbox"/> The activity is too expensive.
<input type="checkbox"/> The facilities are too crowded at NML.	<input type="checkbox"/> Some facilities are too expensive at NML.
<input type="checkbox"/> The staff at NML is too limited or unavailable.	<input type="checkbox"/> Some facilities are not clean at NML.
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not feel safe at NML.	<input type="checkbox"/> My friends or family don't go to NML.
<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to go some other place to recreate.	<input type="checkbox"/> Some rowdy undesirable people go to NML.
<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer a different physical environment than is found at NML	<input type="checkbox"/> The activity requires equipment I do not own, cannot rent, or cannot borrow.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

These next few questions apply to your current visit to New Melones Lake.

Q9. During this visit to New Melones Lake, are you visiting alone, with friends and/or family, or with an organized group (sports team, church, scouts, school, work, etc.)? Please check (✓) all the that apply.

- Alone
- Family and/or Friends
- Organized Group
- Other (specify) _____

Q10. Including yourself, how many people are in your group?

How many vehicles(cars, RVs, etc.) **did your group drive to New Melones Lake?**

Q11. During this visit, which of the following areas have you visited or do you plan to visit? Please refer to the map on the New Melones Lake brochure and check (✓) all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Nine	<input type="checkbox"/> Peoria Wildlife Area
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Twain	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Bridges	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

Q12. During this visit, how would you rate the quality of recreation facilities and services at New Melones Lake? Please indicate how satisfied you were with the facilities and services by checking (✓) the corresponding box or boxes.

Types of Facilities and Services	Very Satisfied	Mostly Satisfied	An Even Mix of Satisfied & Dissatisfied	Mostly Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion
Safety of areas and facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frequency of ranger patrols	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance of campsites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Size and lay-out of campsites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance of restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance of picnic areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance of trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of the marina (fueling dock & slips)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of interpretive programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q13. During this visit, how would you rate the quantity of facilities? Please indicate if New Melones Lake has the right number of these facilities by checking (✓) the corresponding box.

Types of Facilities and Services	Way Too Many	Too Many	Just Right	Too Few	Way Too Few	No Opinion
Number of campground hosts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of restroom facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of biking/hiking trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of equestrian trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of tent campsites w/showers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of RV campsites w/hookups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of group campsites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of lake access points	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of boat launch facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of docks/temporary moorage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of parking spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of fish cleaning stations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of group picnic sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of swimming areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of interpretive programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q14. For each of the possible improvements at New Melones Lake listed in the following table, **please indicate when the improvements listed should be implemented** in the next 12 months, in the next 2 to 5 years, in the next 6 to 20 years, sometime in more than 20 years, or if the improvement should not be implemented by checking (✓) the corresponding box.

To improve recreation at New Melones Lake, management should.....	In the Next 12 Months	In the Next 2 to 5 Years	In the Next 6 to 20 Years	Sometime In More than 20 Years	This Improvement Is Not Needed	No Opinion
Provide more educational programs and services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase the presence of uniformed law enforcement personnel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide a non-motorized boating zone for rowing or kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide more boat launching facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide boat-in or floating campsites.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide more houseboat rental services and facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase parking at boat ramps and campgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p style="text-align: center;">To improve recreation at New Melones Lake, management should..... (Q14 continued)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In the Next 12 Months</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In the Next 2 to 5 Years</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In the Next 6 to 20 Years</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sometime In More than 20 Years</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">This Improvement Is Not Needed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Opinion</p>
Provide lodging facilities such as rustic cabins, tent cabins, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide more group picnic and/or campsites that accommodate large families or groups of 20 or more persons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Construct more tent campsites with hot showers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Construct more RV campsites with pull-through sites, electrical & water hookups with sewer dump stations or sewer hookups.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide additional lake access areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop more multi-use, non-motorized trails for horseback riding, hiking and/or mountain biking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

These last few questions are for classification purposes only. Your responses will remain anonymous and will be combined with responses of other survey participants for reporting as averages.

Q15. What is the zip code at your home?

Q16. What is your gender? Male Female

Q17. What is the highest grade level of education you have completed?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not graduate high school
<input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate
<input type="checkbox"/> Some college but no degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate degree |
|--|---|

Q18. In what year were you born?

Q19. Please list the age of each person who lives in your household beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest.

Q20. Which of the following categories best describes your total annual household income (the total combined incomes for all members of your household before taxes)?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to \$34,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000 to \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 to \$199,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 or more |

The two questions below are designed to describe your ethnicity and race. Regardless of your answer to question 21, please go to question 22.

Q21. Are You Hispanic or Latino, i.e., a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race?

- Yes
- No

Q22. Please select one or more racial categories with which you most closely identify and check(✓) all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White

Finally, please use the space below for **any comments** you may have about outdoor recreation areas and facilities at New Melones Lake. Please use the back of this page if you need more space. Thank you for your assistance.

Comments:

Thank you for your time and participation in the survey!

Please return your completed questionnaire to the interviewer who gave it to you.

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