

Semi-Structured Interview Guide

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Would it be okay if I recorded this interview? If not, I can take written notes.

1. Could you expand on the ratings of the importance of items A through F? (**Interviewer can read items A-F. Add item G for overnight users.**) In other words, why were some rated as important and others not important as indicators of the quality of your backcountry experience? [*Topic Area 6: Individual Perceptions of their Park Experiences*]
 - 1a. (**If all were important**) If you had to rank the items rated, which would you choose as the most important and which as the least important? [*Topic Area 6: Individual Perceptions of their Park Experiences*]
 - 1b. (**If some were not important**) Although you feel some are not important, do you think it's still useful for Denali National Park to monitor these items? [*Topic Area 7: Individual Opinions on Park Management*]
2. Are there other factors besides those mentioned that are important to the quality of your experience in the Denali backcountry? [*Topic Area 6: Individual Perceptions of their Park Experiences*]
 - 2a. (**If interviewee is not specific on the suggestions**) Could you narrow your suggestion(s) to a factor(s) Denali National Park could monitor?
3. I would like to explore the issue of the impacts of modern human use on the backcountry experience at Denali National Park. As mentioned in the survey you completed, modern human use refers to modern equipment, such as chain saws and motorized vehicles. It doesn't include aircraft in flight, or portable devices that a person could reasonably carry without assistance, such as cell phones, GPS units, tents, or fuel-burning stoves.
 - 3a. To what extent did evidence of modern human use, such as chain saws and motorized vehicles, have a positive or negative impact on your backcountry experience during this trip? (**Ask them to elaborate as necessary**) [*Topic Area 6: Individual Perceptions of their Park Experiences*]

3b. **(Depending on answer to 3a)** Is it useful for the park to try to monitor impacts of this type of modern human use? *[Topic Area 7: Individual Opinions on Park Management]*

3b.1 **(If yes)** Is monitoring encounters with modern equipment an adequate measure of impacts of modern human use on the backcountry experience? *[Topic Area 7: Individual Opinions on Park Management]*

3c. **(If no to 3b.1)** What would you suggest the park monitor as a measure of the impact of modern human use on the backcountry experience? *[Topic Area 7: Individual Opinions on P ark Management]*

3d. **(If yes to 3b.1)** Are there other factors related to the impact of modern human use on the backcountry experience the park should monitor? *[Topic Area 7: Individual Opinions on Park Management]*

***Additional Information Provided upon Request.**

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16 U.S.C. 1a-7 authorizes collection of this information. This information will be used by park managers to better serve the public. Response to this request is voluntary. No action may be taken against you for refusing to supply the information requested. No personal data will be recorded.

You may direct comments on the number of minutes required to respond, or on any other aspect of this survey to:

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